

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 6, 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 9:08 a.m. on Friday, July 6, 2012.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Holmes won't be until a little after 10:00. I wanted to see if Reverend Keith Bruen -- oh, over there he is -- over there, he's the pastor of First Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, and he will do the Invocation this morning. If he'll come up to the podium.

Reverend Keith Bruen said, let us have a word of prayer.

Reverend gave the invocation as follows:

Almighty God, We come asking for your guidance and your direction as the County Commissioners meet this morning. Lord, we ask that you grant them the strength that they may be able to face the challenges ahead, and the wisdom to seek out the opportunities as they strive for the advancement of our Chatham County. Lord, we ask that as they make decisions today, God, you give them the gift, the gift, God, of an open mind and a willingness to learn and humility to understand and listen to others. But Lord, we ask you to help us with our adversities, God, bringing us together, different people but for one purpose. And we love you. We adore you. And all God's children say, Amen.

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**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Dave Gellatly to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Gellatly led all in the Pledge of Allegiance to 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, Chairman Pro Tem, District One  
                       James J. Holmes, District Two (arrived at approximately 10:05 a.m.)  
                       Patrick Shay, District Three  
                       Patrick K. Farrell, District Four  
                       David M. Gellatly, District Six  
                       Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Not Present:       Tabitha A. Odell, District Five

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

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Chairman Liakakis said, I need a motion on the floor to excuse Commissioner Tabitha Odell.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, have a motion on the floor and a second for the excuse. Let's go on the board. Motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to excuse Commissioner Tabitha Odell from the Commission meeting. Commissioners Stone and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present for the vote.)

**V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Chairman Liakakis said, there are no proclamations and special presentation today.

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**VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

None.

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**VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

**1. RAILS TO TRAILS (COMMISSIONER FARRELL).**

Chairman Liakakis said, we'll go to the next item, for the Commissioner's Items, Rails to Trails. I call on Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. All right, today I put the – this – this item of Rails to Trails on the – on the agenda so that we can have a – a discussion about its – how it's being kept up and such as that. But before we begin, I'd like to recognize Pat Monahan. If he could come to the podium and give us a – a two-minute history of the Rails to Trails and what we've done up to this point, and then we can recognize Ms. Daniels, and then – and then she has a presentation of where we – where we are at this point in the maintenance of the trail. Mr. Monahan?

Assistant County Manager Patrick Monahan said, thank you, Commissioner Farrell. The trail has existed in – in it's – some form for more than 140 years. It began originally as a rail trail, the original trail to Tybee that served this community back since 1870. The – the County embarked upon a project led by then Public Work – excuse me, Parks Director Jim Golden, to create what we call the Rails to Trail. Many consider it the first Rails to Trails project in the State of Georgia. That project was completed in 1996. In 2006, the trail started to show some signs of erosion, principally due to spring tides and summer tides washed over the trail, and many parts of it got washed out entirely. In fact, some segments of the trail narrowed to as little as two feet. It made it almost impassible. In 2000 – and so the County submitted an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Even though the trail is principally County-owned, it's still subject to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act. DNR took a look at our permit and questioned the – the – the – the plan to use the revetment out of – out of old concrete rubble, and instead suggested that the County use oyster shell bags, which are very labor intensive. Not only to create the bags, they have to be – they're fiber bags that are stuffed with oyster shells, but we pursued the project, the Commission was gracious in providing the funding, and we did the restoration which was completed in 2009. Since then the trail has been subject to some settling, continued wash outs because of the spring tides. The oyster bags, there's still a mixed review on them. They seem to have done the job, but there are some areas that it continues to erode, and it's a difficult maintenance requirement for Public Works and Park Services because it's – it's – the uniqueness of it's environment in – within the marsh. It's an unusual strand through the marsh, also contributes to the extraordinary maintenance requirements. It's kind of stuck out in the middle of no where. It's difficult to access, and then even though DNR allows us to continue to the use oyster bags for maintenance purposes without a new permit, it's still, as I said, very labor intensive. That's where we are.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. Thank you Mr. Monahan. Appreciate the – the tutorial and the history of the – of the rails. And at – at this point I'd like to recognize Michelle Daniels who's an active user of the trail and a very concerned citizen and would like to make a brief presentation to the Commission on – on her views of the current status of the trails. Ms. Daniels, come to the podium.

Ms. Michelle Daniels said, thank you. Good morning, Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners. My name is Michelle Daniels. Thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of a place that is very dear to me. We come to you today on behalf of Rails to Trails, also known as McQueens Trail on Tybee Road. First we want to thank you for all the work that has been done to maintain, repair, and restore this trail, the mowing, the regularly cleaned port o' johns, that's important, the restoration in 2009 - 9 and most recently, the repair of the broken and buckling wood at the main entrance. We're here today to raise awareness out of concern for this rapidly deteriorating trail. Over my 15 years of going to this trail, I've never seen it this badly deteriorated as a whole. In fact, it is worse than it was before the fix in '09. Not only is the extreme western end dangerously eroded now, but the main entrance and some of the east end has started – just passed the fishing pier at Battery Hamilton, which I might add is also in need of some care. I am on this trail just about every day. I see tourists, runners, walkers, bikers, fishers, crabbers, and kayakers who use the main entrance access to the water to drop in their kayaks. It is widely enjoyed and much used by so many different types

of people. So we come here today to raise awareness that this erosion is taking place and to ask that it be fixed. Rails to Trails is rich with undisturbed nature, natural beauty. It is a part of the national Rails to Trails. It has historical significance to Ft. Pulaski dating back to the civil war. Unfortunately it is rapidly eroding, which produces safety concerns.

Ms. Daniels said, now I'd like to show you some pictures of Rails to Trails.

(NOTE: Ms. Daniels presents a slide show).

Ms. Daniels, this is a picture of Rails to Trails at the western end. Okay, this photo was taken on the western end, close to the very end, at about 2.9 miles. It was taken on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and just seven days later, this is the exact same spot. It is totally washed out. Only seven days later. This is the spot right before it, east of that, and as you will see the – the bridge in the – in the background, which is also getting badly eroded. This is again the extreme western end and that was on the 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a picture of the beginning of the western end, close to the main entrance, about a third of a mile in. As you can see – that was also part of the fix of 2009. It's also starting to rapidly deteriorate. Now this is a picture of the eastern end, close to the main entrance, and again, that's about a third of a mile in. It's just east of the pier, right off the main entrance, and as you can see, this is starting to erode, and I've never seen it on that side before. This is a picture of the main entrance during high tide.

Commissioner Shay said, oh, yeah.

Ms. Daniels said, this is the fishing pier we're referring to. As you can see, it's been deteriorating. A lot of the – the dirt has given way under the pier, and, you know, wood pilings have been put there to try to make a way 'cause people they'll still try to attempt to get out there, fish, etcetera. This is a picture of the bridge that was mentioned on the western end. As you will look at the wood path right there, there is a deep hole under that and then on both sides, and then directly to your right you will see the river. That's very dangerous. You do not see that if you're on a bike and you're coming on the bridge at any speed, except stopping, you will not see that until you get right in it and do a nose dive. This is again at the main entrance. It's becoming eroded underneath the bridge, and it – that picture was taken about a month ago. It's – it's gotten a little bit worse since then making it real difficult to pass. This is just a – a map, a Google map highlighting – it shows the whole trail, and in – with the yellow X's we've highlighted the erosion hot spots. Here are just some pictures of the – the full trail, the oyster bags there, and some people enjoying the trail for many uses.

Ms. Daniels said, we read Mr. Pat Monahan's research and recommendations. We agree except that we just request the picnic tables and work out bars be left on the trail. The 2009 restoration was good, unfortunately, we need a longer-lasting solution. Therefore, we are asking for an engineering study to find a solution that includes some sort of possibly a retaining wall to effectively keep soil from washing away; vegetation possibly as a solution. Also we request a no wake zone and signs along the entire trail. We believe that when dealing with erosion every little thing does help, even the smaller things we can do it adds up. The natural thought process goes to the question of funding. I was present at the Johnny Mercer proposed pedestrian bike path meeting at May Howard and saw how opposed residents are to this. So I ask that since Rails to Trails is an existing bike path if some of that funding from that project be transferred to a project people want and something this trail desperately needs. I thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, we'll be glad to address these.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I have a –

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Michelle [Daniels].

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I have a – I have one.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Wait a minute. Helen [Stone] and then you, Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, and I don't know actually whom – to whom to address the question, but since this is a project that benefits many people, a lot of tourists and stuff, would – would the City of Tybee be willing to contribute something towards this? Since it's pretty much in their area. Does anyone know the answer to that?

Chairman Liakakis said, I can make an request, you know, for Tybee. I know that they've got a tight budget. That just came out in the news.

Commissioner Stone said, well the only reason I was thinking Tybee is, I mean, they do generate revenues from parking and people that are using that area, and I didn't know – and I don't know if Commissioner Farrell was aware of whether they'd be willing.

Commissioner Farrell said, I haven't postured the question. So I don't know the answer to that.

Commissioner Stone said, because it would benefit them as well, and I would think that it would be something that they might be interested in participating in.

Ms. Daniels said, is that within their jurisdiction?

Commissioner Stone said, I believe it is, is it?

Commissioner Farrell said, no.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, no, no, no.

Commissioner Stone said, no? It's not?

County Manager Abolt said, it's not.

Commissioner Stone said, then I stand corrected.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, any ideas why it's actually eroding more now than it did before if the – we fixed it up?

County Manager Abolt said, Mother Nature. Mother Nature and – and – of course, Mr. Monahan is my expert on this. I do remember and Commissioner Farrell was the lead on this when we did so much to create the oyster bags and trying to do everything we can environmentally safe to preserve the erosion. This is truly an asset. I – I remember back when Jim Golden as our parks director saw the vision. He was the only one, the staff and elected body included, that said let's make this one of the first Rails to Trail around. And it truly has been a jewel, but again over time it is unfortunate to see the conditions that we see now. And like I said in the pre-meeting, had it not been the – the problem we face with staffing the jail, my – my answer would have been, let's wait till the fall of the year and see what fund balance is, but we've already committed that to the jail. So I don't want to – I don't want to promise you or the – the advocates that in the foreseeable future we can really fix this like it should be fixed.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, might I suggest during the tough economic times we're experiencing that maybe the County could assist with some type of signage out there? And I'm going to give a couple of examples 'cause I can tell you can – you're good at gathering people and inspiring them. Out at Triplett Park in Pooler, we had a group that they like to bicycle, mountain – or whatever, off trails. They with the permission of the County formed a group, and they actually created the trails through there and they maintain them and everything. We also had a group that came in and they wanted to play frisbee golf, and with their people, they – they actually put the golf course in, put all of the stuff in. They maintain the area and everything. This is a beautiful area, and it is an asset, but if – if we don't have the money available, I think because so many people do enjoy it, that if we had a sign or two at the entrances that says contact whatever, call this number or go to this website, coordinate a group where it's kind of like we adopt – people adopt a section of highway, maybe we could form a volunteer group that could actually – you know, somebody – everybody knows somebody, and, you know, I was sitting here thinking I know somebody that builds piers that, I mean, I'm not going to say I could get them to do it, but maybe you know someone or your friend does, that they could come out there and drive some pilings down in – in certain areas. You know, I – I – it's just right now, if the money's available that's – that's wonderful, but my – my guess is that money's kind of tight right now and maybe a volunteer group that's – that's really appreciative of that could get a lot done. And I think you'd be a good one to lead that group, too. So.

Ms. Daniels said, we're – we're definitely willing. I – I – I guess we're wondering, also, you know, we've heard about the proposal for the bike path around Wilmington Island. We do know it's adamantly opposed. I was at the meeting. There was no one that came forward to speak for it. I'm sure there's probably about one percent they – they did not speak up at the meeting. So I – I guess we're just wondering, you know, we know that there are funds that are designated. We know that – or we have heard that –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's a good question.

Ms. Daniels said, – you know, it has to be a bike path. I'm wondering is that a possibility to get some of that funding?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, legally is that –

County Manager Abolt said, your direct answer is no. This is maintenance. There are SPLOST funds involved in the other project, so we can't exchange.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so legally the money can't shift?

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, yeah, I think it's designated for that project which is passed by referendum.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, so that creates, you know, issues of how you undo that, and they changed the law this year that said if you find the other project infeasible, then what you do is you don't get to use it for another project, you give the money back. So.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, wow. That would have been excellent.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick Farrell and then Patrick Shay.

County Attorney Hart said, it was a good idea.

Ms. Daniels said, that's a shame.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, it really was.

Ms. Daniels said, 'cause it's already existing and people use it. A lot of people, and tourists, you know, and locals.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's – it's a great thought.

Commissioner Farrell said, Patrick –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, wish we could.

Commissioner Farrell said, Patrick Monahan? Who actually owns the Rails to Trails? Is – is this – is this something –

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yeah, the trail is six miles in length. The – the eastern most 1.5 miles is owned by the National Park Service which leases that part to the County. The other segment from there to the – to the far western segment, the County owns. The State of Georgia, actually Jack Kingston when he was in the State House, got the State of Georgia to convey it to Chatham County.

Commissioner Farrell said, so we're the actual owners –

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, so we're the – we're the owners.

Commissioner Farrell said, but we're subject to the --

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, Coastal Marshland Protection Act as far as any interference with the – with the adjoining – especially this (inaudible).

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, I don't know that I can add any good news to all this, but I did participate in and I think it was well-attended and well-understood by a lot of the folks that are on Tybee Island, but what it harvested was a lot of information. The wavecology study. One of the things that we learned was that due to a very slow and long-standing relentless rise in sea level, just tiny little increments every year that the Tybee road itself, for example, is going to go under water more and more often. Now I don't want to be an alarmist, it's not going to go from six times a year to 60 times a year. But that – that – that relentless sea level rise is part of the reason why we're experiencing these erosion problems. Although the entire ocean is only going up by a fraction, because we have seven foot tides here, that gets multiplied many times over by this funneling effect that the Coast of Georgia has. And I think that a study of what the engineering elements are would have to factor in, number one, what does the Department of Natural Resources actually going to allow you to do because it is a very sensitive area, and also, what would you need to do in order to actually be prepared for the fact that it's going to get worse over time? Get worse for the trail not worse for anything else. I, you know, the idea of a no wake zone is – is interesting, but that is also the shipping channel for all the port of Georgia. So there are a lot of factors in this that sort of, you know, make it very, very hard to have the one off solution.

Ms. Daniels said, may I inter – interject to that comment?

Chairman Liakakis said, come up to the microphone.

Commissioner Farrell said, you can just stay at the podium, Michelle [Daniels].

Ms. Daniels said, excuse me. I'd like to interject to that comment. You were stating that it is a shipping channel. Yes, but there is another channel there. There is a division between the actual shipping channel where the barges, container ships go by, and then you've got this division, and then you have a main thing that the barges do not – that is right next – it runs parallel to the trail. So that would not affect that whatsoever. I have seen an increase of small boat traffic, faster, going by, and you can see the impact. You can see the waves slapping up against that spot at the very end. So, you know, shipping is – is not – you know, the container ships are not an issue.

Commissioner Shay said, they're not, but – and my only point is that there are other regulatory forces. I – I – I wish sometimes the Chatham County Commission were the – the Superior government, but the Coast Guard would weigh in on all this stuff. I'm – I'm not, you know, look, your – your suggestions are – are – are reasonable ones, I'm just trying to help my fellow Commissioners to understand that if we want to be a part of the solution, then we're going to have to be team players because different agencies from the State of Georgia –

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Commissioner Shay said, – you know, the United States Coast Guard, you know, other people are going to actually need to weigh in on this before we decide to go out and start driving pilings into the marsh. I think it's – it's – it's worthwhile, but I think we need to be realistic also that the problem is not going to be abated by maintenance issues, it's – it's frankly going to get worse over time.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Shay's spot on if I may use a current term. I remember when Mr. Monahan and Mr. Drewry came up with the idea of using kind of the gabion approach in the bags, how difficult that was to get the environmentalists to approve it. There was a lot of self help, there was a lot of sweat equity in filling the bags and all that. So even – I don't want to say even, but when funds become available, it's just as Commissioner Shay had said so well, we are not in control of the destiny of that part of the environment. We have to do everything we can, but.

Commissioner Shay said, and – and my experience is that if we do the planning properly, and you can certainly be a big part of that planning, then at some point in the future, when the resources do become available, then you have a plan and you can match the resources with the – that become available with the plan. So that (telephone rings) – sorry – I don't know what to do, just turn it off, huh? Go away. So that when the resources are available that you can sort of take advantage of that opportunity. Resources become available in sort of windows of opportunity. Those that have a plan are able to say, oh good, we have a plan for that, and the resources can be married to it. Those that wait for the resources to become available and then start planning will find that the window of opportunity is closed long before

this can be –

Commissioner Farrell said, the plan is implemented.

Commissioner Shay said, – the plan is implemented. So I think it's great. I mean, come up with a plan, work with us to figure out what the long-term plan is going to be, and then in the – in the short term if there's anything that we can do to just make sure that the trail is passable in the mean time, that would be a good thing. I – the – the idea of re-allocating other resources from other projects maybe not the one that you described, but I'm sure you're open to reallocation of resources from wherever it would take, and I think in the universe of – of State, Federal and local resources, that the day might come when you might find that they're available.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. County Manager?

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir?

Chairman Liakakis said, I received something from the State, one of the organizations about grants for recreation that just came in, and let's have our people check into the grants for this – this particular project. I think that'd be really good. And of course, as you know, Commissioner Farrell has been, you know, talking on this with you and trying to see what could be done, especially to get the resources there, and that's really important because that – a lot of people don't realize that recreation is part of the quality of life, and that's why a number of people move here from other areas, and then we've got our residents that have these different recreational things in our community. So if we could do that –

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir. We'll look at that.

Chairman Liakakis said, – then – go ahead, Pat [Farrell].

Commissioner Farrell said, Russ [Abolt], you know, there was a couple of areas and – and without having to go through the permitting process, correct me if I'm wrong, I believe we'd be able to dump some fill material to kind of replace that in the interim as we're trying to develop a – a longer term strategy. You know, is there a way that we could get some material on that trail?

County Manager Abolt said, sure. I don't want to commit to that yes it can, but obviously we will look at it. Might I suggest, and I want to underscore what the Chairman said without Commissioner Farrell being the champion of this for the last many, many years, we wouldn't even have the gabions, so I mean, it – it probably would have been washed away. But yes, we'll look at it. I – I like Commissioner – I like all your ideas, but I want to recognize Commissioner Kicklighter 'cause I think – kind of – kind of an adopt a trail program. If – if Ms. Daniels is willing, have she and Mr. Drewry sit down and find out what partnership might be eeked out and also we can look at the issue on what is acceptable to fill. We certainly have access to fill, the question is is it environmentally approvable. Yes, we'll look at it all, sir, and we'll – and with Mr. – Ms. Daniels' permission, we'll use her as a volunteer.

Commissioner Farrell said, hopefully the DNR will recognize that in 1870, I believe, the – the folks that built that trail probably just got whatever was available locally and whether it was earth or whatever and would recognize that we would simply be replicating what is a – an historic building material and not have to go to these ultra expensive, time-consuming materials. I would hope that DNR could be aware of the fact that if you build something in 1870, they didn't have the benefit of all this high-tech building materials that they've kind of come up with, and if we could use some lower tech building materials to replicate the historic materials that that railroad bed was built out of, I think we could more quickly shore it up in the short term as we're pursuing a long-term solution to the ever increasing amount of flooding that is, you know, eroding this – this trail.

County Manager Abolt said, we'll do it, and the thing I've thought about for some time now, and of course, it's unfortunately far off it seems, but when we get approval – when the area gets approval on widening US 80, the – the bike paths, and what Commissioner Shay on the – the wavecology, this would be a legitimate alternative in effect creating a safe pedestrian bicycle traffic in proximity to a widened US 80. So I mean these are all options. There's no – no question that the will is – the will is there, the question in the interim are the funds.

Chairman Liakakis said, Pat [Monahan], you wanted to --

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yes, sir, I was going to address a question that Commissioner Farrell asked. You notice from the photos, if you're not familiar with – with the trail, the worst section is probably west of that bridge. The – the project back in 2009 did not address that section. We just – we plain just ran out of money, but we replaced the bridge, and at that point we needed an endpoint so we just stopped there. Now the Public Works and Parks Services Department has tried to barricade that three times, but for some reason the barricades keep getting removed, and – and – and it's a small little segment, it's – it's maybe two tenths of a mile from there, so that's one I think we should just go ahead and make that the endpoint right now. And I'll – what I'll do is I can get the County's – the – the civil engineer who designed that project and environmental engineer to – to – to actually traverse the trail one more time with me. I'll probably have to rent something 'cause they don't like walking the six miles out and back. They're not in that kind of shape, but we – we can rent some sort of vehicle for them, and take a look at it, and perhaps get some of their ideas. And maybe even invite DNR to come take a look at it. It was DNR's suggestion about the oyster shell bags, and even though I – I think it – it has helped as – as an environmentally sound solution, it may not be the best long-term solution for that – for that trail there. You know DNR may allow us to go in and perhaps use some – some other alternative construction. And as you mentioned, what – what's happened is in – in some of the erosion, you can see that when the trail was built, it was built in 18 months. I mean, it's – no environmental permits. And apparently there was some construction in Savannah because now the erosion is actually revealing – I've collected these large clay bricks that some of the – bricks from buildings that probably were built in this community in the 1830s were used as the – as the rail bed.

Chairman Liakakis said, Pat [Farrell]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that could be the problem. How many bricks have you collected? No, I'm just kidding.

County Manager Abolt said, he's selling them on eBay.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, twelve. I've collected twelve of them. They're actually in my office. They belong to the County, so I keep them in my office.

Commissioner Farrell said, paper weights with all that paper work he has to keep track of. But that's what I was referring to.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and –

Commissioner Farrell said, there's a lot of historic building material that's in that trail, and I don't think that reinventing the wheel in 2012 is necessarily the very best idea. Although it is a good idea. That we could use what's readily available building materials that someone, you know, needs to discard somewhere and what better – what better place than to build up a road bed and then top it off with that white limestone, and cap it off with that, and you've got a – you've got a stable trail.

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, sir?

Chairman Liakakis said, if you'll do this, get with me next week because I know where some of these – where they have torn up floors in buildings where there are a couple of concrete, you know, material that are there, and if it's possible that we can use that, and we'll take it from there.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman I – that's a wonderful idea. I don't DNR to hear us say – talk like that. We – we – we want – we want it to be environmentally sensitive. There's no question if this issue was just to find fill material, the problem would be solved at the end of next week.

Chairman Liakakis said, no, I'm just talking about to build a barrier to keep it from being washed out. Not to put on the trail itself.

County Manager Abolt said, I understand. Yeah, I understand, sir. Yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, we have to get permission –

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Stone said, to do anything.

Commissioner Farrell said, – from the Department of Natural Resource to recognize –

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, – historical building materials that are there now and replace them –

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Commissioner Farrell said, – with – with – with similar type building materials because it's economically sound and it works.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and it's preservation of history. So.

Commissioner Farrell said, and it's preservation. What couldn't you like about that?

Commissioner Shay said, I'm in love.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right. We're going on to the – thank you all for coming. Appreciate your presentation that you had today.

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## **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE CHAIRMAN LIAKAKIS**

One of the things I'd like to do we've got two of the people, Director and Assistant Director for the Recreation Department here, and I got a couple of letters here I'd like to read. This is going to – acknowledging what came in that Ms. Sandra McDonald called to say thanks for you for the fine work our crews did in repairing Quacco Road. Please pass on these words of gratitude. By copy of this I am also letting the Chairman of the Board get this. Because a lot of times, you know, we had this storm here, recently again, and our Public Works Department did an outstanding job in getting the areas of the County cleaned as soon as possible.

Chairman Liakakis said, now I've got another letter here. Appreciation for ditch maintenance near 5926 Garrard Avenue. Ms. Shirley Reynolds called to express appreciation for the fine work our crews did. Please pass this on to all with kind words. So we see that I get letters like that, the County Manager receives those letters and phone calls. But we really appreciate that because we know that Robert [Drewry] and Al [Lipsey] do a good job for our Recreation and our Public Works Department. So thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman, I just want to thank Mr. Abolt and staff, everyone, for coming up with the solution with the hand ditch maintenance program. And I kind of got a little – got on – on staff a little bit about coming up with solutions, and I greatly appreciate y'all coming up with a solution here. And just wanted to say that in public.

County Manager Abolt said, I thank you for the public acknowledgment.

Commissioner Stone said, ditto.

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**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

I'd like to recognize someone in the community who has done an outstanding job, and that's Kathy Love, who is President of Savannah Technical College. She's done an outstanding job. Her leadership and her staff has almost done really miracles with Savannah Technical College because we can see more different programs are being instituted. We had the big building added – addition to it so they could handle more classes. The enrollment has increased dramatically, and what's happened at Savannah State College [sic], you can look, this brochure – brochure was given us this morning for all the County Commissioners for us just to look at a few great things that Savannah Technical College. But, on my estimation, going around the State of Georgia, I feel, because, of course, our being local here, we've got the best Technical College in the State of Georgia right here. And all of their instructors and personnel and staff people under your leadership, Kathy [Love], you know, is really appreciated because that makes a difference. And really what it helps is when we've got construction projects in our community or new industry coming in, what they do is they help teach those construction job – the – what's needed to learn how to do those construction projects, plus what they also do, if a new industry or big business comes in town and they need to have trained employees on special equipment and all of that, they do that also. So that really helps out. And Kathy [Love], I want to thank you very much. You and your staff because it's made a big difference in our community. It's helped us gain business and industry, plus we're giving the opportunities now to many of the students who might not have had the opportunity to do that. Because everybody can't go to a university and all, but we got Savannah Technical College, which beams out to everybody, come on board and we'll teach you so that you can have, you know, a trade or something in your life that will help you, you know, earn a lot of money, and to help you in many things. So Kathy [Love] thank you for that very much.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, and we will continue to lobby on the State for Savannah Technical College also. Thank you. Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to add too – also, my appreciation and the fact that I've been privy to some discussions with the Technical College and the Board of Education for a partnership for more technical and vocational training within our community that we desperately need. And I think a lot of it certainly was brought home to me with the jail project of how we need to train and have a local workforce that we can keep employed here in this community. So I'm very grateful for the partnership there, and I hope that that will continue to grow. This is very, very, very needed in our community, and I would like to see it expand as much as possible to give every citizen alternatives for employment. It is true that not everyone is even cut out to go to college and having alternatives to keep people employed will make a stronger community, and for that I am very grateful.

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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 (\*).

None.

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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 AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE SALES TAX III FUND, transfer \$30,000 from the Ogeechee Farms Drainage project to the Talmadge Drainage Improvement project; 2) in the FY**

**2013 SSD FUND, transfer \$10,000 from Contingency to Building Safety & Regulatory Services; 3) in the FY 2012 GENERAL FUND M&O, a) transfer \$72,705 from the FY2012 General Fund M&O Contingency to transfer out to CIP, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$71,600 for Probate Court filing fees, c) transfer \$125,000 from Restricted Contingency to the Board of Elections, and d) appropriate \$310,000 unassigned fund balance and increase salaries and benefits \$301,490 to the Detention Center and \$8,530 to the Sheriff holiday leave payout; 4) in the FY2012 CIP FUND, a) increase revenues and expenditures \$72,705 to recognize the transfer in from the General Fund, b) increase the Memorial Stadium project budget \$26,700, c) increase the M&O Vehicles project \$46,005, d) increase transfer in from the SSD Fund \$10,958, and e) increase the Guardrails project \$10,958; 5) in the FY2012 SSD Fund, a) transfer \$20,313 from Contingency to transfer out to LDAO fund \$9,355 and transfer out to CIP Fund \$10,958; and 6) in the FY2012 LDAO fund, increase revenues \$9,355 for the transfer in from the SSD Fund and increase LDAO expenditures \$9,355.**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next item. Items for Individual Actions, 1, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer: 1) in the Sales Tax III Fund, transfer \$30,000 from the Ogeechee Farms Drainage project to the Talmadge Drainage Improvement project; 2) in the FY 2013 Special Service District Fund, transfer \$10,000 from Contingency to Building Safety & Regulatory Services; 3) in the FY 2012 General Fund M&O, a) transfer \$72,705 from the FY2012 General Fund M&O Contingency to transfer out to CIP, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$71,600 for Probate Court filing fees, c) transfer \$125,000 from Restricted Contingency to the Board of Election, and d) appropriate \$310,000 unassigned fund balance and increase salaries and benefits \$301,490 to the Detention Center and \$8,530 to the Sheriff holiday leave payout; 4) in the FY2012 CIP Fund, a) increase revenues and expenditures \$72,705 to recognize the transfer in from the General Fund, b) increase the Memorial Stadium project \$26,700, c) increase the M&O Vehicles project \$46,005, d) increase transfers in from the SSD Fund \$10,958, and e) increase the Guardrails project \$10,958; 5) in the FY2012 SSD Fund, a) transfer \$20,313 from Contingency to transfer out to LDAO fund \$9,355 and transfer out to CIP Funds \$10,958; and 6) in the FY2012 LDAO fund, increase revenues \$9,355 for the transfer in from the SSD Fund and increase LDAO expenditures \$9,355. We need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the Sales Tax III Fund, transfer \$30,000 from the Ogeechee Farms Drainage project to the Talmadge Drainage Improvement project; 2) in the FY 2013 SSD Fund, transfer \$10,000 from Contingency to Building Safety & Regulatory Services; 3) in the FY 2012 General Fund M&O, a) transfer \$72,705 from the FY2012 General Fund M&O Contingency to transfer out to CIP, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$71,600 for Probate Court filing fees, c) transfer \$125,000 from Restricted Contingency to the Board of Elections, and d) appropriate \$310,000 unassigned fund balance and increase salaries and benefits \$301,490 to the Detention Center and \$8,530 to the Sheriff holiday leave payout; 4) in the FY2012 CIP Fund, a) increase revenues and expenditures \$72,705 to recognize the transfer in from the General Fund, b) increase the Memorial Stadium project budget \$26,700, c) increase the M&O Vehicles project \$46,005, d) increase transfer in from the SSD Fund \$10,958, and e) increase the Guardrails project \$10,958; 5) in the FY2012 SSD Fund, a) transfer \$20,313 from Contingency to transfer out to LDAO fund \$9,355 and transfer out to CIP Fund \$10,958; and 6) in the FY2012 LDAO fund, increase revenues \$9,355 for the transfer in from the SSD Fund and increase LDAO expenditures \$9,355. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 6, 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 amendments and transfers: 1) in the Sales Tax III Fund, transfer \$30,000 from the Ogeechee Farms Drainage project to the Talmadge Drainage Improvement project; 2) in the FY 2013 SSD Fund, transfer \$10,000 from Contingency to Building Safety & Regulatory Services; 3) in the FY 2012 General Fund M&O, a) transfer \$72,705 from the FY2012 General Fund M&O Contingency to transfer out to CIP, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$71,600 for Probate Court filing fees, c) transfer \$125,000 from Restricted Contingency to the Board of Elections, and d) appropriate \$310,000 unassigned fund balance and increase salaries and benefits \$301,490 to the Detention Center and \$8,530 to the Sheriff holiday leave payout; 4) in the FY2012 CIP FUND, a) increase revenues and expenditures \$72,705 to recognize the transfer in from the General Fund, b) increase the Memorial Stadium project budget \$26,700, c) increase the M&O Vehicles project \$46,005, d) increase transfer in from the SSD Fund \$10,958, and e) increase the Guardrails project

\$10,958; 5) in the FY2012 SSD Fund, a) transfer \$20,313 from Contingency to transfer out to LDAO fund \$9,355 and transfer out to CIP Fund \$10,958; and 6) in the FY2012 LDAO fund, increase revenues \$9,355 for the transfer in from the SSD Fund and increase LDAO expenditures \$9,355.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The County Engineer has requested a \$30,000 transfer from the Ogeechee Farms Drainage project to the Talmadge Drainage Improvement project in the Sales Tax III Fund. Correspondence is attached.
2. The Director of Building Safety & Regulatory Services has requested \$10,000 for a maintenance of abandoned and foreclosed properties. Correspondence and a resolution are attached.
3. The Deputy Director of Public Works and Park Services has requested a \$26,700 M&O Contingency transfer to CIP for a fence at Memorial Stadium and a \$10,958 SSD contingency transfer to CIP for Guardrails. Correspondence and resolutions are attached.
4. A portion of the fees collected by Probate Court is distributed to other agencies. The revenues and expenditures for FY2012 have exceeded the adopted budget. A budget amendment to increase the revenues and expenditures is needed. A resolution is attached.
5. The adopted FY2012 General M&O Fund budget included a base budget for the Board of Elections. Funds for election expenses above the base amount were budgeted in a restricted contingency to be transferred as needed. A transfer of \$125,000 is now requested. The attached budget resolution for the General M&O Fund includes the transfer of funds from Other Expenditures to General Government for reporting purposes.
6. The Board of Commissioners approved a one time disbursement of holiday leave balances in excess of 60 days payable with General Fund unassigned fund balance at the April 13, 2012 Board meeting. The attached resolution establishes funding for the Board's action.
7. The Assistant County Manager has requested use of FY2012 M&O contingency funds of \$46,005 for sheriff vehicles. The funds will be transferred to the CIP Fund Vehicle project. Correspondence and a related resolution are attached.
8. Currently there are no available funds within the FY 2012 LDAO Fund budget to pay an invoice of \$9,355 for the fund's portion of the ACT annual agreement. Use of FY2012 SSD contingency funds is requested. The proposed adjustment will transfer \$9,355 from the SSD Fund to the LDAO fund, and increase appropriations in the LDAO Fund correspondingly. A copy of the invoice and a resolution are attached.

**FUNDING:** Funds are available in the Sales Tax III Fund, the SSD Fund and the General M&O Fund Contingency for the transfers. The budget amendment will establish funding in the General Fund M&O, the CIP Fund and the LDAO Fund.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**FY2013 SALES TAX III FUND**

Transfer \$30,000 from the Ogeechee Farms Drainage project to the Talmadge Drainage Improvement project.

**FY2013 SSD FUND**

Transfer \$10,000 from Contingency to Building Safety & Regulatory Services.

**FY2012 GENERAL M&O FUND**

- a) Increase Transfer Out to CIP \$72,705 from contingency.
- b) Increase revenues and expenditures \$71,600 for Probate Court filing fees.
- c) Transfer \$125,000 from Restricted Contingency to the Board of Elections.
- d) Appropriate \$301,480 to the Detention Center for payouts of holiday leave.
- e) Appropriate \$8,530 to the Sheriff for payouts of holiday leave.

**FY2012 SSD FUND**

- a) Increase Transfer Out to CIP \$10,958 from contingency.
- b) Increase Transfer Out to LDAO \$9,355 from contingency.

**FY2012 LDAO FUND**

- a) Increase Transfer In from SSD Fund \$9,355.
- b) Increase LDAO Expenditures \$9,355.

**FY2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

- a) Increase revenues \$72,705 Transfer in from General M&O Fund.
- b) Increase expenditures \$26,700 for Memorial Stadium CIP.
- c) Increase expenditures \$46,005 for M&O Vehicles.
- d) Increase revenues \$10,958 Transfer in from SSD Fund.
- e) Increase expenditures \$10,958 for Guardrails.

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 approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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**~~2. APPEAL ON SOUTHBRIDGE CELL TOWER.~~**

Chairman Liakakis said, item 2 was requested to remove that from the agenda.

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**3. LOCAL PARTICIPATION UPDATE FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY DETENTION CENTER PROJECT. HUNT/MILLS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PRESENT.**

Chairman Liakakis said, item 3, local participation update for the Chatham County Detention Center project. Hunt/Mills representatives will also be present. If you will come forth anybody on your particular project.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Savidakis is here. I had the benefit of meeting with him, Mr. Kaigler, Ms. Riley, and I want to underscore what you've seen is a very positive trend, and as I mentioned to Mr. Savidakis, you've created a culture and the culture is that the values set forth by this Board are being implemented. We got some fits and starts, but as you reference the partnership with – with Savannah Technical College, also a gentleman you are going to meet in a few moments who's an intern from Georgia Southern University hired by Hunt/Mills, and an article I sent you a few weeks back touting nationwide what this County is insisted and Hunt/Mills is doing to in effect get local participation but even more importantly for those future employees. As Commissioner Stone has said and you've all eluded to, the partnership with Vo Tech, and the fact that we just don't assume that a curriculum as currently constituted is going to meet the needs in the field right now for jobs. And you're going to hear Mr. Savidakis speak on that, you're also no doubt hear Vo Tech people respond to that, that we actually are adapting. We're taking real life experience and jobs, and creating what amounts to a training program to fill those jobs. It's really neat.

Mr. Savidakis said, thank you, Mr. Abolt. Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, good morning. This period's report demonstrates a constant of local participation over the last several months. When we met last time, the – the numbers were really low and we understood and we listened to your concerns. It has been recognized the challenge that we're all faced with finding qualified, local workers. However, working together we've established what we believe is a model, for not only the – the remainder of this project as we continue forward but future opportunities here and across the country. I'm also going to speak about the – our spirit of increasing this local participation and improving this mission for the quality and the qualifications of local Chatham County workers pursuing employment opportunities. The construction is progressing very well. As many of you are aware of, the work activity over – over the last month and in through the summer is increasing as the schedule sequence has allowed concurrent construction. By the end of this summer we'll be actually turning over four buildings to the owner. Since the last report to the Board, the local participation has remained at 58% since February through April at – at a constant 58%. As the demand for more finish trades increases on the project, beginning last month, or actually May and through June and through the summer, we're optimistic that this percentage is going to continue to increase over the next coming months. Our current local business participation is at 68% compared to our commitment of 66%. One thing I want to point out is the percentages fluctuate from month to month. They are a function of the phasing of the project and the actual work hours per trade. Some trades continue to be sporadic for limited duration periods and – and they only require minimal resources, but that's a function of the – of the project. When we looked at the – at the information, the data, the month to month comparison by trade for January through April, carpentry has increased from 16 to 51%; drywall increased from 53 to 87%; electrical has increased from 40 to 51%; masonry has increased from 55 to 75; plumbers and pipe fitters increasing from 53 to 67; roofers, which was a big challenge several months ago that we talked about extensively, has increased from 0% to 37%. And – and I'm going to speak to that in – in a few minutes. The HVAC mechanics has also increased from 0% to 71%, also a function of the need of that trade on the project.

Mr. Savidakis said, when we look at the month to month comparison by sub contractor, there's also been an increase in the local participation from electrical, mechanical plumbing, the local labor companies that are – that are providing labor that we are going through various training programs, employing them on the project, and we see a – a great benefit to – to what our – our mission has been in training people to be better qualified for opportunities. Masonry, the same thing. The – the stucco and all the exterior work that's gone on on the buildings, the painting continues to – to increase in that trade. The light weight insulating concrete, which is just about completed on the project with the exception of one more building has increased from 66 to 74% and the – and the – the duct work has – has gone up in percentage also. One thing that we had pointed out in the last Board meeting, and – and the prior reports is we were struggling with speciality contractors dealing with the crane, the pre-cast erection, the iron workers and those type of trades. That work completed over the last several months. As you're aware the – the cranes were demobilized in early May, and so when we look at the May statistics and into June and July at the next report, we're optimistic that the – those percentages for these trades that I spoke about will – will be going up. Also, to verify our optimism, 62% of 98 badge applications that were submitted in May were from local workers.

Mr. Savidakis said, masonry has been a challenge on this project for us. Unfortunately the mason contractor withdrew from the project in May, but the good news about that is that Hunt/Mills is successfully self-performing the masonry. And what we did, we collaborated with Trojan Labor and got the word out, and we have brought in a self-performed team of local masons and mason helpers, and they are being trained, as well as those that we have foremen and superintendents that are over seeing the masonry, and we are purchasing the – the material all from local vendors and we – we feel very proud that that, un – unfortunately for the contractor in these tough economic times had to withdraw from the project. The – the good news is that our mission here of local participation and keeping the project going has continued. There were some outstanding vendor invoices due to that contractor, and we are reconciling those and making those payments concurrently right now. The roofing trade was something that was brought up at the last meeting, and – and I'm happy to report that we went from 0% in February to 29% in March; 37% in April. There is still some more roofing work to be done in the come – coming months. In the month of May, 4 out of 5 badge applications were from local workers that they were able to find and they're current – they've gone through the badging process.

Mr. Savidakis said, we continue to do training. Training is a big theme in what we're doing. Painting as an example. The high performance painting and some of the other painting, Sherwin Williams local business here is – is continuing with the on – on the job training that we committed to several months ago. We continue to employ many workers, as I said, through Trojan Labor and MTD personnel. Those companies – in the month of May we submitted 37 local badge applications, and all those people are – are – are being employed by various contractors, the ones that I mentioned earlier in my report. So if you look at those – those percentages, and you apply them to the – to the individual trades, that helps the percentages go up, and the main point is those individuals are part of that trade and learning that trade. Another trade that is just mobilized on the project, very important to a detention facility is our detention equipment contractor. They are from out of town, but they have committed, and they are already going through a similar program that we – we are doing with hiring local individuals and training them, putting them alongside their technicians to learn this trade and – and install their materials. As the phasing continues the resource demand is still a function dictated by the phasing. The continued challenge doesn't warrant the demand for an abundant amount of resources at any one time. We're working in lots of areas with – with small crews, but we will continue our commitment to Chatham County and the culture of our organization in – in doing business with others that I believe we've demonstrated and look for opportunities for businesses and individuals to grow.

Mr. Savidakis said, I also want to speak for a couple more minutes about our initiatives since the last Board meeting. I did mention that we would be employing an intern. My intern is here with us this morning, Oluwayomi Adeyemo. He is an intern that joined us a few months ago from Georgia Southern. This individual was very, very impressive when he came to interview with us. We hired him on the spot. He did not have any experience. We put him under the wings of the Hunt/Mills team, and he is working, not only in – in the office with us administratively, but also in the field. He is getting real hands on education and will be with us through the summer, and hopefully in his next term, he'll be able to come back to work for us on other opportunities. This individual – individuals like Oluwayomi [Adeyemo], you know, that are highly motivated and aspire to take these kind of opportunities are going to help them grow and help them succeed, and I'm confident and I – and I actually hope that Oluwayomi [Adeyemo] will – will convey his motivation to his colleagues when he goes back to school or during the course of his day such that they are also going to aspire to do the same thing, and look for those same kind of opportunities. I went through a similar program, and I think I've done pretty well so far myself.

Mr. Savidakis said, the collaboration continues as we spoke earlier with Savannah Tech, and we have some representatives here this morning that will – will speak about the program, but the collaboration that we're doing with them follows that theme of the training and getting the right kind of training that we need for the growth of – of qualified individuals. Our sheet metal sub contractor, we reported last month had hired some individuals from Savannah Tech, and they were putting them in the shop to actually build the duct work. Well now those individuals are out in the field actually installing that duct work. So we see that that program is working. Our mechanical plumb – plumbing contractor, Erickson, is also doing the same thing. They – they worked with Savannah Tech, and they actually are supplying them with specific materials for the type of welding that there is a need for in this community and on this project. So we see that that program for a welding certificate is – is also helping too. I believe many of you have seen the Hunt publication that we send around the country. It goes to our – our – all of our 650 employees, as well as clients, but in that it shows our commitment regarding training and opportunities for – for folks. One of the things we did, and we are planning on doing another one next month is our foreman/superintendent training. And there is an article in here, so everyone that – that gets this article across the country, clients and our own people, see the program we are doing and – and they will implement that program in their programs around the country.

Mr. Savidakis said, we're going to continue to monitor the good faith efforts. We still have a ways to go on the project, and we – we'll continue our commitment as we said in the beginning of the job to – to increase this local participation. With that I'd like to introduce Dr. Boyd from Savannah Tech, and he's got a brief presentation on the training program. Dr. Boyd?

Chairman Liakakis said, Kathy [Love], why don't you come up here and stand along with him because you are a great leader at Savannah Tech. While he does his presentation.

Dr. Ken Boyd said, Mr. Commissioner and Mr. Chairman, thank you very much for the opportunity. Dr. Love and I certainly appreciate being here. Ms. Riley brought us into this project some time ago, and our purpose this morning is not only to show you that connection as Michael [Savidakis] has made that point a couple times, but also just to give you a brief overview of many of the programs that we are doing, and continue to do, and then show you some of those graduates that not only affect this particular project, but also many other ones that are before you and for some in the future as well.

[NOTE: A slide presentation was shown].

Dr. Boyd said, I'll just quickly go through these slides. You have the paper ones there, and I'll just make a couple points there that you can see the programs that Savannah Technical College offers, as well as they are categorized in terms

of our academic credentials, starting at the highest level with a degree, then to a diploma, and then to many of the certificates. You'll also see that they are lined up in terms of time, so many situations we have the opportunity to present a short term, very industry specific programs that can go out to that individual. All of these programs here are academic programs, college level programs. We also then take many of these that we've discussed with Michael [Savidakis] and other industries in our area that we can do from a non-credit, even more short-term basis. So here on the air conditioning technology, again, you can see the ones that we have offered, and just taking a look at recent graduates there in terms of fiscal year 2011, and also 2012, that we just finished at the end of June. Construction Technology, in terms of this specific project that we've worked with Michael [Savidakis] on. The point there that we did from the very beginning that he highlighted was very specifically the masonry apprentice and the concrete forming. And you can see the numbers there that we have graduated. Many times you'll see a – a little up or down swing in terms of the numbers, and that's because they either started a different semester or they're continuing along from one semester to the other.

Dr. Boyd said, in our Drafting area, and many of these jobs are related perhaps in larger numbers to Hunt or any other industry in the area, and sometimes they're very few, but nevertheless extremely important. In our Electrical Construction and Maintenance area, and here we're really breaking ground in terms of the green area with our photovoltaic. We're eventually going to expand that into wind power, and so that's a very successful program that we've – take great pride in in being one of the very few in the State that offer that. In our Industrial Systems area, one that cuts across many functions and many disciplines in the engineering function, as well as gets into not only the electrical mechanical side of things but also the instrumentation side that many industries in our area require those graduates. Welding and Joining, that has become extremely large in our area with many industries, not only with Hunt but also many of the new industries that have recently moved into our area, and that's primarily the reason where you can see those numbers that are increasing, and we're expanding that just as a – a side point into our career and college career academies that are part of our service delivery area as well. Just a slide here to not only show you the ones that we've been working with Hunt on but also just ones that are somewhat related not only into the construction area. So you can see there that not only we have focused on the construction aspects, the electrical, the welding, but if Hunt needs truck drivers, as well as other industries in the area, you can see that that's one of our largest programs that we do provide to the area. Some of our lathe and mill operator, those numbers tend to be small because of the speciality involved there. Our Effingham campus has a full compliment of machinery there that we offer those programs. One that came up on the first presentation that I'll take a bit of liberty on in terms of historic preservation, and – and Commissioner Shay mentioned that word. We have an excellent program there and in many ways that we can offer our assistance in some form or fashion, we'd certainly be glad to do so.

Dr. Boyd said, HOPE always comes up when it comes to students. They want to know a lot about it, and many times that information can be a bit confusing, particularly when we introduce words like the HOPE Scholarship versus the HOPE Grant. And obviously the State has made some significant changes to HOPE as of last year, but that slide there gives you a summary. When that student comes to us, it's no longer 100%, but it's pretty close. And it will show you what happens there in terms of the tuition from \$75 a hour and what HOPE covers and then what some of the significant changes were to the fees and to those books. Savannah Technical College is very proud of its Foundation and the scholarships that are offered to many of our students, to the amount of last year was a little over \$50,000. So we certainly do appreciate all of the elements of our Foundation that helps our students. One last point, a service that the college does, and Ms. Connie Ellis is our Student Career Services Coordinator. Industry, businesses can come to her, they can put job postings, individuals can post their resumes, and if somebody is hunting for an accountant, if they're hunting for an electrician, she will certainly track that person down in one of the programs and link that company with that student. We certainly enjoy and welcome all industries that come right into the college. We certainly are not out to replace the Department of Labor, that's not our function, but we certainly work hand in hand with the Department of Labor to place that graduate with the respective industry that's hunting for that – that person. So I know Connie [Ellis] has been out to our meetings, and in this particular picture here of the Job Fair that we held back in May, I know Hunt was there and picked up a lot of the graduates for part of their work force.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. We appreciate all of that. Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, if I may only because we have the president and professor here, I want to recognize how they responded and Hunt/Mills also saw the opportunity because – and what is happening now is going to become a case study in how this should be done nationwide. Individuals, like Arneja Riley on Mr. Kaigler's staff, and I also want to recognize Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson, our head of Building Safety and Regulatory Services, even though he isn't within this curriculum, you might remember that he came forward as a professional and provides educational opportunity for - to students at – at the college in code compliance and quality construction. So there's so many things going on right now, and it's because you all set – set the expectation and place the value. But occasionally it's good to have those folks that are making it happen before you because I know you'll say thank you, but as a professional I – I am just amazed at what has been done. I've been used to in the past, over all my 40 some years of dealing with contractors that may be good, but their social consciousness wasn't as heightened as it is now, and that's a tribute to you. I – and again I – I have occasion to observe in the news media what – what your peers are doing and other elected bodies throughout this County. I have never seen an elected body in all my years as responsive as you are to the vote of the people on this project, and more importantly insisting that the values of local participation be kept. It's a partnership, and without you it couldn't happen. And without the people in this room, it couldn't have been implemented.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas]?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. To our presenters here this morning from Savannah Tech, as well as Hunt/Mills, just want to say to both of you that I am truly, truly appreciative of what has taken place because this has been something in the making for a long, long time. Finally we are getting it together in terms of a partnership, people working together to make things happen in a positive way. I'm very familiar with what goes on at Savannah Tech. We have been very fortunate, my husband was a part of your staff. He finally retired last year, in welding, and it was a great program. And I want to also mention about the outreach part of it. Giving our young people in particular

an opportunity to expand their horizons. And I want to say to Oluwayomi [Adeyemo], this is an opportunity that has been extended to you. Seize it. Run with it. Make good of it, and let us all be proud of you so that you will also open doors for others who will follow you. And I just wanted to say continue with what you're doing at Savannah Tech. We are very proud, and thank you so much.

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead, Kathy [Love].

Dr. Kathy Love said, I – I would like to invite you all to come because on a weekly basis I have individuals come and tour, and they will say I haven't been here for five years, I can't believe what's going on. You know, we have the multiple campuses. We'll be opening our aviation training center at the Crossroads Campus very soon. So I would love for you to come out one day, maybe even have one of your meetings at our location, and take a tour, and see all the great things that are going on at Savannah Tech. And while it's unfortunate that sometimes the – the – the bad side of things –

Dr. Thomas said, right.

Dr. Love said, – like we can't find skilled workers gets the attention in the news, it's – kind of turns into a good marketing affect for us because all the sudden people start saying, you know, I haven't been able to find work, and there are jobs in welding or there are jobs in any of these other fields that we're talking about, and they start to seriously consider them. And we're seeing a lot of college graduates with a very nice liberal arts degree come back to us and say now teach me how to get my foot in the door so that I can progress within this company. So thank you for this opportunity. I would love to see you all on campus so that we could show you exactly what we're doing.

Chairman Liakakis said, and, of course, we want to mention too, with your support and all, we have this long term Foundation who helps to come in for scholarships, especially to those people in the community, those students or people in the community that cannot afford, you know, tuition, and that Foundation, I'm glad to be a long-time member of that and a lobbyist for – for Savannah Tech. But thank you very much because y'all are making a difference in a lot of people's lives in our community.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, actually, my question is – is more for the Hunt/Mills. I had a couple questions. And I am just grateful to see this partnership. I think that if we could do this with more projects, it would be an – a true win/win situation for the community. My question, I guess, in reading through the literature is it seems that in some of the areas it has dropped, it has actually reversed for the local participation, and that would be in the equipment operator, the glazers, the iron and steel workers and the technicians. Can you shed a little light on that for me, please?

Mr. Savidakis said, sure. Sure. I'll give you the – with – with the glazers, that – that is one of the examples, as well as the operators where – where you have a particular trade that comes out for a short period of time. The – the – the window contractor is a perfect example. They come out and probably do two days worth of work in a building, and they're done. It's a function of – and – and we've stressed to them they need to bring their local people out and – and most cases with that particular contractor, they do not have a lot of local people, so they come out for one day, they have to comply with our schedule –

Commissioner Stone said, when you – when you say come out, where – where – come out from where? I mean help me understand –

Mr. Savidakis said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, – how you go from and I'm – and I'm not trying to pick on you, I'm just trying to find – to understand this. With the glazer, if you go – we started out in January with 55%, and now we're at 0%.

Mr. Savidakis said, in January when they – when they did mobilize on the project to do that particular building or buildings they were working on, their work force that they scheduled for the project were Chatham County employees of their organization.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Mr. Savidakis said, due to scheduling, I'll say conflicts, the next time they came out, and that's where the percentage went down, those same individuals did not come out to the project to do the next building. So unfortunately, that affected the percentage. We weren't happy with it. We were – we continue to stress the point of local, but here is a case where a – a small increment of time with not a large amount of hours and what it can do to – to influence the number in the negative direction. Some of the other trades that you – you asked about, carpentry was a perfect example, the carpentry trade, the foundations are completed, most of the slab on grades are done, the topping slabs, all those things, so that – that trade's need on the project is diminishing, just like the iron workers I spoke about earlier. And – and it's those kind of numbers that affect the percentages.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I'm – I'm – I guess I'm still a little confused and I'll be happy to meet with you later because I don't want to take up time from everybody else's schedule, but I'm – I'm still concerned if – if you had a local contractor for glazing – I mean if you had a – a contractor for glazing, they were hiring local people, and to start out in January at 55% and end up at 0%, that – that means that the people they're using are coming from somewhere else by the time you got to April.

Mr. Savidakis said, that contractor is a local contractor. I want to clarify that. And – and they're – what they – what

they and many of these – these sub contractors are doing is they have long-time employees that are working for their organization. In some cases they are Chatham County long-term employees and sometimes they're not. And due to their scheduling of many of their jobs, I believe this – and I'll look into this further, and I'll be glad to meet with you on it, I believe the case was that they – the individuals that they brought to the project at that particular time were not local.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. And then the – the – those two and the technician to go from 100% local in January and February down to 47% in April. That concerns me as well, 'cause that's almost a 50 – over 50% drop. So I just – I would like to find out why this is. And then I had one last question, if you will allow me, Mr. Chairman. It – it was brought to my attention, and I – I really – I apologize, and I should be more specific, but it did concern me that some of the workers, the subs, I guess, were not being paid regularly, and I – I really –

County Manager Abolt said, that's – that's what he answered a few minutes ago about that.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, I want to make sure that that does not continue.

County Manager Abolt said, if I – I may interject there, again, you're absolutely on spot and we've kept you posted on that. Mr. Savidakis was not naming names, but the action he took solved that problem.

Dr. Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Well I just want to make sure that that certainly doesn't continue 'cause there's nothing more discouraging than to have local people, especially – well any people, but, you know, I'm very concerned about our local workforce, but how discouraging it could be to go on a job and then not get paid.

Chairman Liakakis said, that –

Mr. Savidakis said, I agree with you, and we – we interjected in that, in that circumstance, and – and we believe we have fixed the problem and these workers are – are – have been paid.

Chairman Liakakis said, and it was brought to my attention, I got with the County Manager, and what they did, they got with Hunt/Mills to – to address the problem.

Commissioner Stone said, I just –

Mr. Savidakis said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, – want to make sure that that doesn't happen again.

Mr. Savidakis said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, all right, and if I could just get the answers on those.

Mr. Savidakis said, oh, sure.

Commissioner Stone said, some information so that I could better understand what's going on, I would appreciate it.

Chairman Liakakis said, James [Holmes]?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, James [Holmes]?

Commissioner Holmes said, your mail out that you mailed out to. How many people that went out to?

Mr. Savidakis said, we have 650 employees and it went to probably over 1,000 clients if not more.

Commissioner Holmes said, would this be a one-time mail out pertaining that?

Mr. Savidakis said, it does not have to be. We can – we can distribute this publication continuously. It's publicized, you know, several times during the year. This is what I'm referring to is our Hunt Landmarks, and it talks about the various projects we're – we're doing across the country, and then it gets in to local support, different organizations we've – are involved in, and in the case of Chatham County here, our contract manager conducted superintendent/foreman training out here in this building actually, and we are planning on doing it again in the next month.

Commissioner Holmes said, since this contract and partnership is growing with strength, it would be very nice to keep them informed of what's going on.

Mr. Savidakis said, absolutely.

Commissioner Holmes said, I – I – I would like to continuously putting this out there 'cause it can be a model that we're working on.

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, if I might say, and I won't be here then, but in a few years, I would see y'all that have – have had – been the pioneer of this, making presentations to NACo, making presents [sic] to national organizations,

starting back – starting with best value contracting. I mean I'm not – I'm not exaggerating. What y'all are doing, it's – it's cool.

Chairman Liakakis said, well one of the main things, too, we want to make sure that we help organize labor. That's really important that I have spoke about many times. But anyway, since we're talking about education and all, and thank you very much we appreciate what you're doing, just do whatever you can to help –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, – and we appreciate. Go head, Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to thank you for your efforts. I spoke with a gentlemen that I knew, and I can't even remember who it was, but he was telling me the difficulties that he's encountered trying to hire locals, and I'm not going to give exact numbers, but after running ads and all, 60 locals applied, when the call-in came, maybe 30 showed up, after the drug testing, there was like 5 left and back ground checks, and then the actual day called into work, I think one showed up.

Mr. Savidakis said, that's exactly right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and this – this is someone that I – and – and I wish I could remember who it was, but that I knew at the time and – that I know, and, you know, so there's no reason for me to doubt what he was telling me, so I – I understand it's difficult, and I appreciate all of your efforts and – and appreciate you standing there and taking – taking it when we were throwing it your way. But you – you've done good picking up the numbers, and – and I do appreciate that.

Mr. Savidakis said, I appreciate it too. I think the – the – the main point is we all recognize where the challenge is but collaboratively we're all working together towards what – what – what we aspire to – to achieve with that mission.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right and –

Mr. Savidakis said, working with Savannah Tech, and – and – and – and you all – y'all's support too, and corporately, our company, you know, we do this around the country, and we run into these challenges, and this is how we have to over come them by working together.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I want to thank Savannah Tech also for working with y'all to make – make it a reality –

Mr. Savidakis said, – it's been a great partnership –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – to get the most locals here. So.

Mr. Savidakis said, – and it will continue.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you all.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much.

Mr. Savidakis said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, appreciate it. And I'd like to say this about Commissioner Stone – that's okay, you can have a seat now. Thank you. Commissioner Stone because on education, she's done an excellent job. She's worked with the committees with the Association of County Commissioners for the State of Georgia on a number of educational projects also. She's been to Washington, she's been to the capital and done those things, so that's really important that we have, you know, our Commissioners are involved in a lot of things in this community and other places also on a state-wide basis, and that has really been good because some of those particular issues that she has brought up, they're being worked on, and I think some of them are being put into place and being addressed. So thank you very much.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

For information only.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 6, 2012**

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

**Issue:** To Provide a Local Participation Update for the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project.

**Background:** In December of 2010, Hunt Construction Group submitted an all inclusive plan for local participation for the construction of the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project. For accountability,

Hunt Construction Group is required to submit monthly local business, as well as local labor utilization reports, with each request for payment.

**Facts and Findings:**

1. This update reports progress made at month 14 of 32 and represents dollars paid through the present date. The total contract, including alternates and change orders, is \$71,288,136.
2. We are projecting at least **66%** local and minority business participation. However, Hunt Construction Group is **68.5%**, according to their most recent monthly update. To be included as "local" in the report, firms are required to have a local street address in Chatham County.
3. Local Participation reports are included with every request for payment. The Local Participation report was designed to illustrate which local firms are working and distinguish local small businesses, local large businesses, local minority and local women owned businesses. Furthermore, it states the size of each contract and which firm is getting paid each month. The report further states how much of their contract has been earned to date.
4. Hunt Construction Group is prohibited from making changes without due cause. Therefore, Engineering does not proceed with payment until we review the monthly report for unexpected changes in dollars awarded to local contractors.
5. As per their contract, Hunt Construction Group is required to report local labor utilization. Hunt Construction Group committed to hiring 76% local workers from Chatham County. However, the local labor remains below the target number. The percentage peaked at 58% in March and April, with regard to overall local labor hours. See attachments 1A-1B and 2A-2D for details for each company and job categories.
6. The ID Card system allows us to track local labor demographics, and we can report approximately 175 Chatham County Workers and 215 non-Chatham County workers during the months of March and April of 2012.
7. As stated previously, the Contractor, Hunt Construction Group, has been faced with realistic challenges associated with finding local labor.
8. The M/WBE Office is working with Savannah Technical College, Woodville Tompkins and Hunt Construction Group to assess local construction programs and assist in student recruitment for the sole purpose of increasing the number of ready, willing and able construction workers in this community. Staff will present a detailed plan of action regarding this collaboration during the next CCDC update.

**Funding:**

N/A

**Recommendation:** This item is for informational purposes only.

Prepared by: Arneja Riley,  
Chatham County M/WBE Program Coordinator

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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, we only have a few more minutes to go. We've got the Action Calendar and under that it's Item 1 through 6 and under 6, we have items A through O. There is one item you can pull off your agenda sheet there, is Item M, what was taken off yesterday under the Action Calendar. We need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis, yes?

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

Chairman Liakakis said, 4? Okay, pull item 4 – 4. I'd like now for a motion items 1 through 6 and under 6 A through O, but pulling item 4.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

- a. Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 6 and under Item 6, Items A through O with the exception of Item 4 and Item 6-M. Commissioners Stone and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a project between Chatham County and Step Up Savannah to expand the Chatham Apprentice Program (CAP) to build casegoods for the Pete Liakakis Government Building. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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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 JUNE 22, 2012, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 22, 2012, as mailed. Commissioners Stone and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 14, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 27, 2012.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period June 14, 2012 through June 27, 2012, in the amount of \$11,992,265. Commissioners Stone and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO REGISTER AND COLLECT THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR SECONDARY METALS RECYCLERS AND RETURN THE ENTIRE FEE TO CHATHAM COUNTY.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved the Board for approval for the Sheriff's Office to register and collect the registration fee for Secondary Metals Recyclers and return the entire fee to Chatham County. Commissioners Stone and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 6, 2012**



## INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**DATE:** June 25, 2012  
**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**FROM:** Sheriff St. Lawrence  
**SUBJECT:** Staff Report - Secondary Metals Recycling Program

Pursuant to O.C.G.A.10-1-360, beginning July 1, 2012, secondary metals recyclers who purchase regulated metal property in any quantity must register with the appropriate sheriff's office. There is a provision in the law

that states that Sheriff's Offices may charge a fee up to \$200.00 for the registration. The Georgia Secretary of State's Office through the Georgia Sheriff's Association is asking that each Sheriff charge the \$200.00 maximum fee and share half to defray the costs of a centralized data base that will be maintained by the Secretary of State. My Office will be handling the registrations (13 potential recyclers) and transmission of the data to the data base. We will also be handling the funds that will be turned over to Chatham County and the Georgia Sheriff's Association should our recommendation be approved.

Recommendation(s):

1. Chatham County Sheriff's Office register and collect the fee and return the entire fee to Chatham County.
2. Chatham County Sheriff's Office register and collect the fee and return half of the fee to Chatham County and half of the fee to Georgia Sheriff's Association for the Secretary of State's Office.
3. Chatham County Sheriff's Office register and collect no fees.

Staff recommends number two (2).

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4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A PROJECT BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND STEP UP SAVANNAH TO EXPAND THE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICE PROGRAM (CAP) TO BUILD CASEGOODS FOR THE PETE LIAKAKIS GOVERNMENT BUILDING.**

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, Item 4, Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is – I'll – I guess I'll read it, a request for the Board to approve a project between Chatham County and Step Up Savannah to expand the Construction Apprentice Program, CAP – or better known as CAP to build casegoods for the Pete Liakakis Government Building. In looking through this, I highlighted a few little areas. The project would be a partnership between Step Up, the Apprentice Program, and the Chatham County Construction Service Program. It says they'd provide casegoods for about 115 office and workstations. Said they, Project Step Up, would be responsible for extending the CAP program. The end goal would be to teach marketable trade for the participants. Chatham County Construction Service Program would be responsible for providing instruction, safety and quality control and pay wages and benefits during the term of the project. County carpenters already build furniture for various offices but on a smaller scale it tells us. The carpenter shop can be expanded to accommodate the increased work. It said the furniture would be standardized, constructed of quality veneered 3/4-inch wood, and to simplify the construction. Says the furniture would be actually less expensive to construct. Said it would not include items such as upholstered chairs, office chairs or conference tables because of the unique sizing. Under the contract, Project Step Up would be paid a \$75,000 management fee, and as with the Apprentice Program already, Chatham County would pay wages during training and cost of materials and supplies. The project total would be \$375,000. Step Up Savannah when it was first started here, the Apprentice Program, I believe, had a – a – somewhere around a \$100,000 budget. Last year's budget was somewhere around \$200,000. What - what's this year's budget on Step Up, Russ [Abolt]? I –

County Manager Abolt said, oh, I'd have to ask Ms. Cramer. I can't recall. The traditional budget remains the same. This is an innovative application. We have the resource in our partnership with the Construction Apprentice Program to focus job opportunities on other areas. I – I can answer that. I'd have to come back to you. I – I – there have been no changes I am aware of in – in the Step Up history relative to the budget. I'll just have to ask somebody who's not in the room.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well I don't –

County Manager Abolt said, I'll find the answer for you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I don't know if it actually went down. I would doubt that it did.

County Manager Abolt said, no, it didn't. It didn't.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so we've gone from \$100,000 to \$200,000, now we'll be paying \$275,000 here. Seventy-five thousand more for a management fee, and also, which we've been doing, we'll do with this, is we're going to pay the people that are being trained while we're training them.

County Manager Abolt said, sure.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that –

County Manager Abolt said, no, sir. Let me – let me explain. First of all, we're saving money because you're well aware as you walk around this building and the Montgomery Street Courthouse at the quality of our carpentry work. The finish work is excellent. In fact one – one of our employees happens to also be a graduate of the Step Up program. Mr. Monahan and others said, okay, we're going into the Liakakis Building, we're going to have to spend an amount of money on furniture. Rather than paying, you know, retail prices for that, we have an opportunity to focus with Step – with Construction Apprentice, just like the Homebuilders did. So in effect, when the Homebuilders did it, they were paying – they – they were – they were the beneficiary. Well in this case, the County's the

beneficiary. We can in fact say we need, we have this need, construct this furniture, a/k/a casegoods for the Liakakis Building, we – we in effect will – it will cost the tax payers less to do that, but while it is being built, our trained carpenters will be training the next generation of carpenters through Step Up.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well –

County Manager Abolt said, Step Up and Construction Apprentice. They do the recruiting, they do the life skills, the job stuff and all, and they create a workforce. The very same way which in the past, we've asked the Homebuilders to do it, now we're doing it. It's – it's – I think it's a cool application.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, my – my question would be –

Commissioner Farrell said, it's a workforce multiplier.

County Manager Abolt said, oh, definitely. It's a force multiplier – I'm sorry.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, my question would be, as far as the \$75,000 management fee to Project Step Up, are they extending their hours of existing training? Are they going to be putting in additional hours of training with this?

County Manager Abolt said, they're gonna – they're gonna have to commit resources to recruit and train these future carpenters.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so \$75,000 more to pay this group.

County Manager Abolt said, I mean I – yes, sir. For – according to the agreement, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, wow. Y'all – I know this is SPLOST funding,

County Manager Abolt said, no, but, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – but –

County Manager Abolt said, it – it – it is –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – this is a program that started at 100,000, went to 200,000, here's another 75,000, although this is SPLOST, which in a sense almost makes me even question the legality because it's – it's for capital improvements, and this is hiring personnel which is more of an operating expense because we're paying a – a staff, in a way, so I don't even, number one think it's really –

County Manager Abolt said, you're – you're buying furniture. You're buying furniture.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – I don't think it's possibly not – I think it's questionable whether this is legal.

County Attorney Hart said, no, it's – it's legal.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

County Manager Abolt said, what you – what you –

County Attorney Hart said, every capital improvement has a cost element to it for labor. You can't build anything or capital improvement without a labor component in it. And all this is is represents the labor component.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. In future SPLOST can we designate projects that our current staff will do and supplement their pay with it? With that SPLOST money?

County Attorney Hart said, no, not supplement, but insofar as out of the capital improvement budget, if there is a labor component to it. We charge SPLOST projects all the time against certain factors. For example, engineering, about 40% of engineering's time is usually taken up with SPLOST projects, so you – you do a cost allocation there –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, well, that's good –

County Attorney Hart said, – and as long – as long as we're doing a cost allocation, you're fine.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – and that makes sense after hearing it put that way.

County Manager Abolt said, but I – I want to reinforce, this is no different than what you just had in your conversation with Hunt/Mills. We're – we're – we're creating skilled, employable students of carpentry, that once they get through this program, they'll be celebrating in front of you when they graduate. And rather than have them work in the home building industry or other areas, you have employed now people who are going to have jobs going forward on a government project, yes, but a project that if the other option had been – been followed, mainly we go out in the market and buy furniture, there – there'd be no residual and continuing benefits from the investment.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, I guess I don't understand the \$75,000 additional monies going for this organization to manage this whenever there's possibly no expansion of hours of training. I don't get that part.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, the Project Step Up will – they will – they will actually train somewhere between five and eight. They'll go through the life skills training. There's 30 days of training that happens even before they touch any equipment or any of the materials and supplies. And in addition to that, during the course of this – the four months of the construction, they will be responsible for almost 20 hours a week of additional instruction beyond what the carpenters will do.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so they are adding hours.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, oh yeah, absolutely. This – this is above and beyond what CAP was already doing.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, then that's – that was my – that answers it great then. That – that makes sense. So thank you.

County Manager Abolt said, we think this is very innovative.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and because it is SPLOST and it is innovative, very good job. I just needed to know those answers and now it makes sense. So way to be creative. Thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman I'd like to –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, make a motion to approve it.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

Commissioner Stone said, may I ask one question?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, is there a way to recognize the cost savings on something like this? I mean it's such an innovative program, I would like to know, and I think the public might like to know.

County Manager Abolt said, when it's all over we can.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yeah, we will at the end.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, 'cause I'm – I think that that should be something we should celebrate.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, if – if you want to see some examples of what our carpenters have done besides this room, which was done by our carpenters, you can go to the County Attorney's Office, or the County Manager's office. All the furniture done in those suites, with the exception of Mr. Abolt's, because he did it the old fashioned way because the Chairman wanted to buy him some new furniture, but all the other furniture you see in the office suites, the County carpenters built, including the wainscot on our floor – on our walls.

Commissioner Stone said, excellent. Thank you.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to approve a project between Chatham County and Step Up Savannah to expand the Construction Apprentices Program (CAP) to build casegoods for the Pete Liakakis Government Building. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 6, 2012**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** R.E. Abolt, County Manager  
**FROM:** Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager

**ISSUE:**

To approve a project between Chatham County and Step Up Savannah to expand the Chatham Apprentices Program (CAP) to build casegoods for the Pete Liakakis Government Building.

**BACKGROUND:**

Opening the Pete Liakakis Government Building will require various casegoods, including desks, credenzas, bookshelves and workstations. The typical approach would be for the Purchasing Office to bid out these items. The Chatham Apprentices Program provides an alternative to develop a project to train selected participants in partnership with the County's Construction Services Program to build jointly the casegoods.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project would be a partnership between Step Up Savannah's Chatham Apprentices Program and

Chatham County’s Construction Services Program. The project would focus on training participants from poverty households and purchasing of materials from local suppliers to provide casegoods for about 115 office and 115 workstations.

- 2. Project Step Up would be responsible for extending the CAP program to include constructing casegoods by selecting participants, incorporating its life skill lessons and overseeing their participation to be job-ready. The end goal would be to teach a marketable trade for the participants.
- 3. Chatham County’s Construction Services Program would be responsible for providing instruction, safety and quality control and pay wages and benefits during the term of the project. County carpenters already build furniture for various offices but on a smaller scale. The carpenter shop can be expanded to accommodate the increased work, and a warehouse at the Citizens Service Center can be used for storage until the completed casegoods can be moved in November.
  - 3.1 The County’s carpenters would not be dedicated exclusively to this program and could continue with other County work, as needed. The CAP programs includes life-skills training offsite, which leaves this time for County carpenters to complete other scheduled work.
- 4. The furniture would be standardized, constructed of quality veneered 3/4-inch wood, to simplify construction. Standardizing furniture sizes would make the assembly process simpler. Besides the better quality of solid wood, the furniture would be less expensive to construct.
- 5. The project would not include items such as upholstered chairs, office chairs or conference tables because of their unique sizing. This would be bid out.
- 6. The construction contract already includes a certain number of built-ins and kitchen appliances.
- 7. The program would be formalized by a contract (see attached) between Chatham County and Step Up Savannah, Inc. Under the contract, Project Step Up would be paid a \$75,000 management fee but assume responsibility off-site for the life-skills sessions and ensuring workers arrived ready for work at carpenter shop. As with CAP already, Chatham County would pay wages during training and cost of materials and supplies. Chatham County would also provide the instruction through its carpenters, which will be paid from the project fund.

**FUNDING:**

Project fund would total \$375,000 from SPLOST 2008-2014 (Courthouse Project, 2008-2014 SPLOST (3244980 - 54.13011 - 32460427).

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. That the Board approve the project between Chatham County and Step Up Savannah to expand the Construction Apprentice Program (CAP) to build casegoods for the Pete Liakakis Government Building, as per described in “Facts & Findings.” Staff would return with a contract for approval.
- 2. That the Board opt not to pursue the project as described but direct staff to prepare specifications and bid out the required list of casegoods.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The proposed project remains consistent with the Chatham Apprentice Program to provide training for job skills and life-long lessons for participants for their economic well-being. Chatham County receives solid wood furniture, built by local labor and through local suppliers, as less expensive.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

STATE OF GEORGIA     )  
   )  
 COUNTY OF CHATHAM   )

**AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into July 1, 2012, by and between **CHATHAM COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (“County”), as governed by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, and **STEP UP SAVANNAH, INC.**, a non-profit organization recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) (“Contractor”).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Contractor have agreed to enter into this agreement as a collaborative project for design and fabrication of casegoods such as desks, credenzas, bookshelves, and workstations, hereinafter referred to as the “Project”; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor is a non-profit organization which sponsors the Chatham Apprentice Program to assist individuals, living at or below the poverty level and with little or no technical skills, in developing skills to compete in the job market, secure employment and utilize employment to become economically self-sufficient; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor agrees to provide individuals for the Project, prepare them through workforce readiness training, and ensure their participation, and serve as overall project coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, the County agrees to provide hands-on instruction and fund the Project's expenses, including but not limited to materials, supplies, equipment and wages.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of these premises, the County and Contractor agree as follows:

- 1. Nature of Services. Contractor agrees to serve as project coordinator in providing work-ready individuals for the fabrication of casegoods, such as desks, credenzas, bookshelves and workstations for a duration of approximately 16 weeks; provide life-skills training; provide workforce training skills; and monitor the participants' work readiness and performance. County agrees to provide hands-on instruction and pay the participants' wages and benefits, provide safety training and a safe working environment and fund the equipment, supplies, and materials, and provide a defined list of completed casegoods, necessary for the successful completion of the Project.
- 2. Term and Hours of Agreement. Parties agree that the term of this agreement shall be for approximately 16 weeks.
- 3. Payment Terms. The contractor will be compensated by a fee for \$75,000.
- 4. Administrator of Agreement. This Agreement shall be administered by the Assistant County Manager.
- 5. Modifications to Agreement. This Agreement may be modified only by a formal, written change order, negotiated by the authorized representative Chatham County and the Contractor and must subsequently be approved or confirmed by the Board of Commissioners.
- 6. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time with 14 days' notice. Failure of Contractor to complete assigned tasks without the consent of the Assistant County Manager shall be grounds to terminate this Agreement.
- 7. Georgia Law. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with Georgia law.

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

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

STEP UP SAVANNAH, INC.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Liakakis, Chairman  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Position

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Bocook, Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
this \_\_\_\_ dat of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

[SEAL]

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[SEAL] Notary Public

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

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**5. REQUEST APPROVAL OF A PERMIT TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR A SPECIAL EVENT IN CHATHAM COUNTY. PETITIONER: FISHIN' FOR JAMIE, INC., A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, THROUGH APPLICANT WILLIAM J. CURRY, HAS FILED A SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR A FUNDRAISER AT 36 WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD, 31410. THE APPLICANT HAS THE INTENT TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER ONLY) AT THE EVENT. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval of a permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County. Petitioner: Fishin' for Jamie, Inc., a non-profit organization, through applicant, William J. Curry. Commissioners Stone and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 7, 2012**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** R.E. Abolt, County Manager

**FROM:** Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services  
Willie Lovett, Chief of Police

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. **Fishin' for Jamie, Inc.**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **William J. Curry** has filed a Special Event Application for a fundraiser at 36 Wilmington Island Road, Savannah, GA 31410. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer only) at the event.
2. 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.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

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

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Alcoholic Beverages Code prohibits the sale, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages during a special event without a permit and approval of the Board of Commissioners.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Alternative #1.

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**6. 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).**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval to award bids as follows with the exception of Item M which was removed from the agenda: (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.) Commissioners Stone and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present].

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
A. Confirmation of the emergency purchase of an overhauled MD500 helicopter transmission on an exchange basis and pay for the repair in July 2012 after the FY2012-2013 budget is approved	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$42,295	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
B. Twelve (12) workstations for Detention Center Street Operations Area in Building A	Detention Center	McWaters, Inc.	\$13,600	CIP - Detention Center Expansion Project
C. Annual software maintenance agreement	Engineering	ESRI, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$12,800	SSD - Engineering
D. Annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide rental uniforms for various County departments	Various	Aramark Uniform Services	\$33,972	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various •Water & Sewer •Solid Waste Management
E. Management Data Software and maintenance	C.N.T.	Global Software Corporation (Sole Source)	\$25,850	Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
F. Contract for developing the Unincorporated Chatham County Flood Mitigation Plan	Engineering	Witt Associates (Sole Source)	\$17,700	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Drainage/Flood Hazard Mapping Project
G. Annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide inmate supplies	Detention Center	•American Products, Inc. •Bob Barker •Charm-Tex •MTJ American •Uniforms Mfg. •Paper Chemical Supply (WBE)	Varies by item	General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
H. Shower repairs at the Detention Center	Detention Center	Pioneer Construction (WBE)	\$50,829	CIP - Detention Center
I. Clear the right-of-way of the Wilmington Canal from Clarendon Road to Winchester Drive	Engineering	Triplett Clearing	\$12,000	CIP - Drainage, Wilmington Park
J. Construction contract for Penrose Drive drainage improvements	Engineering	A.D. Williams Construction Company	\$18,000	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Drainage, Penrose
K. Change Order No. 1 to the engineering services contract for services during construction of the Pipemakers Canal, Phase 2 Section 1 for additional construction monitoring provided to the County	Engineering	EMC Engineering Services, Inc.	\$58,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Pipemakers
L. Renewal of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance	Finance	Safety National	\$121,033	Risk Management Internal Service Fund
M. <del>Cancel the award of the contract for replacement of roof on the Administrative Legislative Courthouse</del>	<del>Facilities Maintenance and Operations</del>	<del>Advantage Building Contractors, Inc.</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>
N. Contract for the Talmadge Canal Culvert Drainage Improvement project	Engineering	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. (MBE)	\$91,600	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Talmadge Canal
O. Engineering services contract for design services related to the new fueling station which will be located adjacent to the new Public Works facility	Public Works	Thomas & Hutton Engineering (Sole Source)	\$74,500	CIP - Fleet Building Relocation

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6 A thru O**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 6, 2012**

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**THRU: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER**  
**FROM: MICHAEL A. KAIGLER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER/  
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SERVICES**  
**SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS**

**ITEM A**

**ISSUE:** Request Board confirmation of the \$42,295 emergency purchase of an overhauled MD 500 helicopter transmission on an exchange basis from Heli-Mart, Inc., and pay for the repair in July 2012, after the FY 2012-2013 budget is approved.

**BACKGROUND:** During the past several weeks, a metal chip light illuminated in one of the County's helicopters, indicating a transmission concern. Proper protocol was followed until the frequency and number of chip light incidents definitively indicated the need for maintenance. At that time the helicopter was grounded and could not be flown until the transmission repair was completed.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Funds for this repair were not immediately available. Staff requested emergency approval to proceed with the repair so that this aircraft could be quickly placed back into operation.
2. Delaying this action would have likely resulted in the loss of the only overhauled transmission currently available, and an approximately two (2) month period during which this essential aircraft would otherwise be grounded. It was uncertain when another overhauled transmission might become available.
3. Staff requested emergency approval from the Chairman to purchase the overhauled transmission. The Chairman concurred (see attached page 18) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control  
(1005144 - 52.22001) in FY 2012-2013

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Confirm the \$42,295 emergency purchase of an overhauled MD 500 helicopter transmission on an exchange basis from Heli-Mart, Inc., with the intent to pay for the repair in July 2012, after the FY 2012-2013 budget is approved.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve emergency purchases to insure no interruption in a department's daily operation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$13,600 purchase of 12 workstations for the Detention Center Street Operations Area in Building A from McWaters, Inc.

**BACKGROUND:** On 8 June 2012, the Board approved the purchase of 22 workstations for the Detention Center Street Operations from McWaters, Inc.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Detention Center Street Operations has a requirement for 12 additional workstations.
2. The bidder agreed to hold their prices for six (6) months for additional purchases.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$13,600 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP- Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project  
(380335-54.25001-38060407)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$13,600 purchase of 12 workstations for the Detention Center Street Operations Area in Building A from McWaters, Inc.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
LYNN STENNETT

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$12,800 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ESRI Inc., for Engineering department.

**BACKGROUND:** There are two (2) types of software covered under this maintenance agreement. One (1) includes the capability to add, change and delete all electronic mapping information produced by the ArcView users. The other is used to produce maps used in the appraisal process and used by our Engineers, our GIS Analyst and Board of Assessors.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The sole source provider, ESRI Inc., is the only company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
2. ESRI Inc., quoted a price of \$12,800 for the annual software maintenance renewal. The cost for the software maintenance is consistent with last year's pricing.
3. Staff believes this total cost of \$12,800 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SSD - Engineering  
(2701575 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVE:**

1. Board approval to award a \$12,800 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ESRI Inc., for Engineering department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary software maintenance for the using departments.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
NICK BATEY  
BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
GLORIA SAUGH

**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$33,972 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Aramark Uniform Services, to provide rental uniforms for various County departments.

**BACKGROUND:** The County has traditionally provided rental service uniforms to maintenance personnel employed by Fleet Operations, Public Works and Park Services, Solid Waste Management, Bridges, Water and Sewer, and Facilities Maintenance and Operations. Rental uniforms consist of trousers, work shirts and jackets.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Rental service will include initial issue, replacements and weekly laundry.
2. The bid was properly advertised and three (3) bids were received and opened on 12 June 2012. Bid responses are as follows:

Aramark Uniform Services Savannah, GA	\$33,972
AlSCO, Inc. N. Charleston, SC	\$38,813
Unifirst, Corporation Rincon, GA	\$40,547

3. Staff believes the total cost of \$33,972 for an annual uniform rental service to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O- Various Departments  
SSD - Various Departments  
Water & Sewer  
Solid Waste Management

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$33,972 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Aramark Uniform Services, to provide rental uniforms for various County departments.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$25,850 sole-source purchase of Management Data Software and maintenance from Global Software Corporation for CNT.

**BACKGROUND:** The CNT currently utilizes SCMPD's TIBURON automated reporting system (ARS) for documenting narcotics investigations. Recently, CNT staff discovered that information entered into the TIBURON ARS, under certain circumstances, can be accessed by persons outside of CNT, which could compromise the integrity of the investigations and the safety of the agents.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Prior to the current software, CNT agents documented their investigations in a records management system (RMS) called Management Data Software (MDS). MDS is a stand-alone RMS that is utilized by every municipal law enforcement agency in Chatham County, except the SCMPD.
2. Personnel information, equipment inventories, fleet management, complaint tracking, case file management, and several other lists/databases are currently kept in separate documents/file types/locations, will be consolidated in the MDS system and will allow for a more efficient management of resources.
3. Staff believes the cost of \$25,850 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CNT Confiscated Funds - Other Equipment  
(2103222 - 54.25001)

**ALTERNATIVE**

1. Board approval to award a \$25,850 sole-source purchase of Management Data Software and maintenance from Global Software Corporation for CNT
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment for law enforcement activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
GLORIA SAUGH

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$17,700 sole source contract with Witt Associates for developing the Unincorporated Chatham County Flood Mitigation Plan (FMP).

**BACKGROUND:** The FMP is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Chatham County to remain compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This allows flood insurance policies to be available to the citizens of Chatham County. The FMP must be submitted to FEMA on or before 1 October 2012. The FMP must be adopted by Resolution of the Chatham Board of Commissioners prior to 1 October 2012. To continue progress on the FMP in a timely manner, the services of a professional engineering consulting/mitigation firm is required.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Witt Associates is under contract with Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) and principally involved in writing the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan (PDHM) dated December 2010.
2. Witt Associates is acquainted with County policy and procedures. Their work on the CEMA PDHM makes them uniquely qualified to produce the FMP because many of the charts, historical weather data, and associated flood related problems and flood hazard information is similar to what is needed to produce the FMP.
3. Because Witt Associates produced the CEMA plan, it is anticipated they will produce the FMP for less than other firms. Witt Associates is not intended to be all inclusive of "qualified" firms. Their selection is based on their prior experience with the County and their work on similar projects. This consultant is one (1) of the "consultant firms of record" on County projects.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Drainage/Flood Hazard Mapping project  
(3234250 - 52.12003 - 32380430)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$17,700 sole source contract with Witt Associates for developing the Unincorporated Chatham County Flood Mitigation Plan (FMP).
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve sole source contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award an annual contract to American Products, Inc., Woodinville, WA, Bob Barker, Fuquay-Varnia, NC, Charm-Tex, Brooklyn, NY, MTJ American, Granite Falls, NC, Uniforms MFG., Scottsdale, AZ, and Paper Chemical Supply, Savannah, GA to provide inmate supplies for the Detention Center, with automatic renewals options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms.

**BACKGROUND:** The Annual Contract for Inmate Supplies is required to provide “as needed” delivery of the demand for the various items provided for by this contract.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Specifications for 23 items of supplies which included inmate jumpsuits and mattresses. Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and opened 30 May 2012. The following firms submitted bids:

ACME Supply Co., LTD Clen Cove, NY	American Amenities, Inc. Woodinville, WA
Bob Barker Fuquay-Varnia, NC	Americare Products, Inc Woodinville, WA
Charm Tex Brooklyn, NY	Georgia Correctional Industries Decatur, GA
Gold Water Industries Gardena, CA	ICS Jail Supplies, Inc. Waco, TX
• Justice Packaging Pooler, GA	Just In Trend Johnston, IA
MTJ American Granite Falls, NC	• OD Taragin & Bros. LLC Baltimore, MD
• Paper Chemical Supply Savannah, GA	Shoe Corp of Birmingham Birmingham, AL
Supreme Medical Mobile, AL	Tabb Textile Company, Inc Opelika, AL
Uniforms Manufacturing, Inc Scottsdale, AZ	Unipack, Inc Pittsburgh, PA

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2. Please see attached page 19 for list of items to be awarded.
3. Local vendor, Justice Packaging was not offered “Local Preference” due to non-compliance of delivery specifications in a previous contract.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M & O - Detention Center  
(1003326 - 53.17009)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award an annual contract to American Products, Inc., Woodinville, WA, Bob Barker, Fuquay-Varnia, NC, Charm-Tex, Brooklyn, NY, MTJ American, Granite Falls, NC, Uniforms MFG., Scottsdale, AZ, and Paper Chemical Supply, Savannah, GA to provide Inmate Supplies for the Detention Center, with automatic renewals options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts that offer the best value to the County.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

**ITEM H**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of \$50,829 for shower repairs at the Detention Center from Pioneer Construction from Savannah, GA.

**BACKGROUND:** The Detention Center shower areas in units 3A, 3C and 5 are used continuously throughout the day and are now in need of repair.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The showers have developed leaks in the drainage area beneath the concrete floors and within the walls. This has created a slipping and health hazard for the staff and the inmates.
2. Invitation for Bids were advertised and opened on 5 June 2012. The bids responses are as follows:
 

•• Pioneer Construction, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 50,829
• RL Construction Group, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 87,865
Bell & Sons Design, Inc. Guyton, GA	\$108,676

  - WBE firm
  - MBE firm
3. Staff believes the \$50,829 for the repairs to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Detention Center Fund  
(3503326 - 54.13011 - 35030517)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of \$50,829 for shower repairs at the Detention Center from Pioneer Construction from Savannah, GA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve repairs for the health and welfare of the staff and inmates.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$12,000 contract to Triplett Clearing to clear the right-of-way of the Wilmington Canal from Clarendon Road to Winchester Drive.

**BACKGROUND:** The project involves furnishing all labor and equipment to remove vegetation from the drainage right-of-way along the banks and shoulders of the Wilmington Canal from Clarendon Road to Winchester Drive. Only clearing and removal of material is associated with these improvements. No excavation is expected.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Three (3) quotes from local clearing companies were requested. Three (3) quotes were received and the responses are as follows:
 

Triplett Clearing Rincon, GA	\$12,000
B and D Clearing, Inc. Black Creek, GA	\$62,000
Pro-Grade South LLC Springfield, GA	\$71,835

**FUNDING:** CIP - Drainage - Wilmington Park

(3504100 - 54.14021 - 35038207)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$12,000 contract to Triplett Clearing to clear the right-of-way of the Wilmington Canal from Clarendon Road to Winchester Drive.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of an \$18,000 construction contract with A.D. Williams Construction Co. for the Penrose Drive Drainage Improvements project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Penrose Drive Drainage Improvements project is part of the 2003-2008 SPLOST Drainage Program. The problem is insufficient drainage infrastructure resulting in standing water on the pavement at Penrose and Riverside Drive.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Inadequate drainage from the road and adjacent yards in the vicinity of Penrose Drive and Riverside Drive frequently results in standing water on the streets. This problem is persistent and occurs frequently each year. Traffic safety is a concern because the standing water at this intersection typically takes a long time to dissipate.
2. Design of an engineering solution consisting of a new crossdrain pipe and yard inlet was completed. The project was properly advertised and four (4) bids were received and opened 14 June 2012. Bid responses are as follows:

A. D. Williams Construction Co. Savannah, GA	\$18,000
Sitework Construction, LLC Savannah, GA	\$23,344
* First City Utilities, LLC Savannah, GA	\$25,120
* E & D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$36,500

\* WBE firm

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Drainage, Penrose Drainage (3234250 - 54.14021 - 32380607)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of an \$18,000 construction contract with A.D. Williams Construction Co. for the Penrose Drive Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM K**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No.1, in the amount of \$58,000, to the engineering services contract with EMC Engineering Services, Inc. for professional services during construction of the Pipemakers Canal, Phase 2, Section 1 drainage improvement project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Pipemakers Canal project is part of the 1998-2003 SPLOST Drainage Program. The County and EMC Engineering Services, Inc. (EMC) entered into the original engineering services contract for

Hydraulic Analysis for Various Drainage Basins in August 1996. EMC has remained the Engineer of Record for all phases of project design and construction through subsequent change orders and new contract awards.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The overall improvement plan for the Pipemakers Canal consists of channel widening, bridge improvements and construction of a tidegate structure. The Phase 1 project included the new tidegate structure and channel improvements at the Georgia Port Authority Garden City Terminal. Construction of Phase 1 is complete.
2. Construction of the Phase 2 improvements was divided into Sections 1 and 2 due to rights of way acquisition issues. This Phase 2, Section 1 project extends improvements to Dean Forest Road. Construction started in late 2010 and is expected to be complete by September 2012. Section 2 is currently out for construction bids and will extend improvements upstream of Dean Forest Road to the west end of the airport.
3. To monitor construction of the Phase 2, Section 1 project the County entered into a professional services agreement with EMC to provide professional engineering and administrative services. The agreement included limited day-to-day construction monitoring intended to supplement construction monitoring services by a separate contractor provided by the County.
4. The County lost the ability to provide the separate contractor in June 2011. EMC was directed to step in and provide these services. This change order is to pay for the additional construction monitoring provided to the County.
5. Contract History:

Original Contract (7-9-10)	\$ 336,600
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	<u>\$ 58,000</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 394,600

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Drainage, Pipemakers Project  
(3224250 - 52.12003 - 32280217)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Change Order 1, in the amount of \$58,000, to the engineering services contract with EMC Engineering Services, Inc. for professional services during construction of the Pipemakers Canal, Phase 2, Section 1 drainage improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders to contracts that are necessary for the completion of projects.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM L**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$121,033 premium renewal of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance for the period 1 July 2012 through 30 June 2013 with Safety National for Risk Management in the Finance Department.

**BACKGROUND:** Since 1990 specific excess insurance has been purchased to fund medical and indemnity (lost wage) expense that exceed an annual per claim retention of \$500,000. The County self-funds Workers' Compensation with the assistance of a Third-Party Administrator, Underwriters Safety & Claims.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The current carrier, Safety National, is offering a renewal quotation with a \$650,000 per claim retention. Expiring year retention was \$500,000 per claim. Safety National's renewal premium is \$121,033 or approximately 9% more than last year (\$110,869).
2. The rate increase is based on increased costs associated with on-going large claims, and several losses that have developed to over \$100,000.
3. If trends continue, next year Safety National will require a Self-Insured Retention (SIR) of \$750,000.
4. Medical cost increases; deteriorating underwriting results; and fewer insurance carriers all contribute to escalating costs.
5. Two (2) insurance carriers declined to provide quotations, and another quoted a higher SIR and annual premium.

**FUNDING:** Risk Management Internal Service Fund  
(6259926 - 51.27008)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Request Board approval of the \$121,033 premium renewal of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance for the period 1 July 2012 through 30 June 2013 with Safety National for Risk Management in the Finance Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve annual Workers' Compensation Insurance premiums based on financial considerations and recommendation of staff.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM M**

**ISSUE:** ~~Request Board approval to cancel the award of the construction contract with Advantage Building Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$95,947, for the replacement of the existing roof at the Administrative/Legislative Courthouse.~~

**BACKGROUND:** ~~On 11 May 2012, the Board confirmed the award of a construction contract to Advantage Building Contractors Inc., to replace the existing roof at the Administrative/Legislative Courthouse.~~

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. ~~At the time of bid submission, Advantage Building Contractors Inc. indicated they would be self-performing the entire project. After bid submission, Advantage Building Contractors Inc. indicated they would be utilizing a subcontractor to perform the majority of the project. Based on a review of the documents provided for the subcontractor, further investigation revealed the subcontractor lacked the skill, experience and financial responsibility to complete the complex roofing project.~~
2. ~~Currently, the County has capital improvement projects that do not have sufficient funding to proceed. Staff is recommending to postpone this project and use the funds for other more pressing capital improvement projects.~~

**FUNDING:** ~~No funding required for cancellation of contract.~~

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. ~~Board approval to cancel the award of the construction contract with Advantage Building Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$95,947, for the replacement of the existing roof at the Administrative/Legislative Courthouse.~~
2. ~~Provide staff other direction.~~

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** ~~It is consistent with Board policy to cancel contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.~~

**RECOMMENDATION:** ~~Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.~~

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM N**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$91,600 construction contract with Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. for the Talmadge Canal Culvert Drainage Improvements project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Talmadge Canal project is part of the 1998-2003 SPLOST Drainage Program. Problems being addressed include the limited drainage capacity and the lack of access to perform maintenance.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project is located south of US Highway 80 and east of Dean Forest Road in the City of Garden City. The City of Garden City worked concurrently with County Staff to identify the scope and extent of the improvements required.
2. The project will remove an obstruction to stormwater drainage by replacing an existing culvert with a new, larger, culvert. To improve access for drainage maintenance, new rights of way and easements were acquired.

3. The project was properly advertised and five (5) bids were received and opened May 15, 2012. The bid responses are as follows:

**	E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 85,056
*	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$ 91,600
	Baker Infrastructure Group, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$106,154
**	First City Utilities, LLC Savannah, GA	\$111,690
	Seaboard Construction Co. Brunswick, GA	\$120,827

\*MBE firm  
\*\*WBE firm

4. Staff considers the apparent low bidder, E&D Contracting Services, Inc., to be non-responsive at this time due to serious contractual irregularities recently discovered on Cresthill Drainage Improvements-Phase I project [a recent and similar drainage project] managed by the Department of Engineering. The irregularities include delegation of all jobsite labor, safety measures and quality control to a subcontractor not identified to Chatham County in the contract documents. This is the second time E&D used subcontractors for County projects not identified in the contract or requested in writing after contract award [Ref. Quacco Canal Drainage Improvements – East of US 17].

5. Until the irregularities are fully resolved and the Cresthill Drainage project is complete, no contracts should be awarded to E&D Contracting Services, Inc. The additional cost to the County is \$6,544.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Drainage, Talmadge Canal  
(3224250 - 52.12003 - 32280427) - pending Board approval of budget transfers

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$91,600 construction contract with Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. for the Talmadge Canal Culvert Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve awards of contracts to the low responsive and responsible bidder.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM O**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$74,500 sole source professional engineering services contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company for design services related to the new fueling station which will be located adjacent to the new Public Works facility.

**BACKGROUND:** The fueling station currently utilized on the Southside is located on Sallie Mood Drive and must be relocated in accordance with the terms of the County's grant.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Thomas & Hutton is the Engineer of Record on the Public Works facility and is therefore uniquely qualified to perform this work in a timely and expeditious manner.
2. Thomas & Hutton has submitted a proposal for the project which includes design, preparation of plans and specs for bidding and construction oversight.
3. Staff has reviewed the proposal provided by Thomas & Hutton and found it to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$74,500 sole source professional engineering services contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company for design services related to the new fueling station which will be located adjacent to the new Public Works facility.

2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve sole source contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
LYNN STENNETT

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, okay. Let's see here now. The items – no First Readings.

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

Chairman Liakakis said, no Second Readings.

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Liakakis said, and information items was distributed in your book 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.)**

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 6, 2012**

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
One (1) desk top computer and two (2) monitors	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$2,645	• SSD-Engineering • I.C.S. Computer Replacement
Geotextile fabric for Hardin Canal drainage improvements	Engineering	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	\$9,450	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal
GABC stone for Hardin Canal drainage improvements	Engineering	Martin Marietta Aggregates	\$8,100	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
Repair to conveyor belt on unit 13 - grinder	Fleet Operations	Ditch Witch of Charlotte, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$4,809	Fleet Operations Inventory Account
Repairs to unit 86 - excavator	Fleet Operations	Flint Equipment Company	\$4,838	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Upgrade to wheel alignment system	Fleet Operations	Mohawk Resources, Ltd.	\$5,824	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
One (1) water level sensing pressure transducer	Public Works and Park Services	Siemens Industry, Inc.	\$2,994	SSD-Public Works
Industrial grade sand	Mosquito Control	Standard Sand & Silica Company, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$3,938	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Remove and replace one (1) HVAC unit at Board of Elections	Facilities Maintenance	Air Services and Refrigeration	\$8,100	General Fund/M&O - Board of Elections
Moving of two (2) vehicle lifts and one (1) alignment rack to Fleet Operations temporary location	Fleet Operations	Atlantic Automotive Equipment	\$6,200	CIP-Fleet Operations
Repair to fire alarm system due to lightning strike	Mosquito Control	Simplex Grinnell L.P. (Sole Source)	\$3,735	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Construct two (2) concrete slabs at the County Wetland Mitigation Bank	Engineering	Sandhill ALS Construction Inc. (MBE)	\$4,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Open Space Greenway
Engineering services for HVAC system at Henderson Golf Club	Special Projects	Smith and VandenBulck	\$3,600	CIP-Parks and Recreation
Training costs for IT training and certification	I.C.S.	Global Knowledge Training Center	\$5,990	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Three (3) tablet computers and accessories	I.C.S.	GHA Technologies, Inc.	\$4,061	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Software maintenance on VMware software and four (4) processors	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$4,702	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Three (3) televisions, four (4) wall mounts and one (1) printer and toner for I.C.S.	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$3,413	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Installation of one (1) double gate and three (3) bollards at the County Wetland Mitigation Bank	Engineering	R.W. Moore Fence	\$2,600	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Open Space Greenway
GABC stone for Hardin Canal drainage improvements	Engineering	Martin Marietta Aggregates	\$7,593	CIP-Parks and Recreation
Supply and install exhaust fan, intake fan and intake louver at Fleet Operations temporary location	Fleet Operations	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$5,350	CIP-Fleet Operations

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Liakakis said, now we are going to recess to –

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

Chairman Liakakis said, wait a minute. Go ahead. Excuse me, Patrick [Shay].

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we recess into executive session for the purposes of discussing litigation, land acquisition, and personnel.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, All right. Motion on the floor. Let's go on the board. Motion passes.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved to recess to executive session to discuss personnel, litigation and land acquisition. Commissioners Stone and Holmes seconded the motion and it unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present].

The Board recessed at approximately 10:52 a.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:**

Commissioner Shay moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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2. **RESOLUTION REGARDING CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT LAWSUIT TO RECOVER TAXES AND FEES FROM THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE COMPANY.**

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the Clerk of Superior Court to bring an action against Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and to contract John C. Davis, Esq., C. Wes Pittman, Esq., Debra Brewer Hayes, Esq., Charles Clinton Hunter, Esq., and Thomas C. Bordeaux, Jr., Esq. to handle such action. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present.]

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY, 2012.

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PETE LIAKAKIS, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY,  
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JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION