

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 20, 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 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 20, 2012.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner James Holmes for the Invocation.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let's bow our head, please.

Commissioner Holmes gave the invocation as follows:

Heavenly Father, thank you for this day that you have touched us. Thank you for guiding us into the meeting room of the Chairman's and the Commissioners. I ask you God to just bless this place. Bless the one who you assembled to do the work of the citizens of Chatham County. These blessings we ask of your name. Amen.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Tabitha Odell for -- lead us in -- in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Odell 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
Patrick Shay, District Three
Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
Tabitha A. Odell, District Five
David M. Gellatly, District Six

Not Present: Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

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

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Chairman Liakakis said, we need a motion on the floor to excuse Commissioner Dean Kicklighter. He was unable to come today for another reason.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, have a motion on the floor and a second to excuse Commissioner Dean Kicklighter. Let's go on the Board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to excuse Commissioner Kicklighter from the Commission meeting. Commissioners Thomas, Holmes, and Odell seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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

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PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like to say though when we get started here for some other item, Commissioner's and all, is that I'd like to thank Commissioner Helen Stone for her participation working hard for the 9-1-1, not only in our area but around the state. And many people really depend on that 9-1-1 because if you have an emergency, we know you call 9-1-1 and you get faster service, but sometimes in some of the things that were going on that they needed more support and all of that with that particular service that Commissioner Stone what she did was that she not only got involved on a local level to talk about it, but also on a state-wide level. She was on one of the committees that -- working on 9-1-1. She talked to a number of legislators on 9-1-1, and that's really important, and we've got Commissioners up here that do a really good job, and they're out in the community doing other things, and not just County Commission meetings. But Helen [Stone] was outstanding in the things that she did for 9-1-1, and we owe her gratitude and a lot of thanks for this hard work that she did. Because on her own when she was out there not on the Commission or working Commission items, she was up in the Atlanta area and working with a number of committees and many other areas. So I think that we owe a lot of thanks to Commissioner Helen Stone for her outstanding work on the 9-1-1- situation. [Applause.]

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. It really was a combined effort through the Association of County Commissioners. What this entailed was the -- every time that people purchase a cellular phone there is a fee that goes to the 9-1-1 centers. The real issue came when the prepaid wireless, there was no way to track some of this money, and it -- the fees were not being paid. And so we have now come up with a formula, and we were very fortunate that this legislation passed the first go round. So it will now include not just contract wireless but your prepaid wireless, monies will go to the E-9-1-1 centers. So it was a great pleasure to get this done and to work with the people that I was able to work with. So thank you very much.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE SAVANNAH EARLY CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION (COMMISSIONER FARRELL AND COMMISSIONER STONE).

Chairman Liakakis said, and now under other Commissioner's Items, we have a presentation on the Strategic Plan for the Savannah Early Childhood Foundation, and I call on Commissioner Stone for this item also to have this addressed.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Actually Commissioner Farrell and I were approached by Mr. Paul Fisher, and I know that he can introduce anyone else that he has here with him today, and were privy to the information that he is going to share with us today that I think is going to be a tremendous asset to this community and something that we all need to start thinking about, and that is workforce development and what we're going to do to help prepare our youth for work in the future, especially since not everyone is really cut out or designed to go to college, and we need those jobs filled here in this community, and that's been clearly demonstrated with the jail project. So I thank Commissioner Farrell for his involvement with this and Mr. Fisher, and I think that he will give you an introduction of his team and his presentation. So Commissioner Farrell?

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I'd like to welcome Paul [Fisher]. We've been in Rotary for a number of years, and he has worked diligently on this project since its inception as -- as far I know and has really made some great strides towards making this really happen. I think everybody will be very interested in the work that he and many others are

doing, and at this time I'd like to turn over the podium to Mr. Fisher and -- and have him let us know what's going on and what -- what the plans are for the future.

Chairman Liakakis said, Paul [Fisher], what I'd like for you to do all of those that are with you here for this particular project, if you will have them just come and stand with you up at the podium.

Mr. Paul Fisher said, certainly. There is a new foundation in town, it's the Savannah Early Childhood Foundation. We have several members of that foundation with us today.

Chairman Liakakis said, if y'all will come up to the podium.

Mr. Fisher said, Katrina Chance is on our advisory board. Dr. Kathryn Martin is on our operating board. Steve Lewis is on our operating board, and Ms. Lawanda Ransom is on our advisory board. We appreciate y'all being here today to give me moral support. Thank you. And we appreciate, Mr. Chairman and -- and Commissioners for the opportunity to -- to be before you today. The -- the new logo and slogan are represented on the cover of our strategic plan. All Children Ready At School Age is our new slogan, and the logo represents what our research, conclusions, and plan are all about, education, caring, nurturing, loving environments. We talk about children birth to five, but parents are the key component to the endeavor that you'll hear about. So parents and children and then also brain development. Let's imagine, take an imaginary trip for a minute. What if we could brag about Savannah not only being -- being the most beautiful city in America but the safest. What would that mean to current residents, attracting new residents, tourism? What would happen to property values? What would it mean for the cost or need for new jail space? What if we could brag about Savannah having the best educated workforce in America? Wouldn't that be a magnet for new businesses, spark real, high quality growth, and provide good paying jobs in our community? What if we could significantly reduce poverty in Savannah? Doesn't that mean we could redirect many community resources that are currently designed to alleviate the pain and suffering from poverty? What if we could significantly reduce teen pregnancy, truancy, and juvenile delinquency? Again, couldn't we redirect many more resources to positive initiatives for Savannah? What if all Savannah children were ready for school at school age? Wouldn't that allow redirection of many remedial resources? Wouldn't it create an environment in our schools where teachers could focus on positive learning and reduce the need to focus on behavioral issues? What would you think if I told you all of this is possible? It is possible, but it will take our entire community devoted to doing something different so that we can realize different outcomes, supporting a new initiative aimed at the root causes of all of these challenges.

Mr. Fisher said, these appear to be mostly adult or teen issues, but let's explore that premise a bit further. How many times have we asked, to keep this adult out of jail, why didn't we teach better and make sure the person graduated from high school and had a good job? Then we step into the high school environment. Hmm, this person has a truancy issue or is now a pregnant teen. Why didn't we instill better discipline and principles in middle school? And then we investigate the middle school environment. Why is this person having so many behavioral and educational issues in middle school? Why didn't they learn to read better and develop better learning skills at the elementary level? And then, you know, our children just aren't school ready. Why aren't kindergarten and pre-K schools preparing them better? As we follow this logic, however, that's where we stop. Isn't it logical to continue that thought process and that logic, continue back on life's continuum to birth. Couldn't we realize a positive effect if we did explore the possibility of trying to apply new resources in the area of birth to three or four years old?

Mr. Fisher said, I'd like -- I'd like to share the story of a journey right here in Savannah. The journey was launched four years ago when Rotary of Savannah South asked itself the question are our clubs resources having the most impact possible in our community? In order to attempt an answer, we interviewed the Mayor, Chief of Police, superintendent of schools, school board president, several Judges. In all we interviewed 15 civic leaders who told us that the communities' challenges are persistent, multi-generational, cyclical, and they are poverty, crime, low educational outcomes, teen pregnancy, truancy, juvenile delinquency, and unfortunately, disproportionate by race. We also realized that after applying well-meaning community resources for decades, breaking the cycle has been elusive. Our civic leaders, although they didn't have the answers, suggested that we needed to identify root causes of these challenges and a synthesis of all of their input gave us a general direction. It pointed us generally in the need for parenting skills in early childhood. The presidents of six Savannah Rotary Clubs and Skidaway Kiwanis formed a committee who spent two years in research. The committee created the first community catalog of Savannah's resources devoted to children's issues. More than 90 resources were documented and interviews conducted with many of these resources launched the research process. So what has the research taught us? One, we came to realize that there is a culture of children of children having children. Further analysis showed that this phenomenon over time has eroded the cultural practice of transferring parenting skills from one generation to the next.

Mr. Fisher said, another step on our journey led the committee to study the body of research on brain development. Several conclusions were drawn -- were drawn from this in depth study. One, the research shows that the vast majority of brain development occurs in the first two to three years of life. Early development can influence one's ability to acquire knowledge for the rest of their lives, and caring, nurturing, language-rich environments are critical for this early, early development. Another step on the journey was an in depth study of the Harlem Children's Zone, including an actual visit to Harlem. And several important elements of the research were revealed here. Geoffrey Canada at the Harlem Children's Zone halfway through his twenty-five year journey now with the Harlem Children's Zone made a strategic change exactly in the middle of it because he was not producing outcomes, and that change was to teach parenting skills to parents birth to five. Subsequently, that strategic change has proven to result in tremendous positive outcomes for the children whose parents learn parenting skills. We also learned at the Harlem Children's Zone that neighborhood is the optimal demography in order to reach critical mass on the road to culture change. The research also showed that there are too many single teen moms, too many absentee fathers. We also learned that it is difficult to operate high quality childcare facilities in impoverished areas because you simply can't generate enough revenue through tuition to afford it. And eventually we realized that communities live within a social norm where the community dedicates many, many community resources for the care, nurturing, and education of children starting fundamentally at school age, our schools being the biggest example of this. But the social norm expects that the responsibility of the care, nurturing, and education of the child -- children prior to school age is the responsibility of parents and the family

without external -- significant external community resources. So what do the conclusions of the research efforts suggest is the solution? Invade the social norm. Apply community resources at the birth to five stage of life for children and their parents. Recently, the six Savannah Rotary Clubs and the Skidaway Kiwanis formed the Savannah Early Childhood Foundation, the new 501(c)(3) public charity to implement the solution. The advent of the formation of the Foundation signifies the transfer -- the transition from the research phase of our journey to the implementation of our journey. To make the solution a reality.

Mr. Fisher said, the immediate goals of the Foundation will be to one, assure all children in the targeted segment of our community are ready for school at school age; and two, enhance parents' capability to improve home environments, educate their children starting at birth, and then, they, themselves, will be able to better partner with teachers when their child does enter school. To accomplish these goals, the Foundation will assure capacity of improved, high quality childcare to accommodate all the children birth to five in the targeted segment of our community. We will design and deliver a parent skill training program specifically for parents who have children birth to five. Develop a model that delivers these elements through existing resources on a neighborhood by neighborhood model, create a sustainable effort for more than a generation. This is not a one year project, or a five-year project, or even a ten-year project. We must find a way to sustain this effort for at least a generation. And funding will be primarily provided by private funding. Another thing that the Harlem Children's Zone teaches is it's unwise if you expect to sustain an effort for that long a period of time to depend primarily on public funding through all the vagaries of the political cycles and the priorities that change over that length of time.

Mr. Fisher said, so what action has the Foundation taken to date? The Foundation's operating board and advisory board have been populated. You met some of the members here today, and a funding board is being formed. Parent University has partnered with Early Start Childcare Resource and Referral to operate a parent skill training pilot for the parents at the Wesley Community Center and the Lady Bamford Center that just concluded in June, last month. All the licensed childcare facilities have been identified for the neighborhoods of each of the elementary schools in the targeted area, and an elementary school selection committee identified East Broad Elementary and its neighborhoods as a place to start. The initiative will span to Spencer and Shuman, and then, of course, move to the west side and the south side. The schools last year gave the Foundation an absolute gift. A committee of elementary school teachers put together a thirteen-page report on what school readiness means to our schools, and they -- as I say submitted it to us in the fall of last year. The Foundation has subsequently developed and documented a strategic plan and financial plan, and I have copies of this plan for each of you. So what's next? The school readiness report will be reduced to matrix. We're working on that right now, this summer to measure school readiness for the kindergarten -- incoming kindergarten class this fall at East Broad. This will establish the baseline of where we are on school readiness and will be used to measure the effect of the Foundation's work in the neighborhoods on birth to five the subsequent classes going forward. Parent University and Early Start will analyze the results of the pilot, incorporate conclusions in the new parent training module, and offer the new parent training module in East Broad neighborhoods starting up this year. This module will be delivered in the classic classroom mode, but we will eventually develop an interactive mode of learning for parents as well. Parents will have the opportunity to demonstrate acquired classroom knowledge with their child in high quality childcare facilities facilitated by trained professionals. The Foundation will design and announce a granting process for childcare facilities that are approved to participate in Bright from the Start's quality rating and improvement system. Approved programs will develop and implement improvement plans in agreement with the Early Start Childcare Resource and Referral Agency. The Foundation will begin outreach to leaders in each of the East Broad neighborhoods to lead efforts of encouraging parents to enroll themselves in Parent University and their children in high quality childcare facilities. Leaders to be engaged -- engaged are first and foremost the faith-based community. They are the largest and most disbursed body of people in our neighborhoods. But we'll also approach neighborhood associations, current Parent University graduates, Step Up Savannah's leadership program, concerned citizens for the east side, anywhere we can find leadership in the -- the neighborhoods, we'll engage them and approach them to help us be leaders in their neighborhoods to encourage and support parents.

Mr. Fisher said, fundraising will commence. The financial plan highlights the need for \$150,000 a year in year one. That need grows to \$1.5 million a year in years four and five. Around year ten, the need grows to \$5 million a year, but also around this time the community should start realizing the effects of the process and financial resources the community is currently applying to the challenges may start to atrophy. So those resources potentially could be redirected to the early childhood effort. The Early Childhood Foundation will fund operations primarily from private funds, including a major effort to attract funds from outside the community. So what will success look like? Although the Foundation will focus like a laser on the birth to five years, the community will only realize success through significant impact on the challenges of poverty, crime, low educational outcome, teen pregnancy, truancy, and juvenile delinquency in the out years. The ultimate definition of success is the re-establishment of a culture of children ready at school age as a result of strong, informed, two-parent families. The evolution of the culture change will begin when a single teen mom learns better how to give her child a great start to life by centering the well-being of that child in her life, realizing how difficult, time-consuming and important this is. Perhaps she'll shift the mind set to refraining from having another child until she can better afford it, or not have another child without a partner sharing the responsibility. Children then will continue the evolution as they begin school, school ready. Learning will be more enjoyable, less of a challenge, which leads to staying in school, finishing school, and becoming constructive, positive community citizens and role models.

Mr. Fisher said, we won't create this new paradigm by dictates from any of us. It will only care -- occur by shining a light on a new path for parents and enabling them to change their neighborhood and consequently the entire community one neighborhood at a time. So you might be asking if all the actions taking place in the targeted neighborhoods, what can I do? Well the Foundation suggests that it will take support from the whole community to realize success. First we'll need to raise a lot of money, but there's a need beyond that. If you're a business person, perhaps you allow flexible work schedules so parents can attend Parent University sessions; or maybe attendance is a hiring requirement. Encourage male employees to become absent -- who might be absentee fathers to be -- become responsible fathers. Reinvigorate the elementary school business partnerships. If you're a local politician, enact policies that strengthen neighborhoods. Support strong neighborhood associations. Encourage con -- constituents to attend Parent University, and for childcare facilities to design improvement plans and enter the quality rating system. Before each vote, ask how

the vote will affect birth to five efforts, and use the weight of that answer to shape your vote decision. Support public forums and community discussions about the endeavor. Encourage fathers to be fathers. Use personal relationships to encourage the faith-based community to be involved. If you're the school board, support the Foundation and school partnerships, support resources to develop a data base that captures school readiness data as it relates to early childhood experiences. Encourage parents to attend Parent University and enroll their children in high quality childcare. Support creative ways to strengthen PTAs. Encourage fathers to be fathers. Schools have always been very supportive of Parent University. We need support for Parent University wherever we can get it. But perhaps the most important thing we all can do is to live in this new paradigm mind set. Recognize the community effort in the new birth to five experiment, keep it foremost in the mind. New ideas and opportunities will appear while living in this mind set, grab onto them and implement them. Action and culture change will occur in the neighborhoods, but it can't happen unless the whole community enables and encourages. So join us. We're going to give it a shot.

Chairman Liakakis said, Paul [Fisher], thank you very much. Really appreciate that. [Applause.] You know there are many other positives in this program too, because keeping families together, we can see that. Once you're in -- into the addressing of these, putting all of these things together so that the program will work is going to be terrific for our community, and hopefully that what will happen that we get many people in the community that will support this, and, of course, funding is going to be really important because you're going to have to have professional staffs and others to help you with that. But I encourage the citizens in our County to come on board with this childhood foundation to put these things into place because our cities, our County will be much better and -- and we can see. You know, if all of the cities and the counties in the State of Georgia had this, we would be the number one state in many, many areas around the country. And so thank you very much, and, of course, to your members, your staff people and all of that, Paul [Fisher], because we're going to see many good things happen when it's really -- and people are going to come together for that. James [Holmes]?

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you. Mr. Fisher that's -- I -- I love what I hear. Something like this is needed, and a couple of questions I'd like to ask from listening to you. You say you going to develop a parent model. Who -- who's going to take place in developing that model?

Mr. Fisher said, we're -- we're developing a parent skill learning module --

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah.

Mr. Fisher said, is that -- is that? We just -- we just had a pilot with Parent University and using parent skill content from Early Start Resource and Referral Agency. Early Start currently teaches staff of childcare facilities about child development, and -- and -- and learning content. That same content for staff is integrated to their parent skill content. So the -- so what parents will hear at Parent University sessions, is the same language, the same content, the staff is using when -- when a child is enrolled in a childcare facility as well. But that -- we just held a pilot on how to develop and deliver that model, and in fact, this is -- we're really -- really new, this is the first opportunity we've had to measure anything, and this -- I have a copy of it -- of this for each of you as well. This is the report from the parent pilot that we just concluded, including the results. All parents took pre and post tests of each session they attended, and the -- the results are amazingly. [sic] They're dramatic. Does that answer your question, sir?

Commissioner Holmes said, it does.

Mr. Fisher said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, next thing is, you said the parent will enroll themselves?

Mr. Fisher said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, that's volunteerism [sic] or ?

Mr. Fisher said, well, the -- the -- the probably the largest problem we have is getting parents engaged in this.

Commissioner Holmes said, I -- I agree with that 100%.

Mr. Fisher, and that's why we want to reach out to the faith-based community to help us. They're kind of our boots on the ground in the neighborhoods to encourage parents to get involved and to enroll their children, but the report also shows that we're not naive enough to know that incentives might work as well. For instance, during the pilot, we offered free childcare. Well, the pilot was, the parents came one Saturday a month for six consecutive months and gave us four hours of their Saturday. So during the time that they were in Parent University, we provided free childcare. We also provided free lunch for all the parents and their children. For every parent that attended, they got a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card. For every -- each Saturday, they typically would visit three different classes on three different subjects, all catered to how old their child is. So for every class they attended, they got to submit their name on a card into a pool, and at the end of the pilot, the more classes you attended, the more time your name was in the pot. We pulled out two cards. One for a free computer, and one for a free month's rent. So we were not only delivering content to see how we could do that, but we working on how incentives might work to help us. Any -- any means possible to get the parents involved we're looking for.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Fisher, I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm on board two steps and in front of you.

Mr. Fisher said, good.

Commissioner Holmes said, I have East Broad Street school as a project of mine because my grand attend there.

Mr. Fisher said, all right.

Commissioner Holmes said, and I am interested in getting involved with this.

Mr. Fisher said, thank you very much.

Commissioner Holmes said, just what you say just now about incentive, I did that last year with gifts card.

Mr. Fisher said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, motivating the parent to come to PTA.

Mr. Fisher said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, guess what, Mr. Fisher?

Mr. Fisher said, it works?

Commissioner Holmes said, it works.

Mr. Fisher said, we think it does too.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay?

Mr. Fisher said, yeah.

Commissioner Holmes said, so when I get your material, I will read it, and I will contact someone. It's -- it's -- it's strange last night I been to a political forum, and one of the board members held that book up and mentioned it.

Mr. Fisher said, word's getting around.

Commissioner Holmes said, so I'm -- I'm looking forward to getting involved with you with this. I -- I -- I would love to be one of them boots on the ground to help with it because of what I'm hearing.

Mr. Fisher said, and we love it. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you.

Mr. Fisher said, appreciate it.

Chairman Liakakis said, Tabitha [Odell] and then Dave [Gellatly].

Commissioner Odell said, hello.

Mr. Fisher said, hello.

Commissioner Odell said, I saw that you're encouraging people to enter their children in quality day care centers, and that you're also going into a granting process?

Mr. Fisher said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Odell said, will any of those funds assist in paying the day care tuition or? I mean, I know a lot of parents would like to have their children in better day cares, but the tuitions are, you know, somewhat more -- less affordable than what they make per hour.

Mr. Fisher said, yeah, what -- we're -- we're thinking already down the road along the lines of -- of question that you raise. In the targeted segment of the community right now, almost all childcare facilities offer tuition on a sliding scale. The parents pay what they can afford. Now as we said earlier, that doesn't generate enough revenue to really be all that the childcare facility wants to be. If a childcare facility will enter the quality rating system, develop an improvement plan, and start implementing it -- that will take money 'cause it's training, salaries, benefits, that sort of thing, plus some capital costs, the Foundation will provide grants and funding for that proposed improvements so it won't affect tuition rates for the parent. What we have thought about, and it has gained some traction in those that are in the know, that maybe we even get to the point where if, let's say, the parent is paying \$20 a week for childcare, \$1,000 a year. But high quality childcare actually costs \$6,000. What we might could -- would like to get to the point where we actually sign a loan with the parent for \$5,000, but they never pay it back in money. For every Parent University session they attend, they get a \$500 credit. For every time they do an interactive mode of learning, an assessment in the childcare facility, a \$500 credit. Volunteer at the childcare facility, \$250 credit. So, the money will flow from the Foundation to the childcare facility specifically so that we don't interrupt the current established tuition scheme that -- that exists in the target area today. Does that answer the question?

Commissioner Odell said, yes, sir, some of it. Do you -- will you have a grant writer on staff? I know that there's some grants afford -- available to day cares and some programs, like the Department of Justice has several, because of the delinquency, that the facility itself would have to apply for, but a lot of the day care centers don't have a person qualified to write a grant, nor do they have the money to pay for a grant writer.

Mr. Fisher said, what -- our intention are to find funds to do whatever it takes to raise the quality of child care without disruption of the tuition schedules that are in place. That means whatever a child care facility can't afford, we need to find a way to make it happen. And that's our intention.

Commissioner Odell said, okay. And then what ways are you going to have available for businesses in Savannah to become involved? I mean what ways do you want the businesses to become involved?

Mr. Fisher said, yeah, the -- unfortunately, our vision suggests that there are not a lot of volunteer opportunities in this scheme. It's parents and professionals, so there's not a lot of volunteerism that can go along. But everybody can be -- can be involved in raising the funds. We'll do fundraisers. So contributing that way. If there are indeed capital projects, like improvement in playgrounds or something, businesses could do in kind for that sort of thing. But businesses for instance could design flexible work schedules so parents can attend Parent University if they normally would have been working. We -- we've thought of a few, but as we've suggested, what we do -- we need to do as a community is to all of us live in this paradigm on figuring out how to make it happen and new ideas will occur.

Commissioner Odell said, do you think it's possible that maybe a program could be put together that if a -- if a company wanted to participate, and their employee went to Parent University and went through your program, that the company may assist with the tuition for the day care?

Mr. Fisher said, absolutely. Yeah. That -- great idea. Yeah. That's a great idea. Absolutely. That's a new one. Thank you. See, you're already living in the paradigm, thinking of new ideas.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dave [Gellatly]?

Commissioner Gellatly said, yes, sir. I -- I like what I've heard. I've -- I've been involved with government in one way or another since I was 17 years old, okay, so one of the things I like is it doesn't seem to me like you want to be totally dependent on -- on government, in fact there's very little of that involved, and I think that the more a program is dependent on or accountable to government, the less likely that it is that it will ever succeed. You know, I know that 25 years ago we started a program called Youth Futures, and it was a good program and it did a lot of things, but I think one of the biggest problems it had, it started out to be all things to all people at -- at any level from -- from -- from conception to -- to early adulthood, and it was just more than any -- anybody could do. And I think they had their successes, but my -- my problem had always been that -- that they were just all -- all things to all people and just couldn't -- couldn't get it done. I -- I totally agree with you that with limited funds and -- and assets available that the best place to put them is -- is right from age zero to -- to five, six, seven years old, something like that, and to get the parents involved. I would suggest that, you know, after I say that government -- the less government the better, that Coach asked a really good question, when -- when you ask for volunteers like this, why, the -- the -- the people that need the help the most are very unlikely to volunteer for that program, they're going to need pushed and prodded, and that's my own personal experience, and an excellent place to start, may be with Juvenile Court to get some assistance with them, and have a Judge order them into doing that. And they -- Coach, what do you think?

Commissioner Holmes said, love it.

Commissioner Gellatly said, yeah, I think they need to be -- they need to be pushed and shoved and -- and put right into it, and -- and but I -- I really, really like what I'm hearing. And I hope you -- I -- I wish you success.

Mr. Fisher said, thank you. It will be all of our success. And we have -- we have engaged Juvenile Court. They are appraised with -- with updates of what we're doing. So they are being appraised of what we are doing.

Commissioner Gellatly said, well I -- being appraised and updates is -- is nice, but I'd -- I'd like to hear a commitment from them that once they see that you've got feet and this thing's going to work, why let's -- let's -- let's put the people that really, really need it into the program whether they like it or not.

Mr. Fisher said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Paul [Fisher], we really appreciate that.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, and -- Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, again, I agree with Commissioner Gellatly that taking the responsibility here and taking it off the backs of government, but I really commend you. I mean, you've taken the lead on this. When you gave me the presentation, I was extremely impressed, but I want to thank you and your team for coming up with something on your own. Not coming to us here today for money, but coming up with this on your own and taking the initiative to do something in this community that could have a tremendous impact. And it's very seldom that we have any organization come before us just to give us information about what they're willing to do. It's usually what they want us to do. So thank you very much from the bottom of my heart. I think it will make a tremendous difference in this community.

Mr. Fisher said, thanks, Helen [Stone], appreciate it.

Commissioner Stone said, and I will be happy to assist in any way that I can.

Mr. Fisher said, thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Farrell]?

Commissioner Farrell said, well, Paul [Fisher], we certainly appreciate you coming and sharing your ideas with the community and the work that you've been spearheading for a number of years. I really appreciate the methodical, corporate approach that you're taking to this problem, and using probably some skills from another part of your life to apply it to something that's very important to Chatham County and to the children of this County, and I wish you every

success. And -- and I'm behind you and will do personally what I can do to -- to help you become successful for the good of all the people in this -- Chatham County. So --

Mr. Fisher said, thanks, Pat [Farrell].

Commissioner Farrell said, I thank you.

Mr. Fisher said, appreciate it.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas]?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all let me thank my colleague, Commissioner Farrell and Commissioner Stone for taking the lead and helping to bring this to fruition today, and also would like to thank you and your staff for all the work that you have done thus far. I'm very excited about where you want to start and how you want to go forth in the future. I am happy to see much of the components that you have discussed in your presentation here today because as a part of the Summer Bonanza partnership program, which is a County, you know, program as well, made up of children who are seven to 14 and then from 15 and above. Part of this program also encourages our parents to be a part of that process. They have orientation; they have follow-up; they must participate. We have parents who are also serving as volunteers with the program. So we are doing some of the similar -- some similar things that you're talking about, but this was -- this would give us a wider, you know, horizon in terms of what the needs are in Chatham County, and I too would like to support you in any way that I can. Thank you.

Mr. Fisher said, thank you, very much. Appreciate it.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you, Paul [Fisher], and I'll -- well, here we go. Patrick Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, can't -- can't let everybody talk but me. Thank you for your work. And in my twenty years of being off and on, mostly on this Commission, the problems that you're trying to solve are the problems that we've all been trying to solve for the last 20 years. If you're in any measure successful, then we'll have enormous ripple effects throughout our community. So in my private life, which is about to begin in January, if there's anything that I can do to help you, I want you to feel very free to call on me, and maybe in my Commissioner Emeritus status, I'll be able to help you in ways that you haven't thought of yet.

Mr. Fisher said, I appreciate that very much. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, Paul [Fisher].

Mr. Fisher said, thank you all.

Chairman Liakakis said, again, we thank you. Thank all of those that are involved in this and prayfully that it will take off in a -- in a way that will make a great difference in our community. Thank you.

Mr. Fisher said, thank you, Chairman.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

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2. JOHNNY MERCER PROJECT (COMMISSIONER FARRELL)

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda is the Johnny Mercer Project. Commissioner Farrell?

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to take this opportunity to update my constituents on the status of the Johnny Mercer pedestrian improvement project. As your District 4 Commissioner since 2004, I have always enjoyed open and honest dialogue regarding projects in our District, and I have always believed in the democratic process. As you know, County staff held two public information open houses and property owners' meeting to present this project and to listen to your concerns. Some citizens on Wilmington Island and the neighboring islands, have made it clear to me that they do not want this project as currently proposed. Back in February I was asked to put a -- a stop on the project, to put it on hold so that we could have time to sort this out. We've methodically gone through an extra meeting, got a lot of feedback from the citizens and constituents that are in the area, and that is why effective immediately, I'm asking the County Manager and staff to cease all work on this project right now as far as the reconfiguration of the road portion of this project. In other words, we're not going to change the lay out of Johnny Mercer or the side street. I, you know, I want to leave that as it is. While future consideration must be given to improving pedestrian activity between the islands, the Johnny Mercer Pedestrian Improvement Project as currently proposed will not be a part of that puzzle. There are other projects that the islands community can look forward to in the coming months. Currently under construction is the project to solve the long-standing drainage problem on the Abolt-O'Brien Soccer Field on Concord Road. Improvements include raising and regrading the field, new irrigation, and a new turf surface. The field is scheduled to be reopened in early September. As you know, I've been a proponent of recreation for the children throughout the community, throughout Chatham County, and, of course, especially on the islands. So in the measure that continues, what I've done in the past with the Charlie Brooks Improvement Project that's been completed for a few years, you know, we continue to look at ways to offer our children the best opportunities to play in a safe environment and have organized sports where they can learn from their role models, from their parents and coaches that are -- that are the driving force on these programs to participate and to grow up in a -- in great neighborhoods. County staff also continues to work on obtaining the required environmental permits for the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp improvement project. As you know that ramp has -- is heavily used in the summer time and during

fishing season, and it is -- has been in very poor condition for a very long time. This project will add two additional boat ramps, which we only have one currently. It'll have new docks, restroom facilities, covered picnic area, additional parking and lighting, and paved access from Johnny Mercer Boulevard. It's an exciting time to be an islands resident in Chatham County. I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve the island citizens during the past eight years and look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the future. Thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, and one of the other things Commissioner Farrell and I have been talking about and also with the County Manager is the cross walk on Wilmington and those areas where citizens who came to a town meeting discussed that people -- the vehicles, the driver's do not pay attention for the safety of the citizens that are on those crosswalks and all, and the County Manager, after being instructed to do so, he is checking with Salt Lake City which has one of the most strict crosswalk programs in the entire country. And while I was out there working with a movie company, I saw a number of citations, and if you violate those things after a couple of times, you go before the Court, and if you continuously do that, we can see what happens is they give you, you know, five, ten days in jail. So in Salt Lake City they have a terrific safety program, and our County Manager and his staff are looking at that, as well as equipment and other things on the islands. So I really appreciate Commissioners [sic] Farrell work on that with myself because he knows how important it is for the safety in our community. Next item.

Commissioner Farrell said, I just want to just make it perfectly clear that the road reconfiguration component of this project will not be considered now or into the future. It is out of the -- out of that project. Thank you.

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3. GREEN BUILDING POLICY (COMMISSIONER SHAY)

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next item is the green building policy, and Commissioner Patrick Shay will go over that.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I got a communication this week from a professional colleague of mine asking that we might sign on to a national effort to encourage the General Services Administration to continue using the LEED scorecard as one of the criteria for their project management. And what I'd like to do is I'd like to introduce Denise Grabowski, outstanding young professional in our community. A great planner. Any of you municipal viewers that are out here, if you're looking to get a sustainability plan for your community, then you might want to get in touch with this outstanding young woman.

Ms. Denise Grabowski said, thank you, Commissioner Shay. Good morning. Again my name is Denise Grabowski, and I'm here this morning on behalf of the U.S. Green Building Council. I serve the Georgia Chapter on the Board of Directors, and I'm also a member of the Chapter Steering Committee, which is a national committee that works with the 80 US GBC chapters across the country, and the National Board of Directors for the US Green Building Council. As you're probably aware, the US General Services Administration is basically the landlord for federal properties, and as part of the Energy and Security Act of 2007, GSA goes through an evaluation process on a regular basis of the standards that are used in evaluating the sustainability of their buildings and infrastructure. The federal government is the larger -- largest user of energy that we have in this country, and so their leadership in looking at sustainable building design is of paramount importance when we talk about fiscal responsibility, as well as energy security. And as Commissioner Shay mentioned, the US Green Building Council is currently gathering signatures on a letter to go to USGA to encourage the evaluation of their green building policy to be objective based on usability, market, acceptance, and effectiveness. And so I'm here this morning to ask the County Commission -- in your wisdom you've already recognized the benefits of LEED in your County buildings through the recent adoption of your green building policy, which is continuing to receive a lot of attention, that you're probably not even aware about. So we'd like to ask for your support of this effort from the National USGBC and signing on to this letter to the GSA, and I'd be happy to answer any questions or provide any additional information as needed. Thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, the General Services Administration is the largest landlord on the planet, and their commitment up to now to using the LEED principles saves federal tax payers an awful lot of money today and -- and even more into the future. As somebody who is very keen on the idea of the federal government learning how to live within a much smaller budget, but also economize the amount of energy that our nation consumes, what I'd like to ask is that we just authorize Pat Monahan, on behalf of the County to sign on to this letter on behalf of the County and -- and encourage the US Green Building Council and the General Services Administration to continue to do the right thing.

Chairman Liakakis said, sure, and -- Mr. Manager?

County Manager Russ Abolt said, it'd be a partnership with Pat Monahan and Dr. Lewandowski.

Commissioner Shay said, okay, well, could I -- could I make that in the form of a motion then?

County Manager Abolt said, well, it --

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

County Manager Abolt said, -- puts the weight of the Commissioner behind the effort.

Commissioner Shay said, to -- well I'd like to move that we authorize the -- the County Manager and -- and Pat Monahan as his assistant to sign on to the letter.

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go onto the board.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, motion passes.

Ms. Grabowski said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, and I'd like to thank Commissioner Patrick Farrell, because some things since he's been on the Board, he's really put a lot of effort into it, and of course the green policy is one of those that are very important and has a lot of great things that will come to our country if they are put in place, and especially in our area, and also for historic things in our community, so those are two his biggest projects while he's been here in addition to others. So I'd like to thank him for doing that also.

Commissioner Farrell said, that's Patrick Shay, right?

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick Shay, excuse me. Patrick Shay. We got two Patricks up here next to one another and I meant Shay, so I'm glad you got me with that.

Commissioner Farrell said, but I do approve in saving green which is -- as in money, and when you build a better building that's more energy efficient, you save the tax payers money, and on a regular, recurring basis, and that's the -- the -- one of the very best ways to -- to be good stewards of the tax payers' money is to -- to -- to watch these recurring bills and -- and utility bills, between the lights and the air conditioning and heating. They add up, and they never seem to ever go away. Nobody wants to use the windows and -- and cut off that heating and air, so. With that in mind, with our high standards that we have in this country, we've got to have high standard buildings and the County has done that since I've been on the Board, and I commend them for looking at those items because that really adds up on the life -- if you -- if you do the math on the life cycle of a building and how much energy that could have been used in a -- in a inefficient building, you're talking millions and millions of dollars, and that's real money. That's the green. Thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, see we not only look alike, we think alike.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Very good. That's why I made that mistake.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved for the Board's approval for the County Manager and Assistant County Manager to sign a letter to the General Services Administration to continue to use LEED standards as one of the criteria for their project management in federal buildings. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Liakakis said, right now I'd like to say just something briefly about our Chatham County Youth Commission. That was the vision of Commissioner Thomas many years ago about putting the Chatham County Youth Commission into operation. It has been very successful. It was the first one in the country, and a lot of other areas of the country have tried to duplicate what's happened in Chatham County, and some of them have been successful. And we'd like to thank Commissioner Thomas for coming up with this -- one of her good ideas about that. In the audience today, we have some prospective members of the Chatham County Youth Commission who are now trying out to come on board for the new year. And we can see the many successes. Most of those ones that were on the Chatham County Youth Commission that have graduated have gone to colleges and universities around the country and have taken some top jobs and all. So now that we have these prospective ones who want to become members there, I'd like for you to stand up so I want the people in the audience to see that we have these prospective ones for our new year. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much for coming, and we wish you success. And of course when Van Johnson gets back in town, he'll be going along with the staff people for the Youth Commission, along with Commissioner Thomas to see about adding you to the list when you qualify. Thanks again and may you all be blessed.

Prospective Chatham County Youth Commissioners said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Liakakis said, there are no Tabled or Reconsidered Items.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O, (a) transfer \$56,200 from HazMat Expense to Emergency Management, and (b) transfer \$33,600 from operating expenses to salaries and benefits within the EMS budget, (2) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND, appropriate \$44,300 to the Counter Narcotics Team, and (3) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant award to the Sheriff's Department and \$106,979 for a grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court, and for fiscal year 2012, (4) request approval for budget transfers within and between departmental budgets as shown in Attachment A to amend salary budgets, and (5) IN THE PARKING GARAGE ENTERPRISE FUND, increase both revenues-net assets and salary expenditures by \$8,141.**

Chairman Liakakis said, on Individual Actions today, we have one, request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O, (a) transfer \$56,200 from Haz Mat Expense to Emergency Management, and (b) transfer \$33,600 from operating expenses to salaries and benefits within the EMS budget, (2) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund, appropriate \$44,300 to the County Narcotics Team, and (3) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant awarded to the Sheriff's Department and \$106,979 for a grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court, and for fiscal year 2012, (4) request approval for budget transfers within and between departmental budgets as shown in Attachment A to amend salary budgets, and (5) in the Park Garage Enterprise Fund, increase both revenues-net assets and salary expenditures by \$8,141. We need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Holmes said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved to approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O, (a) transfer \$56,200 from Haz Mat Expense to Emergency Management, and (b) transfer \$33,600 from operating expenses to salaries and benefits within the EMS budget, (2) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund, appropriate \$44,300 to the County Narcotics Team, and (3) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant awarded to the Sheriff's Department and \$106,979 for a grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court, and for fiscal year 2012, (4) request approval for budget transfers within and between departmental budgets as shown in Attachment A to amend salary budgets, and (5) in the Park Garage Enterprise Fund, increase both revenues-net assets and salary expenditures by \$8,141. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: July 20, 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 transfer: 1) in the General Fund M&O, (a) transfer \$56,200 from Haz Mat Expense to Emergency Management, and (b) transfer \$33,600 from operating expenses to salaries and benefits within the EMS budget, (2) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund, appropriate \$44,300 to the County Narcotics Team, and (3) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant awarded to the Sheriff's Department and \$106,979 for a grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court, and for fiscal year 2012, (4) request approval for budget transfers within and between departmental budgets as shown in Attachment A to amend salary budgets, and (5) in the Park Garage Enterprise Fund, increase both revenues-net assets and salary expenditures by \$8,141.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Director of Emergency Management has requested a \$56,200 transfer from the Haz Mat budget to the Emergency Management budget to reinstate a full time CEMA Haz Mat position.

The position was approved upon adoption of the Fiscal 2013 budget. A staff report is attached.

2. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested a \$44,300 appropriation of confiscated revenue for the purchase of a Use of Force Training Simulator and office furniture. A staff report and the County Attorney’s opinion are attached.
3. The Sheriff’s Department has received a grant award of \$7,000 from the Department of Homeland Security. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Grant Fund are attached.
4. The Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court has received a grant award of \$106,979 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Correspondence and a resolution are attached.
5. Fiscal 2012 salary charges were higher than budgeted in some departments due to the leap year and the impact of 27 payrolls. As a result, salary budgets in some departments need to be adjusted. Funds are available in the FY2012 budget. Board action is necessary since the transfers impact the salary appropriation, and in some cases occur between departments. The transfers are listed in Attachment A on page 16. The Parking Garage enterprise fund requires a budget amendment. A resolution is attached.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the Haz Mat Expense budget and the Confiscated Revenue for the FY2013 transfers. The budget amendment will establish funding in the FY2013 Multiple Grant Fund. Funds are available for the transfers within the FY2012 budget. The budget amendment will establish funding in the FY2012 Parking Garage enterprise fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

FY2013 GENERAL FUND M&O

Transfer \$56,200 from the Haz Mat Expense budget to the Emergency Management budget.

FY2013 CONFISCATED FUND

Appropriate \$44,300 to the Counter Narcotics Team for equipment and office furniture.

FY2013 MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant awarded to the Sheriff’s department.
- b) Increase revenues and expenditures \$106,979 for a grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court.

FY2012 GENERAL FUND M&O

Transfers as shown in Attachment A on page 16.

FY2012 SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Transfers as shown in Attachment A on page 16.

FY2012 LDAO FUND

Transfers as shown in Attachment A on page 16.

FY2012 PARKING GARAGE FUND

Increase revenues and expenditures \$8,141 net assets to correct salary and benefits budget.

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: Read DeHaven

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2. **ADOPTION OF YEAR 2012 MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AND THE COUNTY OF CHATHAM PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1. IN ADDITION, FORM PT-35 COUNTY MILLAGE RATE CERTIFICATION AND FORM PT 32.1 COMPUTATION OF MILLAGE RATE ROLLBACK AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES FOR TAX YEAR 2012 MUST BE CERTIFIED AND SUBMITTED TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR DIGEST APPROVAL FOR THE TAX YEAR 2012.**

Chairman Liakakis said, item 2, adoption of year 2012 budget levy Resolution for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham County pursuant to advertisement having been published in accordance with the state laws. In addition, Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2012 must be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for Digest Approval for the Tax Year 2012.

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

Commissioner Holmes 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 approve the adoption of year 2012 millage levy Resolution for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham pursuant to advertisement having been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: July 20, 2012

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

ISSUE:

Adoption of year 21012 millage levy resolution for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham pursuant to advertisement having been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2012 must be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for the tax year 2012.

BACKGROUND:

A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the State of Georgia Department of Revenue, and is scheduled for delivery by the Tax Assessor's Office during the week of July 25, 2012.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) At its June 27, 2012 meeting, the Board of Public Education adopted a resolution for the millage levy for tax year 2012.
- (2) The recommended millage rates for tax year 2012 are as follows:
 - (a) General Fund, 14.631 mils. This is equal to the current millage rate.
 - (b) G.O. Bond Debt, 0.00 mils. This is equal to the current millage rate.
- (3) The aggregate millage rate is 14.631 mils. This is equal to the 2011 aggregate millage rate.
- (4) The 5-year history of levy was advertised as required by State Law and incorporated the recommended rates. A copy is attached.

FUNDING: N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) Adopt the year 2012 levy resolution for the Board of Public Education pursuant to advertisement having been published and the Millage Rates as follows:
 - (a) General Fund, 14.631 mils.
 - (b) G.O. Bond Debt, 0.00 mils.
 - (c) An aggregate millage rate of 14.631 mils.
 - (d) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Georgia Department of Revenue Form PT 35.
- (2) Modify the tax levy resolution.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue (Ga. Code 48-5-302). Georgia law 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1 further specifies method of publication of ad valorem tax rate.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

PREPARED BY: Read DeHaven

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3. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Liakakis said, next item, the CNT Monthly report to give verbally by Director Ragan, who is the number one director. You can see the successes that our County Narcotics Team has done in the last years and the past, and they are doing even better job right now. We really appreciate that, so we thank the leadership of our Director Ragan.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. -- Mr. -- Mr. Chairman, please remember, ladies and gentlemen, be on the lookout on a news stands near you there will be a magazine at the end of this month, first part of August, featuring Mr. Ragan and his staff. A special on CNT and for that I know we're all looking forward with great expectation as to what the centerfold will look like.

Director D. Everett Ragan said, well, they had to be very careful with the staples.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, yes. I -- I made that comment last time, and I think it went over their heads.

Director Ragan said, I think -- think so. But, you know, actually, the South Magazine, it will come out August the 1st, and it will -- actually we got the cover so the -- I'll have -- there will be three agents on the cover and they'll have a nice spread on -- on what we've done and what we're about inside the magazine, and we we're able to get Chairman Liakakis, he's got actually a photo in there with us at the Tom Sprague dedication ceremony. So -- so the Chairman will be there right -- right along side of us. But -- but for the month of June we initiated 62 cases. There's in the report, you can see the amount of drugs that we have seized year to date and this month. 26 felony arrests for the month. There's a couple things I want to talk about just briefly that -- that we're looking at . Again -- again the South Magazine article. Something that CNT will be doing in the month of August, we're working very closely with our pharmacies in the area. Of course everybody's seen the -- the issue of the pill mills and issue of some over prescribing doctors and we're actually are hosting all -- all of the pharmacies and pharmacy staff at -- at a -- at a lunch in August to get some information. And we get tons of information that comes from our pharmacies, and we're taking very aggressive steps. In fact when individuals are identified, doctor shopping or going from pharmacy to pharmacy, emergency room visits, four or five times a month to different hospitals for lower back pain and that type of things, we're taking a very aggressive role in identifying those individuals, interviewing those individuals, and -- and making cases when -- when need to.

Director Ragan said, another case I'd like to speak on just briefly is in June we received information through a project logged through the County Manager's office in reference to some drug activity on 62nd Street around the Reynolds Avenue area -- Reynolds Street area. Agents began surveillance, identified people coming and going, actually were able to introduce undercover agents, made buys from the individual inside the house. We hit the house last night, recovered felony amounts of marijuana, handgun, eight felony charges on the individual involved, including sales -- two counts of sales. And neighbors were out there. They were very supportive. And come to find out this is an individual who's -- who's moved into the Savannah area. The house is actually owned by his 84-year-old grandmother. He moved in with her, started selling drugs. She didn't want it. She actually went to the Sheriff's Department to get a dispossessionary warrant against the individual. He was kind of a -- he was bullying his grandma. Even though he had a dispossessionary he wasn't going to leave. We've now since found a home for her. She is very appreciative, the actual owner of the home, and grateful that he is no longer going to be a problem for her. Recovered one hand gun. He's not a convicted felon, but we did receive -- we did recover one hand gun out of the operation also. So.

Director Ragan said, made a comment earlier just -- just -- last time I was here was going to be a good summer for CNT. Getting close to wrapping up something that will make it a very, very good summer for CNT, and -- and appreciate all of the support we got from the Commission.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, very much, Commander. We appreciate that, and of course, we know that helps the citizens because drug is just a terrible thing in our community or anywhere in our country or around the world because it destroys many people. Destroys their lives, their family members and all. And the more that we can do, especially on a local level to keep these drugs off the street so it will be good for our citizens, plus we want the drug dealers and the drug sellers and whatever it might be -- drug distributors, that if you're in Chatham County, we are not going to stand by and let you have this freedom so that you can have this scourge on our citizens. So, just watch out, you got to go somewhere else or move out of the country. Thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, I just have a quick question. I really commend you all for the hard work and for the -- your accomplishments. I still in reading the report, and I like to read these reports to see what's going on, and I -- maybe this is just me, but on page five, the hours extended in each precinct year to date and then the municipalities year to date, but I don't see, I mean, I don't -- is Savannah in the -- where does Savannah fall in this second graph, hours expended in municipalities? All I see is unincorporated.

Director Ragan said, you don't -- you don't see Savannah in the second graph. Savannah, 'cause it's covered under the precincts up top.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand, but it's hard to compare that to the other municipalities.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, and I -- and I -- is there a way that we could get that comparison?

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am. I'll look into it. We'll -- we'll --

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I would just like to know --

Director Ragan said, sure.

Commissioner Stone said, -- how we rank with the other municipalities.

Director Ragan said, how the unincorporated ranks with the -- the City of Savannah.

Commissioner Stone said, well, you've got the unincorporated listed, but I don't know does that -- that does not -- that does not include the City of Savannah, correct?

Director Ragan said, correct.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, so, but, when you've got the City of Savannah because there are so many different graphs here, I don't know how that compares to the other municipalities.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am. We'll work on that.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. I hope that would not be too much of a difficulty.

Director Ragan said, should not be.

Commissioner Stone said, all right. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am?

Chairman Liakakis said, Tabitha [Odell]?

Commissioner Odell said, I just have a question. You said that you work with a lot of the pharmacies?

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Odell said, do you know if the -- with children's ADD medicine, do they test to see if the children are actually taking the medication and that the moms aren't sharing? How do they keep up with like the ADD medicine that --

Director Ragan said, basically it's like any other prescription. We go by names. We'll see how many times a prescription's been filled. We actually have knocked on doors and done pill counts to see if there are -- if you've been prescribed 30 and on day two, you've got 10 left, then we know there's an issue there. So we actually -- but we go by names, not necessarily the --

Commissioner Odell said, age.

Director Ragan said, -- the prescription, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Odell said, okay.

Director Ragan said, so that's how -- that's how we are able to monitor it as much as possible. Names from the -- from the emergency rooms and the pharmacies. One other thing, and then we can talk about something we started at a -- as a request from Judge Bass -- Bass' drug court. We've actually got an agent assigned over -- that attends the meetings with them, and Judge Bass has asked for historical background information on some of the individuals entering drug court. They come in and say, oh they're not doing really well, and we're able to provide intelligence reports and anything else. It has really helped out drug court in finding some historical information and current information on those who are in drug court and -- and still messing up. So. It has been very beneficial to Judge Bass and his group. So.

Commissioner Odell said, okay. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, any other questions? Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am?

Commissioner Thomas said, wanted to thank you for all that you do, along with those who work along with you. You've done an -- a magnificent job. What percentage, if any, or what effort, have you put into those persons who are actually -- who are the suppliers of the drugs? I'm not talking about the people who gets it and then they go on the street --

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- and they, you know, sell it. I'm talking about the people who, you know, actually bring the drugs into --

Director Ragan said, we are --

Commissioner Thomas said, are we concentrating on them as well?

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am. We are and -- and our agreements and in our working relationship with the municipalities, CNT concentrates on the upper and mid-level drug dealers. Normal street level narcotics, those on the street, actually are the responsibilities of Metro police precinct captains. We work very closely with them, provide information, provide resources, and work with them, but CNT concentrates primarily on the mid to upper levels. We have identified suppliers and we have -- again, I can't go into the -- the details --

Commissioner Thomas said, no.

Director Ragan said, -- but it's going to be a very good --

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to know --

Director Ragan said, it's going to be a very good summer from -- for -- for CNT in reference to this. You will notice that in the report you will see that some of the hours worked, that you will see out of County, and in that, when drug dealers goes sometimes, 100, 200 miles away, there's CNT agents on their tail, and they don't know we're on there.

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah.

Director Ragan said, and we have followed them to the source and come back from the source. So.

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah, I don't -- I don't want you to give me all the details --

Director Ragan said, no I can't give the details, but yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- the details, but I just wanted to know --

Director Ragan said, we concentrate --

Commissioner Thomas said, -- if you are concentrating --

Director Ragan said, we concentrate very heavily on the upper and --

Commissioner Thomas said, that's all I wanted to know. Okay.

Director Ragan said, yes. Yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's fine.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

County Manager Abolt said, may I suggest to Dr. Thomas -- she posed the question now give us till your next meeting to answer the question.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you very much, Everett [Ragan].

Director Ragan said, thank you very much, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, appreciate it.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: July 20 2012

Chatham~Savannah
Counter Narcotics Team
June, 2012

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS	
Investigations Initiated During the month	62
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	38

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	28.20 Grams	\$2,820.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	4.20 Grams	\$420.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0 Grams	\$0.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	45.20 Ounces	\$6,328.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	2.4 Grams	\$600.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	8 D/U	\$200.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	194 D/U	\$5,820.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$0.00
Synthetic (Steroids)	\$10.00 per ml *	0 ml	\$0.00

1999*Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

***Source: IAW National Drug Standards – One marijuana plant equals 2 pounds of processed marijuana.

DRUGS SEIZED—YEAR TO DATE		
Drug Type	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	91.80 Grams	\$9,180.00
Crack Cocaine	41.40 Grams	\$4,140.00
Methamphetamine	241.40 Grams	\$24,140.00
Marijuana	696.20 Ounces	\$99,468.00
Heroin	2.4 Grams	\$600.00
Ecstasy	86 D/U	\$2,150.00
Misc. Pills	961 D/U	\$28,830.00
Hallucinogens	0 Grams	\$0.00
Synthetic (Steroids)	0 ml	\$0.00

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	15.80 Grams	\$1,580.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	4.30 Grams	\$430.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0 Grams	\$0.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	1.30 Ounces	\$182.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	.60 Grams	\$150.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	0 D/U	\$0.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	39 D/U	\$1,170.00

Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	2
Year To Date Totals	22

PERSONS ARRESTED	
Felony*	8
Felony Sales/Trafficking	14
Misdemeanor	0
Felony Non-Drug**	4
Total Arrests	26
Year To Date Totals	174

*Felony includes Manufacturing Methamphetamine or Marijuana

**Non-drug related offenses include firearms violations, Obstruction, Simple Battery, etc.

ADOPTION CASES FROM OTHER AGENCIES		
DATE	AGENCY	OFFENSE
6/7/12	SCMPD	POSSESSION OF MARIJ WITH INTENT TO DIST
6/28/12	SCMPD	POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED W/INTENT

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	2	2
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	1	1
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	8	8

Crime Stopper Complaints	23	22
DRUG COMPLAINTS—YEAR TO DATE	257	251

DRUG INVESTIGATIONS HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – All Precincts	2,318
Municipalities	343
(Unincorporated Chatham County—285 hours)	
TOTAL	2,661
Administrative Hours	640
Case Administration	577
Pharmaceutical Diversions	480
Central Intelligence	480
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	460
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	12
Training	529
Court Hours	72
TOTAL	3,250
Total Hours Worked	5,911

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On 6/13/12, CNT agent concluded an investigation on a residence in the 300 block of E. 57th Street and seized 12 ounces of marijuana and a loaded hand gun. One suspect was arrested.

On 6/29/12, CNT agents purchased an ounce of powder cocaine for \$1,500.00 and arrested one suspect for the Sale of Controlled Substance. The \$1,500.00 used to make the purchase was recovered.

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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, all right, next on items we have the Action Calendars and it's 1 through 8 and under 8, we have items A through L. And all of you have been distributed it with the rest of the agenda, this Action Calendar, and do you have any items you would like to hold out? Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, I would just like an explanation for 8-D.

Chairman Liakakis said, which one?

Commissioner Stone said, 8-D.

Chairman Liakakis said 8-D?

Commissioner Stone said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

County Manager Abolt said, if I -- Mr. Chairman? Oh, I'm sorry.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Stone said, this is --

County Manager Abolt said, we do this each year, that's why it's annual, but this is in anticipation of, you know, Mother Nature visiting us.

Commissioner Stone said, right.

County Manager Abolt said, and so we have these -- these contracts available. So the Chairman and EOC can call upon these along with Mr. Scott to do the debris removal when we get a commitment from the consulting folks to be there when we need them.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. So --

County Manager Abolt said, it's just -- it's just good planning on Mr. Scott and the staff's part.

Commissioner Stone said, that's what I wanted to make sure. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, did you want to hold it out?

Commissioner Stone said, no, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, or you got your explanation? Okay?

Commissioner Stone said, no, sir. I've got my answer. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Fine. Okay. We have items 1 through 8 and under item -- items 8, we have items A through L, so we need a motion on the floor for these items.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. Motion passes. I see in the audience out there we have some people from some of our departments and all, and we have Clayton Scott from the Emergency Management Agency. Did you want to speak, Clayton [Scott]?

Chatham Area Management Director Clayton Scott said, thank you, sir. I'd like to -- to thank the Commission for the -- the couple things y'all have just approved on our behalf. One of them was a grant for a trailer which we received a little while ago. Is a no match grant which means it's completely paid for by our federal tax dollars, but it gives us a phenomenal search and rescue platform that -- with -- with map printers that are 24 inches wide. We can take it on site and when we have a missing person with our search team, we can print one sheet, and those of y'all that have ever worked with -- with military maps, you end up in -- in the dark with Scotch tape trying to stick them together or rubber cement, and you get them off a little bit, and you never know where you are. It's just horrible trying to work with them. Now we can print one sheet. We can replicate those sheets. It will be a tremendous asset to us. It also gives us satellite telephone coverage, and one of the most important things it gives us, is we've had the FLIR unit, the forward -- F-L-I-R, forward looking infrared radar system in our helicopter that Mosquito Control has that works with the police department on a regular basis. This unit has always had the ability for Scott Yackel and his -- his pilots to look -- look at it in -- in the air, but you can't look at it out on the ground. The -- the guys on the ground are getting -- getting a translation through an 800 megahertz radio. Now we will actually be able to look at that on the ground. We'll be able to use the Coast Guard infrared radar on the ground. So our police officers, our law enforcement folks, can actually look at what we've got right there first hand, and they can say, hey, move a little to the left, move a little to the right, or east or west, or whatever it may be. Satellite telephone coverage with this. This is a good -- really, really big deal for us. Will help law enforcement. Will help us in search and rescue operations, and I thank you for doing this. Wonderful opportunity for us.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

Director Scott said, thank you, sir

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 8 and under Item 8, Items A through L. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter 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 JULY 6, 2012, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 6, 2012, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 28, 2012 THROUGH JULY 11, 2012.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period June 28, 2012 through July 11, 2012, in the amount of \$8,960,570. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD REAFFIRM AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF GEORGIA, A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT WITH THE STATE PROPERTIES COMMISSION (SPC), AND A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA AS NECESSARY STEPS FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF THE SALT CREEK MITIGATION BANK.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved the Board for approval to reaffirm an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Georgia, a restrictive covenant with the State Properties Commission (SPC), and a Quitclaim Deed to the State of Georgia as necessary steps for final approval of the Salt Creek Mitigation Bank. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: July 20, 2012

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

ISSUE:

To reaffirm an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Georgia, a restrictive covenant with the State Properties Commission (SPC), and a quitclaim deed to the State of Georgia as necessary steps for final approval of the Salt Creek Mitigation Bank.

BACKGROUND:

At the July 8, 2011 meeting, the Board approved certain agreements with the State of Georgia which would be necessary for Chatham County to receive approval from the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers (USCOE) for the Salt Creek Mitigation Bank. This action would perfect the record since the documents have undergone some modifications. Issues arose after Chatham County in December 2008 acquired a 106.73-acre tract of land, referred to as part of the Householder Tract, for purpose of obtaining a salt marsh banking instrument, known as the Salt Creek Mitigation Bank. Restoration and enhancement of the property provided the basis for USCOE approval of 422 credits to mitigate County projects which impact salt marsh. Key to the restoration was the removal of a dike on the property return the natural and historic flow of salt water, which restored 98 acres of property to a salt marsh environment. Subsequent to this action, when Chatham County applied for concurrence by DNR, the Attorney General's Office insisted on a claim ownership under the *Public Trust Doctrine of Law*, which exalts state ownership by common law to any properties subject to tidal ebb and flow. This presumption of ownership later became codified in Georgia through the Marshlands Protection Act and Executive Order.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. As the first salt marsh mitigation bank in the State of Georgia, the project has encountered several hurdles for completion. For more than two years, County staff has attempted to clarify the property ownership issue with the State of Georgia. Despite that the acquired property had remained impounded for more than 170 years, and the County's removal of a dike allowed the natural flow of salt water, the State of Georgia claims ownership to all property subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. Meanwhile, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) would not approve the banking instrument without DNR's concurrence, which has strained the schedule on various completed and pending County projects which require salt marsh mitigation.
2. In an attempt to reach resolution, staff and the County Attorney's Office worked with the Attorney General's Office, State Properties Commission and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources on a solution. Through an intergovernmental agreement, the basis of the property ownership issue would not be resolved, but the agreement became a practical means to move forward. This solution would provide ample credits for County projects and reserve credits for future public projects. In exchange, the State of Georgia would become entitled to 25% of the credits for its public projects. Examples of state projects include Container Berth 8 at Georgia Ports Authority and the Back River Bridge replacement.
3. The key points of the agreements are:
 - 3.1 Chatham County agrees to quitclaim its interest in the marshland and upland to the State of Georgia. This does not prove troublesome since Chatham County acquired the property for the

- salt marsh credits, and ownership of the land would not be necessary.
- 3.2 Chatham County would be solely responsible to establish, operate, maintain, and manage the mitigation bank until it completes the monitoring requirements and the Corps approves them.
 - 3.3 The State of Georgia receives 25% of the credits (about 105 credits) as the USCOE releases them. Chatham County receives 316 credits.
 - 3.4 Chatham County and the State Properties Commission would execute a restrictive covenant, subject to the ACOE's approval, which limits use of the property for conservation purposes.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board reaffirm an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Georgia, a restrictive covenant with the State Properties Commission (SPC), and a quitclaim deed to the State of Georgia as necessary steps for final approval of the Salt Creek Mitigation Bank as presented in "Facts & Findings."
2. That the Board seek clarification of ownership through title insurance since Chatham County received a Warranty Deed from a seller, JS&H, LLP.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

While the Board approved the three documents at the July 8, 2011 meeting, the documents have undergone some changes. Affirmation of the documents will perfect the record and ensure the minutes reflect the final documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO GRANT TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO INTERCAT-SAVANNAH, INC., ACROSS UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY TO ASSIST IN EXPANSION OF PLANT AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved the Board for approval to grant temporary construction easement to Intercat-Savannah, Inc., across unopened right-of-way to assist in expansion of plant and employment opportunities. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: July 20, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

Whether the County should grant Intercat-Savannah, Inc. a temporary construction easement across an unopened right-of-way in S.P.A. Industrial Park.

BACKGROUND:

The County was contacted by SEDA, and assistance was requested for a local employer Intercat-Savannah, Inc., which has current plans to expand their existing facilities, thereby creating additional local employment opportunities. Given the proposed expansion, it will be necessary during the construction to have a materials lay down area to support the construction. An arrangement has been made with an adjacent property owner's land, but Intercat will need a temporary construction easement off of Bourne Avenue to cross an unopened right-of-way, that will connect the lay down area and the construction site. This easement would facilitate construction and assist the corporation to expand and provide additional employment opportunities. The easement would be temporary for the period necessary to complete the construction and Intercat would return the property in its original condition. This matter has been reviewed by Public Works and Engineering and there are no objections, subject to a return of the property in its original condition.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County was contacted by SEDA, and assistance was requested for a local employer Intercat-Savannah, Inc., which has current plans to expand their existing facilities, thereby creating additional local employment opportunities.
2. Given the proposed expansion, it will be necessary during the construction to have a materials lay down area to support the construction.
3. Intercat will need a temporary construction easement off of Bourne Avenue to cross an unopened right-of-way, that will connect the lay down area and the construction site.

4. This easement would be temporary and for the period necessary to complete the construction and would facilitate construction and assist the corporation to expand and provide additional employment opportunities.
5. The easement has been reviewed by Public Works and Engineering and there are no objections, other than the property be returned to its original condition.
6. A copy of the temporary construction and access easement is attached.

FUNDING:

No costs are involved.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is important for Chatham County to provide reasonable use of public property and rights-of-way, to ensure increased employment opportunities for the citizens of the community.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant the temporary construction and access easement to Intercat.
2. Do not grant the temporary construction and access easement to Intercat.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND ACCESS EASEMENT

THIS TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND ACCESS EASEMENT ("EASEMENT AGREEMENT") is made as of _____ day of July, 2012, by and among Chatham County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (the "**Grantor**") and **INTERCAT-SAVANNAH, INC.**, a Georgia corporation having an address at 115 Eli Whitney Boulevard, Savannah, GA 31408 (the "**Grantee**").

Background

Grantor is the easement holder for certain real property located in Savannah, Georgia, as such property is more fully described in the instruments recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Chatham County as an 80 foot right-of-way, as shown on a plat record, Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia land records, recorded in Deed Book 200-K, Page 566. The Grantor's Property is legally described in Exhibit "A".

Grantee owns certain real property adjacent to the Grantor's Property (the "Grantee's Property") and plans to undertake a construction project thereon (the "Grantee's Work"). To facilitate its completion of the Grantee's Work, Grantee has requested, and Grantor is willing to provide, a temporary construction and access easement over the portion of the Grantor's Property depicted on Exhibit "B" (the "Temporary Easement Area"), to the extent and pursuant to the terms set forth in this Easement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, Grantor and Grantee agree as follows:

1. Grant of Easement.
 - (a) Grantor grants to Grantee and Grantee's agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, designees, and vendors a temporary easement (the "Temporary Easement") to use the Temporary Easement Area to (i) provide pedestrian and vehicular access to the Grantee's Property, and (ii) store construction equipment, supplies and materials pertaining to the Grantee's Work within the Temporary Easement Area. Grantor acknowledges and agrees that the Temporary Easement includes the right to clear the Temporary Easement Area and to install gravel therein.
 - (b) Grantor hereby covenants and warrants that at the time of execution of this Easement Agreement, it is the holder of the Grantor's Property and that no mortgages or other liens encumber such tract.
2. Term. The term of the Temporary Easement shall commence upon the approval by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners' approval, attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and execution of this Easement Agreement and shall terminate upon Grantee's completion of Grantee's Work and the fulfillment of its restoration obligations as set forth in Section 4 hereof (the "Term").
3. Grantee's Use of the Temporary Easement Area. Grantee covenants and agrees that:
 - (a) Grantee shall install a silt fence in a location reasonably acceptable to Grantor to minimize the impact that the Grantee's Work and Grantee's use of the Temporary Easement Area may have on the balance of the Grantor's Property; and
 - (b) the Temporary Easement Area will be used in compliance with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, and governmental rules, regulations, and requirements.
4. Duty to Repair, Replace, and Restore. At the end of the Term, Grantee covenants and agrees that Grantee will, at Grantee's sole cost and expense, promptly remove Grantee's construction equipment, supplies and materials from the Temporary Easement Area and will repair, replace, and restore the Temporary Easement

_____ of INTERCAT-SAVANNAH, INC., a Georgia corporation, and that s/he as such being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the County Chatham, Georgia by him/herself in such official capacity.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public [SEAL]

My Commissioner Expires:

EXHIBIT "A"

All that certain tract, parcel of land situate, lying and being in Chatham County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the southern right-of-way line of Bourne Avenue and the northeastern corner of Lot 41, S.P.A. Industrial Park Subdivision, as shown as Phase 3, and being a subdivision of portions of and of the Savannah Economic Development Authority, 8th GM District, Chatham County, Georgia, prepared by Registered Land Surveyor, Boyce Young, bearing professional survey no. 2282, revised April 4, 1995, and marking the point of the property herein conveyed, thence south 16°, 28', 37" west, a distance of 339.55 feet to a point; then south 16°, 28', 37" east, a distance of 388.92 feet to a point to an iron pin; thence in an eastwardly direction along the same line as the southern boundary line of Lot 40, and the northern boundary line of Lot 6, S.P.A. Subdivision, a distance of 80 feet; thence north 16°, 28', 37" east, a distance of 728.47 feet to a point on the southern right-of-way line of Bourne Avenue; then in a westwardly direction along the southern right-of-way line of Bourne Avenue, a distance of 80 feet to the point of beginning of said property herein made subject to this easement.

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE APPLICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF A VOCA GRANT THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved the Board to approve application for continuation of a VOCA Grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: July 20, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Cheryl W. Rogers, Victim-Witness Program, Director

ISSUE:

- 1) The continuation grant for **\$72,027** would include salary and benefits for the Bilingual Advocate, outreach materials and printed brochures in Spanish, staff training and travel.
- 2) The grant requires a 20% match of **\$18,007** which is already in place through the Victim Witness Assistance Program. **No additional funds from the County are required.**
- 3) The continuation VOCA grant will run October 1, 2012 thru September 30, 2013. The grant application is due August 1, 2012 to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
- 4) The grant submitted this year is the same amount that was awarded last year. This upcoming year's VOCA Grant is limited and only open to existing VOCA recipients.
- 5) Chatham County continues to see a steady increase in the Hispanic population and this trend is reflected in the growing numbers of Hispanics who have contact with the criminal justice system.
- 6) The Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department, the municipal police departments, the office of the District Attorney, and the Latin American Service Organization, all report a reluctance of many Hispanic victims and witnesses to cooperate with the criminal justice agencies. This lack of cooperation is often due to limited English language skills and a lack of support to maneuver the unfamiliar and intimidating legal system.
- 7) Spanish speaking victims are currently under served in Chatham County and a priority of the grant is to continue to provide services and outreach to Chatham County's under served victims.
- 8) The deadline for the grant application is **August 1, 2012.**

FUNDING:

- 1) No additional County funds are required. The 20% match of \$18,007 is currently available through the Victim Witness Assistance Program.
- 2) The VOCA Grant has been available since 1986 so it has a proven history of providing services to crime victims throughout the nation.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) That the Board approves the application for the continuation VOCA Grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
- 2) That the Board not approve the application for the continuation VOCA Grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board of Commissioners has been the recipient of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds for the past three years, as well as in the years past. The continuation of this grant requires no additional funds for the past three years, as well as in years past. The continuation of this grant requires no additional funds from Chatham County and the personnel position ends if no additional funds are secured from grant resources.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approves Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Cheryl W. Rogers, Director

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6. PRESENTATION OF PLAN OF ACTION TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS AT THE FRANK W. SPENCER BOAT RAMP. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a plan of action to address problems at the Frank W. Spencer Boat Ramp. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: July 20, 2012

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

ISSUE: Provide Board a plan of action to address problems at the Frank W. Spencer Boat Ramp.

BACKGROUND: The Frank W. Spencer Boat Ramp not only includes a paved boat ramp but also includes a restroom facility, wooden boardwalk to a fishing pier and a brick foot path. The boardwalk and fishing pier can be traced back almost 30 years. Because of the age of the structure and its location within the marsh buffer, staff must be cautious on doing any work. As a result, staff requested Thomas and Hutton Engineering to provide a cursory evaluation of the existing timber boardwalk, walkway, timber platforms and fishing pier.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The evaluation acknowledges that at the time they were constructed, the handrails on the pier do not meet current building codes and the timber boardwalk and brick path do not meet current ADA regulations regarding public access and surface guidelines.
2. Recommendations from the consultant included continuing to replace loose and damaged deck boards and re-establish their connection with support sub framing members.
3. The foot path is lined with bricks and includes several wooden foot bridges. The brick path does not provide a continuous walkway surface due to gaps between brick sections and the irregular profile of the bricks. The recommendation is to remove the existing bricks and the two small footbridges.
4. There are 9 timber platforms located adjacent to and connected to the boardwalk that at one time were used as observation points. Given the locations and orientation of these platforms to the jurisdictional marsh and their overall condition, the evaluation recommends the removal of five platforms. Restriction on marsh vegetation removal limits the attractive sightlines from these platforms.

5. The evaluation also recommends the installation of new timber stringers and decking for the existing fishing pier. New handrails are needed that will meet the International Building Code.
6. Staff is constantly repairing the restrooms as a result of use and wear but also due to vandalism. Those repairs consisted of repairing holes in the partitions, removal of graffiti, replacing plumbing fixtures and repairs to light fixtures. Staff has found that the sheet metal that the plumbing fixtures are mounted to are rusting. Soon, the plumbing will no longer be functional unless the walls to the restrooms can be replaced.
7. Although the evaluation did not recommend the closing or removing of the timber boardwalk and fishing pier, significant upgrades are becoming necessary. Upgrades and improvements to the to the Frank W. Spencer Boat Ramp are shown in the 2012-2017 CIP (attached) and remain unfunded. Staff estimates the need for \$210,000 over a three year period. Unless funds can be allocated, closure of the timber boardwalk and fishing pier are imminent.
8. Staff is recommending the following actions:
 1. Replace the existing restroom with portable toilets
 2. Remove 5 of the 9 observation platforms
 3. Close the brick pathway and remove 2 small footbridges
 4. Continue to make repairs to the boardwalk and pier that are considered a risk to public safety.

FUNDING: Upgrades and improvements to the Frank W. Spencer Boat Ramp are shown in the 2012-2017 CIP (attached) and remain unfunded.

For Board information.

District 4

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7. REQUEST FOR A NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2012. PETITIONER ZHEN YUN DONG, D/B/A SAKE STEAK HOUSE, LOCATED AT 4685 E. U.S. HIGHWAY 80 [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2012. Petitioner Zhen Yun Dong, d/b/a/ Sake Steak House, located at 4685 E. U.S. Highway 80. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: July 20, 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:

Request for a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2012, **Zhen Yun Dong d/b/a Sake Steak House** located at **4685 E. US Highway 80, Savannah, GA 31410.**

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Dong requests approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license in connection with a new restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and Sunday Sales Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval.

District 4

We verify that the attached report and attachments are complete and correct as to form.

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Willie Lovett

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8. 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 Stone moved for 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.) Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Confirmation of an emergency contract for Phase II of the Datacenter	I.C.S.	Elliot-Lewis Corporation	\$453,925	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Project
B. Confirmation of an emergency contract to install a turnkey Datacenter	I.C.S.	Graybar Electric, Inc.	\$757,022	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Project
C. Annual software support	Tax Commissioner	VisiCraft/ Manatron (Sole Source)	\$52,700	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
D. Annual contract for four (4) one (1) year renewals for disaster debris monitoring	Public Works and Park Services	Thompson Consulting Services	Varies by service	As needed, if mobilized due to disaster
E. Fifty-six (56) pallet racks and two (2) roller conveyors	Detention Center	VSS	\$21,967	Detention Center Expansion Project
F. Mobile satellite trailer	CEMA	Indyne Corporation	\$25,700	DHS - CEMA Communications Trailer
G. Renewal of the preferred supplier of office supplies	Various	Staples Advantage	Varies by item	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various
H. Four (4) 2013 Ford Fusions	SCMPD	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$82,748	CIP - Fleet Replacement
I. Six (6) Ford sedans	SCMPD	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$136,809	CIP - Fleet Replacement
J. Six (6) Chevy sedans	•SCMPD •Sheriff	Coastal Chevrolet	\$182,886	•CIP - Fleet Replacement - \$152,405 •Sheriff K9 Training Grant - \$30,481
K. Annual renewal of aircraft liability and hull (physical damage) insurance coverage	Mosquito Control	ACE/ Westchester Fire Insurance Company	\$31,358	Risk Management Internal Service Fund
L. Repairs to a boom trash truck loader	Public Works and Park Services	Griffin Truck and Equipment (Sole Source)	\$14,957	General Fund/M & O - Fleet Operations

AGENDA ITEM: X-8 A thru L

AGENDA DATE: July 20, 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 a \$453,925 emergency purchase with Elliot-Lewis Corporation for Phase II of the Chatham County Data Center from Elliott-Lewis Corporation.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Data Center houses most of the hardware required for the operation of the Chatham County data network and telecommunications infrastructure. Protection and proper environmental conditioning of this hardware is crucial for the reliability and availability of these services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Chatham County data and telecommunications services are utilized by all County departments and directly affect the ability for these departments to service public needs.
2. The current Data Center is unfit to protect against category 1 hurricane force winds and cannot protect against water intrusion.
3. The proposed Data Center will protect against category 3 hurricane force winds and rain.
4. The current Data Center space within the Montgomery Street Courthouse must be re-allocated for court services during the Courthouse renovation project.
5. In order to stay on schedule for Phase II of the project, staff requested emergency approval from the Chairman. He concurred (see attached page 14) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008 - 2014) - Courthouse Project
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32460427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of a \$453,925 emergency purchase with Elliot-Lewis Corporation for Phase II of the Chatham County Data Center from Elliott-Lewis Corporation.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary infrastructure needed for daily operations with provisions for continuity of operations in the event of a disaster.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
LYNN STENNETT

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of a \$757,022 emergency purchase to Graybar Electric Inc., to install a turnkey Data Center Solution for Chatham County I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Data Center houses most of the hardware required for the operation of the Chatham County data network and telecommunications infrastructure.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Chatham County data and telecommunications services are utilized by all County departments and directly affects the ability for these departments to service public needs.
2. The current Data Center space within the Montgomery Street courthouse must be re-allocated for court services during the Courthouse renovation project.
3. The new location of the Data Center will include design and engineering, labor, material, equipment, related services, and supervision required, including, but not limited to, manufacturing, fabrication, erection, and installation for a static uninterruptible power supply (UPS), Rack System, Cooling and Data Center Management Solution.

by the County will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff developed a scope of services and specifications to support the oversight and management of debris recovery contractors and other damages incurred in the County. As such, the Consultant should be capable of providing a range of related services including damage assessment, environmental assessment/permitting, emergency planning and response, field monitoring, grant management, infrastructure restoration, and other services as needed by the County. The services include consideration for removing and processing the volumes and types of debris expected to be generated by a major disaster.
2. The Stafford Act that governs the FEMA reimbursement program requires that disaster recovery services utilize local companies as much as possible. Each vendor interviewed demonstrated a commitment to soliciting and utilizing local services.
3. A Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide Debris Monitoring Services was issued and publically advertised. Five (5) firms responded to the RFP. The evaluation committee evaluated each firm based on: Qualifications, References, Expertise of Staff, Understanding Scope of Service, and Fees. The committee interviewed the three (3) highest scoring firms. (Please refer to matrix on pages 16-17). The interviews were scored by the committee and the highest scoring firm was selected.
4. Fees are itemized based on the hourly rates of key positions during a disaster recovery event. There are no annual subscription fees and no fees are required during the duration of the contract term unless the company is activated.
5. Staff recommends contract award to Thompson Consulting Services based on their receiving the highest number of points in accordance with the criteria in the RFP.
6. Once the Chairman issues a Chatham County State of Emergency and the EOC is activated; the County assets, contracts and services become "assignable through the EOC". There may be cases where Thompson Consulting Services is asked to perform their service in a municipality not just the unincorporated area.

FUNDING: As needed, if mobilized due to disaster.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract with four (4) one (1) year renewals for Disaster Debris Monitoring to Thompson Consulting Services, Lake Mary, FL for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts to the highest ranked proposer who complies with all FEMA and GEMA guideline requirements.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$21,967 purchase of pallet racks and light duty roller conveyors from VSS of Savannah GA, for the Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: The Detention Center has a requirement to purchase 56 pallet racks and two (2) roller conveyors for the warehouse at the new facility. The existing pallet racks will be removed and relocated.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Detention Center's current warehouse is being renovated and a new warehouse is currently being built in Building G. There is a need for additional pallet racks for storage.
2. The new commissary area in Building G will require two (2) new roller conveyors.
3. An Invitation to Bid was advertised and two (2) bids were received. Responses are as follows:

VSS Savannah, GA	\$21,967
Corporate Interiors St. Petersburg, FL	\$31,459
4. The price includes the design, engineering, manufacture, delivery and installation of all the pallet racks and roller conveyors.

5. Staff believes the pricing provided by VSS, Savannah GA, to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Detention Center Expansion Project
(3803355 - 54.25001 - 38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$21,967 purchase of pallet racks and light duty roller conveyor from VSS of Savannah GA, for the Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
LYNN STENNETT

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$25,700 purchase of a Mobile Satellite Trailer from Indyne Corporation, Conyers, GA, for Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA).

BACKGROUND: On 27 April 2012, the Board approved the receipt of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant to CEMA, for the Mobile Satellite Trailer.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. An Invitation for Bid was advertised and received. Bid responses are as follows:

Indyne Corporation Conyers, GA	\$ 25,700
Trailerlogic Belton, SC	\$ 37,090
Atlanta Custom Coach Palmetto, GA	\$ 49,531
Valero Service, Inc. Delmont, PA	\$ 56,808
Normand Global Communication Solutions, Inc. Columbia Falls, MT	\$ 66,675
Speciality Vehicle Solutions, LLC Trenton, NJ	\$ 67,736
ODN, Inc. Columbia, MO	\$ 73,569

2. Staff believes that the price from Indyne Corporation is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: DHS - CEMA Communications Trailer
(2503920 - 54.25001 - 25024302)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$25,700 purchase of a Mobile Satellite Trailer from Indyne Corporation, Conyers, GA, for CEMA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment for the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
LYNN STENNETT

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board renewal of Staples Advantage as the preferred supplier of office supplies for County departments.

BACKGROUND: On 29 April 2011, the Board approved the use of the City of Savannah's contract. Staples also holds the State of Georgia contract but there are some advantages to using the City of Savannah's contract and to designate Staples as the County's preferred supplier.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staples was competitively awarded the City of Savannah's contract. The Purchasing Ordinance allows the County to "piggy-back" contracts in co-operative alliances with other government agencies. Staples' prices are very competitive.
2. In the prior year contract, the County received the following benefits:

Signing Bonus paid July 2011	\$10,000
Instant Credits paid July, 2011 – June, 2012	\$ 2,221
Annual Rebate paid in May 2012	\$ 2,253
M/WBE Purchases	\$ 5,976
Recycled Purchases	\$38,483

95% of items ordered delivered Next Day
3. The Staples program offers on-line ordering and desk top delivery. Their software ordering system contains the ability for supervisors to monitor or approve at user level and includes the ability for Purchasing to monitor/approve/disapprove orders.
4. Departments were asked to evaluate Staples' performance under the contract. Staples received good ratings from end users.
5. This contract does not exclude the use of other local office suppliers. However, in order to maximize credits and rebates back to the County, Purchasing will encourage the use of this contract by requesting that departments obtain quotes when they are contemplating the use of a different office supply vendor.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board renewal of Staples Advantage as the preferred supplier of office supplies for County departments.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts that are in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an \$82,748 purchase of four (4) 2013 Ford Fusions from J. C. Lewis Ford for Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD).

BACKGROUND: Each year staff develops and solicits competitive bids for this annual requirement for the current model year. The Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD) has County approved funding to replace 19 vehicles per FY2012 as part of the police merger.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publicly advertised and opened on 6 July 2012.
2. J. C. Lewis was the only vendor to respond to the solicitation.
3. Staff believes this price is fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of an \$82,748 purchase of four (4) 2013 Ford Fusions from J. C. Lewis Ford for Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD).
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve price agreements for the purchase of vehicles for the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$54,482 purchase of two (2) 2013 Ford Interceptor sedans and an \$82,329 purchase of three (3) 2013 Ford Interceptors with rear camera from J. C. Lewis Ford for Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD).

BACKGROUND: Each year staff develops and solicits competitive bids for this annual requirement. The SCMPD has County approved funding to replace 19 vehicles per FY2012 as part of the police merger.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publicly advertised and opened on 5 July 2012. Staff received responses from two (2) vendors.
2. Speedway Ford of Griffin, GA bid did not meet specifications and was therefore considered non-responsive.

Vendor	Vehicle	Price
J.C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	(2) 2013 Ford Interceptor sedan AWD	\$27,241 ea - \$54,482
Speedway Ford Griffin, GA	(2) 2013 Ford Interceptor sedan AWD	Non responsive
J.C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	(3) 2013 Ford Interceptor Sedan AWD with camera	\$27,443 ea - \$82,329
Speedway Ford Griffin, GA	(3) 2013 Ford Interceptor Sedan AWD with camera	Non responsive

3. Staff believes prices from J. C. Lewis Ford to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$54,482 purchase of two (2) 2013 Ford Interceptor sedans and a \$82,329 purchase of three (3) 2013 Ford Interceptors with rear camera from J. C. Lewis Ford for Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD).
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve price agreements for the purchase of vehicles for the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an \$182,886 purchase of six (6) 2012 Chevrolet Caprice Police Pursuit Vehicles from Coastal Chevrolet, Inc., of Savannah, for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD) and the Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: Each year staff develops and solicits competitive bids for this annual requirement for the current model year. The SCMPD has County approved funding to replace 19 vehicles per FY2012 as part of the police merger. Five (5) vehicles are for the SCMPD and one (1) vehicle is for the Sheriff's Department.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The solicitation was advertised, sent to eight (8) vendors locally and in the surrounding area.
2. Bids were received on July 10, 2012. Staff received only one (1) bid from Coastal Chevrolet, Inc., in the amount of \$182,886.
3. Staff believes this price is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Operations

(3501567 - 54.22001 - 3503068B) \$152,405
 Sheriff K9 EOD Training Grant
 (2503300 - 54.22002 - 25023252) \$30,481

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of an \$182,886 purchase of six (6) 2012 Chevrolet Caprice Police Pursuit Vehicles from Coastal Chevrolet, Inc., of Savannah, for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD) and the Sheriff's Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve bids for the purchase of vehicles for the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 CHRIS MORRIS

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 LYNN STENNETT

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the annual premium of \$31,358 for the renewal of Mosquito Control aircraft liability and hull (physical damage) insurance coverage from ACE/Westchester Fire Insurance Company for a one (1) year term of July 11, 2012-2013.

BACKGROUND: Mosquito Control purchases liability and hull insurance to protect highly valued aircraft; the public; and non-employee passengers in the event of an accident. Mosquito Control insures three (3) helicopters and one (1) fixed-wing aircraft with replacement value of \$1.975 million.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The current carrier ACE/Westchester is offering a renewal quotation of \$31,358 which includes a "No Claims Bonus" of \$3,642. The renewal premium results in an annual savings of \$7,957 when compared with last year's annual premium.
2. The reduction in annual premium is attributed, in part, to excellent aviation management.
3. One (1) other carrier provided a price-competitive quote. However, our broker, Wells Fargo, believes the coverage afforded through ACE/Westchester is more comprehensive.
4. War and Terrorism coverage were offered but declined.

FUNDING: Risk Management Internal Service Fund
 (625-9922 - 52.31021)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of the annual premium of \$31,358 for the renewal of Mosquito Control aircraft liability and hull (physical damage) insurance coverage from ACE/Westchester Fire Insurance Company for a one year term of July 11, 2012-2013.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The County has chosen to provide liability and hull coverage to protect highly valued assets.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of \$14,957 sole source repair of a boom trash truck loader for Public Works (Solid Waste) from Griffin Truck & Equipment of Pooler, Georgia.

BACKGROUND: The trash truck loader is a key piece of equipment for Public Works. The boom swing gear broke due to wear and tear, disabling the truck. An estimate for repair was prepared by Griffin Truck.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. A 2000 Ford F-750 boom trash truck loader is used to transport heavy trees.
- 2. A replacement boom swing gear for the truck would cost about \$48,000.
- 3. Griffin Truck & Equipment is the local vendor for this type of repair. Other vendors could not provide quotes.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
(1001567 - 52.22100)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Request Board approval of \$14,957 sole source repair of a boom trash truck loader for Public Works (Solid Waste) from Griffin Truck & Equipment of Pooler, Georgia.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the repair of equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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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.

1. REVISIONS TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, and we have one First Reading, that's the Revisions to the Animal Control Ordinance. And on that -- is there -- there's no discussion on that today?

County Manager Abolt said, this will only be among members of the Board. As you know there's been an extensive amount of time, citizen involvement, staff involvement to present it at this -- this level, but there's also been on -- on the County website an immersion and availability of the language itself over the internet. We -- we -- we've had it -- aimed to get the maximum amount of information out on this. Our -- our people in the audience obviously have made this all possible for which we are very appreciative, but at your next meeting, you'll be called upon to approve it. And then there will be some follow-up zone changes that the MPC will be dealing with. But this is -- has -- has had a long time in coming, but it is good, and we are very proud of it.

Chairman Liakakis said, and one thing too, a lot of it is the same as the City of Savannah has, who, of course, a number of years ago put theirs into effect and it has been successful for the City of Savannah. We've got a great animal control unit, their staff, and of course all of their particular volunteers, and that's makes a big difference. And we can see what this animal control are working together with people in the community that they have saved, now listen to this, instead of putting them in a gas chamber or some other way to take their lives away from those pets who give people unconditional love there, that they have saved over 1,500 pets in our community, and they've just done an outstanding job, and -- and it has made a -- a great deal of difference. Especially that we have people in our community, they have no relatives. It's something that they could, you know, work around or whatever it is, but they've got that pet there and they love that pet, and that pet gives them unconditional love, and it makes a big difference in our community, especially not to take them away from us, because of the great work that Lieutenant Bullware, all of her volunteers, her staff people, and, of course, the person that heads it up, Diane Abolt, who came in -- on board and has worked diligently and been able to transport some of those wonderful dogs to other places around the country, which is really good, and we thank all of you. I see you in the audience. If you'd like to speak at -- where we do the second readings over there, more than happy, but thank you for what you do because you're showing love to the people in this community and also to the pets. Okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, great job.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Chairman Liakakis said, and there's no Second Readings.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, and everybody has been in their packet, distributed the information items.

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 20, 2012

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
HVAC compressor for 911 Call Center computer room	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$3,100	Reimbursable Expenses
Preparation of title opinion letters for Johnny Mercer Pathway project	Engineering	Goodman, McGuffey, Lindsey & Johnson, LLP.	\$4,700	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Johnny Mercer-sidewalks
Officials for youth middle school baseball May 19 - May 26	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Umpires Association (Sole Source)	\$3,656	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Installation of steel doors at the Abolt-O'Brien soccer field	Public Works and Park Services	L & H Welding & Fabrication Company	\$2,925	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Desks, chairs, bookcases, sofa and credenza with hutch for the Detention Center Expansion	Detention Center	Mason's Inc.	\$9,782	Detention Center Expansion Project
One (1) turnstile	Detention Center	Online River, LLC.	\$4,306	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) server for I.C.S.	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$8,995	General Fund/M&O -Communications

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3. **ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS
AGENDA DATE: July 20, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
 THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
 FROM: A.G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County road projects.

BACKGROUND: Funding priorities for projects using Federal aid are established in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). For awarded construction contracts, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Estimated completion December 2013.
2. Diamond Causeway. The GDOT is managing a contract to construct a high level bridge over Skidaway Narrows to replace the bascule bridge. Estimated completion September 2013.
3. Whitefield Avenue. Construction is being managed by the GDOT. Estimated completion September 2013.
4. Bay Street Widening. After ROW plans were approved by GDOT in 2010, acquisitions were put on hold pending another Assessment of Effects (AOE) to historic properties. A Public Information Open House was held on April 28, 2011. ROW acquisitions expected to resume October 2012.
5. Jimmy Deloach Parkway Phase 2 and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design ongoing. ROW acquisitions expected to begin summer 2013.
6. SR 307 Widening from US 17 to I-16. Construction underway. Estimated completion in October 2013.
7. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Design is underway on a high level bridge to replace the bascule bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway on Islands Expressway. ROW plans expected by summer 2013.
8. Local Roads.
 - a. Hunt Road and Faye Road bridge replacement projects. Design and ROW acquisitions complete. Awaiting final permits. Construction summer 2012.
 - b. Ridgewood Avenue, Beechwood Avenue and Elmhurst Avenue. Construction contract awarded by the Board May 11, 2012. Construction expected to begin by August 2012. Estimated completion December 2012.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE

AGENDA DATE: July 20, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County drainage projects.

BACKGROUND: For awarded construction contracts, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates. For projects pending environmental permits, start dates are best estimates. Project scopes include varying degrees of canal widening, bank stabilization, bridges and culverts.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal. The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Staff anticipates construction of Phase 2A (from Daniel Street to Dean Forest Road) to be complete by September 2012. The County opened bids for construction of the Phase 2B (west of Dean Forest to the west end of the airport's airfield) on July 10, 2012. Staff expects to present a recommendation for award of a contract in August 2012. Staff is also engaged in a project to identify and obtain canal rights of way west of I-95.
2. Pipemakers Pump Station. The project was identified in the 2003-2008 SPLOST as a part of capital improvements to the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Basin. Creation of the hydraulic model is complete. The design team is currently working on development of a concept plan, cost analysis and determination of permitting issues.
3. Hardin Canal. The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, bridges and culverts. Projects that replaced culverts at SR 307 (Dean Forest Road) and within the Southbridge golf course area are complete. Staff is pursuing drainage improvements in the area of the recently completed culvert project at Dean Forest Road. A project to extend a maintenance access road and improve an outfall into the canal is underway.

4. Queensbury Drainage Improvements. The project area is south of Montgomery Cross Road and west of Ferguson Avenue (includes Tara Manor, Ennis Mobile Home Park-Elmhurst Court, and the Forest City Gun Club.) Design is underway on a project to improve drainage at Tara Manor. A project to improve drainage and provide maintenance access in the area of Remington Drive is substantially complete.
5. Wilmington Park Canal. The Wilmington Park Canal extends from North Cromwell Road to the Wilmington River (about 1.4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and culverts. Construction to replace five undersized culverts along the canal is anticipated to begin in September. A project to improve drainage from the southern portion of Ashley Road is underway. The existing outfall from this area is not accessible due to a lack of drainage easement.
6. Golden Isles. The project relieved neighborhood drainage issues, including structural flooding of homes by constructing an upgraded storm sewer system. Construction work is substantially complete. Staff is working with the contractor to complete punch list items.
7. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The Louis Mills and Redgate Canals are tributaries to the South Springfield Canal. Improvements are complete between Garrard Avenue and the CSX Railroad. A project to extend the improvements to a point north of Marshall Avenue is under way.
8. Ogeechee Farms Area. The Ogeechee Farms project includes improvements to canals and culverts. Phase 1 was completed in July 2005 (piped in about 0.2 miles of channel south of Vidalia Road and replaced a road crossing at Waynesboro Road). Phase II was completed in June 2010 (replaced five undersized culverts south of and under Vidalia Road). Construction commenced for Phase III at Ridgeland Road and Yemassee Road in February 2012 and is expected to be complete by September 2012.
9. Whippoorwill Road Drainage. The project will relocate and improve a canal tidegate structure to a location that can be accessed for maintenance. The existing structure is undersized and was damaged by previous storm events. It cannot be accessed for repair or maintenance because it is located on private property. Design and permitting is underway for a replacement structure in a new location that is accessible for maintenance.
10. Laberta-Cresthill Area. The project will relieve flooding within the Cresthill Subdivision. Construction on Laberta Avenue and Whitefield Avenue commenced in August 2011. The project required a temporary road closure of Whitefield Avenue south of Montgomery Cross Road. The roadway will remain closed to traffic until August 2012 to allow time to repave and raise the road elevation as authorized by Board approved Change Order No. 1 to the contract.
11. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work and permitting is also underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road.
12. Henderson/Gateway. Drainage is provided by the Little Neck Canal and the Henderson Branch Canal (combined length 2 miles). Projects to replace the golf cart culvert and culvert at Henderson Oaks Drive and Little Neck Road are complete. Staff is investigating further improvements to facilitate improved drainage from the Gateway area.
13. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will be accomplished in phases. The first phase to replace the storm drain pipe at Beaulieu Avenue was completed in January 2010. The second phase will replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch. Acquisitions of required easements are complete. Final design plans and permitting are underway.
14. Lehigh-Shipyard Lane Area. The project will relieve roadside drainage issues causing nuisance flooding in the Lehigh Avenue and Shipyard Lane area. Final design plans and required permitting are complete.
15. Grange Road Canal. The project to relieve flooding extends from Pipemakers Canal to north of Grange Road (about 1.8 miles). The Grange Road Canal outfall to the Pipemakers Canal was improved in 2004 under work being performed to improve the Pipemakers Canal. An all weather access road for the Grange Road Canal between Bourne Avenue and the Pipemakers Canal was also constructed at that time. In 2010 the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) presented a plan to the County involving expansion of GPA facilities in Garden City and the construction of certain drainage systems effecting the Grange Road Canal.
16. LaRoche Culvert. The project includes the replacement of a drainage culvert located under LaRoche Avenue north of Lansing Avenue. The culvert replacement is in response to a deteriorating brick arch culvert with several cracks. Final design work and permitting are complete. Bids opened in April 2012 exceeded project budget and were rejected. The design is being modified to lower construction costs.
17. Wahlstrom Road. The project will address drainage and maintenance access along the portion of Wahlstrom Road north of the railroad tracks. The drainage infrastructure in the area received infrequent maintenance in the past due to extensive industrial activities in the area and lack of access. Current work is directed toward identifying ownership and responsibility of existing infrastructure and locating existing drainage easements and rights of way.
18. Wymerley Area. The project will address inadequate neighborhood drainage including road side ditches, culverts and rear yard areas not accessible for maintenance of public systems. In early 2012 staff presented conceptual plans to stakeholders of the Wormsloe Historic Site and received preliminary verbal agreement for the improvements. Design work is underway.

19. Cottonvale Road Drainage. The project will relieve drainage and maintenance access issues causing nuisance flooding in the Cottonvale Road area. Acquisition of a required easement is complete. Final design plans are underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a motion on the floor to recess to executive session.

County Manager Abolt said, litigation.

Chairman Liakakis said, on litigation.

Commissioner Shay said, and personnel for an appointment.

Chairman Liakakis said, and personnel.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. Motion passes. Thank you all for coming. We appreciate you being here.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to recess to executive session to discuss litigation and personnel. Commissioners Thomas and Holmes seconded the motion and it unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

The Board recessed at approximately 10:50 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 Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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2. APPOINTMENTS

RESOURCES PROTECTION COMMISSION

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to appoint Sarah Maggie Samons to the Resource Protection Commission, with a term set to expire on June 30, 2015. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter 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 11:17 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF AUGUST, 2012.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION