

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Liakakis called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., Friday, June 12, 2012.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Helen Stone for the Invocation.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is with great pleasure that I introduce Father O'Brien from St. John's Episcopal Church.

Father Craig O'Brien gave the Invocation as follows:

Let us pray for the work of this Commission and for the common and public good. Let us pray. Lord our heavenly Father, whose blessed son came not to be ministered unto but to minister. We beseech thee to bless the work of this Commission, that following in his steps, they may give themselves to the service of their fellow man. Grant them grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression. That they may reverently use their freedom. Help them to employ it in the maintenance of justice among men and nations. To the glory of thy holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Dean Kicklighter to lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Kicklighter led all in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on our County Clerk, Janice, for the roll call, please.

The Clerk called the roll.

- Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
- Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
- Helen L. Stone, District One, Chairman Pro Tem
- James J. Holmes, District Two
- Patrick Shay, District Three
- Patrick K. Farrell, District Four (arrived at approximately 9:50)
- Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
- David M. Gellatly, District Six (arrived at approximately 9:40)
- Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

- Also present: Russ Abolt, County Manager
- R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
- Janice E. Bocook, County Clerk

Chairman Liakakis said, Janice, just make note he [Commissioner Gellatly], sent a note that he'd try to be here by 9:45.

Clerk said, yes, sir.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **RECOGNITION OF CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT EMPLOYEE, B. J. CLARK (DAN MASSEY)**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next on the agenda, is Item 1, recognition of Clerk of Superior Court employee, B.J. Clark, and director for that department, Dan Massey, will make the introduction.

Superior Court Clerk Dan Massey said, good morning, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, good morning.

Mr. Massey said, a couple of years ago we decided to – for customer services reasons, to take back records into the arms of the Court, and in doing so, we took back the records of Superior Court and State Court. And I'd like to tell you a little bit of the story about that because former Commissioner Harris Odell asked that when I came to you and asked that one position be divided into two and that I be allowed to hire two clients from the Coastal Center for Developmental Services, to help man and staff the records center, he asked for a report back on that, and that's what I'm here to do today is to tell you that story. And quite a story it is. It – it truly is. But in doing so I want to really introduce the entire staff that I have out there. Beth [Casas], please stand. Beth Casas was promoted from the court side of my operation, and she had many years of customer service in the office, and data entry on the court side as a judicial case manager. In the two years or so that Beth [Casas] has been with us at the record's center, her husband has lost his sight. And through those challenges, she steadfastly continued to devote her time and efforts to getting the operation at the records center off and going. I truly commend her for her efforts under those most challenging times in her personal life. Belinda [Myricks]? Belinda Myricks is a real estate guru, extremely bright individual, and she has the complete knowledge of the real estate operations within the Clerk of Superior Court's office. She went out there to organize and get that off and running and has done a magnificent job. Damion [Boykins]? Damion Boykins is one of the clients that joined us from the Coastal Center for Developmental Services. He came with us at the time that we were moving literally hundreds of thousands of files, thousands of boxes, thousands of books dating back to 1789. Through the chaos of moving all of those records from two different locations out to the records center, we had to continue to operate, and a request came in one day, and I'll tell this little story, a request came in one day for a particular file, and through all of that chaos, Damion [Boykins] said, I saw that file yesterday, I know exactly where it is, and went straight to it. Absolutely amazing. But, the person that I truly want to bring up and introduce to you, B.J. Clark. B.J. [Clark] joined us very – very early on in the process – come on B.J. [Clark], and became part of the Clerk family. B.J. [Clark] has been with the Coastal Center for Developmental Services for a long time and has been with us for about a year, and we are truly, truly blessed to have him as part of our team because not only is B.J. [Clark] a great employee, he is an inspiration to all of us. He truly is.

Mr. Massey said, when we made the decision to go forward, we decided that we would set no limits. All of us as individuals have limits and – and we have to pretty much set those limits ourselves, and we wanted to do the same thing with the folks in the Coastal Center. And we haven't found B.J.'s [Clark] limits yet. He continues to excel in everything that we put before him. He met the challenge of containerizing thousands of files during the move. He is now scanning documents, things of that sort. The effort that these four people have done over the course of the last year is nothing short of remarkable. Where it used to take us days and sometimes even weeks to get a file or record back, these people in this short period of time have reduced that down to minutes and hours. If they can scan or fax a record to us, they will do it and not have to transport paper back and forth. Otherwise, if we have to have the paper, we will get it within the next business day. The challenges that they meet on a daily basis is somewhat remarkable. The Savannah Bar Historian asked for a proclamation one time, which is not a case number or anything else, but a proclamation on an attorney that was killed during World War II. That proclamation was entered into the minutes of the Court. These folks within two days had found that proclamation and was able to return that to the Savannah Bar and to the family of the deceased soldier. Remarkable feat that they've been able to do. B.J. [Clark] was honored a couple weeks ago I guess it was with the Low Country Down Syndrome Society with their National – their Night of Champions. He was identified as a champion in our community. One who has excelled in his private life and in his professional life. He has accumulated skills that are truly marketable skills since he's been with us, and is a very, very valuable part of our team. You want to say anything, B.J. [Clark]?

Mr. B.J. Clark said, not – I don't have no speech, but I really want to thank the opportunity of Mr. Massey for giving it to me and Superior Court. And I would like to thank Ms. Belinda [Myricks] and Ms. Beth [Casas] for helping me out and teaching me how to learn everything. They helped me with my skills and everything. And that's it. [Applause.]

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, B.J. [Clark]?

Chairman Liakakis said, come back up just a minute.

Commissioner Holmes said, B.J. [Clark]? B.J. [Clark]?

Chairman Liakakis said, come up, Dan [Massey], also.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning, B.J. [Clark], how are you doing?

Mr. Clark said, I'm doing fine.

Commissioner Holmes said, great. Great. Great. I – I – I want to congratulate all the honorees and employees, but I want to say a special thanks to you, B.J. [Clark] because I met you at the Boys and Girls Club. I met you when you were six or seven years old. Your father used to be a coach at the Boys and Girls Club, and for some reason you never put on that helmet; you never put on that shoulder pad; you never bounced that basketball, but you were just so helpful in helping our program grow. So when Mr. Massey say you was unlimited to what you can do, I found that to be true at your early age. Now that I have seen what you have grown into, you got bigger and better things going to you. Congratulation.

Mr. Clark said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead, Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Stone said, B.J. [Clark], I just also want to recognize the fact that you were honored recently at the Abilities Unlimited dinner, and I just want to congratulate you for that as well, and for everything that you've done for all of us in Chatham County.

Commissioner Shay said, here. Here.

Chairman Liakakis said, B.J. [Clark], we can see, and a number of people have spoken out about how you have been able to work in that capacity that you're working, and as was mentioned by Dan [Massey], that you have really done an excellent job, and also the other staff that you have here this morning, we really appreciate that as far as the County. But I want to tell you something, when Dan Massey, you know, was running for office and all of that, he was talking about things that he would do, you know, as Clerk of Superior Court. It's a very important position there, and since Dan [Massey] has come on board, we can see a lot of creative things that have been put in place at the Clerk of Superior Court and him working along with the other court systems to make it more efficient. Dan [Massey], I want to thank you very much because you've done an excellent job in that, saving the tax payers a lot of money. And on our records storage area, what occurred with that, we were running out of room and one of the other factors too, when hurricanes came in to other areas like they did with Hurricane Hugo in Charleston, Andrew that was in – in the lower part of Florida and all, it destroyed a huge amount of vital records, and that was tough even to prove to people that the individual home owner owns that property and all. And so what – what was put into place and who found a building out in Garden City that was large enough to store all the vital records for the people in our community and all of the governments and all with the county that it will withstand a category 5 hurricane. And so we can let all of our citizens know that under the direction of Dan Massey and Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan that records system is put in a great area and it's going to protect all of those vital items for our citizens. So thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Thomas said, in addition to what has been said, I want to especially thank Mr. Massey for what he has done in terms of giving young people and others an opportunity especially having health issues that you just didn't overlook it and say you will – you do not fit in here. There are many people out there today that can function and will function and they do have the determination to succeed. This young man has proven that, and so I just want to say thank you for having that outlook and giving him and others this opportunity because there are many others out there who just need a chance to prove that they can be successful, and again, thank you, and to all of you for what you do for Chatham County.

Mr. Massey said, thank you all for your –

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt?]

County Manager Russ Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, we – we appreciate your kind words. I know Mr. Monahan does. I would ask also that the record reflect Lewis Leonard and his staff because Mr. Leonard did wonders. I remember when you and I took the tour of the old jail on Montgomery Street and how bad that was and it was Lewis Leonard and his staff that brought that all out of the ashes literally. So, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. Thank you.

Mr. Massey said, thank – thank you all, and Commissioner Thomas, you – you're absolutely correct in – in many levels. You can't put limits on people.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Mr. Massey said, and you – but the most important thing is you – you can't open your mind till you open your heart.

Commission Thomas said, yes.

Mr. Massey said, and that's what we're trying to do.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda, oh before I do that I want to introduce Marissa – Marissa Karp who is the Chatham County Youth Commissioner for – representing Savannah Country Day School. Marissa [Karp], we appreciate you being here today for the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Shay said, welcome.

Youth Commissioner Marissa Karp said, thanks.

Chairman Liakakis said, you're welcome.

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2. PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING CERTIFICATION OF METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, INC. (CALEA).

Chairman Liakakis said, next, presentation recognizing certification of the Metropolitan Police Department from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. I'd like to ask Chief Lovett and all of his command officers to please come up to the podium.

Major Richard Zapal said, good morning.

Board of Commissioners collectively said, good morning.

Major Zapal said, Mr. Chairman, honorable Commissioners, Mr. County Manager, it's my pleasure to introduce to you this morning a gentlemen by the name of Craig Hartley, Jr. He is the deputy director and chief of staff of the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, and he will be presenting the certificate this morning.

Chairman Liakakis said, identify yourself, Major. I know you, but for the – our records.

Major Zapal said, Major Richard Zapal.

Mr. W. Craig Hartley said, thank you, Major. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, on behalf of the Commission of Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Incorporated out of Gainesville, Virginia, our chairperson, Mr. Louis Dekmar, and our executive director, Mr. Sylvester Daughtry, I want to say thank you for welcoming me here this morning to make this very important presentation to the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department. As many of you may know, our organization CALEA was created in 1979 when the founding organizations of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriff's Association, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and the Police Executive Research Forum came together really and defined a process by which police professionals could further professionalize the vocation, and since its inception CALEA has really developed a number of standards by many of the best public safety practitioners and leaders of our time. These standards in and of themselves cover a wide range of administrative and operational, as well as logistical issues, and really serve as a modern management model for contemporary public safety agencies. The goals of CALEA are really simple, but they are important. They are to strengthen crime control and prevention capabilities, formalize the essential – essential management procedures of police agencies, establish fair and non-discriminatory personnel practices, improve service delivery, solidify interagency cooperation and coordination, and increase the communities' and staffs' confidence in the agency itself. And based on the goals and mission of CALEA, I can think of no better time to make this presentation than in a very public presentation that we have today. The certificate itself that I'll present in just a moment is really just a piece of paper in a matted frame. But it has a much more important broad, symbolic meaning. The certificate clearly represents the agency's efforts to achieve accredited status, thereby demonstrating its willingness to change in order to effectively address contemporary public safety concerns. It represents a commitment to doing the right thing and doing it the right way. It represents an adherence to a professional code, and lastly it represents an ongoing dedication to ensuring the agency's resources are appropriately developed, effectively deployed, and constantly managed, all in the name of a safer community for your residents, visitors and workers.

Mr. Hartley said, it's important that you know that on November the 28th through the 30th of last year, two professional assessors from CALEA visited the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and reviewed the agency's files, activities, functional impacts, and its management strategies. These assessors determined that the agency had taken action to be in compliance with all of our applicable standards. The assessors also noted that the agency received positive feedback from other public safety practitioners indicating a strong commitment to the professionalism across the organization. Comments included support for its foot patrol activities, community-based policing strategies, and the application of crime data to support the direction of resources towards those areas that most aptly needed them. Others interviewed during our process – our assessment process commented on the agency's transparency, excellence in leadership, positive communication with the community, professionalism of its personnel, and it's involvement in

various community activities and functions. It was also noted the agency's leadership fully supports the accreditation process. At our Commission meeting in Mobile, Alabama held on March 24, 2012, the Commissioners reviewed this previously denoted assessment report, concurred with its findings, and fully voted to accredit the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department. It's important to note, this is the agency's first accreditation award, and at this time, Mr. Chairman, I would like to invite Chief Lovett forward here to accept the award itself while I read it.

Mr. Hartley said, and if I may, Chief, this says, Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Incorporated, be it hereby known that the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department having fully demonstrated voluntary compliance to law enforcement excellence by living up to a body of standards deemed essential to the protection of the life, health, safety and rights of the citizens it serves and having exemplified the best professional practices in the conduct of its responsibilities, is hereby, upon the recommendation of them members of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Incorporated, awarded this Certificate of Accreditation effective on the 24th day of March, 2012, and is recognized an accredited law enforcement agency for a period of three years. Chief [Lovett], congratulations. [Applause.]

Chief Willie Lovett said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, it is indeed a pleasure for me to be here this morning to share this with you. But I also understand that without your support and the support of the community that we serve, this would not have happened. It was a long and tenuous task for us to do that, and personally, I didn't do a whole lot, so I'd like to introduce to you one person who made all this possible – or at least part of it possible – Riley – Captain Riley was our accreditation manager. And I promised him – and I told him that one way or another his rank would change. He was a Lieutenant at that time. So, now he's a Captain, and I – I – I guess you can see that I – that held true. He's still here. But in addition to Captain Riley, we – the process is ongoing, and every three years we have to do this again, and Sergeant Flannery is the next person in line, and he will be our accreditation manager for the next three years. I also promised him that his rank would change one way or the other if we don't get this again. So these – this is a very important person to us in the future, and Captain Riley did an excellent job, along with everybody – everyone contributed, even some folks that's not here. But most of all, thanks to you and the community we serve.

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Gellatly?

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chief?

Chief Lovett said, what?

Commissioner Gellatly said, you – you know, accreditation is – had a long proud history in Chatham County and certainly in the City of Savannah. The – when did Savannah first – was it 1989?

Mr. Hartley said, '89, sir.

Commissioner Gellatly said, 1989 the Savannah Police Department and Chatham County followed after – Chatham – Chatham County police followed after – after we did after some time. We became one of the first 100 law enforcement agencies in the entire United States. There are 17,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States. We became the first – within the first 100. Finished it in half the time that they required, and we're also one of the largest departments, and I think one of the very first southern departments that had ever received accreditation and back then it was not without pain and discomfort. Some of them came into the accreditation process kicking and screaming, and I even gave one or two of them an opportunity to retire, resign, or get fired because we're going to go forward. And I'm sure that nothing has changed, and the long, proud tradition of promising a – a very bright Sergeant or Lieutenant a promotion if they become the accreditation manager, or likewise a demotion. I'm – I'm watching Major Zapal back there, and I think I made that same offer to you one time, didn't I? And – and it was – it was voluntary but

Commissioner Farrell said, it was an offer he couldn't refuse.

Commission Gellatly said, – and certainly no pressure, but at any rate, I wanted to point that out. And I – I do also – we have to put this in contrast. Virtually, almost all hospitals and all universities are accredited. Same process. Every so many years someone comes down and they assess them to make sure they're following those standards. If they don't they lose their accreditation. Now you think about it. There are – are there 1,000 agencies yet that are – about 1,000 agencies in this country out of about 17,000 that are accredited. Would you go to a hospital for a heart operation that was not accredited? Would you spend four years of your life at a college that was not accredited? Don't think so. Big difference though, if it was a hospital or a college, and it wasn't accredited, you'd just go to one that is. You can't change police departments. Whatever you got, you got. You know, so this is – this is a big accomplishment. And for some reason during the last chief's tenure, the accreditation was allowed to lapse, is that correct?

Chief Lovett said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Gellatly said, unbelievable. Can you imagine if Memorial lost their accreditation what would happen? Can you believe what would happen if Armstrong lost their accreditation? There would be screaming headlines for ever and ever and ever, you know. And yet you have a major police department that their chief at the time allowed accreditation to lapse. Wasn't important. This – this – this is just unbelievable. Willie [Lovett], I can call him Willie [Lovett] because I've known him a long time, if that'd been you and me that did that, we'd have been screaming headlines, editorials, cartoons for months, none stop. But fortunately, your guy before you, why he was – he was the media darling. I'll say it again, the media darling, and he was also held in awe by many elected officials. Their eyes kind of glazed over when he talked, you know, and – and a reporter would take a – a story and listen to him for an hour and then realize when he walked off he didn't have no story, he just had a lot of really good conversation. And I don't personally think that he liked police officers either, but that's my opinion. I – I just want to tell you that I – I am – I am

so absolutely proud of each and every one of you. It's a huge accomplishment. I think sometimes that we in government, elected officials, we just take it for granted. We should never take it for granted. You – you've got a huge, huge accomplishment, and it reflects the top leadership all the way down to the newest recruit. And I've always said that there are no unimportant positions in a law enforcement agency. The only difference is your duties. Chief of Police is the decision maker. Newest officer on the street's the one that takes the risk and so on and so forth. They're – they're all equally important. There's no one any more important than the other. They all just have different duties that's all. I'm tremendously, tremendously impressed by you. I've become more and more impressed all the time, especially during retirement where I can sit back and look at you with a very critical eye. You people have – part of accreditation – accreditation wants your police officers to be well-educated. Most of the people in this room have master's degrees. You know, can you imagine that in a southern police department? You know, it used to be, it's no longer the case, but you know, 30 years ago, southern police department sometimes you didn't expect much out of them, but man, I tell you what, there isn't a police department in this country or in the entire world that could come as close – come close to any one of you individually or collectively. You're absolutely one of the – you are the best law enforcement agency in the United States and probably the world. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Chief, I'd like to thank you on behalf of the Chatham County Commission. We've heard our former Chief of Police, Commissioner –

Commissioner Gellatly said, I've got one more thing.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Hold on.

Commission Gellatly said, I don't know if our cameras have the close up capabilities, but I'm going to – there aren't too many of these floating around, Chief. Don't lose it. Put it in your – put it in your museum. Look at that 20th Anniversary. It's very important.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Commission Gellatly said, go ahead and get one of the guy holding it too.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's all right.

Chief Lovett said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, beautiful.

Chairman Liakakis said, Chief, as I was going to say is that under your leadership and your command staff and everything that you have put in place that we have seen the crime reduced dramatically in our cities and County, and of course, the mutual aid that the Metro Police Department helps the other six cities and the Town of Vernonburg, you know, we really appreciate what you are doing, and of course, your command staff because they with all of their officers, we got a – a great police department, and have made a difference in this community because you hear – I go to quite a number of meetings, and I hear people talk all the time about how good the police department is, and that's very, very good. So thank you and to all your command staff and all the officers with the police department, we really appreciate everything that you do to have – for the safety of our citizens in our community.

Chief Lovett said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, beautiful. Beautiful.

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Chairman Liakakis said, Janice [Bocook], did you mark the records?

Clerk said, yes, sir, I did.

Chairman Liakakis said, for the two?

Clerk said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said okay.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES FROM THE WARRIOR TRANSITION BATTALION, MAJOR (RET.) BYRON STEPHENS (COMMISSIONER THOMAS).

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the item is Commissioner Thomas who wants to do a presentation of certificates from the Warrior Transition Battalion. Major Byron Stephens, retired, will come forth with you.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. All right. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and Gentlemen. It is my extreme pleasure to thank Major Bryant – Byron and his staff. As you know, we celebrated National County Government Month in April, and for the second year he has been on board and has done an outstanding job. And so I'm very happy to stand here this morning to say to him and others thank you so very, very much. And I'm going to turn it over to him and let him say what he has to say.

Major (Retired) Byron Stephens said, Thank you Commissioner. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Major Stephens said, thank you. I want to brief basically what our tournament did this year. This was our second tournament as a joint function with Chatham County. We had one meeting. That was all we needed. The – the base that we laid last year was exactly what we needed. What we did this year, I expanded my – my sponsors, and we also – we fished all branches of the service rather than just the Army. I worked this in through the Veteran's Council. We wound up with 13 sponsors from the Veteran's Council and 13 commercial sponsors, which meant that we doubled our sponsorship. When we hit the ground out there Saturday morning – of course, we were out there at 5:30, but everything fell right into place. All the folks went in place. At 6:30 the tables were there for – for setting up in the – in the circle. By 9:00 o'clock, all of the Veteran's Council that had – that had displays were in place. This entire thing was in place in less than two hours. Wasn't a word said. They just all fell into place. The only ones that didn't show up were the fish. We got to do something about this, Mr. Chairman, and we're working on that. But now last year we caught 85 pounds. This year we caught 22. But we think it's because – that the early spring that we had that they – they laid eggs a little earlier and things just didn't work out. It went exceptionally well. This tournament is sponsored directly for the Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion at Ft. Stewart, and as you all know, including the articles in the paper today, the problems that we're having, you know, with these young warriors, and I call them warriors because they are. They in turn – we had quite a contribution of funds for the WTB from this tournament, and it was presented at the Veteran's Council the other night. They in turn have given Certificates of Appreciation one to the – to the Chatham County Commission; the second one to the Park Commission; and the third to a young man, and I'm going to give him his first. Orlando Taylor is the one that actually manages the park. He doesn't manage it, but he – he makes sure that it's clean, it runs correctly and what have you. So Orlando [Taylor], if you'll come up.

Mr. Orlando Taylor said, I sure will come get that.

Major Stephens said, Orlando Taylor thank you very much for managing a very beautiful park where Bass Angler Plus hosted their soldier fishing bass tournament. Thank you. Bass Angler's Plus, Incorporated 2001-2002 [sic].

Mr. Taylor said, thank you.

Major Stephens said, the first certificate I'd like for – is Al [Lipsey] here? Yeah. This Certificate of Appreciation is to the Chatham County Park and Recreation Department in recognition for outstanding support to the Warrior Transition Battalion at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. Your contribution was positively support the wounded warriors access to training that will enhance their rehabilitation and transition success. Your actions reflect great cred – credibility upon your organization's support of soldiers' mission to heal. Warrior Pride. Warrior Transition, Ft. Stewart.

Mr. Al Lipsey said, thank you. [Applause.]

Major Stephens said, and the next one, of course, is to the Chatham County Board of Commission, and it's the same reading. So thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, come down, Mr. Chairman. Are there any members in here that served on the – from the – from the County staff? Danielle [Hillery] and Sandra [Smalls], come on up and all – anyone that worked on this committee, if you're in here, please come up, because without their support, we could not have been successful.

Major Stephens said, true. That's very true. Thank you, Pete [Liakakis].

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Really appreciate this. And, of course, to you, Byron [Stephens], retired military Major and – and working on it last year and again this year for the Wounded Warriors. We really appreciate that because we need to do more for our military and support them in every way that we can because we have the freedom because of our military, and – and this is really important and this is one of the things to recognize those – those warriors that have physical problems, and some – a number of them have those mental problems also.

Major Stephens said, that's right.

Chairman Liakakis said, so, on behalf of the Chatham County Commission, I know all of them support the warrior projects, and we appreciate what you have done and all of the volunteers that have come on board and thank you for working with our government month.

Major Stephens said, thank you. Thank you. [Applause.]

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, as you're going back to the mike, I – I would – I would – or your seat, I would also like to underscore the work that Danielle [Hillery] and Sandra [Smalls] do in partnership with Dr. Thomas. It happens every year. Our County Government Month is very special. The Wounded Warrior Program has made it is extremely special, but without these two ladies, it could not happen.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Chairman Liakakis said, and the tournament was a real success and there were quite a number of people out there, and a lot more participants this year. So, from what I understand with Byron [Stephens] is this will continue and many other activities for the warrior agency.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Liakakis said, now we're going to recess as County Commission and convene as the Chatham Area Transit Authority. As soon as that business is taken care of for the Chatham Area Transit Authority, we will reconvene the Chatham County Commission. The Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:12 a.m., and convened the meeting as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened at 11:25 a.m., as the County Commission.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*).

Chairman Liakakis said, item 8, there are no tabled or reconsidered items.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

(Unless the Board directs otherwise, adoption of an Action Item will mean approval of the respective County staff report and its recommended action.)

- 1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS: 1) in the General Fund: a) decrease the Counter Narcotics Team budget by \$37,000, b) increase Animal Control's budget \$25,000 and c) increase Transfer out to E911 Fund \$12,000; 2) in the Special Service District Fund: a) decrease the Police budget \$27,700 and increase Transfer out to the E911 Fund \$27,700, b) decrease the Police budget \$51,000 and increase Transfer out to CIP Fund \$51,000, and c) decrease contingency \$20,000 and increase Transfer out to CIP \$20,000; 3) in the E911 Fund: a) increase revenues \$12,000 Transfer in from General Fund, b) increase revenues \$27,700 Transfer in from SSD Fund, and c) increase E911 Intergovernmental Payments to the City of Savannah \$39,700; 4) in the Capital Improvement Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$75,000 to recognize matching fund revenue received from the City of Savannah, b) increase revenues \$71,000 from a transfer in from the SSD fund and \$654,949 Revenue - City of Savannah, c) increase the SSD Road Improvements project \$20,000, and d) increase Police Vehicle Projects by \$405,949 for SSD Vehicles and \$300,000 for M&O Vehicles.**

Chairman Liakakis said, we'll go to item 9, Items for Individual Action. One, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund: a) decrease the Counter Narcotics Team budget by \$37,000, b) increase Animal Control budget 25,000, and c) increase Transfer out to E911 Fund \$12,000; 2) in the Special Service District Fund: a) decrease the Police budget \$27,700 and increase Transfer out to the E911 Fund \$27,700, b) decrease the Police – Police budget \$51,000 and increase Transfer out to the CIP Fund \$51,000, and c) decrease contingency \$20,000 and increase Transfer out to CIP \$20,000; 3) in the E911 Fund: a) increase revenues \$12,000 Transfer in from

General Fund, b) increase revenues 27,700 – \$700 Transfer in from Special Service District Fund, and c) increase E911 Intergovernmental Payments to the City of Savannah \$39,700; 4) in the Capital Improvement Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$75,000 to recognize matching fund revenue received from the City of Savannah, b) increase revenues \$71,000 from a transfer in from the Special Service District fund and \$654,949 Revenue - City of Savannah, c) increase the Special Service District Road Improvements project \$20,000, and d) increase Police Vehicle Projects by \$405,949 for Special Service District Vehicles and \$300,000 for M&O Vehicles. Need a motion on the floor.

Commission Stone said, I'll make the motion, but I would like for the County Attorney [sic] to explain for the purpose of the viewers of this station, I mean of this channel that we're not taking money out of the police budget.

County Manager Abolt said, you're asking me, right?

Commission Stone said, yes.

County Manager Abolt said, absolutely not.

Chairman Liakakis said, hold it, Russ [Abolt], we need a second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Russ [Abolt].

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, ladies and gentlemen. The answer to Commissioner Stone's question, no. This is a recon – reconciliation. As I mentioned in the pre-meeting, the City of Savannah is six months behind us. Their budget year ended the 31st of December 2011. We reconcile those numbers and in effect six months later now we're able to readjust dollars, but again, as I said, because of – of the excellent management of Chief Lovett and staff the – the whole operation was run for less money then expected so we're shifting it around and – and the good news is we're able to buy some police vehicles.

Commission Stone said, and the same thing applies to CNT, correct?

County Manager Abolt said, that's correct. It's all part of – yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, I – I just wanted some clarification on that because the way it reads it looks like we're decreasing the police department's budget.

County Manager Abolt said, no, we're managing the police department's budget.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All in favor let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved that the Board approve the following budget transfers and amendments: 1) in the General Fund: a) decrease the Counter Narcotics Team budget by \$37,000, b) increase Animal Control's budget \$25,000 and c) increase Transfer out to E911 Fund \$12,000; 2) in the Special Service District Fund: a) decrease the Police budget \$27,700 and increase Transfer out to the E911 Fund \$27,700, b) decrease the Police budget \$51,000 and increase Transfer out to CIP Fund \$51,000, and c) decrease contingency \$20,000 and increase Transfer out to CIP \$20,000; 3) in the E911 Fund: a) increase revenues \$12,000 Transfer in from General Fund, b) increase revenues \$27,700 Transfer in from SSD Fund, and c) increase E911 Intergovernmental Payments to the City of Savannah \$39,700; 4) in the Capital Improvement Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$75,000 to recognize matching fund revenue received from the City of Savannah, b) increase revenues \$71,000 from a transfer in from the SSD fund and \$654,949 Revenue - City of Savannah, c) increase the SSD Road Improvements project \$20,000, and d) increase Police Vehicle Projects by \$405,949 for SSD Vehicles and \$300,000 for M&O Vehicles. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: To request approval of the following budget transfers and amendments: 1) in the General Fund: a) decrease the Counter Narcotics Team budget by \$37,000, b) increase Animal Control's budget \$25,000 and c) increase Transfer out to E911 Fund \$12,000; 2) in the Special Service District Fund: a) decrease the Police budget \$27,700 and increase Transfer out to the E911 Fund \$27,700, b) decrease the Police budget \$51,000 and increase Transfer out to CIP Fund \$51,000, and c) decrease contingency \$20,000 and increase Transfer out to CIP \$20,000; 3) in the E911 Fund: a) increase revenues \$12,000

Transfer in from General Fund, b) increase revenues \$27,700 Transfer in from SSD Fund, and c) increase E911 Intergovernmental Payments to the City of Savannah \$39,700; 4) in the Capital Improvement Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$75,000 to recognize matching fund revenue received from the City of Savannah, b) increase revenues \$71,000 from a transfer in from the SSD fund and \$654,949 Revenue - City of Savannah, c) increase the SSD Road Improvements project \$20,000, and d) increase Police Vehicle Projects by \$405,949 for SSD Vehicles and \$300,000 for M&O Vehicles.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. As a result of the 2011 SCMPD reconciliation received from the City of Savannah, departmental budgets for several public safety functions need to be increased for fiscal 2012 to avoid unfavorable variances. Additional funding is being requested for Animal Control \$25,000 and Transfer out to E911 \$12,000. The CNT Budget will be reduced correspondingly. Also, in the Special Service District, a transfer of \$27,700 from Police to Transfer out to E911 is being recommended.
- 2. Chatham County received a check in the amount of \$75,000 from the City of Savannah for local matching funds for the Eastern Judicial Data Exchange project. Correspondence and a resolution are attached.
- 3. Vehicle depreciation is charged annually against the SCMPD department budget. The City of Savannah forwarded related checks totaling \$654,949 in November 2011. The revenue is being recognized in the CIP Fund and will be used to meet calendar 2013 vehicle needs. Also, the SSD Police budget will contribute \$51,000 towards the 2013 vehicle purchases by transferring funds from the SSD Fund to the CIP Fund. The County will need to provide another \$181,100 towards the SSD SCMPD Vehicle project to complete calendar 2013 purchases as required in the SCMPD Intergovernmental agreement.
- 4. The Public Works and Park Services Director has requested a SSD Contingency transfer of \$20,000 for re-striping various roads. Correspondence is attached. Funding will be established in the CIP Fund.

FUNDING: The budget amendments will establish funding in the E911 Communications Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- (A) Decrease the Counter Narcotics Team budget \$37,000, and
- (B) Increase the Animal Control budget \$25,000, and
- (C) Increase Transfer Out to the E911 Fund \$12,000.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

- (A) Decrease the Police budget \$78,700, and
- (B) Decrease the Contingency budget \$20,000, and
- (C) Increase Transfer Out to the E911 Fund \$27,700, and
- (D) Increase Transfer Out to the CIP Fund \$71,000.

E911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND

- (A) Increase Transfer in to the E911 Fund \$39,700, and
- (B) Increase Intergovernmental Payments to City of Savannah \$39,700.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

- (A) Increase revenues and expenditures \$75,000 for funds received from the City of Savannah for the File Tracking System Project, and
- (B) Increase Transfers in from SSD \$71,000, and
- (C) Increase Revenue from City of Savannah \$654,949, and
- (D) Increase SSD Road Improvements project \$20,000, and
- (E) Increase SSD SCMPD Vehicles project \$405,949, and
- (F) Increase M&O SCMPD Vehicles project \$300,000.

- (2) Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: State law grants the Board authority to amend the budget during the year as it deems necessary.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approves Alternative 1.

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A REVISED MILLAGE ADOPTION CALENDAR AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF THE TAX YEAR 2012 TAX DIGEST ON THE FISCAL 2013 RECOMMENDED BUDGET.

Chairman Liakakis said, item 2, request Board approval of a revised millage adoption calendar and to provide information on the impact of the tax year 2012 tax digest on the fiscal 2013 recommended budget. Russ [Abolt]? Russ [Abolt]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, have a motion on the floor and a second to approve. All in favor go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the revised millage adoption calendar. Commissioners Holmes and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: To request approval of a revised Millage Adoption Calendar and to provide information on the impact of the Tax Year 2012 Tax Digest on the Fiscal 2013 Recommended Budget.

BACKGROUND: On May 11, 2012, the Board received the Fiscal 2013 Recommended Budget. The budget assumed a digest increase of one-half (.5%) percent in the General Fund and one-half (.5%) percent in the Special Service District. On May 30, 2012, the Tax Assessor's Office provided information regarding the Tax Year 2012 digest which will make budget revisions necessary. The budget calendar calls for Fiscal 2013 budget adoption on June 22, 2012 and millage rate adoption on July 6, 2012.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The Fiscal 2013 Recommended Budget assumed digest growth of one-half (.5%) percent in both the General Fund M&O and the Special Service District. The total expenditure budgets for the funds were \$155,148,665 and \$27,861,965 respectively. The Recommended Budget is based on current millage rates.
2. On May 30, 2012 the Tax Assessor's Office provided the following information to the Finance Department to represent the official tax digest for Chatham County:
 - a) General Fund Property Tax Digest
 - i) Gross Digest value of \$13,255,056,086.
 - ii) Exemptions of \$2,695,589,558 which are 20% of the gross digest.
 - iii) Net Digest value of \$10,559,466,528 for an annual digest increase of .38%.
 - iv) Rollback millage rate of 11.197 which is .088 mills higher than the 2011 adopted millage rate of 11.109. The rollback rate increased due to negative net reassessments on real property of \$84,110,328.
 - b) Unincorporated Area Property Tax Digest
 - i) Gross Digest value of \$5,965,976,548.
 - ii) Exemptions of \$1,664,574,482 which are 28% of the gross digest.
 - iii) Net Digest value of \$4,301,402,066 for an annual digest increase of .67%. The rollback millage rate of 3.598 is .008 mills higher than the 2011 adopted millage rate of 3.59. The rollback rate increased due to negative net reassessments on real property of \$10,048,719.
3. The Fiscal 2013 Recommended Budget will need to be amended to address the growth rate variance from the property tax digest. The Board will be asked to approve the proposed adjustments on June 22, 2012 concurrent with budget adoption. Proposed budget amendments include:
 - a) General Fund: Since the actual growth rate is .12% less than the amount assumed in the Recommended Budget for Fiscal 2013, a budget adjustment of \$140,984 is required. The impact on the Recommended 2013 Budget is:

- (1) An increase to Revenues - Bank Occupation Tax \$26,000 and decreases to Expenditures - Special Appropriations \$47,984 and Expenditures - Contingency \$67,000. Components of the Revised Budget are:
- b) Special Service District Fund: the property tax digest is .17% higher than the revenue assumptions used in the Fiscal 2013 Budget is:
 - (1) An increase of \$26,160 to property tax revenues and a \$26,160 decrease in the fund balance appropriation.
 - (2) Components of the Revised Budget are:
 - (a) Total revenues \$26,292,272
 - (b) Fund balance appropriation \$ 1,569,693
 - (c) Total expenditures \$27,861,965
- 4. Annual publication of the current year tax digest and five year levy history is required by State law. Attached is a copy of the advertisement that was published in the *Savannah Morning News* on June 7, 2012. Note that this advertisement indicates that the millage rate will be set on June 22, 2012.
- 5. Since the County is not contemplating an adjustment to its millage rate and since the current millage rate is less than the rollback rate, only one public hearing on the millage rate is required by State law. The millage rate public hearing is being rescheduled to June 22, 2012. The Board will be able to adopt the Fiscal 2013 budget and tax year 2012 millage rate after the public hearing. A revised calendar for adoption of the millage rate is attached.

FUNDING: Funding is outlined in the Facts & Findings section.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The County is required to adopt a balanced budget under State law for its General Fund, special revenue funds, and debt service funds. Recurring expenditures should be paid for with recurring revenue.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board approve the amended millage adoption calendar.
- 2. That the Board provide other information.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Alternative 1 be adopted.

**CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA MILLAGE ADOPTION CALENDAR
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 THRU JUNE 30, 2013**

ORIGINAL DATE	REVISED DATE	TAX DIGEST PROCESS
June 1, 2012	June 1, 2012	Year 2012 Digest provided to Finance for Millage Levy Calculations
June 7, 2012	Not required	Advertise 1 st and 2 nd Public Hearing on Millage Levy To be held on June 19 th at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
June 8, 2012	June 1, 2012	Advertisement of 5-year history of tax levy to newspaper (June 20, 2012 publication as required by State law.)
June 19, 2012	Not required	Hold 1 st and 2 nd Public Hearing on Millage Levy - 9:30 .m. and 6:00 p.m.
June 20, 2012	June 7, 2012	Advertise tax year 2012 Digest and 5-year history (two Weeks prior to millage levy as required by State Law - H.B. 66, Act No. 478).
June 20, 2012	June 20, 2012	Board of Education adopts 2012 millage rate.
June 22, 2012	June 22, 2012	Adoption of FY 2012/2013 budget by County Commissioners
June 25, 2012	Not required	Advertise 3 rd Public Hearing on Millage Levy to be held July 6 th at 9:30 a.m.
July 6, 2012	June 22, 2012	Adoption of year 2012 Chatham County M&O, SSD, Transit Millage levy by County Commissioners
July 6, 2012	July 6, 2012	Adoption of FY 2012 Board of Education Millage Levy by The County Commissioners
July 27, 2012	July 27, 2012	Tax Digest to Atlanta. State penalty assessed if digest is not submitted by August 1st.

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

(The Board can entertain one motion to adopt the below-listed calendar. Such motion would mean adoption of staff's recommendation. Any Board Member may choose to pull an item from the calendar and it would be considered separately.)

Chairman Liakakis said, Action Calendar, we have Items 1 through 10 and under Item 10 we have Items A through R. Need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval.

Commissioner Stone said, I've got –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'd like to pull some –

Commissioner Stone said, I'd like to pull one too.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Which one?

Commissioner Stone said, I'd like to pull 10-I.

Chairman Liakakis said 10-I?

Commissioner Thomas said, 10?

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. And?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'd like to pull item number 4 and number 5.

Chairman Liakakis said, 4 –

Commission Thomas said, 4?

Chairman Liakakis said, and 5. Okay. Need a – then the motion on the floor items 1 through 10 and under 10 A through R, hold item 1-10 –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and hold items 4 and 5.

Chairman Liakakis said, and under 10-I – to hold 10-I and then hold items 4 and 5, and that's what we need for a vote.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve the balance of the action calendar.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's – let's go on the board. The motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the Action Calendar Items 1 through 10 and under 10 items A through R with the exception of Items 4, 5, and 10-I. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Item 4, confirm the application to the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program to fund a full-time Intervention Specialist and Service Coordination and Case Management for the Violence Intervention Program. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]
- c. Commissioner Thomas moved to table the item, compensating Chairman for use of private vehicle, and that the Board be provided documentation regarding reimbursement of mileage over the last seven years. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]
- d. Commissioner Stone moved to approve Item 10-I with the request that a memo be sent to the Sheriff requesting if possible to utilize prisoners to move some furniture to reduce the cost, that he do so. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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[NOTE: ACTION OF THE BOARD IS SHOWN ON EACH ITEM AS THOUGH AN INDIVIDUAL MOTION WAS MADE THEREON.]

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 25, 2012, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 25, 2012. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MAY17 THROUGH MAY 30, 2012.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period May 17, 2012, through May 30, 2012, in the amount of \$10,953,685. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR THE ANNUAL JAG BYRNE GRANT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department Application for the Annual JAG Byrne Grant. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Willie C. Lovett, Chief of Police

ISSUE:

Approval for the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department application for the annual JAG Byrne Grant.

BACKGROUND:

This particular grant is formula based and is a direct result of the stimulus package signed into law by President Barack Obama. One significant thing about this program is that it requires a joint application from the previously mentioned governmental entities. This has to do with the term "disparate certification." A disparate allocation occurs "when a constituent unit of local government is scheduled to receive (based on the distribution formula) one and one half times more than another constituent unit, while the other unit of local government bears more than 50% of the costs of prosecution or incarceration." Under the JAG program, joint applications for disparate jurisdictions are required. The City of Savannah will be the applicant and fiscal agent for the joint funds. All parties will adhere to rules indicated in a Memorandum of Understanding.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

The 2012 joint award for this grant is \$106,789.00 based on the formula distribution. No matching funds are required. The formula for disbursement of the funds is as follows:

City of Savannah:	\$94,000.00
City of Garden City:	\$12,789.00

The grant application seeks to fund SCMPD's mobile filed force gear upgrades and Garden City's interview and booking electronic surveillance equipment. No matching funds are required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the grant application.

2. Do not approve the grant application.

FUNDING:

No funds required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Approval for previous DOJ grants by the SCMPD has been granted by the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the grant application.

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4. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM TO FUND A FULL-TIME INTERVENTION SPECIALIST AND SERVICE COORDINATION AND CASE MANAGEMENT FOR THE VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, under 10-I?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you want to do number 4, first, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, well, we can do 4. That's fine. Go ahead. Request Board confirm application to the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program to fund a full-time Intervention Specialist and Service Coordination and Case Management for the Violence Intervention Program. Go ahead.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll start out by stating that I know that this department can use all the help possible, but looking through here I have a question because I know that we're facing some really tough financial times here and going to be pretty much spending all of the reserves coming up in the upcoming budget, here. I noticed when reading through the information that it's a \$71,100 grant, with a \$23,700 local match. But I also when I read on, I noticed that the grant actually runs from October the 1st, 2012, through September 30, 2013. And, you know, just with the understanding that we're facing a major deficit coming up, my concern is that this is a full-time position, or I guess it's a concern and a question if I'm wrong, but that the grant will run out and then we're going to be stuck paying the full \$95,000.

County Manager Abolt said, the understanding with the District Attorney is no grant, no position.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, so this is a one-time –

County Manager Abolt said, no, it's – it's always been that way. No – no ticky, no washy.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. So it won't be included in the next –

County Manager Abolt said, if the grant – if the grant is not there, then the position is not there.

County Attorney Hart said, the – the head count changes if the grant's not there. In other words, we lose the position.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Move to approve then.

Chairman Liakakis said, do we have a second?

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Let's go on the Board.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to confirm the application to the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program to fund a full-time Intervention Specialist and Service Coordination and Case Management for the Violence Intervention Program. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Sheryl Jones, Violence Intervention Program Coordinator

ISSUE:

To request approval of the application to the *Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program* to fund a full-time Intervention Specialist and Service Coordination and Case Management for the Violence Intervention Program. The deadline for the application is June 7, 2012. The application will be submitted by June 7, 2012.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The Violence Intervention Program is applying for **\$71,100** which would include salary and benefits for the Intervention Specialist, staff travel and travel and training, supplies, Contractor Fees, and client transportation to receive services.
2. The grant requires a 25% cash match of **\$23,700** which is already in place through the Violence Intervention Program's current budget. **No additional funds from the County are required.**
3. The grant will run October 1, 2012 thru September 30, 2013.
4. PSSF Contracts are Purchase of Service agreements and not a grant. Distribution of funds is based on reimbursement for direct services provided and reported.

FUNDING:

1. No additional County funds are required. The 25% match of **\$23,700** is currently available through the Violence Intervention Program's current budget. Please reference Violence intervention current budget funding #2179951.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the application for the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program.
2. That the Board not approve the application for the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

No additional funds from Chatham County are required. The 25% cash match will come from the 5% Local Victim Service funds. Funds for The Violence Intervention Program are set to end June 30, 2013. The Violence Intervention Program is seeking additional revenue to continue funding for this program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Sheryl Jones

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5. COMPENSATING CHAIRMAN FOR USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLE.

Chairman Liakakis said, item 5. Compensating Chairman for use of private vehicle.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, first of all I'll state that I understand that the Chairman of the County utilizes a private vehicle currently and no one probably in the history of Chatham County has put the miles on a vehicle doing the public's service as you. You're everywhere humanly possible. My concern at this point again comes back to the fact that with the proposed budget we are spending pretty much all of the reserves or the savings that we have and next year's budget with the new group that winds up in here after the upcoming election, they're going to have to eat the deficit that we're covering with reserves now. In addition to that, the jail will open and that's millions more. So the brand new group coming in, they're being welcomed to I'm – I'm guessing 10 to \$20 million deficit at least walking in the door during their first term. I just – the timing of this proposal facing the huge deficit that – that we're up against, I just can't support spending 500 per month for a vehicle allowance or 6,000 a year for that vehicle allowance, and I'll – that's it.

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, just as a response – not – not definitely arguing what Commissioner Kicklighter said, because everything he said is gospel, but this particular proposal caps the County's liability. So whomever comes in after Chairman Liakakis, I'm assuming this would be extended to that man or woman, and in this particular case, forevermore, the max exposure to the County is at \$500 a month, which is I think a pretty good deal to the tax payers.

Chairman Liakakis said, and one thing so that we'll know this, if you look – I document all of the meetings and everything – conferences and all since I began, and I've got another book full of them, and you can look at this one and in – in April, just using April right there, there are in – in excess of 70 meetings and – and in that, I have multiple cost factors for the different vehicles. I pay out of my own personal pocket for those – for all of those particular service things that I had to have for my different vehicles in that. And anybody can look at this and see – and I've got all of the bills for my different vehicles that I have paid out of my pocket and have not received any compensation for it whatsoever.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, again, no my – my opinion is no reflection on you nor the work or effort that you've put forth, it's just the timing is bad, and that's why I will oppose this at this time.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, need a motion on the floor for approval.

Commissioner Thomas said, may I ask a question?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, is it not – do other officials now –

Chairman Liakakis said, oh yeah, all over the State of Georgia –

Commissioner Thomas said, – all over the State of Georgia –

Chairman Liakakis said, – that they have the Chairman over the County Commission over the State of Georgia, the majority of them have a – they pay – they provide them a vehicle or they pay them for the use of their vehicle. The same thing with the cities, like the Mayor of the City of Savannah gets this same amount of money, you know, to pay for the repairs and the use of their vehicle. And I can get the mileage from all those different – the three vehicles that I have used, you know, at the time, and have received no compensation for it at all. Priscilla [Thomas] – let her finish.

Commissioner Thomas said, well, you know, and I understand what my fellow colleague is saying, and – and – and it's true, but when you look at the majority of us, those of us who do use our vehicles as well, I know for me personally, I'm out there every day, just about, 24 hours a day myself, starting off like 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock in the morning, may not get back until 10:00 o'clock at night. And this is in addition to the required things that we're supposed to do in terms of meeting the demands and concerns of our citizens, and yet we, you know, with the high cost of gas, I mean it's just, you know, ludicrous. But, you know, I would be willing to do something, you know, to kind of help offset if possible. I don't know if it'd be the full amount, but I think that the – the Chairman should be given that same, you know, courtesy as other heads of –

Chairman Liakakis said, well, I sign the bills for all the Commissioners for their mileage and their, you know, their expenses, and there have been quite a few of those, that the Commissioners have put in and some going all the way, different parts of the country and going to different meetings and all, and this is the – the majority of these meetings that I went to is for a – a good bit of the business for the Chatham County, representing them and that situation, so that's why it was put in, and I'm happy for anybody to look at all of the – the information right here and the mileage and all of that for this particular item. And like I said, this is done all over the State of Georgia for the Chairman of the County Commission plus it is also done in the cities of the – in the cities of the State of Georgia.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. If we're comparing what's done in the City of Savannah, they're taxed at about double the rate that – that the citizens of Chatham County's taxed also. So if we want to compare services, we need to compare taxes. My point exactly made by the comments is we're trying to keep taxes from going up. If we want to mimic the City of Savannah on everything and be their identical twin, let's go ahead and just raise the taxes through the roof. That's coming next year, either a huge tax increase or major cuts. For those of us who know that we'll be here next year, there's three, I believe, without opposition, we are facing hell next year. We're either going to make a lot of people angry when we cut services, we're going to either hurt employees when we cut benefits or cut pay or lay them off or we're going to hurt every citizen that pays taxes in this county when we raise their taxes through the roof. That's my point at this time. If we want to do like the rest of the State of Georgia, staff report clearly shows that many Commissioners are provided with a car allowance. I'll remind this Board that this Commission is paid an average of \$15,000 a year, in which the Chairman is paid 50 something thousand a year. Sure, I personally could use a car allowance. It would personally be nice. It would help. It would be great for every one of us, and we could follow along with the rest of the State, but I would choose to think that we're a leader, and rather than following high unnecessary expenditures of other areas which are taxing their residents out, that we be the leader that chooses to cut and people from outside look in and go, you know, maybe I'll move to Chatham County because their taxes are lower. So, if we – if we want to be the leading County, I say we lead as the one that actually cuts and looks out for the tax payers in this point in time when the economy has let us all down. Again, hey, if – if – if this Board wants to just keep right on spending, give us all an allowance, you know. 15,000 a year for us versus 50 something thousand, a – a car allowance sure would be nice, and it would help keep the miles and the wear and tear off of our vehicles too, but that's not the point of public service at this time in my opinion, it's to serve the public not serve thyself. So, thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, and for information purposes, this is just to reimburse me and not, you know, for the next Commission to begin with and the service that is provided and this is for the cities in the State of Georgia and all of the counties, and you can look at that. Tabitha [Odell]?

Commissioner Odell said, Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, yes ma'am?

Commissioner Odell said, hi.

County Manager Abolt said, hi.

Commissioner Odell said, you mentioned that this will cap liability for the County. Currently what's our liability exposure?

County Manager Abolt said, the – the Chairman is – is everywhere, and what we would pay him – well what we would – we're obligated to pay him now based on his mileage turned in. Obviously it would be much more than that, so it caps the liability. You – you can make an assumption, and a fair assumption that he would use his car for a certain amount of things to do and this is a very conservative assessment. For him to agree to this is a – is a boon for the tax payer because otherwise he could turn around and turn in that book, and we'd be paying a lot more than this.

Commissioner Odell said, and let me ask you, with him being a County employee, his – and him going to these events would be considered working?

County Manager Abolt said, yes. He – he –

Commissioner Odell said, so his personal car insurance would not necessarily pick up what he – his exposure?

County Manager Abolt said, he has the obligation to provide an automobile for this.

Chairman Liakakis said, no, I pay for my own automobile insurance.

Commissioner Odell said, right, but I'm saying –

County Manager Abolt said, and he has – he has –

Commissioner Odell said, – that would increase the liability? Our liability? Exposure?

County Manager Abolt said, no, ma'am. It's his – it's his liability. And also he has a tax liability too. By – by going this route, and of course, again it's obvious from what he just showed you, but anybody who receives this benefit has to be able to show documentation to the IRS that they're using their vehicle this much. In this case he's – he's over the top.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, so in essence this is actually a cost savings?

County Manager Abolt said, I've – I've – I've always looked at it as a cost savings.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, is – question? Do we – do we have a spreadsheet breakdown of past reimbursements over the last seven years?

County Manager Abolt said, we'd have to provide that for you but I –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, well I think before we vote we should have the materials in front of us to make an educated decision. And if it costs tax payers \$2,000 a month to reimburse the Chairman to drive, I'll vote for \$500 versus 2,000, but I want to see facts in front of me. Because to vote without so is irresponsible at this point in time in our – with this economy.

Commissioner Thomas said, can we postpone it and then see the information?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's fine. To postpone is fine. I'd love to see the information because –

Commissioner Thomas said, get the information –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – I do not want to make a political vote, I would like to make a financially responsible vote for the tax payers of the County, and if you can show that this is a cost savings, I'll make the motion to approve at that point. So if y'all would like to table and – and look at the breakdown that would be wonderful with me.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, number one is that I pay for my own insurance over there, and I go on when you look at this a huge amount of business for the County and if I have an accident I pay for it out of my insurance and all of that, and it's a tremendous amount, and I've got all the records here that anybody can look at and show that – for this.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Thomas said, rather than killing it dead in its track, and we do not doubt your due diligence in terms of the County.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right.

Commissioner Thomas said, I would respectfully request that we table this until the next meeting and then that the information that was requested by my fellow Commissioner be provided to all of us, and at that time, between now and the next meeting, we can make that determination.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's – that's a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, we have a motion on the floor and a second to table. Let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to table the item, compensating Chairman for use of private vehicle, and that the Board be provided documentation regarding reimbursement of mileage over the last seven years. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Michael A. Kaigler, Assistant County Manager
Director of Human Resources and Services

ISSUE:

To request Board approval of a car allowance for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

BACKGROUND:

The Chairman has been approached by a Commissioner suggesting that he receive a car allowance to cover the expenses he routinely incurs in the operation of his personal vehicle in lieu of reimbursement for mileage. The Chairman, through the Manager, has requested the staff review the issue with the County's compensation consultant and look at what the City provides the Mayor by way of compensation for the use of their personal vehicle in conducting official governmental business.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The County's compensation consultant, Archer Company, submitted a report to Chatham County which reviewed compensation for County Commissioners. In that report, the consultant not only provided an analysis and recommendation for the compensation for the Chairman and Board of Commissioners, but also other benefits such as: car allowance, laptop computers and cell phones. In that recommendation the consultant indicated that the typical car allowance for Commissioners, when provided, ranges between \$3,500 and \$6,000 annually.
2. The City of Savannah provides the Mayor with \$6,000 a year in additional compensation as a vehicle allowance. This amounts to \$500 a month and is taxable.
3. The County's Enabling Act § 1-109(1) contemplates that Chairman and Commissioners should be reimbursed for any reasonable expense incurred in performance of their duties. This would include reimbursement in mileage record according to County policy or under a car allowance. The Chairman attends daily, multiple meetings throughout Chatham County. A car allowance would "cap" the counties expense as to reimbursement on basis of mileage.

FUNDING:

County Commissioner's M&O: 1001110 51.11001.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The County's enabling Act contains provisions that provide reimbursement for expenses incurred by the Chairman and Commissioners for any reasonable expense incurred in performance of their duties. Approval of a car allowance for the Chairman would "cap" the County's liability annually.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve a \$500 per month car allowance for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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**6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPLOST PROCEEDS BY CHATHAM COUNTY TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY – METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING PICTOMETRY IMAGERY.
[ALL DISTRICTS.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of SPLOST proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County - Metropolitan Planning Commission for the purpose of acquiring pictometry imagery. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A. G. Bungard, P.E. County Engineer

ISSUE: To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of SPLOST Proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) for the purpose of acquiring Pictometry imagery.

BACKGROUND: The agreement will authorize the MPC to contract services for new Pictometry imagery for the entire county. Pictometry imagery is aerial imagery from multiple angles.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. Pictometry imagery data is used along with the orthoimagery data to develop topographic mapping needed in support of detailed drainage engineering evaluations used in design of road and drainage improvement projects. The advantage of Pictometry imagery is that it provides perspective from multiple angles.
2. The imagery will be hosted by Savannah Area Geographic Information System (SAGIS) and will be available to all SAGIS users.
3. The total cost of the Pictometry imagery will not exceed \$150,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of SPLOST Proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) for the purpose of acquiring Pictometry imagery.
2. That the Board not approve the agreement.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the 1998 - 2003 SPLOST, Topographic Mapping Fund/Department 3224250, Project 32280433, Account Code 54.14021.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

District: All

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE SALES TAX PROCEEDS BY CHATHAM COUNTY TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY – SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION FOR PICTOMETRY IMAGERY

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into as of this ____ day of _____, 2012, by and between CHATHAM COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called the “COUNTY” and the CHATHAM COUNTY – SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION, hereinafter called “MPC”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, under the authority of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the COUNTY has enacted and the voters have approved the Special Purpose Local Option One Percent Sales and Use Tax (hereinafter called “SPLOST”) to be imposed for a period of five years to provide funds for capital outlay projects including, but not limited to, construction and upgrade of drainage, roads, streets, bridges, open space, construction of bikeway/greenway, topographic mapping, as well as other capital outlay; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and MPC wish to provide for the distribution of SPLOST proceeds to carry out the update of the current Pictometry Oblique Imagery products as specified by this Agreement all of which are to be authorized under the referendum which was held on June 17, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and municipalities have set certain priorities contained in the official intergovernmental agreement for the purpose of funding and that the current projects subject to this Agreement would benefit by entering into this Agreement so as to delineate potential funding and timing or source of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Pictometry imagery products shall be utilized to develop topographic mapping needed in support of detailed drainage engineering evaluations used in design of drainage improvements.

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and MPC and all citizens of the COUNTY will derive substantial benefits from the proposed projects to be funded by SPLOST proceeds distributed pursuant to this Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Pictometry Oblique Imagery data and data product will enhance the design and implementation of SPLOST capital outlay projects.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The cost for the update of the current Pictometry Oblique Imagery is estimated to be \$150,000. The COUNTY will disburse the funds to MPC upon approval of this Agreement.
2. Upon disbursement of said funds MPC agrees that all SPLOST funds received shall only be used for the update of the current.
3. MPC agrees that all SPLOST funds received shall be accounted for in a separate fund and not commingled with other monies prior to expenditure for allowable uses.
4. Interest earned from the investment of SPLOST funds prior to disbursement for allowable expenditures shall be considered SPLOST funds and subject to the same restrictions for SPLOST funds.
5. MPC agrees that SPLOST funds received shall not be used to retire general obligation debt nor for general operating expenses. However, SPLOST funds may be used for the payment of loans secured for the purpose of advance funding of the capital improvement project as agreed by the COUNTY in anticipation of receipt of SPLOST funds.
6. As required by Georgia law, MPC shall include within its audited annual financial report specific information about its use of SPLOST funds. A schedule shall be included in each annual audit which shows the amount estimated for each project authorization by this Agreement, amounts expended in prior years, amounts expended in the current year, and the estimated percentage of completion for each project. MPC will provide to the COUNTY a copy of the annual audit with a cover

letter certifying that the SPLOST funds received were spent for SPLOST eligible capital improvement projects.

- 7. The parties agree to retain all records pertaining to the SPLOST funds for a period of four years subsequent to the expiration of the SPLOST and to make such records reasonably available to each other upon request.
- 8. MPC agrees that it will abide by all other requirements regarding the use and accounting of SPLOST funds as specified by Georgia law and in the event that it fails to follow the applicable requirements of law, the MPC shall hold the COUNTY harmless for failure to comply with such requirements.
- 9. MPC agrees to reimburse the COUNTY for all SPLOST proceeds distributed which have been used in any capital improvement project in a manner that is not lawful or constitutes use of proceeds in a non-SPLOST eligible capital project.
- 10. MPC shall provide certification to the COUNTY that the funds shall be used only for SPLOST eligible projects. The COUNTY may withhold distribution of SPLOST funds until certification is made to the COUNTY.
- 11. This Agreement shall be effective when executed by MPC and the COUNTY.

The COUNTY reserves the right to impose an administrative procedure and such other requirements as may reasonably be necessary to ensure the distribution and use of SPLOST funds are for voter approved appropriate projects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, MPC and COUNTY have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their property officers and so attested with their corporate seals affixed hereto set forth in multiple originals as of the date first written above.

CHATHAM COUNTY

BY: _____
Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Janice Bocook
Clerk of Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

County Attorney

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

BY: _____
Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Name: _____
Title: _____

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPLOST PROCEEDS BY CHATHAM COUNTY TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY – METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING ORTHOIMAGERY. [ALL DISTRICTS.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of SPLOST proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County - Metropolitan Planning Commission for the purpose of acquiring orthoimagery. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7

AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A. G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of SPLOST Proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) for the purpose of acquiring orthoimagery.

BACKGROUND: The agreement will authorize the MPC to contract services for new orthoimagery for the entire county.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. Orthoimagery data are used to develop topographic mapping needed in support of detailed drainage engineering evaluations used in design of road and drainage improvement projects. The deliverable will also include color infrared photography, which is used to determine the presence of wetlands.
2. The imagery will be hosted by Savannah Area Geographic Information System (SAGIS) and will be available to all SAGIS users.
3. The total cost of the orthoimagery will not exceed \$150,000. In order to reduce the cost of the imagery, SAGIS will contract for orthoimagery as part of a coastal regional effort. SAGIS has solicited funds from Georgia Department of Natural Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Georgia Ports Authority, US Geological Survey (USGS), Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, Georgia Power, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Contributions from these partners may further reduce the cost for Chatham County.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of SPLOST Proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) for the purpose of acquiring orthoimagery.
2. That the Board not approve the agreement.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the 1998-2003 SPLOST, Topographic Mapping Fund/Department 3224250, Project 32280433, Account Code 54.14021.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

District: All

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE SALES TAX PROCEEDS BY CHATHAM COUNTY TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY – SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ORTHOIMAGERY

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WHEREAS, the COUNTY and MPC wish to provide for the distribution of SPLOST proceeds to carry out the update of the current Orthoimagery data and data products as specified by this Agreement all of which are to be authorized under the referendum which was held on June 17, 1997; and

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WHEREAS, the Orthoimagery products shall be utilized to develop topographic mapping needed in support of detailed drainage engineering evaluations used in design of drainage improvements.

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and MPC and all citizens of the COUNTY will derive substantial benefits from the proposed projects to be funded by SPLOST proceeds distributed pursuant to this Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Orthoimagery data products will enhance the design and implementation of SPLOST capital outlay projects.

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11. This Agreement shall be effective when executed by MPC and the COUNTY.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

County Attorney

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

BY: _____
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Title: _____

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8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR A WATER SYSTEM INTER-CONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH CHATHAM WATER COMPANY CORPORATION FOR THE PARKERSBURG COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM. [DISTRICT 1.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval for a water system Inter-Connection Agreement with Chatham Water Company Corporation for the Parkersburg Community water system. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Robert W. Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services

ISSUE: Request Board approval for a Water System Inter-Connection Agreement with Chatham Water Company Corporation for the Parkersburg community water system.

BACKGROUND: Chatham Water Company owns and operates the Parkersburg community water systems adjacent to the County's Glen of Robin water system. Chatham Water Company Corporation has approached the County about providing a back up water source in order to provide water to their customers in the event of an emergency situation.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The County has a similar agreement with Chatham Water Company Corporation dated July 2009, the City of Savannah and the City of Pooler to provide back up water sources to various County water systems.
2. An agreement has been drafted to allow the inter-connection between the County's system and Chatham Water Company's system. In general, Chatham Water Company will install the connection at their expense and only open the inter-connection during emergency situations at the County's approval. If the inter-connection is ever activated, the Chatham Water Company Corporation will be billed for the usage.
3. The County Attorney has reviewed the agreement and found it acceptable.

FUNDING: Not applicable.

POLICY STATEMENT: Inter-connections among community water systems is a common practice.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval for a Water System Inter-Connection Agreement with Chatham Water Company Corporation for the Parkersburg community water system.
2. Board not to approve the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: Board approve Alternative #1.

District 1

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM**

**WATER SYSTEM INTER-CONNECTION
AGREEMENT**

This agreement made and entered into as of the ___ day of _____, 2012, by and between Chatham County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as County and the Chatham County Water Company Corporation organized and existing under the terms of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as the Company.

WHEREAS, the Company provides drinking water to various locations with separate systems throughout Chatham County, and;

WHEREAS, the Company has determined a need to provide a second source of water for various water systems in order to provide water to their customers in the event of an emergency situation, and;

WHEREAS, the County is a supplier of water services and operates a water system immediately adjacent to systems of the Company, and;

WHEREAS, a connection between the County system and the Company system would provide a second source of water, and;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements and in recognition of the example of the many services that the County provides on a community-wide basis for which it deserves compensation via a fair allocation of community wide resources, the County and the Company agree to establish an inter-connection between water systems conditioned upon which as follows:

1. To allo inter-connections serving the Company's Parkersburg water system with the County's Glen of Robin water system.
2. The inter-connections will be constructed at the Company's expense and will include a valve, backflow prevention and water meter which shall normally remain in the closed position. The meter shall meet or exceed the capability of the County to read the meter visually and with an automated radio reading system.
3. The inter-connection will not be opened for the sole purpose of staying within the Company's EPD groundwater withdrawal permit.
4. The inter-connection will not be opened to allow the Company system to meet peak demands or demonstrate peak fire flow capabilities.
5. The inter-connection will be opened during emergency situations such as a contaminated well or if there is a mechanical failure of the well pumping or distribution system. The Company may request opening of the inter-connection by others will be considered tampering and the County reserves the right to prosecute according to applicable codes.
6. The inter-connection is granted only so long as the systems are owned and operated by the Company. Should the systems be sold to another party, permission for the inter-connections will end, and the Company will be required to physically remove the emergency connections under the County's supervision. Should the County no longer own the community water system serving the inter-connection, the agreement shall become void and the Company must enter into a new agreement with the new community water system owner.
7. The Company will provide all engineering plans concerning the connections to the County for review and acceptance.
8. Once the inter-connection is installed to the satisfaction of the County, the Company will apply to the County as a typical customer and billed for usage based on the current usage rate over 2000

cubic feet of water used. The meter at the inter-connection will be read monthly by the County when the inter-connection is in the open position. Standard water rate will be applied. Payment will be due upon receipt of the bill from the County. Failure to pay the bill and a subsequent delinquent notice will forfeit this agreement in full and allow the County to disconnect the inter-connection unless other arrangements are agreed upon in writing by both parties.

- 9. The County reserves the right to discontinue and/or disconnect any and all inter-connections and water services that would cause the County to violate any current and/or future laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, EPD, EPA, Chatham County Health Department, and/or any other entity that will or can govern the County's ability to meet any and all orders or compliance and/or consent orders.
- 10. The County does not waive any sovereign immunity by entering into this agreement.
- 11. The Company holds harmless and indemnifies the County from any acts or negligence caused by their employees or agent that result in damage to, or contamination, to the County's water system.
- 12. The term of this agreement shall be for one (1) year and shall automatically renew for an additional (1) year term unless terminated or amended at any time upon written notification by one party to the other.
- 13. The laws of the State of Georgia shall govern this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seal, the day and year written above.

CHATHAM WATER COMPANY

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

BY: _____
**Mark Smith, Chatham Water Company
President**

BY: _____
Pete Liakakis, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

ATTEST: _____
**Janice Bocook
Clerk of Commission**

SEAL

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**9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR A PICNIC AT TOM TRIPLETT PARK.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a Special Event permit for a picnic at Tom Triplett Park. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-9
AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012**

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Michael A. Kaigler, Assistant County Manager
Willie C. Lovett, Chief of Police

ISSUE:
Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County.

BACKGROUND:
Dr. Billy Jamerson, III has submitted a request for a Special Event Permit on behalf of the Frogs Club, Inc. The Frogs Club was organized as a non-profit social/civic club in 1938. The group will be celebrating its 75th anniversary and the picnic will serve as a kick-off event. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages at the event to be held at the Tom Triplett Community Park.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
2. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The group will provide security using off-duty police officers. The event will be held on June 24, 2012, from 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event at the Tom Triplett Community Park.
2. Deny permit.
3. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Under the County Code, the Board must approve by Special Event Permit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on County property except at boat ramps and fishing piers.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Alternative #1.

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10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD BIDS AS FOLLOWS: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.)

Chairman Liakakis said, next, Item 10-l.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, that is the contract to – for the moving of furniture and equipment in the Sheriff’s Department. Is there a reason, and I’m – it’s just a thought, that we could not use some of the non-violent inmates to be moving this furniture?

County Manager Abolt said, no, ma’am. You have the security issue, plus this is eligible to make sure that when we move we’re moved out in time so the contractor can get in. If there’s any delay in moving, we have a financial obligation to the contractor as we can’t – he/she can’t get in there and do the work.

Commissioner Stone said, just seems like \$36,000 is a lot –

County Manager Abolt said, in a –

Commissioner Stone said, – and I just wish that we could utilize –

County Manager Abolt said, I – I –

Commission Stone said, – some of the inmate population that are not a threat to be moving some of this equipment I – I –

County Manager Abolt said, that would – that would be the Sheriff’s call, and – and remember in many cases, those in the jail have yet to be convicted so – and – and – but again I want – I want –

Commissioner Stone said, but there are technical violators –

County Manager Abolt said, right.

Commissioner Stone said, – that might be non-violent that could be used –

County Manager Abolt said, I’ll be – I’ll be glad to discuss it with the – the Sheriff but I also want you to understand – I don’t – I ask that the subject be clarified from the standpoint of the complexity. 90 + million – or almost a \$90 million project where we begin moving people from one place to the other, the Sheriff, as he told you, has to keep functioning. So the – the people that are having their office equipment moved, have to be guaranteed that from the start of business to the end of business they have their equipment there to do it. And we have to do that all in such a way where it’s a secure environment and then we get these – these – this equipment moved in such a way where the contractor can go in without assessing us penalties to do the work. So it’s – it’s a – it’s a prudent step in my estimation.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand. I guess my – my concern is that we have inmates sitting in the air conditioning out there having three meals a day, access to television, and we need furniture moved.

County Manager Abolt said, and you would – and you would also – well again, the Sheriff can speak better than I, but you’re allow – allowing these inmates access to very – to very important information, and there has to be some degree of – of bonding –

Commissioner Stone said, there could – there could be supervision. I – I mean guess –

County Manager Abolt said, I’m not – I’m not – I mean I prefer the Sheriff – the Sheriff would comment, –

Commissioner Stone said, right.

County Manager Abolt said, – but I – I think that the complexity of the matter justifies using someone from the outside, but that’s my opinion.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone] so I’ll let you know, the Sheriff showed me that they’re having to move a lot of heavy equipment and all of that, and they are moving it to another location so that the construction people can get into those particular areas, and what happens with a – a – a large amount of equipment that’s going to be moved out of those areas are very heavy, and if one of them gets hurt, then it could cost the County a considerable amount of money for their treatment.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand. I would just like – I would request that a memo to the Sheriff go out saying that if there are some pieces of equipment that could be moved by the inmate population that is not a threat to anybody’s safety or to themselves, any liability, that we utilize just as he does to clean the floors and clean the kitchen, that we utilize some of these inmates and alleviate some of this expense –

County Manager Abolt said, be glad to.

Commissioner Stone said, – to the tax payer.

County Manager Abolt said, be glad to.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, so, we want a motion then on the floor, but to put that proviso in it for the Sheriff if he can utilize prisoners to help reduce the cost.

Commission Stone said, absolutely.

Commissioner Thomas said, is that a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, yes.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We have a motion on the floor and a second. Let’s go on the board. And Russ [Abolt], you’ll get with the Sheriff, you know, and bring that information to him to see about utilizing those prisoners?

County Manager Abolt said, as soon as the meeting adjourns.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve item 10 A-R with the exception of item 10-I. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]
- b. Commissioner Stone moved to approve Item 10-I with the request that a memo be sent to the Sheriff requesting that if possible he utilize prisoners to move some furniture to reduce the cost. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Quickview Haloptic Pipeline and Manhole Inspection System	Engineering	Environmental Products of Georgia (Sole Source)	\$18,600	CIP - Engineering
B. Cisco network equipment for I.C.S.	I.C.S.	Quality Communications Inc.	\$24,410	2005 DSA Bonds - South Annex
C. Fiber cabling for the new Fleet Services Facility	I.C.S.	Comcast	\$22,094	CIP - Fleet Relocation

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
D. Six (6) hand held mobile and portable digital radios for the Detention Center	I.C.S.	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	\$23,129	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
E. Annual contract with four (4) renewals for laser jet and toner print cartridges, for various Chatham County departments	Various	VIP Office Furniture and Supply	Varies	• General Fund/M&O - Various • SSD - Various
F. Two (2) 72" zero turning radius riding mowers for the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department	Parks and Recreation	Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc.	\$19,548	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
G. Annual contract with four (4) renewals for irrigation services for the Chatham County Public Works and Park Services	Public Works and Park Services	Turf Services Unlimited, Inc.	Varies	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
H. Change Order No. 3 to the Professional Service Contract for supervision of youth under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court for additional personnel	Juvenile Court	Regenia Walker	\$14 per hour	Supervision Fees
I. Contract for the moving of furniture and equipment at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department Administrative areas	Sheriff's Department	American Moving and Storage	\$36,240	CIP - Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project
J. Purchase of furniture for Detention Center Buildings A, C1 and K for the CCDC Expansion	Detention Center	• Mason, Inc. • National Office Systems	\$54,611	CIP - Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project
K. Annual renewal of the software maintenance support agreement for Calldirector, WORKdirector, GEOdata Connect, GISDirector, PavementPLUS, PAVementview, and STORMview for Public Works and Park Services.	Public Works and Park Services	Cartegraph Inc. of Dubuque, Iowa	\$24,990	• SSD - Public Works • General Fund/M&O - Park Services • Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund • Solid Waste Management • SSD - Solid Waste • Solid Waste Restricted
L. Renewal of property insurance for various Tybee Island locations.	Finance	• Mt. Hawley Insurance Company (existing carrier) • Lloyds of London	\$31,980	Risk Management Fund – Premiums Insurance and Surety Bonds
M. Audio visual system with teleconferencing system for the new Public Works and Park Services Facility	Public Works and Park Services	Georgia Sound Communications	\$22,897	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Public Works Building
N. Georgia Handbooks on Criminal Evidence, Criminal Trial Practice and DUI Trial Practice Manuals	District Attorney	West Publishing Corporation	\$16,140	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
O. Design and engineering services for the Cloverdale Community Center	Building and Safety	Lominack Kolman Smith Architects	\$49,450	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Cloverdale Community Center
P. Twenty-two (22), workstations for the CCDC Expansion	Detention Center	McWaters, Inc.	\$25,420	CIP - Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project
Q. Soccer goals for the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department	Parks and Recreation	Lloyds Soccer	\$10,695	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
R. One (1) replacement vehicle for the Police Department	Fleet	Dan Vaden Chevrolet	\$11,597	CIP - Fleet Replacement

AGENDA ITEM: X-10 A thru R
AGENDA DATE: JUNE 8, 2012

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: MICHAEL A. KAIGLER, DIRECTOR
HUMAN RESOURCES & SERVICES

SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a sole source purchase in the amount of \$18,600 from Environmental Products of Georgia, for a Quickview Haloptic Pipeline and Manhole Inspection System.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (NPDES-MS4) Permit requires inspection of the storm system and detection of illicit connections. The Quickview Haloptic Inspection System will provide staff the ability to inspect up to 400 feet of storm pipe.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Quickview Haloptic System is a pole-mounted camera system that allows staff to inspect drainage structures and storm pipes. Staff researched similar technology and found the Quickview Haloptic System to be the best for the following reasons: uses haloptic lighting which provides the best illumination; provides the longest viewing distance (up to 400 feet); and has dual cameras for 360 degree viewing on one pole.
2. Environmental Products of Georgia is the sole provider of the Quickview Haloptic System in Georgia.
3. Environmental Products of Georgia provided a quote for the camera system and training for \$18,600.

FUNDING: CIP - Engineering
 (3501575 - 54.25001 - 35030217)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a sole source purchase in the amount of \$18,600 from Environmental Products of Georgia, for a Quickview Haloptic Pipeline and Manhole Inspection System.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve sole source purchases.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$24,410 purchase of Cisco network equipment from Quality Communications, Inc., a local MBE firm, for the I.C.S. Department.

BACKGROUND: The entire County network operates on a Cisco Network and this equipment is essential to ensure functioning network operations. This equipment is part of the Oglethorpe Commerce building renovation project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Request for Quotes were advertised and four (4) quotes received on April 24, 2012. The quote responses are as follows:

*	Quality Communications, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$24,410
*	Entre Solutions Savannah, GA	\$25,007
	Diversified Computer Solutions, Inc. Atlanta, GA	\$26,014
**	Adcap Network Systems Alpharetta, GA	\$26,647
**	WBE Firm	
*	MBE Firm	

2. Staff believes the total cost of \$24,410 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: 2005 DSA Bonds - South Annex
(3703355 - 54.13011 - 37032117)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$24,410 purchase of Cisco network equipment from Quality Communications, Inc., a local MBE firm, for the I.C.S. Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary network equipment for the functionality of the network operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
LYNN STENNETT

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$22,094 purchase of fiber cabling from Comcast for the new Fleet Services Facility.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County acquired the 84 Lumber site on Ogeechee Road for an adaptive reuse for Fleet Services, which must move since the U.S. Government has acquired its site on Sallie Mood Drive for flood mitigation.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Fiber cabling must be run from the Chatham County Sheriff's Department to the new Fleet Services Facility located at 4020 Ogeechee Road to link all data and communications equipment to the County's Infrastructure.
2. Comcast provides special pricing to the County as part of their franchise agreement.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$22,094 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Relocation
(3501567 - 54.13001 - 35031357)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$22,094 purchase of fiber cabling from Comcast for the new Fleet Services Facility.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary network equipment, hardware and software for the functionality of the network operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$23,129 sole source purchase from the State of Georgia contract, for six (6) hand held mobile and portable digital radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: The Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department upgraded their radio system from analog technology to digital technology. The County continues the migration towards total compatibility with the upgraded technology with various purchases throughout the year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. A sole source is required to maintain compatibility with law enforcement locally and statewide. Motorola Solutions, Inc., is on the State of Georgia contract and the GSA Schedule 70 Homeland Security Contract.
- 2. Communications between the two (2) agencies is mandatory from a public safety standpoint.
- 3. Staff believes the cost of \$23,129 for the six (6) hand held mobile and portable digital radios to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$23,129 sole source purchase from the State of Georgia contract, for six (6) hand held mobile and portable digital radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the Detention Center.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for necessary technology equipment for law enforcement in the interest of public safety.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract to VIP Office Furniture and Supply, to provide laser jet and toner print cartridges, new and recycled, for various Chatham County Departments, with renewals options for four (4) additional one year terms.

BACKGROUND: The annual contract for laser jet and toner print cartridges is required to provide "as needed" delivery of the demand for the various items provided for by this contract.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Bids were properly advertised and received on March 1, 2012. The following firms submitted bids:

Tree House, Inc. Newton Centre, MA	Staples Technology Deerfield Beach, FL
Inkcloners, LLC Pompton Lakes, NJ	CVR Computer Supplies Cherry Hill, NY
The Office Pal Lakewood, NJ	VIP Savannah, GA
Minton-Jones Norcross, GA	Xerox Lewisville, TX
Martek Imaging Solutions Melbourne, FL	

- Specifications were for two hundred and fifty-five (255) laser jet and toner print cartridges. VIP offered the lowest overall bid on new and recycled cartridges.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Various
SSD - Various

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval to award an annual contract to VIP Office Furniture and Supply, to provide laser jet and toner print cartridges, new and recycled, for various Chatham County Departments, with renewals options for four (4) additional one year terms.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts to the low responsive bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$19,548 purchase of two (2) 72" zero turning radius riding mowers from Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc., Savannah, GA, for the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department.

BACKGROUND: The Parks and Recreation Lawncare Section needs to replace two (2) existing riding mowers that were purchased in 2001, and are worn out and beyond repair. These lawn mowers are used to maintain all of the community and neighborhood parks within the unincorporated area of Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- Quotes were received from three (3) vendors. The quotes are listed below:

Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$19,548
LawnMower Store Savannah, GA	\$19,918
Hendrix Machinery, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$22,504

- Staff believes the price quoted by Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
(1006100 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of a \$19,548 purchase of two (2) 72" zero turning radius riding mowers from Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc., Savannah, GA, for the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of replacement equipment needed for departmental operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract with four (4) renewals for irrigation services to Turf Services Unlimited, Inc., for commercial irrigation services for the Chatham County Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Park Services currently has 20 turf fields that require irrigation. An annual contract is needed to maintain the irrigation systems at these fields. The contract for irrigation can also be used by other Chatham County Departments needing irrigation installation or maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. A Request for Proposals was properly advertised and proposals were received on May 8, 2012. The following firms submitted Proposals:

<u>Firm Name</u>	<u>Total Score</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Sodman Landscape Design Savannah, GA	56.00	\$61,000
Turf Services Unlimited, Inc. Savannah, GA	80.00	\$36,000

- 2. Proposals were evaluated on the basis of experience and qualifications as well as labor and material costs. Staff believes the proposal from Turf Services Unlimited, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
(1006100 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval to award an annual contract with four (4) renewals for irrigation services to Turf Services Unlimited, Inc., for commercial irrigation services for the Chatham County Public Works and Park Services.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award annual contracts in the best interest of Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 3, to the Professional Service Contracts, (PSC's) to add Regenia Walker at \$14.00 per hour for the instruction and supervision of youth under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court.

BACKGROUND: The Work Squad Program, which has operated for 15 years, provides community service opportunities to children who have been ordered by Juvenile Court to perform community service as symbolic restitution or as a consequence or sanction for a violation.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The community service work program operates on Saturdays. There are eleven (11) personnel currently providing professional services for the Juvenile Court under this contract. Work Squad supervision duties include taking reasonable actions to assure the safety of the children and other persons with whom they come in contact, teaching the children the rules of the Work Squad, instructing them in the performance of the respective job assignments, overseeing the performance of their job assignments and duties, and performing light maintenance on Work Squad equipment.

2. These contract services are provided by off-duty County employees serving in the capacity of "Independent Contractors" and, as such, will be provided IRS Form 1099-MISC from County Finance. The contracts with the service providers establish accountability for their performance and direction regarding avoidance of conflict of interest. The contracts make it clear that the only professional services for which payment can be made under the contract are those which are clearly beyond the duties performed as employees of the County.

3. Hourly Rates are based on years of experience at the following rates:

<u>Years of Experience</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Less than 2 years	\$14.00
2 to 4 years	\$15.00
4 to 6 years	\$16.00
6 to 8 years	\$17.00
8 or more years	\$18.00
Work Squad Supervisor	\$23.00

4. Proposed hourly rate to be paid to the additional service provider:

Regenia Walker	\$14.00
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FUNDING: Supervision Fees collected by Juvenile Court
(2179934 - 57.30101)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 3, to the Professional Service Contracts, (PSC's) to add Regenia Walker at \$14.00 per hour for the instruction and supervision of youth under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Georgia Law and *The Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual* provide authority for the Board to enter into agreements for professional services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$36,240 contract with American Moving and Storage, Savannah, GA, for the moving of furniture and equipment at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department Administrative areas.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Sheriff's Department will be entering the phase of expansion where it is required to relocate its offices temporarily.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Request for Quotes were received from two (2) bidders. The bids are listed below:

American Moving and Storage Savannah, GA	\$36,240
Michael B. Welsh Office Installation Savannah, GA	\$45,702

2. The temporary move will take place on various dates over the next year. It will require staff to move out and return to their new or reassigned locations. During the relocation process the Department must remain in full operation. This cost includes moves to temporary locations and then to their permanent location.

3. The quote from American Moving and Storage was deemed to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project
(3803355 - 52.39001 - 38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$36,240 contract with American Moving and Storage, Savannah, GA., for the moving of furniture and equipment at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department Administrative areas.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to maintain county equipment in the best condition during a relocation procedure.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
LYNN STENNETT

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$54,611 purchase of furniture for Detention Center Buildings A, C1 and K from Mason, Inc., of Savannah, GA, and National Office Systems of Savannah, GA, for the CCDC Expansion.

BACKGROUND: The CCDC needs to purchase miscellaneous furniture for Buildings A, C1 and K of the new facility as required on the furniture, fixture and equipment master list.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Bids were received from six (6) bidders. The bidders are listed below:

Mason, Inc. Savannah, GA	National Office System Savannah, GA
Staples Savannah, GA	Georgia Speciality Equipment, LLC Fayetteville, GA
ModuForm Fitchburg, MA	CWC, LLC Macon, GA

- 2. The bids were evaluated by line item and the low bidder meeting specifications was selected for each line item. National Office Systems agreed to match the bid on item 6 of the non-local low bidder, Georgia Specialty Equipment.

National Office Systems Line Items 1,2,3,5,6,12 and 13	\$ 29,844
Mason, Inc Line Item 7	<u>\$ 24,767</u>
Total	\$ 54,611

- 3. Staff believes the total cost of \$ 54,611 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project
(3800335-54.25001-38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$54,611 purchase of furniture for Detention Center Buildings A, C1 and K from Mason, Inc., of Savannah, GA, and National Office System, Savannah, GA for the CCDC Expansion.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of furniture necessary to the operation the Chatham County Detention Center.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
LYNN STENNETT

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an annual renewal of the software maintenance support agreement in the amount of \$24,990 to Cartegraph Inc., of Dubuque, Iowa, for Calldirector, WORKdirector, GEOdata Connect, GISDirector, PavementPLUS, PAVementview, and STORMview for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Public Works and Park Services has utilized the Cartegraph WORKdirector Software System as a method of taking and tracking routine and non-routine work orders for the past eleven years. Public Works captures road infrastructure condition inventory information with PAVementview, and also incorporates a separate inventory of all drainage infrastructure assets as part of the MS-4 reporting requirements through the use of STORMview. In order for the last two software programs to correctly function an interface with existing SAGIS software is required. Public Works purchased GEOdata Connect and GIS Director to achieve this linkage. The functioning of Stormview, GEOdata Connect and GIS Director are imperative to meet the requirements of the County’s NPDES Stormwater Permit. Maintenance and support for this entire software system is critical for the entire department because all of the activities and information regarding the day-to-day work order operations of Public Works and Park Services are contained on this system.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Public Works and Park Services utilizes the Cartegraph Work Director Software System to take and track routine and non-routine work orders.
2. The Cartegraph WORKDirector/CallLink System has been in use in Public Works and Park Services for eleven (11) years and contains all of the day-to-day operational work activity information.
3. Additional modules have been added to the Cartegraph system increasing the maintenance and support price. The price given this year for renewal of the maintenance and support is \$24,990.
4. Maintaining and preventing software failures is critical to safeguarding the data contained within the system.
5. Since all sections within the department utilize Cartegraph, and Cartegraph also provides the human resources inventory for populating the time and attendance software, the proper functioning and maintenance of the Cartegraph system is critical to department operations.
6. Cartegraph is proprietary software. There are no other vendors providing maintenance and support for these software packages.

FUNDING: • SSD - Public Works
 (2704100 - 52.39001)- \$12,460
 • General Fund/M&O - Park Services
 (1006100 - 52.39001)- \$3,580
 • Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
 (5054400 - 52.39001)- \$3,580
 • Solid Waste Management
 (5404501 - 52.39001)- \$1,790
 • SSD - Solid Waste
 (5404502 - 52.39001)- \$1,790
 • Solid Waste Restricted
 (5404510 - 52.39001)- \$1,790

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of an annual renewal of the software maintenance support agreement in the amount of \$24,990 to Cartegraph Inc., of Dubuque, Iowa, for Calldirector, WORKdirector, GEOdata Connect, GISDirector, PavementPLUS, PAVementview, and STORMview for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of maintenance support for safeguarding critical system data.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM L

ISSUE: To notify the Board of Commissioners of the renewal of property insurance for various Tybee Island locations.

BACKGROUND: The Tybee Island Library, Pavilion, and various communication equipment located at Fort Street are considered higher risk than other County property due to their susceptibility to wind and wave damage. Based on the higher risk exposure, these properties are not eligible for coverage under the existing blanket property and contents policies.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Mt. Hawley Insurance Company (existing carrier) and Lloyds of London were the only companies to provide a comprehensive quotation including all requested perils. Westfield, Cincinnati, Georgia Wind Pool, and Travelers either declined to provide a quotation or provided incomplete coverage.
2. Mt. Hawley's renewal quote is \$5,482 more than last year, due to property location and an increase in claims due to severe weather nationwide. The deductible will remain unchanged at 3% of total values at risk.
3. Terrorism coverage was quoted, but is not recommended. The probability of meeting all of the requirements that would 'trigger' coverage is remote.
4. Mt. Hawley is a non-admitted carrier and not subject to the State's Guaranty Fund, but does have an AM Best rating of A+ (Superior) with a financial size rating of X – or \$500 to \$750 million in policyholder surplus.

FUNDING: Risk Management Fund – Premiums Insurance and Surety Bonds
(6259922 - 52.31021)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept renewal quotation without terrorism coverage – annual premium \$31,980.
2. Cancel coverage and assume risk of loss.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Total insurable values of \$2,743,310 exceed the total net assets in the Catastrophic Claims Internal Service Fund as of June 30, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Commissioners approve Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the purchase and installation of an audio visual system with teleconferencing system in the amount of \$22,897 from Georgia Sound Communications for the new Public Works and Park Services Facility.

BACKGROUND: Public Works and Park Services is in the process of completing construction of a new administrative and field office complex. This facility can also be used as one of the base facilities by the Public Works Critical Workforce in the event of disasters. In order to facilitate both normal working conditions and disaster related conditions, the first floor Training Room will be outfitted with a complete teleconferencing, audio visual package. This will allow Public Works management staff and field staff to communicate effectively and efficiently with other internal and external agencies under a myriad of operational conditions.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Public Works and Park Services relocation to a newly constructed facility combining both administrative and field staff employees creates the need to be able to communicate effectively and efficiently with other internal and external agencies.
2. In order to fulfill this requirement, a complete teleconferencing, audio-visual package is needed for the first floor Training Room.
3. Quotations were solicited from three (3) qualified vendors. One of the vendors elected not to respond due to the quick turn around time required for this installation. A second vendor declined to resubmit an earlier request for quotation. The lowest responsive vendor was Georgia Sound Communication at a cost of \$22,897.

4. Completion of the installation of the teleconferencing, audio visual package is critical to the ability of Public Works and Park Services to interface with multiple internal and external agencies in a wide range of operational conditions.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Public Works Building
(3234980 - 54.13099 - 32360437)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the purchase and installation of an audio visual system with teleconferencing system in the amount of \$22,897 from Georgia Sound Communications for the new Public Works and Park Services Facility.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the award of contracts to the low responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$16,140 sole source purchase for Georgia Handbooks on Criminal Evidence, Criminal Trial Practice and DUI Trial Practice Manuals from West Publishing Corporation, Carol Stream, IL for the Chatham County District Attorney's Office.

BACKGROUND: The District Attorney's Office must have the current legal books on hand to stay abreast of current Georgia statutes as they relate to prosecuting criminal cases in Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current handbooks are in need of replacement.
2. West Publishing is the only known source for these handbooks.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$16,140 for the Georgia Handbooks to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
(1002200 - 53.14003)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$16,140 sole source purchase for Georgia Handbooks on Criminal Evidence, Criminal Trial Practice and DUI Trial Practice Manuals from West Publishing Corporation, Carol Stream, IL for the Chatham County District Attorney's Office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide current research material that is essential to the daily operation of the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a professional services contract in the amount of \$49,450 to Lominack Kolman Smith Architects for the design and engineering services for the Cloverdale Community Center.

BACKGROUND: This project is for the design and engineering for the Cloverdale Community Center which will be located on the Butler Elementary School campus at 1909 Cynthia Street, Savannah, Georgia. The Center will be developed as a free standing 4,000 square foot facility. The facility shall contain spacial allocations to accommodate programs directed by the City of Savannah, including a multi-purpose room, computer lab, office, wellness/fitness room, kitchen and restrooms.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Proposals were solicited for Design/Engineering Services for the Cloverdale Community Center. Nine (9) proposals were received. The proposals were scored by the evaluation committee and the top four high scoring firms were interviewed. After the interviews were scored, the fee proposals that were submitted by the four finalists were opened and scored. After adding the scores from the proposal, interview and fee proposal, Lominack Kolman Smith Architects is the high scoring firm. **(See attached matrix on pages 19 and 20 for detailed scoring).**
2. Staff finds the fee proposal submitted by Lominack Kolman Smith Architects to be fair and reasonable for the size and complexity of this project.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Cloverdale Community Center
(3244980 - 54.13001 - 32470360)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a professional services contract in the amount of \$49,450 to Lominack Kolman Smith Architects for the design and engineering services for the Cloverdale Community Center.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award design contracts to the highest scoring firm.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____

LYNN STENNETT

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$25,420 purchase of twenty-two (22) workstations for Street Operations Area in Building A of the Detention Center from McWaters, Inc.

BACKGROUND: The CCDC needs to purchase workstations for the Street Operations Department in Building A of the new facility.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were received from ten (10) bidders. The bids are listed below:

Business Interiors by Staples, Savannah, GA	\$22,073
Total Office Solutions, Jacksonville, FL	\$25,420
McWaters, Inc., Savannah, GA	\$26,283
CWC, LLC, Atlanta, GA	\$29,988
VIP Office Furniture & Supply, Savannah, GA	\$33,150
Mason, Inc., Savannah, GA	\$33,484
National Office System, Savannah, GA	\$34,206
Office Services, Savannah, GA	\$34,717
M. S. Harris & Assoc., Macon GA	\$40,301
Georgia Correctional Industries, Decatur, GA	\$52,599

2. Business Interiors by Staples did not meet specifications and therefore was not low. The next low bidder, Total Office Solutions is a non-local bidder.
3. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which allows the lowest local bidder the opportunity to match the bid of a non-local firm. If the local firm does match the "lowest bid", the local firm is awarded the purchase. McWaters of Savannah, Ga has agreed to match the "lowest bid from Total Office Solutions, Inc., Jacksonville, FL and is therefore recommended for the award.
4. Staff believes the total cost of \$25,420 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP- Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project
(3800335 - 54.25001 - 38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$25,420 purchase of twenty-two (22) workstations for Street Operations Area in Building A of the Detention Center from McWaters, Inc.

- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve furniture purchases necessary to the operation of the Chatham County Detention Center.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
LYNN STENNETT

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval of \$10,695 for the purchase of soccer goals from Lloyds Soccer, Mt. Pleasant, SC, for the Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex for the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County soccer fields are in need of additional soccer goals. The game of soccer continues to grow for all age groups.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Request for Quotes received from two (2) prospective bidders. The quotes are as follows:

DTI Group, LLC Tacoma, WA	\$11,580
Lloyds Soccer Mt. Pleasant, SC	\$10,695

- 2. The soccer goals will be used for the U12 age group. The goals meet the requirements of the State of Georgia Soccer Association.
- 3. Staff believes that the quote received from Lloyds Soccer is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
(1006100-53.17009)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of \$10,695 for the purchase of soccer goals from Lloyds Soccer, Mt. Pleasant, SC, for the Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex for the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve equipment purchases necessary for the operation of departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM R

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$11,597 purchase of one (1) replacement vehicle for the Police Department from Dan Vaden Chevrolet.

BACKGROUND: The Police Department has approved funding for 19 vehicles per year, as per the Police Merger Agreement. The department is requesting the replacement of one (1) unmarked SUV. The trade-in will simplify the purchase of this vehicle.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. A standing request for "good" used vehicles is in place with local dealers and they are encouraged to let us know when they have something they feel we should consider. Staff checked with local car dealers that normally respond to bids and came back with this proposal.
- 2. The Fleet Manager and a representative from the Police Department selected the following vehicle based on utility and value. A cost benefit analysis was conducted by the Fleet Manager, and it was determined that disposing of this vehicle by trade-in would yield the best return for the County due to the current trade-in value.
- 3. The vehicle selected was from:

Dan Vaden Chevrolet	1 vehicle \$37,957
2012 Chevrolet Tahoe	
Less trade	1 <u>vehicle (\$26,000)</u>
Total Purchase	\$11,597

FUNDING: CIP – Fleet Replacement
(3501567 - 54.22001 – 3503068B)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$11,597 purchase of one (1) replacement vehicle for the Police Department from a dealer in Savannah, Georgia, and authorize the disposal of one (1) vehicle to be used as trade-in.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of replacement vehicle for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative #1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS
PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

Proposed changes to ordinances must be read or presented in written form at two meetings held not less than one week apart. A vote on the following listed matters will occur at the next regularly scheduled meeting. On first reading, presentation by MPC staff and discussion only by Commissioners will be heard. Comments, discussion and debate from members of the public will be received only at the meeting at which a vote is to be taken on one of the following listed items.

Chairman Liakakis said, there are no first readings

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Chairman Liakakis said we have three second readings.

1. **A. MODIFY THE CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE SOLID WASTE FEES FOR DRY TRASH, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES FOR THE DRY TRASH FEES, TO INCREASE THE SEWER SERVICE FEES BY FIVE PERCENT (5%); AND**
- B. TO PROVIDE CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENERGY EXCISE TAX.**

Chairman Liakakis said, one, modify the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to increase the solid waste fees for the dry trash, to amend the definition of single family residential properties for the dry trash fees, to increase the sewer service fees by five percent (5%); b) provide conceptual approval to proceed with the implementation of an energy excise tax. Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, this is an ordinance before you. We discussed it in budget. Last meeting Commissioner Kicklighter asked that item B, or the now new item B be separated so we've done that, but essentially this was all part of the budget recommendation.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Patrick [Farrell]?

Commissioner Farrell said, I just wanted to make a statement that under the current taxation and revenue sharing that's used in the unincorporated district, I will not be supporting the increase of the dry trash fee. There are some inequities in the – the money that's raised in the Special Service District versus the money that's – the revenue from the LOST and from the franchise fees that – that are not used for – to offset those property taxes. So, you know, until we can get that straightened out a little – in a – in a more satisfactory, even-handed manner, you know, I – I can't in good conscience ask the folks in the Special Service District to pay more money

out of pocket for a service. Now if there was a even playing field with taxes levied and revenue shared for that particular group of people in Chatham County, those 87,000 people, then I would be more inclined to let this fee pay for that particular service.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, I was going to say the exact same thing, it's – it's very disturbing that the citizens in the incorporated area are paying in taxes and they're not getting any benefit from it, and I'll be darned if I'm going to support another increase on their backs. So the playing field does need to be leveled, and until we can get it leveled, the citizens of the unincorporated area do not deserve a fee increase, and I will not support it.

Chairman Liakakis said, anybody else? Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I agree with both of them. That's enough said.

Commissioner Odell said, can we just table it?

Commissioner Gellatly said, Pete [Liakakis]?

Chairman Liakakis said, Tabitha [Odell]?

Commissioner Odell said, can we just table it until we address the other issues?

County Manager Abolt said, no, ma'am.

Commission Odell said, no?

County Manager Abolt said, no, ma'am. You've got some budget issues here that are quite – quite consequential.

Chairman Liakakis said, let me ask you time element wise, we can't table this till the next meeting, Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, if you table it till the next meeting – here – here – here's your issues, Mr. Chairman, if I may, of course, and I don't – none of this is new, but in my budget proposal I made some minimal requests for fee increases but the one that's catching all the attention is the one that's been back before you on more than one occasion, and that is the dry trash fee. The – the dry trash operation as you know is an Enterprise Fund. It's separate and apart from the Special Service District. Certainly what Commissioner Farrell said, and I fully understand that, but I have – to balance the budget an issue of funding dry trash service. And dry trash service to the Enterprise Fund does not have enough ongoing revenue to keep going. We did last year because you wanted to continue the service not cut it, we gave you the option to use reserves. I – I don't want to read in to what the motion might be, but I definitely need a motion. If you wish to table it you can table it, but by your next meeting – 'cause you're going to adopt the budget, and that budget makes certain assumptions that there are going to be revenues to continue. If you choose not to adopt the current proposal on dry trash fee, you have two other options, one you cut the service, or two you use your reserves. If you use your reserves I want Mr. Drewry to comment on the consequence because we've been using our reserves and now it is getting very traumatic from the standpoint of high profile projects like moving the mulch pile on Concord Road so we can expand Charlie Brooks Park and also providing a reliable site on the westside. If we deplete the reserves, it'll be years before we can replenish the reserves, and so in effect, for all intents and purposes the option to move what we now have at Concord Road and provide for more reliable service on the westside will be gone. Robert [Drewry]?

Commissioner Farrell said, well that particular option will be gone. Doesn't preclude other options for moving that pile. Right or wrong?

County Manager Abolt said, ah, I think it's wrong. Robert [Drewry]?

Chairman Liakakis said, Robert [Drewry]?

Commission Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I'd – I'd like to on that if I may before Robert [Drewry] –

County Manager Abolt said, let – let Robert [Drewry] answer please.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well I –

County Manager Abolt said, he asked a question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – have something off of that.

Mr. Robert Drewry said, good afternoon, I'm Robert Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services. The County Manager is correct. Continue to draw down reserves, we lose that availability of – of funding capital, capital projects and capital equipment. And that does quite frankly frighten me because we do need to move our mulch pile, we do need to relocate our grinding operations because where they're located now is just not – not – not appropriate. It's in a residential area for the most part. If we choose to move – we can't move the

operations to any other location that I'm aware of, and I think I might answer Commissioner Farrell's question, is, I'm not aware of any other locations we can move the grinding operations that will be away from residential areas. So in essence we do need to fund the relocation out of these reserves.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, so basically then, since it's being put that way, are we talking about the reserves from the SSD budget?

County Manager Abolt said, no, no, no, no. The reserves – the – the

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you're talking about reserves from the M&O?

County Manager Abolt said, yeah, you – you – you have had set up as a business dry trash, and the fundings are coming from the dollar and a half tipping fee plus the 50% of the charge for the actual service delivery. So as a business, you're using reserves. And you could continue to use reserves, but it's my responsibility to tell you right now, if you – if you continue on that route then, there are going to be implications and there are going to be implications in – in your District and Commissioner Farrell's District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so we're talking the M&O reserves not SSD?

County Manager Abolt said, no, sir. No – no, sir. No, this – this is the reserves for the – the dry trash fund, the business. No – no reserves from SSD –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

County Manager Abolt said, no – years ago to try to solve the train wreck – partially solve the train wreck in the SSD, the – the whole dry trash operation was moved out of the SSD.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Let – let me ask this question, as far as having monies available because from a political standpoint, I, you know, can sit back and admire good political maneuvering, and when a few months before the budget my citizens start calling and – and which I represent, I'll just state, although there's eight Districts, I represent approximately one fourth of the entire population of Chatham County. So naturally, I'm sure y'all can imagine I'd get phone calls that all of the sudden the citizens out in my area can't dump their yard waste in the containers like they could for the previous year upon years upon years. So rather than – again looking at other alternatives, such as implement a use fee for residents.

County Manager Abolt said, this is a use fee – this is a use fee.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no this is the \$43 more –

County Manager Abolt said, it's a use fee.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but this is for the unincorporated area residents.

County Manager Abolt said, it's for – it's for the residential patrons of the dry trash service.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right, but not the fee for anyone living in the County to go dump in a container.

County Manager Abolt said, what – hold on I want to make sure I understand your question. First of all there is some M&O participation to recognize people from cities that go to the transfer station. And we estimate based on actual volume how much we can charge the M&O so people that come from downtown Savannah, come from Garden City, incorporated Garden City, they – we – we take a little bit out of M&O reflective of the actual use.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, but we – we've tied into the explanation of why this has to be approved the – the statement that it will hinder operations out in even west Chatham County I believe was what was said earlier. But that's not – yes, probably half their unincorporated area residents and we're talking the actual dry trash pick up that we do. But then we're talking the other half – the other 30 something thousands citizens that live in the other cities out there that can't go dump their stuff in a container like they previously could. So point being, why can't we look at separating those two like they should be and if a citizen of this County goes to dump tree limbs or whatever in a container, why not have a small fee for them? Other words, let's not just tie the unincorporated area residents into paying here because I remind you the unincorporated residents are M&O residents also, so they're paying twice and we've tied it into a reason – explanation of why –

County Manager Abolt said, I – I've confused you. This – this is reflective of the ability to put a truck in front of their property five times a month, not – not to – it – it – yes, it is partial – it does affect the operation of the transfer site, but this is a user fee for them to come to – anybody who lives in the unincorporated area to pick up their stuff on the curb.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, well how does that affect me? Us approving this as a Pooler resident when I want to go to Sharon Park and dump some tree limbs into a container over there?

County Manager Abolt said, okay. If I understand your question and I want to – I want to restate what I said before. We have reflective of that benefit, and not talking about dry trash service, but the operation of the – the transfer stations, we have said by – based on ticket – by volume, that Pooler resident, that Garden City resident, that Savannah resident, they come in and they sign a, you know, their – their – the thing. We look at that every year, and we say, okay, there's so much percentage of use of the transfer – not dry trash service, and we say, okay, so the M&O can pay for that. But this is not an M&O situation because this is a – to use your term and my term, a user fee, something a person is paying because Robert [Drewry] puts a truck in front of their house five times a month.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, then why can at this point in time the citizens not dump their tree limbs at the –

County Manager Abolt said, to – I'll let Robert [Drewry] respond.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – facility.

County Manager Abolt said, – that's an environmental issue. Robert [Drewry], go ahead.

Mr. Drewry said, I – I – I assume your referring to the Sharon drop off center?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

Mr. Drewry said, they can now drop – drop their – their yard waste off. We were in a position where we wouldn't allow them to put it on the ground. So we've dedicated two open top containers so the residents can – can dump their yard waste into those containers.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so that's back opened now?

Mr. Drewry said, that is back, yes, sir. It has been for several weeks.

County Manager Abolt said, there is a – there is a –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, when – when did that occur?

Mr. Drewry said, I beg your pardon?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, when – when did y'all?

Mr. Drewry said, a couple of weeks ago.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Mr. Drewry said, a couple weeks ago.

County Manager Abolt said, there is a problem there because as you can imagine particularly with the storm, those containers are going to be filled up right quick. So I mean.

Mr. Drewry said, that is correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so is there any reason – anything tying into this vote with the future access for usage of that type of service?

Mr. Drewry said, no, sir. No, sir. As the Commissioner – County Manager indicated this is so we can put a truck in front of your home five days a week – not your home.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well that – I mean that's what I was hoped but –

County Manager Abolt said, I – I think – but let – let me also – and maybe – and maybe I'm – I'm taking a while I apologize to understand the question. When it comes to the more efficient accessibility not on – not on dry trash, but on the homeowner who lives in another area of the County, west side, Robert [Drewry] – Mr. Drewry believes that and I also believe that having this new site will provide more – more reliable and – and more convenient source of dropping off that debris. Right Robert [Drewry]?

Mr. Drewry said, that – that is a correct statement.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

County Manager Abolt said, I apologize for the confusion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. And the options presented was to stop the service. I believe we already charged the unincorporated area residents about \$43 or something a year.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, if we stop the service all together, are – do we have it budgeted to return the \$43 that they're already paying back to them?

County Manager Abolt said, no, the service is done. I mean we've provided the service. You provided the service up to the end of this fiscal year.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no – okay, so I'm saying but –

County Manager Abolt said, I mean, they've paid for it –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we would be prepared to cut that out of the budget too, if we cut the service?

County Manager Abolt said, if – if you wish to do that that's an option – I would not recommend it, but that's one of your options.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, Robert [Drewry]? Since all these storms that we had last year and this year, I had gone out to help out in a number of those areas where you had your people because we had people removing limbs, you know, with our – my organization and all, but when we have these storms like this, which there were a number of them last year and some just recently, the try – dry trash from the trees and the limbs, all of those things that have fallen down in those areas, what have cost – what would have been the cost factor on some of those that the people that live in those areas?

County Manager Abolt said, I – I – Robert [Drewry] can respond. I can respond to – the Chairman was on my property last Father's Day, the big Father's Day windstorm. At my house alone it took me a day and a half to clean up. I'd have spent three times that \$85 to get them to come take the limbs off my property. I mean it – it – when it hits – when it hits the fan, this is a very, very good buy.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, but I mean there's much more that fell out in a lot of other areas. He had quite a bit at his areas, but, you know, like on the different roads and all I saw it, you know, sometimes 8, 10, 12 feet high.

Mr. Drewry said, yeah, that – that is true. That's what happened the Father's Day storm last year – in June of last year. And it seemed – I don't recall the exact figure, but I know we talked to a few of the tree service contractors out there, and it is a substantial fee for them to come onto your property and remove the debris whether they are large logs, tree – full trees, or – or just shrubs and – and limbs. There's a significant charge for the homeowners to do that if they want to haul them off. I don't remember what the exact fee was, but it was – it was rather high.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, why – Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I don't think this would bother me if – if – if – if we had in front of the citizens the exact explanation of where their monies are actually going. Other words, back seven, eight years ago when the police department merged, that budget has tripled, and a huge majority of the SSD tax payers now with their tax dollars primarily funds the police department. Prior to that merger, there was not a fee. There was not a requested fee. That was actually a service that the unincorporated area residents received as a part of their tax dollars. They already do not receive what most people would deem to be city-type services for the taxes they pay for the city-type services. They're primarily getting a police department with the monies. A dose of – of truth if you will to the citizens of – we're funding a bloated police department budget with their monies is the cause of the trouble. It's not that God brought more tree limbs down. That – that – that rain all of the sudden blew trees and we can't afford it so we've got to add more fees to the people, it's the police budget that's so bloated that's eating up the entire budget for the second largest city if you will in Chatham County. And until we face head on the true problems, we're going to continue to put injustices on those tax payers living in our unincorporated areas. And that's the pink elephant in the room if you will, it's that bloated budget. And – Russ [Abolt], I will – I promise you I'll let you –

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, sir. Please go on.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but they're paying taxes for city services and basically getting nothing for that. They're – they're getting as far as unincorporated area residents, they pay for their private fire service; they pay I believe their own street lighting district fees, so they're not getting even the street lights you get when you live in a city. They're – they're getting every now and then ditch – ditch maintenance that admittedly earlier is not as often as anyone – all of us up here would like. They virtually get nothing but the police service for their tax dollars. And this grab or – or whatever, another attempt to grab more of their monies is just truly, truly sad at this point. Because they're already as Commissioner Farrell stated, they're already treated horribly by the State laws that won't let them utilize the monies that they pay in to taxes and franchise fees and everything else. And as one of the basically three that we primarily represent, us three, including Commissioner Gellatly here, those people that we're talking about, we're asking y'all up here with us to help us help the people we represent and not implement this fee. And with that, I'll stop.

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead, Russ [Abolt].

County Manager Abolt said, if I may and I appreciate the opportunity not to respond but discuss. Remember your SSD budget's been in trouble for a long time. Since 19 – well the last tax increase and – and last year you made a modest adjustment to reflect the negative digest, the SSD budget has not been changed since 1993. The – the Board has always, even when there has been adjustments in the M&O have not done anything in the SSD. Have not done anything in the SSD. And – and this – it predates the police merger. I remember with previous Commissions long gone by when I first looked at it and the Board then said, Mr. Manager look at ways of charging fees for services that are legitimately eligible for them. I could never see in my mind and will not see in my mind why a tax payer should support a person's refuse service. Everybody else pays for that service. It's just like saying, well let's pay for their electric bill or their gas bill. This is a – a utility. Something provided that is measurable, and I realize many, many years ago, long before I got here a County Commission thought well let's just do this thing. And so we started doing this thing and this thing now has evolved and it's evolved over a period in which there've been no increases in revenue. Yes, the police merger did come later, but the issue has always been come, like Commissioner Farrell said, we have the second largest city in this County and we're not adequately funding it. Now for a variety of reasons. It's my responsibility to give you options. I – I – I don't think it's passionate, that's too strong a word, but I feel very strongly that this is a service that should be paid for by the person that benefits from it. When Robert Drewry sends a truck to their house five times a month, and they in effect, you know, get by with that, I don't think that's reflective of the utility benefit and me personally I can, as the Chairman just said, I can tell you on Columbus – on – on Father's Day a year ago, I mean I would have gladly paid \$85 two or three times over just to get the stuff out of my yard. One man's opinion. But there's no – I don't think there's any reason to attack the justification for the user fee.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. The way that I see this, and I agree with Commissioner Kicklighter is that we do pay over a 3 mill tax in the unincorporated area. So basically all we get for that 3 mill is police. Let – let me finish, please. This service, this \$85 fee, whatever, 87, 85, that's been split in half was originally a fee that was given to the citizens of that area, which I assumed was part of that 3 mill, 3 plus mill. So now we're saying you can go ahead and pay the millage, but you're going to get one service for it now, and that's going to be policing. And Commissioner Kicklighter's right, I mean if you – if you go back and you look at the Intergovernmental Agreement that was signed before many of us were on this Commission, it pretty much gave full control to the City of Savannah, and I think the residents of the unincorporated area, the – I have not had any complaints about the police service, but I just think it's – it's – we've gotten to a point now where the unincorporated area pays their own fire, their own garbage pick up. The only services that we're going to end up with now are policing services, and I think that's – that's wrong for over 3 mills, I really do. And I don't think this is the time to put that burden on the tax payer, and I – I – again, I cannot and will not support it.

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, I – I – I – I realize that yes the emphasis is on public safety, and that's important, and obviously the crime reduction and what happened here a couple hours ago reflects the commitment, the value, but you're also getting MPC, you're getting Engineering, you get Recorder's Court, and you get a little bit of Inspections. So I'm not – I'm not – I don't want the viewing audience to say we're just getting the police department. You're – you're getting more. There's no question about the fact that if you live in the unincorporated area of 87,000 people, the level of service is not the most desirable level. But I submit that since 1993 the millage has only been adjusted twice, and the last time it was just to reflect the negative digest. So I mean you're – I don't – I don't know of any corporation public or private that can operate on a fixed – fixed revenue stream if you look at tax rate going back to 1993. That – that's just – just don't know.

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead.

Commissioner Farrell said, and – and Russ [Abolt], you know, I – I agree with you citizens should, you know, pay for their garbage service somehow. They should pay for their fire department somehow. And they should pay for their dry pash – dry trash pick up somehow. It's just that philosophically when I see such an enormous inequity in the – in the entire budget I – I just can't in good conscience keep going to the same well, if you will, to – to ask for more funding without taking a hard charge at addressing the inequities. If there was an even – even playing field, then I – I wouldn't have a problem with the citizens paying their – a reasonable, fair share for a fee – a service that they, you know, nobody gets water pumped into their house for free, not from the private sector, not from the public sector. Nobody gets their sewage pumped out of their – off of their house for free either privately or publicly. And this is a great service and there's no doubt and – and compliments to Robert Drewry and his – his team of professionals that – that are there, and it's great to have a standing army, if you will, that can – a – a SWAT team that can react to these micro burst storms that we have in this County, that can go to the problem areas, get the roads cleared, get the stuff up, get it out of the neighborhood, you know, and that's the function of having a work force that's in place. But again it's just, you know, trying to address the franchise fee inequity and the LOST non – nonparticipation, which is out of the hands of everybody in this room. There's – there's nobody except the State legislature that can address that. You know, the laws and the – and the court proceedings that have come down in 1979 preclude the special service – any special service district in the city – in the State of Georgia to – to – to benefit from – one penny from – from a LOST. However, you know, in our case there's 87,000 residents that everyday they pay the fifth penny on their purchases for gasoline and for groceries and for their washer and dryer and their automobile. So, you know, it – it's just a – it's a – it's a – it's a larger issue than the trash fee, you know, this just kind of highlights some of this and – and that's why I philosophically cannot support this particular method of payment for – for these services.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

County Manager Abolt said, can I give you options?

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, again, Commissioner Odell asked the question, and it is time critical. You – you can certainly table it till your next meeting, but then there are budgetary consequences if it goes beyond that. Here if – if you'll follow me, this is an amendment to the revenue ordinance which we do every year. This just says we're going to have in one document all the changes to charges. The – the one that's getting all the attention, the solid waste fee. We do want you to expand the definition of what a single family residence is. The – the attorney brought to my attention back last fall that there are certain properties that are getting out – out of paying for even the \$43 because of the way in which the fee is being charged, and there is a way of dealing without partials, what you refer to as mother-in-law suites, an additional mobile home, when they should be paying for that. So here – here are your choices, permit me. Obviously you can – you can – you can table it till next meeting, but I would say, please no longer than that. Or you can act on it today, you can consider the dry trash fee or the dry trash service in the following fashion: one, you would adopt the fee; number 2 you'd cut the service which I would strongly recommend against; or three, you could use your reserves. And these are reserves within the solid waste budget. The consequence of that Mr. Drewry has explained. You can't – that's solid waste fee. Then you deal with – regardless of that you – my recommendation you expand the definition of who should be paying the solid waste fee, and – and then you're finished with that. Then you have the increase in the sewer service charge which is passed through the City of Savannah, and then the third thing is just to acknowledge that by September we're going to do something with the energy excise tax, and we just acknowledge that that's on there. Commissioner Kicklighter wanted to separate that so I don't know not of what. But I believe you can dispose of it today if you wish or wait till next time, but please there's urgency in not waiting beyond two weeks.

Member of audience said, will you accept any comments from the public? Is it possible for a citizen to make a comment?

Chairman Liakakis said, we have to wait till the Commissioners before we have anybody in the audience speak.

Member of audience said, but I mean this is my pocket book and this is exactly why –

Chairman Liakakis said, no. No, I understand that but the procedure –

Member of the audience said, before the vote is taken?

Chairman Liakakis said, – that they've been doing here for 100 years is that the Commissioners make their statements and – on that, and then if somebody in the audience wants to speak they can be recognized if they, you know, if they want them to.

Member of the audience said, yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I – I just want to comment before the vote is taken.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, could there possibly be a – could there possibly be a option number 4, and actually cut the service in half? And let me explain before you say no.

County Manager Abolt said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if we're currently picking up once a week, is – is that the case? Once a week?

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir. Five – five times – five times a month actually.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, five times a month.

County Manager Abolt said, 'cause they – they – they come on the 5th to pick up the white goods. So it's, you know, they pick up the limbs and yard debris every week, and then the – I know, I can only speak in my case, then the last – last Friday of the month on the island, they'll come up and they'll pick up, like the refrigerators and other stuff like that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

County Manager Abolt said, it's five times a month.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, here would be my recommendation, that's plain out pampering. Five times a month is over kill of – of that service. It's a great service. We had a clean up when I was Mayor in Garden City. Once a year we'd pick up the – called it spring clean up, pick up the refrigerators or whatever. So we narrow

that down to once a year. People don't need to throw major appliances out every month. You do it once a year. If that does not meet their time frame, the citizen can do as other citizens do, take the appliances off themselves. Government does not have to be the be all and do all for all people to the contrary to the way our government seems to be going today. People can do for themselves as the people who created this country did when they actually came over here and established the country. We don't have to do it all. Cut the service back. One time a year on a major pick up such as the appliances, and rather than five times a month, establish two areas, split them in half in case we have to get rid of half the – and I'm sorry employees, we're facing tough times. I'm sorry to say it, but I'm not elected I guess to just say the sweet little things here. If we have to get rid of half the employees, we take and pick up once a month in two separate established areas, and half will cover that. It actually cuts more routes out than employees and trucks and services. We have something left should we run into major storms in the future. And no it's not easy, but if we don't start doing something right now, God help the group that's in here next year. What we will be facing next year is going to be absolutely awful, and we can make a few, just – just – just let's bite it down and take a few hard decisions now for the future if for nothing else. Just out of a little bit of respect for the people that's going to – God forbid maybe win and get more than they even dreamed they were going to get when they come in and face a \$20 million deficit. A little bit of tough cuts now is going to help not only the citizens, but if we think ahead, it'll help whoever's sitting up in the seats not have to be quite as nasty because it's going to be nasty next year no matter what we do because we're going to be raising taxes or cutting services. And we can start now with a few things and – and be fiscally responsible. And cut the service back. So, when we get options in front of us that says eliminate it all, you eliminate it all or whatever, I think there's – there is a middle in society and that's the part that for whatever reason we seem to lack in this country. Everybody wants to be off to the left or the right. Let's find that middle. It's usually pretty much right not defined by both extremes and that's it. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Tabitha [Odell]?

Commissioner Odell said, and –

Chairman Liakakis said, and then Robert [Drewry], just stay there.

Commissioner Odell said, and Commissioner Kicklighter I do not want to be argumentative at all, but, you know, do we really want to consider cutting jobs when we haven't raised taxes on certain things or fees on certain things since 1993? I mean it's really unreasonable not to raise taxes and cover increases of cost. In business you raise taxes when your fees increase. So I mean 1993 is a very long time not to increase a fee.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, they – they put the \$43 fee on these citizens about a year ago.

County Manager Abolt said, my responsibility, and – and I'm not argumentative at all. I know you know that. We've worked together too long. It has to do with capacity. And again I don't want to say if a wind storm should happen this weekend, but you all know in fact it was the minor windstorm of just last week Robert [Drewry] had to put out an announcement that we're behind. We – we don't have the capacity given the current people power to deal with even a mild wind event without a long time before they can do the job assigned. And – and that's where it – it falls on y'all. It falls on my office but more on you 'cause I will get calls I know, why haven't the limbs and debris been picked up in my neighborhood? The storm was a week and a half ago or the storm was two weeks ago. And we just say we'll get to it when we get to it. If you cut it in half, and I want you also to understand, I want Mr. Drewry to respond, the way we staff it, we're staffing a lot of this with – with temporary and day laborers. So I mean you've got – you've got the vehicle, you've got the driver, and then most of the people you see on the truck are day laborers. So I mean the people power is – is part of the cost. The consequential cost is the equipment, and then also having a modicum of a capacity so that if the wind does blow this – this next weekend, Robert [Drewry] can say with certainty, okay, I have enough resources to get out and get with it. But I – I really want because this is so consequential, to have Robert have the time to explain to you his operational consideration when it comes to mobilizing when the wind blows.

Mr. Drewry said, thank you, sir. That's – that's a correct statement, and we did see evidence of that in the last couple of weeks with the minor winds from – from – from Tropical Storm Beryl. If the – if the funding is cut in half then obviously yes I have to let half the employees go, and – and that – that can certainly happen, but what doesn't change is the volume of the yard waste. That stays consistent if not grows any more, particularly during the – the heavy winds. So what used to take, you know, one day to cover a route now can easily double, but now you – when there was a pile every fourth house, now you can expect that to happen every other house, which means it slows the people down. They cannot – I don't know how long it would take to cover a route to be quite frank with you. If you have half the staff it may take them weeks to get through a – a – a situation like Beryl to even pick up, you know a simple route. What now we can pick up in a day, the volume is just going to – it's going to double if we only pick it up a couple times a month. And – and that doesn't change. That volume will still be there, and that will slow the crews down considerably because then they have to pack out quicker. They have to go back and dump their loads. Go back on their routes. They'll be doing that several times a day. So we – we couldn't – we couldn't guarantee you when the trash would be picked up if we – if we cut the staff in half. We couldn't say we'll finish your route Monday, we'll finish your route on Tuesday because we don't know how long it will take them to get through that route. So that – that would be my caution if – if we cut the fee – or kept the fee half and cut the employees.

County Manager Abolt said, we'll do what you tell us.

Chairman Liakakis said, Robert [Drewry], let me ask this question. Wait a minute. What's that road, you know, the boat club is down at the end of that road, but what's the name of that road?

County Manager Abolt said, Bradley Point.

Mr. Drewry said, Bradley – Bradley Point.

County Manager Abolt said, Bradley Point.

Chairman Liakakis said, Bradley Point Road, yeah. There was one of the people they live – I think it's the third or fourth house from the end there that those people had – would have had to pay over \$300 for all of that debris at their place there. And – and actually, you know, if you take the 12 times 4 – \$43 dollars, you see that that would take up most of that just at that one pick up over \$300 for all that debris. They had those couple of houses down. I mean, excuse me, they had that couple of trees down and one of them hit that part of the house, but they had to get all that debris out of there.

Mr. Drewry said, yes, sir. We had that tornado on Bradley Point Road a couple of years ago.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we – we – we remove a tree that fell on a house?

County Manager Abolt said, no, sir. No, sir. But when they move it to the curb that's where we in effect do that, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, would – would that not be prudent or make good financial sense to allow the insurance to pay for the removal of such a thing rather than the tax payers.

County Manager Abolt said, it – well again, I'm sorry, I can respond –

Commission Kicklighter said, well I mean seriously.

County Manager Abolt said, – okay, well I – I can only respond –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, a big huge tree was hauled off.

County Manager Abolt said, I can only respond and this is personal and I have obviously knowledge of it. Insurance companies have limits on what they do for trees. And in fact like my policy they do a maximum of 750 on a tree that has to be removed. That's neither here nor there. We – we really need to – if you're not prepared to do it today, I would suggest you table it till next time but understand the service implications. We're not trying to be argumentative. We just want to make sure you understand the reality of the type of complaints we're going to receive if we don't provide the service and then you must judge whether or not this service can be paid for and should be paid for by the property owner.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I'm – and I was glad to learn that the employees I was talking about is more of a day laborer not our actual county employees. So we very possibly from the sound of it wouldn't have to lay off a – a real county – or not a real but a permanent county employee.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas] and then Tabitha [Odell].

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, please allow me to say that this is not something that we cannot find common ground on. I would suggest that you would allow staff given all of this input and discussions that we've had here this morning to go back review the suggestions and come up with the – an alternative that we can all live with. I agree that we should not be imposing anything on one segment of the community as to another. Although this has been done in some other instances. But you have – you hear that old saying, you know, when the shoes fit it's okay. When it doesn't, it, you know, it – it doesn't. So my – my discussion here right now is for us to try to find common ground. Ask staff to review all of the suggested alternatives that we can look at and all of the Commissioners if you have additional input, discuss it – share it with staff, give us an opportunity to review it by the next meeting, and then at the next meeting we make a decision.

Chairman Liakakis said, you make that into a motion?

Commissioner Thomas said, I move that we do that.

Commission Odell said, I second.

Commission Kicklighter said, and – and may we amend – I have no problem, I know by law you cannot profit off of a sewer fee – water and sewer fees, so the 5% requested increase on the sewer fee is to run the sewage system –

County Manager Abolt said, it's the – the City of Savannah charges more, we're just passing it through.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's what I'm saying. So I'm willing – I'm fine at this point approving if you split one A and where it says to increase the sewer service fees by 5%. I know that's necessary. So we could approve that today, along with item B, and then the other be tabled.

County Manager Abolt said, would you do the – I – I apologize I don't mean to – would you do your definition? Your definition I think is very fair from the standpoint of acknowledging that there are certain properties right now

that aren't paying the \$43 that should be paying it. That's the definition, the mother-in-law house and all that. If – if you look at – at page 3 of the staff report.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, absolutely – absolutely.

County Manager Abolt said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I – I mean well I –

County Manager Abolt said, so you're doing everything but the fee.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, definition of a single family – yes.

County Manager Abolt said, yeah, as having one or more dwellings per property or parcel, such as a house with a mother-in-law suite or an additional mobile home, to also include residential properties with less than one building, vacant lot, the ancillary structure, such as a garage or a dock.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, two. From that point on, yes, ma'am, where it says to amend the definition. The rest of that A and B is fine to approve today.

Chairman Liakakis said, do you accept that?

Commissioner Thomas said, I accept.

Chairman Liakakis said, do you accept that, Tabitha [Odell]?

Commissioner Odell said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right. Then we – make the motion then for the B.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, as – as I understand the motion, it is to amend the definition of single family residence for properties for dry trash, to increase the sewer fee by 5% – and –

County Manager Abolt said, and provide conceptual approval.

County Attorney Hart said, – and provide conceptual approval for the implementation of the energy excise tax which is not really – it's just a substitution and it's also something the County has to do because it has to meet with municipalities, and we're charged by law with that responsibility.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's correct.

Chairman Liakakis said, so –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, she made a motion and she already seconded. They amended their motion to be that.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. Okay. All in favor of that motion, go on the board.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, now, do I need to make a motion to table the first part of that or it's just done?

Chairman Liakakis said, well, she – Priscilla [Thomas], you want to do that, Priscilla [Thomas]?

County Attorney Hart said, well –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you go ahead and do that.

Commissioner Thomas said, I offer that motion to table –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, to table the –

Commissioner Thomas said, to table the –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, part that said modify –

Commissioner Thomas said, modify the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to increase the solid waste fees for dry trash.

Commission Kicklighter said, that's it.

Commissioner Thomas said, for dry trash fee period.

Chairman Liakakis said, second?

Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Thomas moved to table modifying the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to increase the solid waste fees for dry trash till the next meeting. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Farrell were not present for the vote.]
- b. Commissioner Thomas moved to amend the definition of single family residential properties for the dry trash fees, to increase the sewer service fees by five percent (5%), and to provide conceptual approval to proceed with the implementation of an energy excise tax. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

~~AGENDA ITEM: XII-1~~
~~AGENDA DATE: May 25, 2012~~
AGENDA ITEM: XII-1
AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE:

Modify the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to increase the solid waste fees for dry trash, to amend the definition of single family residential properties for the dry trash fees, to increase the sewer service fees by five percent (5%); and provide conceptual approval to proceed with the implementation of an energy excise tax.

BACKGROUND:

The County's fiscal 2013 budget will be adopted in June 2012. The Chatham County Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees resulting from the budget process. On August 26, 2011, the 2011 Revenue Ordinance was approved by the Board of Commissioners.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. An annual solid waste fee per single family residential unit of \$85 is proposed to offset the costs of curbside dry trash pickup. Article V Section 3 needs to be amended to change the fee from \$43 to \$85. Presently, the fund is being balanced using Net Assets. If this continues, Net Assets will be depleted. See Attachment I.
2. The definition of single family residential unit under the solid waste fees needs to be amended to include properties that have more than one dwelling or an ancillary structure such as a garage or dock. Article V Section 3 needs to be changed. See Attachment I. Changes are underlined.
3. A five percent (5%) increase to sewer rates is proposed to offset a pass-through rate increase from the City of Savannah. Article W Section 3 needs to be changed to amend the rates as shown in Attachment I.
4. House Bill 386 was passed by the Georgia Legislature during the 2012 session. The House Bill phases out sales taxes collected on energy used in manufacturing processes over a four year period beginning January 1, 2012. The House Bill allows counties to approve and collect an energy excise tax from companies that sell energy to manufacturers within the County. If the excise tax is implemented, the effect will be revenue neutral. To replace the local share of sales tax, the County's proposed energy excise tax would be:
 - January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 - 0.5%
 - January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 - 1.0%
 - January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 - 1.50%
 - January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 - 2.00%

Prior to adopting an ordinance, the County must enter into intergovernmental agreements with local municipalities who wish to participate in the energy excise tax distribution. Conceptual approval is requested so that County staff can proceed with meetings and other steps required by law.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

In accordance with adopted financial policies, the Finance Department will submit an updated Revenue Ordinance for approval each year within 45 days of annual budget adoption. Amendments to the Ordinance may be submitted throughout the year.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. As described in Facts and Findings, modify the Revenue Ordinance to increase the solid waste fees to \$85, redefine single family residential unit and increase sewer service fees as shown in Attachment I. The changes will be effective July 1, 2012. Also, grant conceptual approval to proceed with implementation of the energy excise tax.
2. Provide other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board follows Alternative 1.

**RECOMMENDED REVENUE ORDINANCE CHANGES
Attachment I**

Article V. Section 3 Solid Waste Fees

For every single family residential unit in the unincorporated area, a Solid Waste Fee will be charged per year. This charge is for solid waste services in the unincorporated area of the county which includes yard waste recycling and curbside bulky item collection. The fee will be included on the 2nd installment real estate property tax bills. The Tax Commissioner is responsible for collecting the fees. Penalties and due dates will be the same as indicated on the tax bill.

The fee will be \$85.00 per year per single family residential unit. For purposes of this ordinance, single-family residential means residential properties classified by the County as having one or more dwelling per property or parcel, such as a house with a mother-in-law suite or an additional mobile home. It also includes residential properties with less than one building – a vacant lot with an ancillary structure, such as a garage or dock. A totally vacant lot would be exempt.

Article W. Section 3 Sewer Service Fees

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Flat Rate	\$72.00	\$76.00
Base Charge	\$28.00	\$29.00
Sewer-Special Flat Rate	\$1,145.00	\$1,202.00
Sewer-Irrigation Base Charge/Bethesda Base Chg	\$22.00	\$23.00

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2. **AMEND SECTION 7-3 C (5) - (SIGN STANDARDS RESTRICTED SIGNS) AND 7-3 D (3) - (ANNOUNCEMENT SIGN REQUIREMENTS). TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC ANNOUNCEMENT SIGNS IN SELECTED ZONING DISTRICTS, SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS. MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
MPC FILE NO. Z-120404-62747-1
TEXT AMENDMENT - UNINCORPORATED AREA**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, amend Section 7-3C, sign standards restricted signs and 7-3D, the announcement sign requirements to allow electronic announcement signs in selected zoning districts, subject to limitations. MPC recommends approval.

Mr. Jim Hansen said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, Jim Hansen representing the MPC. In the interest of time I will answer any questions that you have but this is simply a text amendment to allow within the commercial districts and the C-A district the ability to use the electronic signage. The signage will be limited. It will only be allowed to be changed once every 24 hours. It cannot flash, run, scroll, or any other means. It must remain static, and also there are limitations on the amount of light that can be emitted at any point.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, do we have a second?

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we had a quiet second.

Chairman Liakakis said, go on the Board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to amend Section 7-3C(5) (sign standards restricted signs) and 7-3D(3) (announcement sign requirements) to allow electronic signs in selected zoning districts, subject to limitations. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-2~~
AGENDA DATE: ~~May 25, 2012~~
AGENDA ITEM: XII-2
AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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-----MEMORANDUM-----

TO: CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION
THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

**Text Amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance
Re: Amend Section 7-3C(5) - (Sign Standards Restricted Signs) and 7-3D(3) - (Announcement Sign Requirements). To allow electronic announcement signs in selected zoning districts, subject to limitations. MPC Recommends approval.
MPC File No. Z-120404-62747-1**

Issue:

It is proposed that an amendment to the sign section of the Chatham County Ordinance (Sections 7-3C(5) and 7-3D(3)) be made to allow the use of electronic announcement signs, subject to limitations, in certain zoning districts.

Background:

Section 7-3 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance identifies sign standards which apply to all signs erected, placed, hung, constructed, or maintained within the unincorporated limits of the County. Subsection C outlines those signs which are generally not permitted. Further, part (5) of subsection C prohibits flashing signs, running light signs, and illuminated signs with moving parts, and electronically controlled sign faces and message boards, with certain exceptions.

It is the intent of the proposed amendment to allow electronically controlled announcement sign faces and message boards subject to limitations in the C-A district and in certain commercial and industrial classifications. This section does not amend the standards regarding electronically controlled billboards within the unincorporated jurisdiction of Chatham County.

Findings:

1. Although Section 7-3C(5) prohibits most types of flashing, running or electronic signs, the regulation makes specific exception for signs "... that are used exclusively to convey public service messages such as time and temperature or as allowed under Section 7-3(B), – "Illuminated Sign" standards for certain principal use signs. Hotel and motels may display room rates and restaurant daily specials..." This exception allows such uses access to current digital sign technology that is not available to other users in similar zoning classifications.
2. Outdoor advertising has evolved to where more and more digital technology is being used to improve business use while conveying useful information to motorists. Digital technology can produce static images that are changed via a computer. The images do not scroll, flash, feature motion pictures or emit intermittent light.

It is proposed that electronically controlled announcement signs be allowed in the following zoning districts subject to limitations: B, B-1, B-2, B-N, N-N-1, B-C, RB-1, I-P, T-B, M, P-S-C, W-I, I-L, and I-H zoning districts and in C-A districts which front a collector or arterial street.

3. Limitations shall relate to matters concerning size, how often the message can be changed, brightness, and the number of such allowable signs per property.
4. The proposed amendment does not affect the standards regulating digital billboard technology within the unincorporated jurisdiction of Chatham County.

Alternatives:

1. Approve the request to amend the Ordinance.
2. Deny the proposed text amendment.

Policy Analysis:

Most ordinances, and in particular the Zoning Ordinance, are not static documents. They need, from time to time, to be amended to reflect changing community values, changing land use trends, or to recognize changes in technology. Provided that certain limitations and conditions are made a part of the Ordinance requirements, digital announcement signs can be an effective means of communication for the traveling public and the community as well. The proposed amendment has such limitations and does not provide for additional signage above and beyond that presently allowed. The amendment allows for a new type fo signage.

RECOMMENDATION: The MPC and Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services recommend... APPROVAL of the request to amend Sections 7-3C(5) - (Sign Standards Restricted Signs) and 7-3D(3) - (Announcement Sign Requirements) of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance to allow electronic announcement signs subject to limitations in the B, B-1, B-2, B-N, B—1, B-C, RB-1, I-P, T-B, M, P-S-C, W-I, I-L, and I-H zoning districts and in C-A districts which front a collector or arterial street.

ENACT

Section 7-3C(5)

Flashing signs, running light signs, illuminated signs with moving parts, and electronically controlled sign faces and message boards. This provision shall not apply to signs that are used exclusively to convey public service messages such as time and temperature or as allowed UNDER Sec. 7-3(B), - "Illuminated Sign" standards for certain principal use signs **or under Sec. 7-3D(3)**. ~~Hotel and motels may display room rates and restaurant daily specials on illuminated stationary signs that are not flashing signs; running light signs, illuminated signs with moving parts and electronically controlled surfaces and messages boards."~~

Section 7-3D(3)

Uses in all B, B-1, B-2, B-N, B-N-1, B-C, RB-1, I-P, T-B, M, P-S-C, W-I, I-L, and I-H zoning districts and in C-A districts which front a collector or arterial street shall be permitted...

... signs are attached to the "pump island." The aggregate area of such announcement signs shall not exceed 12 square feet for any one "pump island."

Announcement signs shall be further limited by the following standards:

- (a) **Electronically controlled copy shall not be changed more than once per 24 hours.**
- (b) **Copy shall not be animated, revolve, flash or have running lights.**
- (c) **The brightness of any such permitted sign shall not exceed 30 foot candles at any point on the sign face.**

NOTE: Additions are in bold face type; deletions are characterized by strikethroughs.

PREPARED BY: Jim Hansen, AICP Director
Development Services

April 24, 2012

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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-----MEMORANDUM-----

DATE: APRIL 24, 2012
TO: CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:

Text Amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance
Re: Amend Section 7-3 C.(5) and 7-3 D(3) to allow electronic announcement signs in selected zoning districts subject to limitations.
MPC File No. Z-120404-62747-1

MPC ACTION:

Approval of the petitioner's request to amend Section 7-3(C)(5) (sign standards restricted Signs) and 7-3 D(3) Announcement Sign Requirements) of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance to allow the electronic announcement signs subject to limitations in the B, B-1, B-2, B-N, B-N-1, B-C, RB-1, I-P, T-B, M, P-S-C, W-I, I-L, and I-H zoning districts and in C-A districts which front a collector or arterial street.

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MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the petitioner's request to amend Section 7-3(C)(5) (sign standards restricted Signs) and 7-3 D(3) Announcement Sign Requirements) of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance to allow the electronic announcement signs subject to limitations in the B, B-1, B-2, B-N, B-N-1, B-C, RB-1, I-P, T-B, M, P-S-C, W-I, I-L, and I-H zoning districts and in C-A districts which front a collector or arterial street

MEMBERS PRESENT: 9 + Chairman

VOTING FOR MOTION

- Shedrick Coleman
- Ellis Cook
- Ben Farmer
- Stephen Lufburrow
- Lacy Manigault
- Murray Marshall
- Tanya Milton
- Jon Pannell
- Adam Ragsdale
- Joseph Welch

VOTING AGAINST MOTION

***ABSENT OR **FAILING TO VOTE**

- * Russ Abolt
- * Timothy Mackey
- * Susan Myers
- * Rochelle Small-Toney

FOR APPROVAL: 10 **FOR DENIAL:** 0 **ABSTAINING:** 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

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3. THE PETITIONER, NICOLE THIEKLE, IS REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A REZONING FROM AN R-A (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE) ZONING

**CLASSIFICATION TO A B-C (COMMUNITY BUSINESS) ZONING CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
MPC FILE NO. Z-120228-00008-1
[DISTRICT 7.]**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Item 3, Petitioner, Noble [sic] Thiekle, is requesting approval of a rezoning from an R-A, residential agriculture, zoning classification to a B-C, community business, zoning classification. The MPC recommends approval.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the rezoning from an R-A zoning classification to a B-C zoning classification. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XII-3~~
AGENDA DATE: ~~May 25, 2012~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-3
AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
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-----M E M O R A N D U M -----

TO: CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION
THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The petitioner, Nicole Thiekle is requesting approval of a rezoning from a R-A (residential agriculture) zoning classification to a B-C (community business) zoning classification. The MPC recommends **approval**. MPC File No. Z-120228-0008-1.

ISSUE: At issue is the rezoning of a portion of the property located at 5850 Ogeechee Road from an R-A (Residential Agriculture) zoning classification to a P-B-C (Planned Community Business) classification.

BACKGROUND: The subject property is located generally at the northeast corner of Ogeechee Road (US Hwy. 17) and Little Neck Road. The property comprises a total of approximately 6.38 acres and has been split zoned since the inception of zoning in the early 1960s. Approximately 1.0 acres of the total parcel is zoned R-A. That portion is the subject of the current request.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- Public Notification:** As required, all property owners within 200 feet of the subject property were mailed notifications of the request and the property was posted. The site is not located within a known neighborhood development.
- Existing Development Pattern:** Zoning in the immediate area has remained fairly static over the past several years. The most recent zoning occurred in 2007 when a parcel of land approximately one-half mile northeast of the site was zoned to allow apartments.

The land uses and zoning districts surrounding the subject property include:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
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North	Golf Driving Range	R-A
East	Vacant	R-A
South	Commercial	P-B-C
West	Commercial	P-B-C

3. **Transportation Network:** The property is accessed from Ogeechee Road which is classified as a major arterial roadway. The most recent traffic study available indicates an average daily traffic count of approximately 22,500.

Transit: Public transportation is available via Route 17 along Ogeechee Road.

4. **Public Services and Facilities:** The property is served by the Metropolitan Police Department, Southside fire protection and by private water and sewer.

5. **Land Use Element:** The Tricentennial Land Use Plan designates the subject property as Planned Development.

6. **Existing R-A Zoning District:**

- a. **Intent of the R-A District:** The purpose of this district is to protect those rural areas within the urban expansion areas of the county for future urban development, and to protect certain rural highway roadside areas against strip development which can lead to traffic congestion, traffic hazards, and roadside blight.
- b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the R-A district appear in the attached chart.
- c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the R-A district appear in the attached table (Table 1).

7. **Proposed (P-B-C) Zoning District:**

- a. **Intent of the B-C District:** The purpose of this district shall be to provide community shopping facilities consisting of a wide variety of sales and service facilities at locations that will be accessible to a market area containing from 35,000 to 70,000 people.
- b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the B-C district appear in the attached chart.
- c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the B-C district appear in the attached table (Table 1).

8. **Planned District Overlay (P)**

- a. **Intent of the Planned District Overlay:** According to the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of the Planned District Overlay is to “provide areas within which comprehensive development plans shall be prepared for review by the MPC or MPC staff in order to secure an orderly development pattern.
- b. **Allowed Uses:** The P district is considered an “overlay” district and the uses permitted are those uses permitted in the zoning district which it overlays.

9. The subject property has been split zoned since the inception of zoning, though the reasons why have long been lost. Much of the 6.38 acre property remains vacant, but a portion, including the land zoned R-A has been developed and used for commercial purposes for many years. At various times the land zoned R-A has been used for a restaurant, an art store, and the pro shop for a golf driving range among other uses. Because the aforementioned uses would all be non-conforming under the existing zoning and the uses allowed in a non-conforming zone are limited, the petitioner seeks to consolidate the zoning to the P-B-C classification for the entire property. The proposed zoning is consistent with Future Development Map of the Tri-Centennial Plan and is consistent with development patterns in the area.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would create traffic volumes, noise level, odor, airborne particulate matter, visual blight, reduce light or increased density of development that would adversely impact the livability or quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood?

Yes _____ No X

2. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would adversely impact adjacent and nearby properties by rendering such properties less desirable and therefore less marketable for the type of development permitted under the current zoning?
Yes _____ No X
3. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate a type or mix of vehicular traffic on a street or highway that is incompatible with the type of land use development along such street or highway?
Yes _____ No X
4. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate greater traffic volumes at vehicular access points and cross streets than is generated by use permitted under the current zoning district to the detriment of maintaining acceptable or current volume capacity (V/C) ratio for the streets that provide vehicular access to the proposed zoning district and adjacent and nearby properties?
Yes _____ No X
5. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would require a greater level of public services such as drainage facilities, utilities, or safety services above that required for uses permitted under the current zoning district such that the provision of these services will create financial burden to the public?
Yes _____ No X
6. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would adversely impact the improvement or development of adjacent and nearby properties in accordance with existing zoning regulations and development controls deemed necessary to maintain the stability and livability of the surrounding neighborhood?
Yes _____ No X
7. Will the proposed zoning district permit development that is inconsistent with the comprehensive land use plan?
Yes _____ No X

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the petitioner’s request to rezone a portion of the property located at 5850 Ogeechee Road from an R-A (Residential Agriculture) zoning classification to a P-B-C (Planned Community Business) classification.
2. Deny the petitioner’s request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The proposed rezoning is consistent with the Tricentennial Future Development Map and will establish a zoning district that is more compatible for the surrounding area than the zoning that presently exists.

RECOMMENDATION: The MPC and Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services recommend **APPROVAL** of the request to rezone a portion of the subject property from an R-A zoning classification to a P-B-C zoning classification.

PREPARED BY: Jim Hansen, AICP Director
Development Services

April 24, 2012

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Table 1: Comparison of Development Standards for the Existing R-A District and Proposed B-C Zoning District

	B-C District	R-A District
Minimum Lot Area	N/A (commercial)	30,000 sq. ft.
Minimum Lot Width	N/A	100 ft.
Front Yard Setback	85 ft from centerline of road	85 ft from centerline of road

Minimum Side Yard Setback	10 ft when abutting an "R" district	15 ft
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	30 ft when abutting an "R" district	35 ft
Maximum Height	N/A	36 ft
Maximum Building Coverage	N/A	40 percent
Maximum Density	N/A	1 unit per net acre

MPC recommends that the following described property be rezoned from its present P-B-C (Planned Business Community) and R-A (Residential Agriculture) to a P-B-C (Planned Business Community).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Starting at a point [X: 941,598.5671 Y: 729,553,9962] located at the intersections of the centerline of Little Neck Road and the centerline of the South/West bound lane of Ogeechee Road [U.S. Hwy 17] and proceeding in a Northeasterly direction N 43-9-50 E for a distance of 594.785 to a point [X: 942,005.4525 Y: 729,987.8314] said point being, THE POINT OF BEGINNING
 thence proceeding in a direction: N 44-20-34 E, along a line for an approximate distance of: 375,274 to a point,
 thence proceeding in a direction: N 36-2-45 W, along a line for an approximate distance of: 416.727 to a point,
 thence proceeding in a direction: S 44-21-29 W, along a line for an approximate distance of: 403-422 to a point,
 thence proceeding in a direction: S 49-54-25 E, along a line for an approximate distance of: 417.974 to a point, said point being, THE POINT OF BEGINNING

The property is further identified by the property identification number as follows:

PIN. 1-1007- - 01-014



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-----MEMORANDUM-----

DATE: APRIL 24, 2012
TO: CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:
 Charles Keller, Owner
 Nichole Thielke, Petitioner
 5850 Ogeechee Road
 MPC File No. Z-120228-00008-1

MPC ACTION: Approval of the request to rezone a portion of the subject property from an R-A (residential agriculture) zoning classification to a P-B-C (planned community business) zoning classification.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the request to rezone a portion of the subject property from an R-A (residential agriculture) zoning classification to a P-B-C (planned community business) zoning classification.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 9 + Chairman

VOTING FOR MOTION

Shedrick Coleman
 Ellis Cook
 Ben Farmer
 Stephen Lufburrow
 Lacy Manigault
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 Tanya Milton
 Jon Pannell
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 Joseph Welch

VOTING AGAINST MOTION

***ABSENT OR **FAILING TO VOTE**

* Russ Abolt
 * Timothy Mackey
 * Susan Myers
 * Rochelle Small-Toney

FOR APPROVAL: 10 FOR DENIAL: 0 ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
 Executive Director

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, we will now – there is information items that were distributed to all of the Commissioners.

1. PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M&O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SEE ATTACHED).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

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2. LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (SEE ATTACHED).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3
AGENDA DATE: June 8, 2012

List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$9,999
 That Do Not Require Board Approval

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
One (1) motorized cart	Sheriff	Scott Equipment Company	\$9,270	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
One (1) belt for unit 14 tub grinder	Fleet Operations	Consolidated Disposal Systems, Inc.	\$3,517	Parts Inventory
Repair of chiller #2	Detention Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$3,034	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) mobile field lab	C.N.T.	Centice Corporation	\$9,800	C.N.T. Confiscated Funds
Painting of locker rooms at Memorial Stadium	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Page's Painting, Inc.	\$6,800	CIP-Parks and Recreation

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Tax sale advertisements for May	Tax Commissioner	Morris Publishing Group	\$7,610	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Cross drain replacement and clean up for drainage improvements on Queensbury Canal at Remington	Engineering	Sandhill ALS Construction Inc.	\$6,500	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Queensbury Canal
Automotive metal work on truck beds for units 481 and 486	Fleet Operations	Walker Welding & Trailer Repair	\$3,690	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Paint job on Crown Victoria - Unit 957	Fleet Operations	A and L Autobody	\$3,138	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Ten (10) desktop computers for Sheriff's Department	I.C.S.	Dell USA	\$7,174	Computer Replacement Program
Janitorial supplies	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company (WBE)	\$9,516	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Replacement of two (2) 5-ton heat pumps and air handlers	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Air Services and Refrigeration	\$9,693	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
18 Microsoft Office software packages	I.C.S.	Dell USA	\$4,527	SSD-Engineering
Maintenance agreement on audio/visual equipment in six (6) courtrooms and the jury assembly room	Court Administrator	Stage Front Presentation Systems	\$4,953	General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator
Two (2) office furniture units	Victim Witness	McWaters Office Equipment Solutions	\$4,582	General Fund/M&O - Victim Witness
Two (2) electronic time and numbering stamps	District Attorney	Savannah Business Equipment	\$2,630	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Four (4) printers and toner packages for District Attorney	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$3,902	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Archeological survey for Jimmy Deloach Parkway Phase 2	Engineering	Brockington and Associates, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$6,300	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Jimmy Deloach Parkway
Ecology report for the Jimmy Deloach mitigation site	Engineering	Sligh Environmental Consultants	\$6,000	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Jimmy Deloach Parkway
Two (2) natural gas meters	Engineering	Atlanta Gas Light	\$3,116	Jail Expansion Project
Fuelmaster extended maintenance renewal	Fleet Operations	Syn-Tech Systems, Inc.	\$2,756	Fuel Management Program

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Electrical service at Fleet Operations temporary location	Fleet Operations	Godbee & Rimes Electrical Contractors, Inc.	\$5,200	CIP-Fleet Operations
Replacement of an enclosed equipment trailer	Public Works and Park Services	Roy Newsome Enterprises, Inc.	\$5,075	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Umpires for April 16 thru April 28	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Umpires Association (Sole Source)	\$5,236	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Painting of concession stand at Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Raymond Jennings Painting Company	\$3,500	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Replacement of two (2) water level pressure transducers	Public Works and Park Services	Siemens Industry, Inc.	\$4,182	SSD-Public Works
Furniture grade lumber and materials	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Meyer Decorative Surfaces, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$2,651	General Fund/M&O - County Attorney
40 pallets of sod	Public Works and Park Services	Green Acres Nursery	\$4,200	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Eight (8) tons of fertilizer	Public Works and Park Services	Bulloch Fertilizer	\$6,440	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Four (4) restroom partitions at Memorial Stadium	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Paper Chemical Supply Company (WBE)	\$3,990	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Replacement of grounds maintenance equipment	Public Works and Park Services	Lawnmower Store	\$6,478	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Mower parts	Public Works and Park Services	Miles Tractor Company	\$7,140	SSD-Public Works
Replace 12 backwash valves in pump room	Aquatic Center	K-Machine Industrial Services, LLC.	\$6,402	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Umpires for April 29 thru May 13	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Umpires Association (Sole Source)	\$3,282	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Umpires for youth middle school baseball games	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Umpires Association (Sole Source)	\$5,706	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Internal affairs and professional standards software	I.C.S.	CI Technologies	\$9,500	•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff - \$2,375 •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$7,125

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Liakakis said, we will now need a motion to go into executive session.

County Manager Abolt said, personnel, litigation, land acquisition.

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Thomas said, so moved.

Commission Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to recess to executive session to discuss personnel, litigation and land acquisition. Commissioners Kicklighter and Gellatly seconded the motion and it unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 12:34 p.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Motion was made to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay, Farrell and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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APPOINTMENTS

- 1. **Aging Services Advisory Council**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the reappointment of Mr. Howard Dawson, Sr. to serve on the Aging Services Advisory Council with his term to expire November 3, 2015. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay, Farrell and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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- 2. **Economic Opportunity Authority**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the reappointment of Wesley J. Ball, MD to serve on the Economic Opportunity Authority with his term to expire December 31, 2016. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay, Farrell and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF JUNE 2012

PETE LIAKAKIS, CHAIRMAN,
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM
COUNTY, GA

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION