

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 9:33 a.m. on Friday, August 24, 2012.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Liakakis said, I now call on Commissioner Patrick Shay for the Invocation.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you Mr. Chairman. I begin with a reading from the divinely inspired gospel of John, Chapter 7, Verse 18. He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.

Commissioner Shay gave the invocation as follows:

Lord, help us as Commissioners always to remember how we were sent here by the people of Chatham County and to do your will and your work on this earth. Amen.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Liakakis said, now call on Commissioner James Holmes to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Holmes 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
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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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Liakakis said, call on now Commissioner --

Commissioner Thomas said, Thomas.

Chairman Liakakis said, I -- I -- I know your name. I was just pointing to you.

Commissioner Shay said, Dr. -- Dr. Thomas.

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Priscilla Thomas. I'll give your full name.

Commissioner Thomas said, good morning, thank you, Mr. Chairman and colleagues. I would like to add to the

agenda, under Proclamations and Special Presentations -- a special presentation which is to be done by Mr. Terry Tolbert and Ms. Debbie Walker. I'd like to have permission to have that to the agenda.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, is that a motion?

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We need a second.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

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

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to add a special presentation by Mr. Terry Tolbert and Ms. Debbie Walker. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO CHAIRMAN LIAKAKIS BY THE EOA. TERRY TOLBERT AND DEBBIE WALKER WILL BE PRESENTING.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, if the two of you will come forth.

Mr. Terry Tolbert said, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Mr. Tolbert said, on behalf of John Finney, Executive Director, our Board of Directors, and Dr. Thomas, who was appointed by you to serve on our board, we're here not to ask for any money today.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, do this for us --

Mr. Tolbert said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shay said, meeting adjourned.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, because we have this being videoed right now, and she wants the name for our records, identify yourself please.

Mr. Tolbert said, my name is Terry Tolbert. I'm the Deputy Director for EOA. We've been around for 48 years. Recently we had our annual meeting, and we made some presentations. Usually we ask our departments to give us recommendations on who we should recognize for volunteering and supporting the organization and the services that we provide in the community. And, Mr. Chairman, your name came up, and I know you had a conflict when we had the annual meeting, but we wanted to come and let your colleagues know that we appreciate the good work that you've done with our agency over the years and Ms. Walker in particular who works with the Foster Grandparent and RSVP program. And as -- if many of you don't know, when Pete [Liakakis] comes, he not just stand there, he sometime he dance with many of our seniors. So on behalf of -- on behalf of our agency, I want to let Debbie Walker present this to you because she's the director of the RSVP Foster Grandparent program.

Ms. Debbie Walker said, Chairman Liakakis, Debbie Walker, Project Director, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, on behalf of the program, we're awarding the Honorable Pete Liakakis for eight years of loyal and dedicated service to the EOA Retired and Senior Volunteer Program by EOA of Savannah, Chatham County. August 14th, 2012. Dr. Wesley, J. Ball, Chairperson, and John H. Finney, Executive Director. For all you've done we really appreciate all your years of service, Pete [Liakakis.] [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. I appreciate this award, but let me just tell you what the EOA -- the EOA does in our community. They help so many citizens, not only senior citizens but others in the community because they have funding that come in where people don't have money to pay their gas bills, their electrical bills, and many other particular vital items that people need. But -- and you've got the retired senior volunteer service program, and they give thousands of hours of volunteer service to many of the charitable and civic organizations within our community and it makes a big difference in a lot of people's lives. So I accept this award on behalf of all the volunteers and what the EOA is doing for our community because that's very important because they've helped so many people that were in dire straits, and if it wasn't for them, they would be much worse off. So, Debbie [Walker], thank you for your leadership in this program. You've done a great job also and we appreciate that.

Ms. Walker said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, and while the Chairman is coming back up, I just want to say that Chatham County has always been there for the EOA. As a matter of fact, EOA is one of the what we would call children of the County,

because we were one of the sponsors at the very beginning of the EOA program, along with the City of Savannah and the Board of Education, and it's just like, you know, you're giving birth to a child. So, when you give birth to a child, you know, you're always with that child. So just want to say that we're very proud to be a part of the EOA.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT WITH ALL WALKS OF LIFE, INC. (AWOL) (COMMISSIONER HOLMES AND COMMISSIONER SHAY).

Chairman Liakakis said, next item we'll go to Item Seven, the Commissioner's Items, and a consideration of a contract with All Walks of Life, Incorporated. Commissioner Holmes and Commissioner Shay take part in that, and those that are associated with All Walks of Life, please come up to the podium.

Commissioner Holmes said, any All Walks of Life participants in the audience?

Chairman Liakakis said, I hope they got the notice to be here, James [Holmes], you know, on that, because they've always been here before.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, you know, concerning --

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Shay said, I know that DaVena Jordan was aware of this, but I also know that her father recently passed away, so she may not have been able to attend this morning.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, let's do this, if it's the desire of our Commission, we put this off for a little while if you want to do this, and have one of our clerk's call and see if the other -- her husband is -- possibly can come.

Commissioner Holmes said, let me ask this, is there any question that needs to be asked to the group?

Commissioner Thomas said, that's what I was about to ask.

Chairman Liakakis said, does any Commissioner need to -- have any questions for the organization? Okay, then go ahead and do your presentation.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. If there's no question need to be asked of the group, I personally want to thank my Commissioner Pat Shay for passing us on some information on last evening. And any group that have this sort of success in dealing with youth in Savannah, Georgia, Chatham, County, you can only applaud them. So, Mr. Chairman, I ask for approval of the funds that were requested from AWOL.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Shay said, second, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a second, any -- well, one of the things I'd like to say is this a contract with AWOL, All Walks of Life, and what has been occurring over a number of years, this particular organization has grown, and the juvenile court judges what they do is they direct a number of the young people that have gotten in troubles, those -- especially those that are involved in crime, and what they have done is they put them through this program, through AWOL, and we can see that it has made them better -- better young people. It has given them a lot of skills in many ways. If you've had the opportunity to go where they have their production people, you can see that they've got a lot of technical things there. They've got a lot of computers. They put the -- those ones that are involved in the program through many of the technical things for radio, television and other things also, and they have done a number of productions in the community where many Savannahians from the County has gone to see these productions that have been very good and almost on a professional status. Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was wondering if one of the two gentlemen here would explain for the benefit of the citizens what the increase will cover if it's going from the requested 25,000 to 50,000. I think it's important to note what -- what this would be for.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, yeah, Mr. Chairman, this may be something that came about as a conversation that I had with the protagonists for the -- for the project. Their original request to the County was for \$50,000, and in past years it had been reduced to \$25,000. They also have been suffering like most State of Georgia grantees from a reduction in funding from some of the other sources that made their -- their program possible. So when I talked to them, I encouraged them to go back and ask for the original \$50,000 again, and the reason I did that is so that they could double the number of young people that they could reach and help in order to be able to turn around their lives. Because these young people are referred by our -- our court system -- Juvenile Court system, ultimately, the beneficiaries of their services are the young people that they serve but also the community at large because it has been proven, through the study that we've seen today, that about 90% of the people that they reach do not become Recidivist criminals, and we know that Recidivist criminality is a -- is a big problem in our community. So with the increase, I guess you could call it that, back to the amount that they originally asked for, would help them to be able to reach twice as many people and be able to help them --

Commissioner Stone said, about how many do they reach? Do you know?

Commissioner Shay said, it's in the -- in the study. The -- the -- the numbers of people. It depends on the number of referrals, but Commissioner Holmes is circling that. You know sometimes as a County Commissioner I like to think of ourselves as if we're functioning as a Board of Directors, more like, in some ways the private sector functions, and this is one of those opportunities that we have to make a very small investment in our community in a program that has proven itself to be very, very effective, and this will have an enormous return on investment to our -- our stakeholders, who in this case are the tax payers of Chatham County.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, well, Commissioner Holmes just pointed out that it's 50 -- approximately 50 young people.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Thomas said, you finished?

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. Go ahead Priscilla [Thomas].

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I -- I just want to piggy -- piggy back and -- and say that this is an excellent organization, and for those of us who are not familiar with the program, I would suggest that you would take some time sometimes and just go and -- and see what they're doing, how they're doing. We are all aware of the fact that our children, a lot of our children have come from broken homes and at no fault of their own or whatever, and we need to break the cycle that's out there. I mean, no matter how we look at it, it may not be our child or our children or our family or whatever, but it's somebody's child that's out there, and we're having all of these problems in our community, in our County, and if we can put these young people on track and help them to become productive citizens, I think this is something that would be worth our while. And we have got to take the time to do that, because unless we break the cycle, we're going to always have more of them doing some of the negative things in our community.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone] and then Patrick Shay.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you Mr. Chairman, and in listening to this conversation, is there a way, and I wish there were -- that there was a representative from the organization here because I would like to see them work, Mr. Chairman, that something you and I have been involved in and I've talked to Commissioner Holmes about this work force development for our young people that are dropping out of high school, to give them alternatives through vocational and technical training, and I would like to see if this could be tied into that because the drop out rate is alarming, and these are the young people that end up in our detention centers and ultimately in our prisons, and if we could tie this together, I would certainly feel a lot more comfortable with allocating this amount of money towards something that we could connect more dots and help more people, and help more people stay in school and offer them alternatives. And -- and just to tie into that, I mean, still, looking at our jail expansion project, we've got a lot of vacancies in local contracting that I would like to see filled in this community. Drywall, and just to go down the list, and I don't want to get into it 'cause I'll get into it later, but roofers, I mean, why do we have to go outside of this community to hire these people when we've got young people that are looking and searching for something in life, and we need to -- to continue to try to connect these dots. And I would like to -- to see that the representative from this organization get involved with this work force initiative, and I would do anything I can to help with that.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we'll make that known. Next item -- oh, excuse me, Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, yeah, Mr. Chairman, so that we can bring this to the floor and vote on it, I'd like to offer a clarification and to see if the maker of the motion, Commissioner Holmes would accept it, that we make it clear that the amount of the contract would be for \$50,000, and that they would coordinate with the program that Commissioner Stone advocates to see if there aren't ways for continued collaboration and involvement.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, with that said, that is fine with me, and I will get with Commissioner Stone. Her and I were talking about this several times ago, so we would include this, attach this, and meet with AWOL and see how that can come to light.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Patrick [Farrell]?

Commissioner Stone said, wonderful.

Commissioner Farrell said, as this will probably come up, you know, another year from now so could we compile some statistics on what was accomplished with the original \$25,000 and what's accomplished going -- presuming this passes that there's another \$50,000, to see if there's a marked increase in reaching the community that we're trying to reach so that, you know, if this passes today, and if we look at it again twelve months from now, we have some data to look and see, you know, did we just pay more for the same or do we, you know, do we get a dollar for dollar increase in-- in results. I think the -- any time you invest in a program, I think it's the accountability of the results. I mean once it comes out of -- once you put the meat in the meat grinder, and it comes out the other side, what have you got. So we put the money in on this side, what are we catching on the other side and how do we -- how do we track that so that we know reasonably what, you know, what we're -- what we're getting. If we could track that, presuming this goes forward, I would -- and have that it available for the future.

Commissioner Stone said, and then see if it ties into this vocational and technical training would be great.

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

Commissioner Shay said, thank you Commissioners.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, motion passes.

ACTION OF BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the funds of \$50,000 requested by AWOL, and that AWOL and the work force development initiative meet and find ways to collaborate. Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. SOUTHBRIDGE DRAINAGE (COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER).

Chairman Liakakis said, another item under Item 2, Southbridge drainage. Commissioner Kicklighter, who's done quite a bit of work on this particular project, will now do his presentation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to thank staff for working closely with the Southbridge Homeowners' Association. In an effort to protect, I guess around 10,000 people's property values and to protect the enormous revenues generated by a very high-end subdivision in this County, and in an -- and in an effort to actually just do the right thing, and help try to protect the 10,000 people that bought into this subdivision without knowing exactly what they were getting with their drainage system, I'd like to get this ball rolling to try to assist the Southbridge property owners. And also, I want to clarify beforehand because I think there's stuff possibly running around the subdivision about how revenues would be generated to fix things in the area of the drainage system that I in no way, shape, or form by making this motion am endorsing any type of special tax from the County within that subdivision. I'm under the impression that the Homeowners' Association may be able to generate the revenues or may be in -- already have the revenues to actually fix the system and bring it up to County standards, and I want that to be very clear for the people living out there that this motion will simply start the process of hopefully bringing your drainage system up to County standards where the County can then take over and keep you from flooding.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so at this time, I would like to make a motion to put out an RFP to jointly, along with the County engineers, provide a detailed inspection and evaluation of the Southbridge stormwater drainage system, along with an estimated -- an estimate to fix and bring the system up to County standards. And I put that in the form of a motion.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, excuse me, Dean [Kicklighter], on that, in other words, you are -- like you were talking earlier, and Commissioner Farrell, about an RFP?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir. Just -- just -- this motion is to put out that RFP to find out how much it will cost to bring it up to our standards.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Any other comments? Let's go on the board.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, excuse me.

County Manager Abolt said, it's my understanding now, we'll bring it back to you and the -- the cost that comes out of the RFP, you'll decide how much of that the County wants to bear the share of?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to put out an RFP to jointly, along with the County Engineers, provide a detailed

inspection and evaluation of the Southbridge stormwater drainage system, along with an estimate to fix the system and bring it up to County standards. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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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, next items are Tabled and Reconsidered Items. There are none today.

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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: FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 - 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O, a) transfer \$27,200 from Special Appropriations to Indigent Health, b) transfer \$45,000 from Facilities Maintenance to Fleet Operations and Fuel Management, and c) transfer \$7,000 from CNT to EMS, 2) in the Hotel Motel Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$40,000 for Hotel/Motel taxes and related appropriations; FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 1) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND, a) increase revenues and expenditures \$5,500 to recognize funds received from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), and b) increase revenues and expenditures \$233,767 for a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council grant to the Sheriff's K-9 Unit, 2) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O, a) transfer \$6,400 from Other Equipment to Salaries and Wages in the Tax Commissioner's budget and, b) transfer \$4,510 from Management Consulting to Salaries and Wages in the Construction Apprentice Program budget.**

Chairman Liakakis said, we'll go on to Items for Individual Actions. One, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer for Fiscal Year 2012. Item one under that heading, in the General Fund M&O, a) transfer \$27,200 from Special Appropriations to Indigent care, b) transfer \$45,000 from Facilities Maintenance to Fleet Operations and Fuel Management, and c) transfer \$7,000 from CNT to EMS, 2) in the Hotel Motel Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$40,000 for Hotel/Motel taxes and related appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013. Under item one in that category, in the Multiple Grant Fund, a) increase revenues and expenditures \$5,500 to recognize funds received from the Association of County Commissioners of the State of Georgia, the ACCG, and b) increase revenues and expenditures \$233,767 for a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council grant to the Sheriff's K-9 Unit, 2) in the General Fund M&O, a) transfer \$6,400 from Other Equipment to Salaries and Wages in the Tax Commissioner's budget and, b) transfer \$4,510 from Management Consulting to Salaries and Wages in the Construction Apprentice Program budget. Need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: for Fiscal Year 2012 in the General Fund M&O, a) transfer \$27,200 from Special Appropriations to Indigent Health, b) transfer \$45,000 from Facilities Maintenance to Fleet Operations and Fuel Management, and c) transfer \$7,000 from CNT to EMS, 2) in the Hotel Motel Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$40,000 for Hotel/Motel taxes and related appropriations; for Fiscal Year 2013 - 1) in the Multiple Grant Fund, a) increase revenues and expenditures \$5,500 to recognize funds received from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), and b) increase revenues and expenditures \$233,767 for a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council grant to the Sheriff's K-9 Unit, 2) in the General Fund M&O, a) transfer \$6,400 from Other Equipment to Salaries and Wages in the Tax Commissioner's budget and, b) transfer \$4,510 from Management Consulting to Salaries and Wages in the Construction Apprentice Program budget. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: August 24, 2012

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

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: for Fiscal Year 2012 in the General Fund M&O, a) transfer \$27,200 from Special Appropriations to Indigent Health, b) transfer \$45,000 from Facilities Maintenance to Fleet Operations and Fuel Management, and c) transfer \$7,000 from CNT to EMS, 2) in the Hotel Motel Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$40,000 for Hotel/Motel taxes and related appropriations; for Fiscal Year 2013 - 1) in the Multiple Grant Fund, a) increase revenues and expenditures \$5,500 to recognize funds received from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), and b) increase revenues and expenditures \$233,767 for a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council grant to the Sheriff's K-9 Unit, 2) in the General Fund M&O,) transfer \$6,400 from Other Equipment to Salaries and Wages in the Tax Commissioner's budget and, b) transfer \$4,510 from Management Consulting to Salaries and Wages in the Construction Apprentice Program budget.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The final Indigent Health bills for Fiscal Year 2012 exceeded the budget. A transfer of \$27,200 from Special Appropriation will eliminate an unfavorable variance and avoid a State audit finding.
2. Expenditures for Fleet Operations and Fuel Management have exceeded the budget. Funds from Facilities Maintenance will be used to offset the shortfalls and avoid a State audit finding.
3. Expenditures for EMS have exceeded the budget due to estimated year end accruals and salary charges. Funds from CNT will be used to eliminate the unfavorable variance and avoid a State audit finding.
4. Hotel/Motel revenues and expenditures for FY2012 have exceeded the adopted budget. A budget amendment to increase the revenues and expenditures is needed. A resolution is attached.
5. Chatham County received a grant award in the amount of \$5,500 from ACCG for the wellness program. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached.
6. The Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit has received a grant for \$233,767 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached.
7. The Tax Commissioner has requested a transfer of \$6,400 from Other Equipment to Salaries and Wages to cover additional salary expense. Correspondence is attached.
8. The Executive Director of Step Up Savannah is requesting a transfer of \$4,510 from Management Consulting to Salaries and Wages in the Construction Apprentice Program (CAP) budget to cover a salary adjustment. Correspondence is attached.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General M&O Fund for the transfers. The budget amendment will establish funding in the Multiple Grant and Hotel/Motel Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2012

- a. Transfer \$27,200 from Special Appropriations to Indigent Health.
- b. Transfer \$36,880 from Facilities Maintenance to Fleet Operations and \$8,120 from Facilities Maintenance to Fuel Management.
- c. Transfer \$7,000 from CNT to EMS.

HOTEL MOTEL FUND FY2012

Increase revenues and expenditures \$40,000.

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2013

- a. Transfer \$6,400 from Other Equipment to Salaries in the Tax Commissioners budget.
- b. Transfer \$4,510 from Management Consulting to Salaries in the Construction Apprentice Program budget.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FY2013

- a. Increase revenues and expenditures \$5,500 for a grant award from ACCG for the wellness program.
- b. Increase revenues and expenditures \$233,767 for a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council grant to the Sheriff's K-9 unit.

2. Amend or deny the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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2. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Liakakis said, Item Two, the CNT monthly report given verbally by Director Ragan.

CNT Director D. Everett Ragan said, good morning Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen of the Commission, July was a fairly busy month for us. It actually was a very busy month for us. Eighty-one investigations we initiated during the month. You can see the amount of drugs we seized. It was -- unfortunately that's not an accurate amount. We have -- did make a seizure that we can't talk about right yet, but it'll -- it'll get there, and certainly that -- those drugs will increase the amount we recovered in July. The -- 25 total arrests, four weapons seized, adoptions from other agencies, two from Tybee Island one from Garden City. One drug complaint received and six project log complaints. Those generally come from -- excuse me, from either Commissioners -- Mr. Abolt, Aldermen or that kind of stuff we get that we answer. So, you can see the number of hours we expended. I'd like to just direct something as recently as -- of course it was not in the -- did not occur in July, just actually happened this week. You see a news release on some synthetic marijuana and cannabinoids that we recovered out of a convenience store at Waters and Montgomery Crossroads. As every -- as the Commission well knows, this is a problem that has been plaguing this State and the nation for a long, long time. Twice now in the last couple of years the Georgia legislature has attempted to -- to correct this with legislation making these cannabinoids illegal, synthetic marijuana, the bath salts. Every time they do it with the compounds, they come up with the GBI, the manufacturers change a molecule here, a molecule there, so what they're selling now is not illegal under Georgia statute. So, Vernon Keenan, who is the Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is -- this is one of his very, very personal pet projects.

Director Ragan said, the Georgia Pharmacy Board has now stepped in this week and has made it a dangerous drug for civil penalties. There is no legislation on the new cannabinoids that are coming out, so -- but it gives authority to police to seize these as dangerous drugs under the -- from the Pharmacy Board, but we cannot charge criminally because the legislation is not there. So we knew of a place that was selling, in fact, we had purchased from them before, and when it was tested at the crime lab, it was one of the new molecules, new compounds that was not illegal under Georgia statute. So, now that we have this from the Pharmacy Board, we went back this week, confronted the owner, he admitted that he had the new cannabinoids. We seized 35 packets of them. They are now at the crime lab. Hopefully -- hopefully there are maybe one or two that we can get him on that -- that are covered by statute, but civilly we can seize them and -- and if there is anything that the crime lab comes back and says is under legislation is illegal, we can -- we can take care of that. But, they are very dangerous. They make people go schizophrenic. You see headlines are all over the nation about people who eat people's faces off down in -- down in Miami, and people who attack 11-year-old girls in Effingham County that are all on the synthetic marijuana. So, they are very dangerous. But, it's now an issue that -- that we can address civilly, and recover the property, but not criminally at this point in time.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Patrick [Shay] and then Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Shay said, the synthetic substances, I'm -- I'm just curious, because they sell them kind of over the counter from places that are involved in otherwise legitimate businesses, it -- it makes it appear to young people, I suppose, especially, that they probably are legal. I -- I'm -- I'm just saying. It's -- it, you know, one of the things as -- I think if somebody goes to a, you know, a drug dealer on some dark corner at 2:00 o'clock in the morning on a Sunday morning, they probably know that they're buying something that's illegal.

Director Ragan said, yes.

Commissioner Shay said, when they walk into a convenience stores that's also selling, you know, gasoline and beef jerky, and they see this stuff under the counter they may not -- they might not understand that what they're about to buy is -- is -- is an illegal controlled substance.

Director Ragan said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shay said, my question though is, the people that sell it must know.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir, they know. In fact, comments made by this individual was that he sells primarily to people on probation and parole, so the drugs does not show up in their urinalysis, and they don't get in trouble for that. So that's who he primarily sells to.

Commissioner Shay said, well, it was nice of him to admit that.

Director Ragan said, yes it was. We thought it was very nice.

Commissioner Shay said, but, my question to you is under the law, I mean, does the law treat that person that's, you know, got a legitimate business that's selling these substances over the counter differently than the person that is on the street corner at 2:00 o'clock in the morning on Sunday morning?

Director Ragan said, no, sir. If it comes back as a Schedule II, then the law treats them as the same.

Commissioner Shay said, well, I -- I would just hope that anybody that's watching this that might be in a legitimate business that doesn't understand this that they would take pause, because, you know, not only are there civil penalties that you seem to be describing, but if I'm not mistaken, when you -- when you become a drug dealer, then you -- you subject not only that particular property but all sorts of other civil remedies for confiscation of property.

Director Ragan said, we have -- we have worked on this project for many, many months now. We hand-delivered letters outlining the dangers of this synthetic marijuana and the bath salts to every convenience store within this County,

and those were warnings of the consequences that the people face when -- if they are caught selling them. Problem has been the molecules change, compounds change, it may not be illegal, but now at least with the Pharmacy Board, civilly we can take it back, and there may be some time that -- and -- and -- that at CNT we can come and maybe pull some business licenses if they continue to sell these. Come before the Board and ask for permission to do that.

Commissioner Shay said, I -- I've been aware of cases in the past, for example, where a drug dealer uses a really nice car to get around.

Director Ragan said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shay said, and when they get arrested for -- for dealing, they sometimes get their property confiscated along with it. I'm not trying to be a lawyer here, but -- but I -- I -- I think it's real important that people who are involved in legitimate businesses that may decide that they want to make a -- a few extra dollars doing this, understand that the -- the penalties could be extremely severe, and that, you know, even if we're -- they're -- they're -- they're selling the right molecules, they are doing the wrong thing and that that's going to tend to catch up with them. I -- I'm going to be willing to guess that not all these controlled substances are manufactured in the State of Georgia, and that they're probably illegal somewhere, and to move those across state lines in order to sell them, there are probably other laws involved that could be prosecuted.

Director Ragan said, yes DEA just hit a big warehouse that had some in Atlanta, and they actually come -- most of them come from overseas, so we are -- all those issues are being addressed. As a -- as a side bar, when we issued the letters out, we had one local business who's attorney responded to us and it was basically, you know, my client is going to pull them off the shelf voluntarily, but he was making \$8,000 a month selling the synthetic marijuana.

Commissioner Shay said, well, thank you for the -- for the -- bringing that information to us and for the, you know --

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shay said, -- diligence that you continue to exhibit in trying to make sure that people aren't poisoning themselves.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Director Ragan, I don't want to beat a dead horse, but this will be the third request here. I would really like to see on page five where when you -- hours expended in municipalities year to date, the City of Savannah is never included in this graph. I realize that you've got a graph that breaks down the -- all of Chatham County above that, but I'm trying to get a comparison of the hours expended within the City of Savannah. You've got the unincorporated area, but you do not include the City of Savannah.

Director Ragan said, if you will look on page -- we looked at -- I brought this up again to my analyst who helps prepare this report. If you'll look on page six -- in other words, we talked before that the extrapolation of the unincorporated area from the -- the precincts, so all the precincts are in the City of Savannah, with some in the unincorporated areas. If you look on page six, you'll see the circular graph as you like to say, and you will see that the total hours in the city limits were 12,304, and you'll look total Savannah precincts, so basically, if you'll extrapolate the 12,304 from the precincts, you get the unincorporated hours, plus you have the total hours in the City of Savannah.

Commissioner Stone said, but is there a reason why you can't put that in this graph?

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am, because the number of hours that we work in the city limits, it skews the graph so much, you'll have a huge graph up here for the City of Savannah and then everything else will be short on the bottom. It was a computer thing.

Commissioner Stone said, that makes it -- but that makes it sound like you don't want to show what's going on in the City of Savannah.

Director Ragan said, no, ma'am, we -- we --

Commissioner Stone said, and I -- I -- I really want to see this. I mean I think it's important to see how many hours are spent throughout this County and in what municipality and where the problems are.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am, and we had -- and -- and -- and that's what we do have, we have the 12,304 hours in the city limits and it's just -- the city limits hours are on page six, not in the graph on page five, but we will put it in there next week.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, I mean I understand it's -- it's -- it's going to be extreme.

Director Ragan said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, but I just want to see. I mean I think the citizens that grow to appreciate what you do with the Counter Narcotics Team and the amount of effort that you put into this, I would like to see where the hours are expended.

Director Ragan said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, and I would like to see it in comparison to the other municipalities.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, thank you Mr. Chairman. Ladies and gentlemen I -- I do want to recognize the Chairman in response to some information that came from Director Ragan. You've picked up, I know, the news release. They're starting to arrest and re-arrest and re-arrest the same bad guys. There are some incidents involving methamphetamine, I think the gentleman, and I use the term very loosely, had been arrested 50 times.

Director Ragan said, 53 times.

County Manager Abolt said, 53 times. 53 times. There's another one I gave you last night, I think the person was arrested 20 some times, and --

Director Ragan said, 12 times.

County Manager Abolt said, -- and -- thank you. And the Chairman asked for specifics as to these -- the pedigree on these individuals. My comment to the Chairman, given their age, they couldn't have been found guilty on these charges and be as young as they are and served time. It's just mathematically not possible to look at an individual with that number of arrests and convictions and being able to compute, well how much real jail time have they experienced. And the Chairman said, enough's enough, and I appreciate that.

Director Ragan said, if you look at --

Commissioner Stone said, I agree.

Director Ragan said, -- just in reference to the news release that came out yesterday -- day before yesterday, Mr. Abolt sent to you, a gentleman by the name of Jones that was arrested 12 times, his last -- three times by CNT. His last arrest by CNT was 2009. He had multiple charges of possession and sales of -- of cocaine with intent to distribute, an additional charge of possession within 1,000 feet of a school, public school or private school. Negotiated plea in 2010; he was only convicted -- he only negotiated a guilty plea on one count, the rest of the counts were dropped. Three years to serve and four years on probation. So that's 2010, he's already out from time served. He still has about 4 ½ years on probation, so we will work to get his probation revoked and keep him in for a little while longer this time.

Chairman Liakakis said, what I have done is asked the County Manager, I want the results, because not only this one 53 --

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, -- that y'all got him at the, you know, the 53rd time, is that another individual's arrested 25 times, and so what happened in those particular cases, did the -- was it all plea bargaining or did they get sentences like maybe 10 years in jail? They have multiple different type of charges and all, and one of the concerns to me is if they get 10 years and it's very serious crimes that they have permitted -- committed, is that something's wrong with our parole board. I know that the state prison system is overloaded right now. They're spending one billion, somewhere a little over 200 million dollars, \$1,200,000,000 for state prisoners, and what they do with the parole board, they release them way ahead of time so that they have room for them in the prisons. So there's a real bad problem in there. And I'm going to be talking with the State people, with the Governor and ask them to -- what can we do of these people that have these multiple charges against them, and does the judiciary look to see, for example, this person's coming up, that one you arrested recently for the 53rd time, is that person record going to be looked at and see instead of giving them a two-year term because of this, do they get a longer turn, and does the parole board look at this and see who many times that individual has been arrested. They don't need to be out on the street. You've got people that are charged with shoplifting they get -- might get, you know, four or five years, because they've got three charges of shoplifting, something like that, like the Governor wants to reduce the amount of prisoners, you know, if they're not real serious crimes into the system. But let's look at it realistically so that we can help our citizens. They're not to be preyed on, whether they are doing robbery, where they're selling, you know, some type of drugs or whatever the case might be, and especially on violent crimes that something has to be done, you know, in that area. So that is one of my projects that I'm working on. As soon as I get the other individual information, Everett [Ragan], I'll probably be talking, you know, getting you and the Chief of Police involved in this because it's really frustrating.

Chairman Liakakis said, and let me just tell you, through the companies that I own, the detective-security agency, we're out on the streets a lot, and a number of times here recently, I've arrested some people that have broken into some areas where we protect. But some of the officers tell me this, you know, that guy was arrested two nights ago, here he is committing, you know, a burglary on the third night, and he was arrested two days ago. And they shouldn't be giving people bonds either to people that have multiple arrests, you know, so that we can protect our citizens. And anyway we'll go from there. I could talk for a long period on that. Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, I -- you're absolutely correct, and to follow-up on that, something that's also very alarming that the Chief alerted me to about a year or so ago is that the -- some of these individuals that they're getting out of prison, they're getting out early, and they're releasing them here in Chatham County.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, and they're not from Chatham County.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, so what is somebody that's released from prison with their pocket change -- whatever they give them, what are they going to do? They're going to repeat crime. And we're subject to these individuals because they're dropping them off here. So it certainly does not help our crime rates.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, one of the things that -- what happens when people -- when those inmates get out of prison, they give them \$25. Say they've been in there eight or nine years, or two years, whatever it is, they give them \$25 -- \$25 and a bus ticket home, and when they get back, say to Savannah or other cities around the State, you know, what happens, they don't have a place to stay. They don't have a family. Some of them have been abandoned by their families because they commit a lot of crimes and all, and so that person is one of the repeaters that continue to do the crime, and then we've got this situation going on and on here and -- and around the State of Georgia. So, this is something that we can all work on, and I'm going to request that our legislators from our particular area, on something with these multiple crimes like that, and also, for them to contact the probation -- especially the parole board. We had parole board members come in here a number of years ago, and I requested at that time, why is that person back out on the street, and was said to me, well, our prisons were full. And I says, well, that's a sad situation where we've got real bad criminals back out on the street to prey on the people.

Director Ragan said, the -- just to bring two more instances up. Actually these are August incidents that we really will report on next month, but we did two search warrants this -- within the past week, individuals who were selling drugs in the 500 block of Park Avenue, 600 block of Park Avenue on the east side and on the south side. However, they both lived in municipalities, one had a condo in Garden City, one had a home in Pooler. Both still on multiple year probation, and we recovered over \$46,000 out of one person's house, five ounces of cocaine, five pounds of marijuana, two guns, out of his house. And the second individual, we got five pounds of marijuana, about two grams, but we used SWAT to assist in the arrest in Garden City on -- on that -- on that house simply -- and it was a good thing because when the individual came down the step he was -- steps of his house, he was carrying a .44 Magnum in his hand, one of them old Dirty Harry pistols. So now, with the enhancement we have on both of those having guns, hopefully, those will go away for a long, long time. But again, both people out on drug charges, still selling drugs and carrying handguns. So, when we get them with guns, we enhance their time, and that's the good thing about it. But these -- these two will go away for a long time now.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you very much, Everett --

Director Ragan said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, excuse me, Pat [Farrell], go ahead.

Commissioner Farrell said, I want to direct this question to the other Commissioners and -- and the County Manager. Serving on this Board for a number of years, I -- I believe I speak for everyone that most -- if -- if not everyone, most everyone, that public safety is probably all of our number one concerns as Commissioners, and -- and it is my number one concern. And in order to -- to increase public safety, I'd like to make a request that we get monthly reports and get some data to how many prisoners are being released into Chatham County and where their County of origin was and also what agency is responsible for that decision to -- to bring them there. Obviously, if they came from Chatham County I would assume that the rightful return place would be Chatham County, but it does concern me if you have convicts that are released from prison and they're somehow left here and perhaps they -- their home County is -- is somewhere else, so --

Commissioner Stone said, I agree.

Commissioner Farrell said, if we have the data, I'm not saying that we'll change anything, but I certainly would like for -- for all the Commissioners and all the people in Chatham County to know what's going on because --

Commissioner Stone said, that's true.

Commissioner Farrell said, I -- I think that's the -- something that would be very helpful, and we could also know who -- would like to know who is responsible for making that decision. There has to be an agency somewhere, and there has to be a person in that agency that makes that decision.

Commissioner Stone said, it's the parole board.

Commissioner Farrell said, and I'm not -- and all I'm saying is a good monthly report at the Commission similar to the CNT report perhaps would shed some light on it and -- and we could go from there as we understood the magnitude of what's going on. The second thing and last thing I wanted to speak about is we've had CNT come in front of us on a monthly basis and bring us up to date on the -- on the good work that they're doing, and that's an agency that's wholly funded by the Chatham County Commissioners, and it's doing work all over the County, and we break down different data points, and I think they make us a safer community to live in. At the current time, we -- we have a police department that doesn't bring us any data for the unincorporated area. This Commission funds the police protection for the unincorporated area in Chatham County solely. We do it through a bureau of the City of Savannah, and I'm asking the Commissioners and the County Manager -- or suggesting, that we have a similar monthly data sharing from a representative from the police department that is protecting the unincorporated area so that we understand how many man hours are going to the unincorporated area versus the City of Savannah and this -- that would be, you know, that's just two items there instead of the multiple ones on CNT and some other pertinent data on arrests and all and that we have a representative each month that comes and speaks to us that we have a public forum to question him or her on whatever is happening in our different areas of representation throughout the unincorporated area, that we have a forum as we do now with CNT. So those are my two suggestions, and I'll leave it at that for further action.

Commissioner Gellatly said, Pete [Liakakis]?

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead Dave [Gellatly].

Commissioner Gellatly said, I -- I'd like to make an observation too, you know, based on my years in law enforcement, and -- and this pertains to drugs and locations where the drugs are being sold at. You know years ago we -- we had certain areas in the City of Savannah that were very prominent as far as street prostitution was concerned, and we would arrest the prostitutes on a regular basis and a lot of times they were back on the street doing the same thing before the police finished their paper work. Then, if you recall, we started to go after the customers, and we put decoys out there and we -- we started arresting the customers, and we identified the customers, where they came from, and it was very embarrassing. People lost their wives and jobs, and that was tragic, but on the other hand, those areas where the prostitution existed, the prostitutes, there was no point in being there because the customers wouldn't come there anymore, and we solved the problem. I'm thinking that we -- we could do somewhat the same if we give it some thought on the drug locations, mainly in Savannah. I -- I think that you will find that most of the customers don't come from neighborhood, they come from the -- other places, like the Landings, and the Ardsley Park, and some -- you know, if you're very, very poor, you're not buying drugs, you know. People that have money buy drugs, and I think if we did the same thing and started to take a look at and identify by name and address who the customers are and go after specific corners, I think that we could eliminate some of those corners, and that's just a suggestion.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. To follow up with Commissioner Farrell, in the way that this CNT report is given with comparison graphs, I would like for the same thing to be done for the policing. In other words, what is being spent in the City of Savannah? What is -- man hours, what is being spent in the unincorporated area? So that we have a real true picture of what this metropolitan police department -- where the man hours are being spent. And I -- and I would like to just add one thing, and I -- I don't want to speak out of turn, but I think that to answer the question of -- of how these individuals are released back to the City of Savannah or back to Chatham County, I believe that that decision is made by the parole board, but I could be wrong.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, I -- I totally agree with both Commissioners that have just spoken, but I want to point out that if you add those two things together, you'll find something that I've understood for a long time representing the County Commission District that includes most of the center city of Savannah, not the center city of the residential areas, but where the bars and fun places are that people go to let off steam and do other things, and although it's a good thing to understand how many hours and how many dollars are being spent in the unincorporated area versus the downtown, it's also important to understand that if people commute from the unincorporated area to the downtown in order to commit their crime, that that might also skew some of the way that that data could be interpreted, all right? In my District I live in an area where almost every night, certainly every week night, I can lie in bed in my room at home and listen to people as they make it really loud and really clear that they're enjoying committing a crime down on the street down below me, if only public intoxication. Those people don't live in my neighborhood just as Commissioner Gellatly pointed out. So, I think it's good that we keep stats. I think it's very good that we understand where the hot spots are and that we focus on ways to solve those, but I don't -- I don't want to just parse the data and -- and pretend somehow that all the criminals live in my District just because there are more arrests in my District. Just a point.

Commissioner Thomas said, I agree.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I would -- I would like to -- you know, what I was suggesting is is that we -- we fund protection for a certain geographical area, and -- and I don't dispute what Commissioner Shay said at all. There -- there's people from -- we're a magnet for people to come shopping, and dining, and entertaining, and committing crimes. So, we -- we -- Chatham County is a magnet, you know, as -- you -- you can look around the other counties and you can look in the parking lot with the license plates that have the counties listed on them, and they're from all over. I'm -- so I totally agree with your point, and -- and --and the data should, you know, somehow reflect that also. But when we're funding for police protection in a defined geographical area, and we're paying a defined amount of money for that service, I think that certain data points and -- and -- and that sort of thing should be presented. How they're interpreted is -- is up to each individual in this County. All 265,000 people will have that information to look at and can interpret it how they -- you know, how they choose, but -- but if you don't have the data to begin with, you don't even know where to start the conversation. If we don't have the representative of the unincorporated public safety officer here on a regular basis as we do with the CNT representative, you know, I think there's a -- there's a, you know, there's some separation between the Board and that -- that department, who has probably the number one job, is public safety. So, you know, the data and the presence to this Board and the accountability I think will go a long way to -- to ensuring that our -- the citizens that we're specifically tasked with protecting, that we have a closer bond between this Board and the County Manager and that Department.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas].

Commissioner Shay said, here. Here.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I concur with everything that my colleagues have just said, but in addition, I think I asked this question before to Captain Ragan, are we putting as much time into it with the people that are making these deliveries that are not living in our communities that are bringing this stuff --

County Manager Abolt said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- to, you know, these young people who live in the community. They do not have transportation or anything. They don't make the stuff and all that kind of stuff, but we got people who, you know, are delivering to them. They don't live there, and they are making big bucks off these young people. And that's why a lot of young people are engaged in the selling of the stuff because these people bring it to them. And I've asked this before, are we not just looking at those young people who are selling the stuff that was brought to them, are we looking

at these people who are making these deliveries, because they are the ones that are infiltrating a lot of our communities.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may, Dr. Thomas, before Director Ragan responds, the answer is a big yes. The challenge now is because of the scope of an investigation that's gone on for months, Director Ragan cannot give you details even in private because it's so consequential, and once it's released, I think you'll see that not only are they doing what I think you want -- that each of you want, but they're doing it in a -- a superstar fashion. Everett [Ragan] may want to comment, but I don't want his generalities to misinterpret it as if he doesn't hear you. He just cannot speak in specifics.

Commissioner Thomas said, I understand that. All I'm saying is that keep up the effort because we're not just concentrating on the people who -- I mean the little people who are making the deliveries and so forth, but we also need to be concentrating on those who are bringing it into these communities and giving it to them so that they can, you know, make their deals and so forth. You don't have --

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am, we are.

Commissioner Thomas said, I understand what you got to do --

Director Ragan said, yes, we are.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- and all of that, but I mean, I just want to make sure that we are aware of the fact that it just isn't those young people who are out there trying to make a dollar because this is one way of them making a dollar. They have -- they don't even have transportation to go to to get it. These people make the deliveries to them, okay?

Director Ragan said, yes, yes, yes, ma'am. We are.

County Manager Abolt said, what -- what is happening, and I'll explain in generalities, CNT's work is to get the distributors. And anytime they act on the distributor is necessarily tying to a monthly report before you.

Commissioner Thomas said, I understand that.

County Manager Abolt said, in fact working with the federal and state agencies that their -- their agenda which is the right one is to go as far as you can as you begin to uncover how -- how big the web is. And -- and not to challenge, but the -- the good news we can give you is they are into the web, and they are chasing it many different ways, and we just cannot time it to a monthly meeting before this Commission, but once it comes out, you will say, yep, they are doing the right thing.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's all I need to hear. You need not comment any further.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Tabitha [Odell] and then Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Odell said, I -- I was -- you know, Pat [Shay], I think you're right that just because they're arrested in your District it doesn't necessarily mean that they're from your District, and perhaps with the reporting process we could add something that shows where the people who are arrested live, and -- because they're all in a data base. It'd be relatively easy to break them down by either Districts or neighborhoods to show where they're coming from to that area to get arrested. So that might be something that we can add to the reports.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I -- I'd like to commend Commissioners Farrell and Stone, and -- and I'm in total agreement. I'd like to suggest also that a while back there was a point where we had no idea of the number of vehicles that the unincorporated area residents own, the number of weapons that they owned, as far as within this police department. So I'd suggest that each monthly update include the current number of vehicles that are owned by the unincorporated area residents, being police cars, number of vans, whatever, number of weapons, the number of boats, all things that are utilized within the police department to fight crime, as far as weapons, vehicles. We need to know that also. It would be easy once the number's established again to just follow it because they will know when they sell off a vehicle and purchase a new one if it's us and being purchased by us. I think we -- it's important that we know what we actually own within this police department rather than the services that we're paying for. As far as each -- within this update, I think it would be decently easy, once -- once he, the Chief or whoever implements this because the main patrols for the unincorporated areas I'm sure, or pretty confident are coming out of just a couple of the precincts mainly, so it will be easy for us and him to compare on a chart and track out of those precincts the number of employees there, and I think we need to see the number of employees at every precinct in the chart, and we need to see the -- the hours, and he'll be able to split that pretty easy within a couple, and then we'll see if we're actually getting exactly what we're paying for as far as we being the unincorporated area residents. And, that's it. I think that's -- that's a great suggestion, and we need to just know what we're getting.

Chairman Liakakis said, to give an idea to our citizens that might not know this, but since 1994, I guess March 1994, they -- our County narcotics team, our drug squad, has arrested over 13,000 people. Over 13,000 people they have arrested for drugs, you know, and those are a number of suppliers that supply from other places, the -- the wholesalers and them, they are all included in that number. One more quick thing is that -- that I'm going to do also is request that the dean of our legislators if he will contact the -- or I'll do it, contact the parole board and let us know immediately if

they are going to transport any people to Savannah or Chatham County. When I was on the City Council, we had one of the best chiefs of police that you could have, Commissioner Gellatly. He was concerned about people in our community and all of that, and what I did was talk to the City Manager and tell him that this City Council, we are protesting them sending those 25 people who did not live in the City of Savannah to our area. And, you know, because, he can tell you, you know, the problem of out of area people that are committing crimes and the things that he put in place to help stop that. But that's another thing that absolutely needs to be done.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if I may even suggest, just to piggy back off of your -- what you're going to pursue there, I would suggest that we utilize our -- 'cause we fund it, our District Attorney's office as far as the Victim's Witness Program. They are supposed to be tied in with the State of Georgia's Victim Witness Program, which means both programs should have all info that's being requested here. And, our local Victim's Witness Program needs to do a lot more than they're doing with the funds that they're receiving. Families wake up -- victim's families that -- that have a murder happen -- family members that were murdered only to read in the paper that the person that -- that killed their loved one is trying to get a new trial or is getting this or that, and that should never occur in this County. We should be -- those people should be notified by our Victim's Witness Program, as well as our program, as much monies as they actually receive, should be notifying and be able to provide us that information that you're talking about just in a heartbeat. And the parole board would be the ones to release, but that State of Georgia Victim's Witness Program, along with the local, they're the ones that's supposed to track and provide the information, and I suggest that you contact them in your efforts also, and I appreciate what you're doing.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: August 24, 2012

<p>Chatham~Savannah Counter Narcotics Team July, 2012</p>
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NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS	
Investigations Initiated During the month	81
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	43

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	13.60 Grams	1,360.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	72.0 Grams	\$7,200.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	567.8 Grams	\$56,780.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	185.4 Ounces	\$25,956.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$0.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	10 D/U	\$250.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	81 D/U	\$2,430.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$.00
Synthetic (Steroids)	\$10.00 per ml *	0 ml	\$.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	105.4 Grams	10,540.00
Crack Cocaine	113.40 Grams	\$11,340.00
Methamphetamine	809.2 Grams	\$80,920.00
Marijuana	881.6 Ounces	\$123,424.00
Heroin	2.4 Grams	\$600.00
Ecstasy	96 D/U	\$2,400.00
Misc. Pills	1042 D/U	\$31,260.00
Hallucinogens	0 Grams	\$.00
Synthetic (Steroids)	0 ml	\$.00

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value

Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	7.0 Grams	\$700.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	1.0 Grams	\$100.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0 Grams	\$0.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	4.7 Ounces	\$658.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$0.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	4 D/U	\$100.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	56 D/U	\$1,680.00

Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	4
Year To Date Totals	26

PERSONS ARRESTED	
Felony*	9
Felony Sales/Trafficking	12
Misdemeanor	2
Felony Non-Drug**	2
Total Arrests	25
Year To Date Totals	199

*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
7/13/12	TYBEE ISLAND PD	POSSESSION OF COCAINE
7/13/12	TYBEE ISLAND PD	POSSESSION OF COCAINE
7/13/12	GARDEN CITY PD	TRAFFICKING COCAINE

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	1	1
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	6	6
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	3	3
Crime Stopper Complaints	32	29
DRUG COMPLAINTS—YEAR TO DATE	299	290

DRUG INVESTIGATIONS HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – All Precincts	1,857
Municipalities	640
(Unincorporated Chatham County—284 hours)	
TOTAL	2,497

Administrative Hours	640
Case Administration	663
Pharmaceutical Diversions	480
Central Intelligence	480
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	368
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	6
Training	1001
Court Hours	8
TOTAL	3,646

Total Hours Worked 6,143

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On July 16, 2012, CNT agents concluded an investigation in the Chevis Road area of Chatham County. Agents had received intelligence in reference to prescription drug sales occurring in this area. Undercover agents were able to purchase Hydrocodone tablets from suspects in the 400 block of Chevis Road. A

- search warrant was conducted and two suspects were arrested for the sale of controlled substance. Seized at the search warrant were 29 tablets of Loratab, 10 tablets of Oxycodone, 1 rifle, and \$1,300.00 in cash.
2. In June, 2012, CNT agents received a complaint about an employee of the Planter's Inn in downtown Savannah selling drugs in the parking garage of the motel. After a short term investigation, on July 26, 2012, the suspect was arrested for the sale of marijuana and agents seized his 2005 Cadillac CTS.
 3. On July 30, 2012, CNT agents concluded an investigation of a "one pot" meth lab in the 1600 block of Fort Argyle Road. Agents seized various components of the lab and arrested one suspect for the manufacturing of methamphetamine.

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

Chairman Liakakis said, next item, local participation update on the Chatham County Detention Center project. Hunt/Mills representatives will come to the podium now, you know.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Savidakis will be making his presentation as he does regularly. I do want to recognize in addition to Mr. Savidakis and --and his report, the work of Mr. Kaigler and Ms. Riley. We prepare ourselves for these meetings just as Hunt/Mills does, and they've come up with an idea which I think is very good that essentially the lessons we're learning and lessons here I define as identifying new -- new businesses, new -- new employees, talent pools. What -- whatever we've learned and continue to learn with Hunt/Mills is going to have application going forward so in future County projects and future SPLOST votes, the momentum and the discovery of all this talent will not be lost. And through Ms. Kaigler -- Mr. Kaigler and Ms. Riley, you're going to see continued application of what we're learning with the cooperation and support of Hunt/Mills, the Savannah Vo Tech, and other educational institutions. Mr. Savidakis.

Mr. Michael Savidakis said, good morning. Thank you very much. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you the local participation report through the month of June 2012 for the Chatham County Detention Center. This report continues to demonstrate constant local labor participation over the next -- the past six months, and I will go into that in some detail. Also, a follow-up on our initiatives that Hunt/Mills and its subcontractors and the various programs that we continue to implement as the model for improving the long-term mission of improved quality and qualifications for local Chatham County workers, providing them employment opportunities and --and increasing that percentage of local participation. Since the last report to the Board, if you recall in January, we were at only 50 percent of local labor participation. Since then, since February we've remained constant at 58 percent, with one minor spike in the month of May to 61 percent where we had some finished trades as we were completing one of the buildings. We remain optimistic that this percentage is going to continue to increase over the next several months. We are currently working in six buildings right now. The buildings are closed in. We're into the finishes and all the mechanical and electrical trades that are -- that are required so we're optimistic that those trades as they are increasing, and I will report to you, you'll see that those percentages will -- will continue to go up.

Mr. Savidakis said, as far as local businesses go, our local business participation is currently at 69.1 percent. We're continuing our commitment with our sub-contractors, our good faith effort in looking for ways to increase the -- the local participation, as well as continuing those equal commitments for quality and schedule the milestones on this project. The project is going very well. It is on schedule. We just recently turned over to the owner, and they've occupied another large parking lot and the administration building addition. A couple things to point out, the challenges continue as -- as we look for the amount of labor. The companies that are working on the project, so many of them local, are - are also looking to keep, in this tough economy, keep their tenured employees employed, and so they look at those individuals as they look for other needs for -- for increased people that are required for the project.

Mr. Savidakis said, the resource demand is really a function of -- dictated by the phasing and the sequencing. It is somewhat sporadic, but it's a function of the demand for that particular trade at that time. I -- I'd like to report on some encouraging statistic as -- as you've looked at the report, we've shown the past four months of data, and if you look at it by trade, you can see continued increases in local participation. For example, painting remained consistent all the way through June at 100 percent; the carpentry was at a -- a poor percentage of 16 percent, increased to 51 percent, in May it went up to 54 percent, and 60 in June. The dry wall trade, from 53 percent up to 87 percent, in May 94 percent, and 100 percent in June. The electrical trade, these are all very important skill trades. The electrical increased from 40 to 51 percent and increased again in May to 56 percent. These are -- these are real good numbers and shows that the program is working. The plumbers and the pipe fitters and through some of the programs, they're working with Savannah Tech, has also caused increases from 53 to 67 percent, increasing again at 73 percent in May and June. Roofers, which is one that we struggled with for many months increased from zero percent to 37 percent in April, increasing again to 44 percent in May and 48 percent in June. The HVAC mechanic trade has increased to 71 percent in April, and we're very pleased at that. A lot of that is -- is also a result of working the programs with Savannah Tech and how many of the individuals that were fabricating the duct work were learning that, you know, trade in their shop and they are now -- those local individuals are now out on the job site installing the duct work on the project. Technicians increased from 47 percent in April, 60 percent in May and 85 percent in June, and the labor trade, again, continues to increase from 75 percent in April to 79 percent in May. But, there was a concern at the last Board meeting, and I want to report that the equipment operator trade was one that was significantly low. It increased from one percent in April up to 29 percent in May to 38 percent in June. That -- that work trade is very limited out on the project. The site utility contractor is basically 99 percent done with the project. But they've been able to get operators out on the project for this limited amount of remaining work and increase that percentage. Glazers was another one that increased

from zero percent in April to 43 percent in May, and water proofing, which was another one that we struggled with with that -- that contractor increased from six percent in April to 21 percent in May.

Mr. Savidakis said, now we're still not there with the percentages that we'd all like to see, but they do show consistently that in -- that in so many of -- or all of those -- those trades that they continue to increase in participation. When we look at it by sub-contractor, the -- the mechanical, electrical, as I said, the stucco contractor, the painting contractors, which we have two on the project, they're local contractors, and the HVAC controls was another one that in May reported at zero percent due to no hours being worked is now showing 100 percent in June. The -- I spoke of the roofing, again, I think that's an important one to show that -- that we really got the contractor to look real hard and -- and do everything they could to mentor and -- and improve that percentage by bringing local participation to -- to the project. One other one that was not on the report but will be on -- on the next report, we are now underway in so many of the areas, the jail cell floors, and what will be the kitchen in the new building, the epoxy flooring. That contractor is from out of town, however, they only have two people here, their senior technicians and the rest of their crew, which is of six people are local, and they have just hired four more people, so that percentage will -- will reflect in the next report. We were use -- we -- we continue to use two labor companies, Trojan Labor and MDT, but we now have a third labor company providing resources to the project, and that's Trillium Labor -- or Trillium Marine. Seven out of eight of their badge applications that were submitted in the month of July are from local -- local workers.

Mr. Savidakis said, as we look at new badge applications, in the month of June, 65 percent were from local workers, there were 61 percent in July, and so far in the month of August there's been 117 badge applications submitted with 72 percent of those are from local workers. The majority of those applications are for the -- the very needed trades of electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and -- and the various labor trades. One thing to point out with the labor trade, is those three labor companies are providing resources to many of the sub-contractors on site, when you look at the statistics, those labor percentages don't reflect in the individual trades. Trojan Labor had 100 percent of their badge applications in May for local people, 70 percent in June and 75 percent in July. MDT had 88 percent in June and 100 percent in July. As we continue our commitment to improving the qualifications of individuals through these opportunities, the -- the main point to -- to -- to show with these labor companies that are providing so many of the resources to the project is the mentoring and the skill set that they're getting to learn on the project. They're getting paired up with those -- those trades that I mentioned and they're learning their -- that trade, they're expanding their skills, and they're -- they're also working through Savannah Tech on furthering some education through some of the programs that they're -- they're offering. As well, Hunt/Mills is doing the same thing. I -- I want to point out that we provided such an opportunity to an individual who's here with me today, Mr. James Thomas, Jr., right here in the second row. Mr. Thomas is an employee from Trojan Labor. He came to this project over a year ago. He was hired as a general laborer. He came with such motivation, and he continues to be employed on this project. He has since expanded his skills. He's been utilized on the project in the capacity of carpenter, in the masonry crew, the security door frame installation, as well as providing him leadership, we've given him the opportunity to supervise several employees, so he's been able to show the incentive of leading some -- some teams. Mr. Thomas has shown some great motivation, loyalty and team work while also expanding his skills. So I want to recognize Mr. Thomas for -- for what he brings to the project, the role model that he is for other individuals that can do the same thing, and what he brings to this community as a Chatham County resident.

Mr. Savidakis said, the -- a couple other contractors that are specialty contractors, the security electronics, which they're bringing technicians as I mentioned before, those are local individuals, but Norman is our specialty security detention equipment contractor. They -- that trade requires welders, people that can pull the -- the pneumatic tubing through the walls and make the connection, some electrical. They are hiring individuals through the labor resources also putting them under direct supervision of their technicians and those individuals are learning those trades, as well as participating in the project and will be able to go on to the next projects here in Chatham County. There are a couple of trades that -- that we fell short of. The well drilling contractor, which was a very limited scope to do the -- the well and the pump house building in time for the hurricane season, that contractor had a very limited crew for a very short time that are qualified to run their rigs, the liability of -- of running their rigs required them to have their individuals that know how to work those -- that machinery. Landscaping, irrigation is another one that we fall short. That contractor comes out for very short periods of time, maybe a week or two as we complete the different phases on the project, and we've encouraged them to -- to look at hiring local people from -- from the labor agencies.

Mr. Savidakis said, as we -- as we move forward in our future efforts continuing, we're going to continue to monitor our good faith, watching the badge applications as they -- as they come through, and -- and looking for a reason if someone comes in and -- and has a non-local person to -- to turn it back and say you've got to find somebody local. We're -- we're encouraging our subcontractors to explore opportunities when possible through the CAP program. Currently, and we've done this with our mason -- masonry work and our -- currently our painting contractor is looking to do that. One thing that's very important with these badge applications as we are working in so many of the buildings within the secure perimeter is they have to be able to pass to get a red badge to work in the secure perimeter. That has been a challenge with some of the applicants. As I said before, we'll continue to collaborate with Savannah Tech. If you'll recall at the next -- at the last Board meeting, I had Oluwaymo [Adeyemo], our intern with us. He was an intern from Georgia Southern. He has gone back to school and -- and left this project with a wealth of knowledge and -- and experience and so much motivation that he and I are planning a presentation to Georgia Southern next month where we're going to allow him to speak on his experience, and we believe that -- that that experience and how he conveys that to his colleagues is going to result in -- in more individuals that are going to aspire to be in that -- in our -- our exciting construction industry and the long term success of our mission here to increase local participation.

Mr. Savidakis said, a couple more items, Arneja Riley and I will -- will coordinate next month to have another superintendent foreman training. We think that's important for individuals like Mr. Thomas that are looking to lead people, and as the challenge continues for mentoring students, we've got it -- we've got to not just take the people that are out there right now, we've got to mentor the students, the high school students, the people coming -- coming out of school that -- that are -- that are trying to decide what type of training -- what type of career they want

to have. So with that, motivating and grooming those future trades people, we plan to collaborate with Woodville-Thompson [sic] regarding what I call the pathways to the construction industry.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you, and one thing I would like to mention too, is the \$90 million International Trade Center that we have across the river, that \$90 million, they hired, you know, some local people and all, and they brought people from out of town too, but one of the problems they had is the foundation was put in the wrong area, the roof was -- they had to call in the iron workers here, the organized labor to straighten that out and a couple of other trades and all, and once they got the organized labor they were able to move along much faster and had a better completion job. So just mentioning that because we can see with organized labor how they are so well trained in all of these classes that they have that it makes a big difference, you know, in getting these contracts. But, not only the International Trade Center, but there have been a number of other places in town on projects that when they came in they were able to, you know, move it along faster. Thank you. Wait a minute. Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I really appreciate this update, and I just had a couple of quick questions and one statement first. I'm very grateful that you're working with the technical college and with Woodville-Tompkins because I think that people that go into the technical college or attend Woodville-Tompkins that can see that there's employment at the end of the line this is very meaningful and will help inspire them to stay there and complete their technical education. The lack of I guess the five that are under the 50 percent mark, are you -- are these businesses, local businesses or are they sub-contractors of the local businesses? Or do you know?

Mr. Savidakis said, in -- in many cases they -- well, the roofing contractor is from out of state, out of the area. The -- looking down the list, some of the other trades are local, and they've been challenged as I said before, and -- and in other Board meetings, they're -- they're trying to keep their individuals that have been with the company for a long time keeping them employed. A few of the companies, and we went through this with the electrical contractor, we said to them, you know, we met with the owners of -- of -- of Braddy/HUrd Electric, and we said, we need you to look at the individuals across the board with your company, and some of them may be non -- may be local and they're working on another project, and -- and how can they transfer them over to our project, so that way their -- their percentage can -- can increase.

Commissioner Stone said, so that what you're saying it's -- it's not necessarily the businesses but the people that they are hiring?

Mr. Savidakis said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I just wanted some clarification on, you know, the local participation, whether it was local businesses that are hiring people that are working on the project that may or may not be local to this area. So I just -- I wanted a little clarification on that. But it's certain -- the report is certainly looking better as we go along, and I appreciate that, and again I encourage you to continue to work with our technical college and our technical schools because that really inspires the people within this community to stay in these programs when they know that there is employment at the end of the line.

Mr. Savidakis said, and that's the benefit that everybody will -- will -- the individual --

Commissioner Stone said, absolutely.

Mr. Savidakis said, -- especially will get from that.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas]?

Commissioner Thomas said, I think my colleague has summed it up very vividly, Commissioner Stone, but I just want to say thank you so very much for taking into consideration our concerns and that you are moving in the right direction in terms of helping to prepare these people for, you know, jobs. I thank you.

Mr. Savidakis said, yes, ma'am.

Chairman Liakakis said, James [Holmes]?

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to take the opportunity to say thank you for what you've done, but personally -- on a personal note, James Thomas, Jr., I want to say personally thank you for what you're doing. Since we've known each other throughout Savannah, I am grateful, grateful to see the work you're doing and here the good words about you. Continue your work and, you know, personally how proud I am to see that you're on the job and the job not working you, you working the job.

Mr. James Thomas, Jr., said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Pat [Farrell]? Patrick [Farrell]?

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. Good words, Commissioner Holmes. Couple points, one, I commend you for your enthusiasm for diligently working towards our goal, our shared goal, and I wish you continued success where you're having successes. On item two under Facts and Findings, you're reporting 69.1 percent of local firms and using the criteria local firm, firms are required to have a local street address in Chatham County. In -- in addition to that data, I'd also like to get a -- an idea of what percentage have a local street address that were established two years prior to the signing of the contract. In add -- you know, nothing wrong with this statistic, but

one other statistic, the one where they've been a previously established business that had some history of -- of two years prior history of having a continuous street address in Chatham County prior to your contract being signed with the County. And the second and last thing I -- I wanted to point out was in the landscaping and irrigation at zero percent. Since I have some personal knowledge of that industry in this County, I -- I find that totally unacceptable because I know that we have local contractors that are fully capable of providing 100 percent of that -- of those types of things. And I know that's a little further down the line, landscaping, irrigation comes in towards the -- the very end of the job, but in a \$71 million job, where you've spent 55 million, you're -- you're soon to be approaching that period when the landscapers kind of come in at the end. There are some landscapers that can very easily handle that magnitude of work on -- on that site. So, I would encourage you to -- to look a little harder, and I'd be glad to point you in a couple of directions if you need that. But, I -- I think that that number -- we have the personnel in this County in my opinion to handle 100 percent of that work.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you very much. Appreciate your report. Yes?

County Manager Abolt said, I'd like Ms. Riley please to talk a tad bit about Woodville-Tompkins because we have some representatives here.

Ms. Arneja Riley said, yes, for the record, I'm Arneja Riley, your M/WBE coordinator monitoring the local participation report for the detention center project. I want to thank Dr. Lewis and other staff members of Woodville-Tompkin [sic] for coming up today. They're going to speak to you about the programs there, and I asked them to particularly focus on their construction trades, as the attendance there isn't what it should be, which leads to the problem that we're having -- that we're experiencing on the projects with the -- the low skilled labor. So I think that it would benefit everyone in the County to know that these programs are out there and they should take advantage of them. So I'm going to ask the representatives from Woodville-Tompkin [sic] to come up to the podium.

Dr. Angie Lewis said, good morning.

Members of the Board of Commissioners collectively said, good morning.

Dr. Lewis said, my name is Dr. Angie Lewis and I'm the Career Tech Director for the Chatham County Public School System, and I want to say good morning again on behalf of Dr. Lockamy and the public school system. I have also with me Bettina Tate. She's the Career Tech Supervisor that works with me, directly with my office -- office, and I also have Mr. Alfred McGuire, who's the principal of Woodville-Tompkins, and Mr. Andre Perry, who is the construction teacher for our construction program at Woodville-Tompkins. I think you all have a packet of information about all of the programs that we offer throughout the District. We no longer call the career tech programs vocational ed -- vocational education, and the reason we don't because we push kids not only to go into careers but we also push them to go on to college. So our programs prepare students for college and also prepare them for careers immediately after high school. We also have work-based learning programs where students work while they're in high school, and there's nothing wrong with working at Burger King and McDonald's and all of the fast food restaurants, but we push apprenticeships at organizations such as Gulfstream. We have students that's working at Gulfstream; we have students that's working at JCB; they're doing internships at Mitsubishi. So, the skill sets that they learn into the classroom -- in the classroom are what they apply in those organizations while they are working.

Dr. Lewis said, if you look through our booklet, you'll see that the pathways that we offer, and when you look at the pathway, you also think about college, the college area and when you choose a major. So students basically choose a major depending on what they want to go into and what they're interested in. For example, if they want to go into small veterinarian science, they would go to Islands High School, 'cause we have an Ag program there, but it focuses on veterinarian science. If they want to go into horticulture, they can also attend Woodville -- I'm sorry, they can attend Windsor Forest or they can attend Islands High School, 'cause we have a horticulture program there. I know you all were speaking about the construction program, but we also have fire fighters, we have Cisco Networking, cosmetology, and several programs at Woodville-Tompkins that students enroll in, and they take those programs, and they're actually prepared to go into those fields because at the end of the pathway, they have to take a certification test, and the certification test is pushed by the State. We pay for them to take it, so once they finish, if they want to be a nursing assistant, patient-care tech, we have students right now working at the different hospitals here locally that once they pass those tests, they can actually receive their certification and work in that organization. I'm going to turn the mike over to Mr. McGuire briefly, and he can give you a little more in depth information about the programs that are offered at Woodville.

Chairman Liakakis said, let me ask you this, right now, you said you don't have enough students, there, you know, to take these particular courses and all which are great. How come -- what's the problem in that area?

Dr. Lewis said, no, actually what she said was, in our construction program, it's a part-time program, and once the enrollment when down in that program, we were forced to -- it couldn't -- the program could not longer support a full-time teacher. We have a part-time program. And we're actively recruiting students. What we have to look at because Woodville is a regular high school, but it's also a shared facility, so the students from all of the high schools, except Savannah Arts Academy are allowed to come to Woodville and take those classes. But we also have to work around their schedule to make sure they get all of their academic classes. So what we do is we recruit at the -- at the different high schools, and students sign up for it. However, if their schedule does not allow them to participate in the program that particular year, our enrollment for that particular school year may be low in that program. But we're actively recruiting students and getting the information out to the parents, to the students and the teachers and the counselors about the programs that's offered.

Chairman Liakakis said, what is being done to encourage, you know, participation, because we know a lot of students that get out of school, in fact the majority of them, they're just out in the public, and they don't have any training, they don't know what to do, and, you know, a number of them that's going to college, of course, we

understand that because they've prepared to do that, but it's really important that the community knows that the availability of these courses. I mean, we have Commissioners here that have been talking about that for a number of years and all because technical instruction is really important. I mean, it has gone down recently, you know, in the last couple of years. You've got Woodville-Tompkins and this is terrific, you know, to have that, but the overall getting the message out to -- for the students and the parents to know that, how in depth is that?

Dr. Lewis said, it's extremely in depth. Matter of fact, funny you should ask that. We have every year what is called a Student Success Expo and Stems Festival, and it's held every year at the Trade Center. This year it will be January the 5th from 11:00 to 3:00, and last year we had a participation of about 4,000 students from around the State and -- which included Chatham County. And, at that Expo parents and the community are allowed to come out and see the transition from elementary, middle, high school, then on to post-secondary education, and then we have business and industry there also, and those students see how if I choose this particular pathway, I could end up here. So it's a -- it's a seamless transition from elementary to post-secondary on to a career, or if you choose not to go to post-secondary immediately after high school, if I may -- if I participated in the pathways that's offered at the high school, and I am successful at it, I can matriculate to a particular position in -- in an organization. So we've -- we've done a lot as far as getting the information out there. We send information all the time, we always go out and speak to different organization, and even though Woodville is the technical high school, we have career tech programs in every single high school in the district. The -- the programs that are located at Woodville are the more expensive programs that we cannot afford to have in all of the high schools because of the equipment that's involved. So those students are allowed to participate in the program and what -- they only have to express an interest and be on track for graduation. So -- and we also offer academic classes for those students that may need -- may be missing an English or a math class that they can take at Woodville so they can also participate in the program.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would encourage each of the Commissioners -- I've -- I've been out there and toured the facility, it is amazing. My wish -- my true wish is that we could have another Woodville-Tompkins located somewhere on the east side of Chatham County in the future, because it is well attended. I -- I realize that you've had a drop in the construction area, but I -- I followed this -- this institution for several years now and been very interested in your progress, and I think that that is going to be the key in getting some of these young people on the right track and certainly to employment, and I think that it is critical that we do everything we can to support you and look to see if there's a way to help expand you. So I would encourage each of the Commissioners if you have not been out to the facility to go out and tour it. It is absolutely amazing, and again, this is a facility that when you graduate, you are on a path. There is somewhere for you to go. There is employment for you. And some of these jobs starting out are 40, \$50,000 jobs, so it's not, like you said, just a vocation, I mean, it is a career. So I'm -- I'm very supportive and very appreciative of your booklet, your information and the fact that you are all doing what you're doing.

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

Commissioner Odell said, hi. The -- the CLA program?

Dr. Lewis said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Odell said, when they finish that program does any of that transfer or assist them with college credits say like to Georgia Southern who has a logistics program?

Dr. Lewis said, we have an articulation agreement. Matter -- matter of fact, that program was written last year by our district and is now supported throughout the State of Georgia, and we have an articulation -- we are getting ready to form an articulation agreement with Savannah Tech, and those classes articulate to Georgia Southern. We have not created the articulation agreement yet because the program was just approved last school year, and we're starting to teach it this year. So we have to actively teach the program in order to create the articulation agreement. So by the end of this school year, we'll have an articulation agreement with all of our courses will articulate to Savannah Tech, which basically means at the end of the pathway, when the students complete the third class, they'll take the two exams that go along with the logistics and maritime program, and once they complete that at -- at -- they successfully pass that test, all of those classes will articulate at the college level.

Commissioner Odell said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas],

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. Just want to commend you for a job well done, and I'm so excited about these programs that are there. I have been in and out of -- of -- of the facility. I have had interaction and communications with teachers and also the principal. You're doing a great job. I want to also say that we do have some of the young people that comes with -- from Summer Bonanza who are in our outreach program. I'm very happy to say that there are four that have now been placed in that program at Woodville-Tompkins and they're doing very well, and we do have a waiting list right now for some of them to get in. So, we will continue to work with you. Continue to keep up the good work, and I will be visiting again soon.

Dr. Lewis said, great.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. My wife's a principal at one of the public schools in Chatham and she brags on y'all constantly and what's going on over there. But, you're right, it's hard to get that

info out. Had I not really heard things from her, I probably wouldn't know. I would encourage y'all to possibly coordinate with Pete Nichols, and I'm sure y'all have some type of production department?

Dr. Lewis said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, just to put out there a simple, and, you know, I'll say it, I mean, throw it out there, I mean, not all careers are made in college.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you could have a did you know section. In addition to preparing children for college, Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education can provide your child with the knowledge and education to have a successful career, and just move it forward from there. Show the people in the -- in their cooking. I believe y'all have a --

Dr. Lewis said, culinary.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah. You have that and all the others that you mentioned earlier. Show what you do because it's, you know, I'm sure we all would like to think that our children are going to be college genius' but that's not the case, and, you know, you could break it down further and show average wages, and I'm sure that a -- a plumber makes probably a lot more money than a lot of college graduates. So, you know, the stigma of you didn't go to college, you, you know, you can't make it, that's -- that's totally wrong, and I think that a little change in the way society in general looks at trades that actually makes wonderful careers, you know, I think that's the key. Why -- why -- you know, we can't push children that may not -- this is my opinion and it's probably why I'm not a principal, but there's children that's not cut out to go to college, but they could have wonderful careers if just simply not being made to feel like the black sheep if they don't go to college. There's a lot plumbers out there that could buy and sell a lot of educated -- college-educated people, and there's nothing for them to be ashamed of. So, you know, I -- I would ask y'all coordinate, utilize this channel that we have, and I think it could really be a fun segment to watch, and you'd get to kind of brag. I mean use it to brag 'cause y'all have got something great going, and -- and brag away on it, and let the public know just what good you're doing. Thank y'all.

Commissioner Odell said, may I have your card before you leave?

Dr. Lewis said, sure.

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt]? Go ahead. I'm sorry.

Commissioner Odell said, I'm done.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you. I was going to offer a benediction. I -- I know we've taken a lot of your time and I appreciate your time. And please, I want the community appreciate what this Board's doing. It's one thing to say go build a jail. Go build a jail that Al St. Lawrence wants and will do it jam up and jelly tight. This is far, far beyond just building a jail. It -- it -- it's -- it's organizing the community to future construction projects and opportunities like Commissioner Kicklighter and you all have talked about. What you're seeing here, the leadership of Mike Kaigler and Arneja Riley and the cooperation of Hunt/Mills is -- is the culture, the expectation so future SPLOST projects, future construction projects, all this talent, we see that kind of analogy that Commissioner Shay and I use sports analogy. This is -- this is our farm team. This is the farm team, and what you're going to see through this liaison between Ms. Riley and Woodville-Tompkins and all that, this is the empowerment, the opportunities, so future jobs when -- when they become employable are going to be given to them through County-sponsored SPLOST projects. This is really cool.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, I want to listen to the principal now and then we'll move on from there. Thank you.

Mr. McGuire said, well, I'll be brief with my comments today. We're -- we're extremely grateful to have the opportunity to speak before you today about the programs that are offered at Woodville-Tompkins. Today we'll focused on construction, and if you want an opportunity to see some of the great work that our students, as well as our instructor, Mr. Perry, has completed, you can go to Windsor Forest, as our students last year actually completed a concession stand, a large concession stand for Windsor Forest and their students and they're utilizing that area right now. In addition to -- on our construction programs, we also have an engineering program, which recently received industry certification throughout the state, and we have business people, and we had other individuals throughout the state to come through and verify and certify that our program is not only producing students that are ready at the high school level, but when they finish they're ready to move on into their careers, and that is our goal and our aim at Woodville-Tompkins is to not only prepare our students for -- for a life of high school, but also prepare them for what's next after high school. So in addition to our great career and technical programs, we also offer them high quality academic programs as well because we want to make sure that we push and that we challenge our students to be successful. As -- as the offer has been given already, I echo that same sentiment, you guys are more than welcome at any time to come over and view our facility and check out the great programs and everything that we have. I think once you get there, you'll see that there's a culture that we've established at Woodville-Tompkins that allows our students to be successful but also allows our community to be successful as we encourage them to go out and be productive citizens of this great community. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, and we appreciate your leadership also because you've done a real good job at Woodville-Tompkins, and, you know, that gets around. And thank each and every one of you for the instructors, the staff members and all 'cause that's really important because we want to see as many successes as we can for all of the citizens of Chatham County. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: August 24, 2012

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

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

BACKGROUND: In December of 2010, Hunt/Mills submitted an all inclusive plan for local participation for the construction of the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project. For accountability, Hunt Construction Group is required to submit monthly local business, as well as local labor utilization reports, with each request for payment.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This update reports progress made at month 18 of 32 and represents dollars paid through the present date. The total contract, including alternates and change orders, is \$71,288,136.
2. We are projecting at least **66%** local and minority business participation. However, Hunt/Mills is reporting **69.1%**, according to their most recent monthly update. To be included as "local" in the report, firms are required to have a local street address in Chatham County.
3. Local Participation Reports are included with every request for payment. The Local Participation Report was designed to illustrate which local firms are working and distinguish local small businesses, local large businesses, local minority and local women owned businesses. Furthermore, it states the size of each contract and which firm is getting paid each month. The report further states how much of their contract has been earned to date.
4. Hunt/Mills is prohibited from making changes without due cause. Therefore, Engineering does not proceed with payment until we review the monthly report for unexpected changes in dollars awarded to local contractors.
5. As per their contract, Hunt/Mills is required to report local labor utilization, Hunt/Mills committed to hiring 76% local workers from Chatham County. However, the local labor remains below the target number. The percentage peaked at 60% in May and June, with regard to over all local labor hours. See attachments for details for each company and job categories.
6. The ID Car system allows us to track local labor demographics, and we can report approximately 200 Chatham County Workers and 220 non-Chatham County workers during the months of May and June 2012. This places the local headcount at an estimated 47%.
7. As stated previously, the Contractor, Hunt/Mills, has been faced with realistic challenges associated with finding local labor.
8. The M/WBE Office is working with Savannah Technical College; Woodville-Tompkins and Hunt/Mills to assess local construction programs and assist in student recruitment for the sole purpose of increasing the number of ready, willing and able construction workers in this community.

FUNDING:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION: This item is for informational purposes only.

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

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Liakakis said, next item, under the Action Calendar, we have items 1 through 5 and under Item 5, we have items A through J. Are there any particular items through A through J you would like to talk about? If not, we need a motion on the floor for approval.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, we have a motion on the floor and a second for the approval of the action calendar. Let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 5 and under Item 5, Items A through J. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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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 AUGUST 10, 2012, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2012, as mailed. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 2, 2012 THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2012.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period August 2, 2012 through August 15, 2012, in the amount of \$5,546,086. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY, THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND USE OF CLOVERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved the Board for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Chatham County, the City of Savannah and the Board of Public Education for the Construction, Maintenance, and Use of Cloverdale Community Center. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: August 24, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director, Building Safety & Regulatory Services
SUBJECT: Cloverdale Community Center

ISSUE:

To request approval of intergovernmental agreement between the City of Savannah and the Board of Public Education.

BACKGROUND:

The Cloverdale Community Center is funded through the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and is collaborative project between the County, the City, and the Board.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The center will be developed by the County with the use of SPLOST funding.
2. The site of the center is the Butler Elementary School, within the Cloverdale community and owned by the Board.
3. Upon completion, the center will be staffed, maintained and operated by the City.
4. The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement.

FUNDING:

SPLOST V, 2008-2014.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the intergovernmental agreement.
2. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The development of the Cloverdale Community Center represents a collaborative effort between Chatham County, the City of Savannah and the Board of Public Education. As each governmental entity fulfills their responsibilities, the Cloverdale community will benefit from a center that provides a home for their association meetings and educational and recreational programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative #1, Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the intergovernmental agreement.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

This agreement, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2012, by and among THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AND THE COUNTY OF CHATHAM, hereinafter referred to as the "Board" and CHATHAM COUNTY, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, hereinafter referred to as the "City."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to develop and direct a working relationship between the parties for the construction, maintenance and use of a Community Center.

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

1. **FACILITY LOCATION.** The proposed facility (Community Center) shall be located on the campus of Butler Elementary School. The exact location of the facility on the campus of the school named herein shall be determined by the Board.

2. **TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION.** The facility is a building with a floor plan area of approximately 4,000 square feet. The plans, specifications and construction have been approved, in writing, by the Board, the City and County. The County paid for all costs of the structure. In support of School, City and County functions, the building has the following area: multi-purpose room, computer room, fitness room, office, kitchen, toilets, janitor closet and storage. In consideration of the County having paid for construction and the City managing and maintaining, the Board of Education, shall allow the building to be located and used on school property.

3. **TERM.** The term of this agreement shall be for 20 years to commence on the _____ day of _____, 2012. The agreement will be from year to year, but automatically renew itself unless and until the City fails to operate the center, and which time the facility will be reconveyed to the County.

4. **USE OF FACILITY.** The facility shall be used for educational and recreational uses only and no party has a right to sublet, assign or transfer its right to the use of the facility to any other person or entity without mutual consent of all parties.

5. **LIENS.** The County and City shall keep all facilities identified herein free and clear of any and all mechanic's, materialmen's and other liens for or arising out of or in connection with work or labor done, services performed, or materials or appliances used or furnished for or in connection with this project.

6. **STAFFING AND SECURITY.** The City shall provide the program supervision, instructional staff, and pay the costs for the same during its period of use. The City shall be responsible for ensuring that the Facility is secure at the close of each day's activities unless special arrangements are made with the Board to secure the Facility following individual events.

7. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND MINOR REPAIRS. The City will be responsible for the routine maintenance and minor repair of the Facility. Routine maintenance and repairs will be those activities which are undertaken to keep the facility in a condition of repair for reasonable use, normal wear and tear expected. Routine maintenance and minor repair items shall include: janitorial services (including trash pickup); maintenance and minor repair of room and building finishes, maintenance and minor repair of plumbing, mechanical, and electrical services (including lightbulb replacement, filter replacement, etc.). Minor repairs shall be defined as all repairs costing less than \$5,000 per occurrence and not requiring a building permit. Maintenance of the exterior ground (mowing, weeding, landscape maintenance) shall be provided by the Board in conjunction with their ground maintenance of the entire school site.

8. MAJOR REPAIRS. Major repairs shall be defined as all repairs to the facility which cost more than \$5,000 or require a building permit to perform. The City will be operationally responsible for all major repair work for the building's roof and gutter system, and the building's exterior finish.

9. UTILITIES. The City shall initiate, contract for, and obtain electric, gas (if required) and phone services. The City shall pay the monthly water and sewer fees. All initial tap-in or connection charges for utility service shall be considered part of the initial construction costs of the facility. All of the foregoing shall apply only to service for the Community Center portion of the site furnished by the Board.

10. TAXES. Should, for any reason, any federal or state taxes of any nature or form ever be assessed against the City or the Board for the ownership. Use, maintenance or operation of the Community Center then the City shall pay the entire amount of these taxes.

11. INSURANCE. The City shall, at all times during the term of this agreement, keep all improvements, which are now or hereinafter a part of the Community Center, insured against loss or damage by fire and the extended coverage hazards for 100% of full replacement value of such improvements, with loss payable to the City and County and the Board.

12. INDEMNIFICATION. During the construction, maintenance, use and operation of the Community Center and the term of this agreement, the Board shall not be liable for any loss, injury, death, or damage to persons or property which at any time may be suffered or sustained by the City or County or by any persons whomever may be at any time be using or occupying the Community Center or be in, on, or about the same, whether such loss, injury, death, or damage shall be used by or in any way result or arise out of an act, omission, or negligence or of any occupant, visitor, or user of any portion of the premises, or shall result or be caused by any other matter or thing whether of the same kind or of a different kind than the matters or things above set forth, and the City and County shall indemnify the Board against all claims, liabilities, losses or damages whatsoever on account of any such injury, death, or damage.

Neither the Board, the County nor the City, shall waive or relinquish their sovereign immunity against any claims that may be assessed against either, for which indemnity may be sought against the other.

13. AMENDMENTS. This agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the City, the County and the Board, and it may not be changed except by a written document signed and executed by the City, the County, and the Board, and making express reference to this agreement.

14. LAW GOVERNING DISPUTES. The parties agree that the laws of the State of Georgia will govern all disputes under this agreement, and determine all rights hereunder.

15. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this agreement are severable. If any judgment or court shall declare any provision or provisions of this agreement invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions of this agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

16. BINDING EFFECT. This agreement and the covenants and conditions herein contained shall apply and bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, or any other political subdivision assuming the obligations of any party hereto, and all covenants shall be covenants running with the real property specified in Section 1 during the term of this agreement.

17. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.

THIS AGREEMENT WAS ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2012 IN OPEN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED BY THE PARTIES HERETO.

FOR CHATHAM COUNTY

PETE LIAKAKIS, CHAIRMAN OF
CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

JANICE BOCOOK, CLERK OF
CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION

FOR SAVANNAH/CHATHAM
BOARD OF EDUCATION

DR. JOSEPH A. BUCK, PRESIDENT
OF SAVANNAH/CHATHAM BOARD OF
EDUCATION

ATTEST:

DEBRA ANDREWS, SECRETARY FOR
SAVANNAH/CHATHAM BOARD OF
EDUCATION

FOR THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN
OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH

ROCHELLE SMALL-TONEY, CITY
MANAGER

ATTEST:

DYANNE C. REESE, CLERK OF CITY
COUNCIL

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- 4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO DELETE ONE (1) ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY TAX COMMISSIONER AND CREATE ONE (1) DELINQUENT TAX TECHNICIAN POSITION AND ONE (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I POSITION FOR THE TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved the Board for approval to delete one (1) Assistant Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner and create one (1) Delinquent Tax Technician Position and one (1) Administrative Assistant I Position for the Tax Commissioner's Office. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: August 24, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner

ISSUE:

Request Board approval to delete one (1) Assistant Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner position and create one (1) Delinquent Tax Technician Position, and one (1) Administrative Assistant I Position.

BACKGROUND:

The recent retirement of several employees in the Tax Commissioner's Office has brought about the need for the restructuring of the Department to ensure the most effective and efficient transition.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A review of existing positions and the need to reassign the duties of the employees who have retired has resulted in the requirement to eliminate the position of Assistant Chief Deputy and the need to add one Delinquent Tax Technician and one Administrative Assistant I position.
2. The Tax Commissioner received notification that the former Chief Deputy was going to retire after the budget was submitted and approved by the County Manager. The Tax Commissioner has indicated that the Chief Deputy position will be filled by promoting an existing employee.
3. As a result of the recent retirements and the reorganization of the Tax Commissioner's Office, we can add an Administrative Assistant position and Delinquent Tax Technician position with the existing funds approved in the FY2013 budget. An inter-departmental transfer of \$6,400 from Other Equipment object code: 54.25001 to Salary and Wages is needed to cover the additional salary expense. A request to move the money within the Tax Commissioner's budget will be submitted to the Board for approval.

FUNDING:

No additional funds required. An inter-departmental transfer of \$6,400 from Other Equipment, object code: 54.25001 to Salary and Wages is needed to cover the additional salary expense.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request to delete the Assistant Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner position and create one (1) Delinquent Tax Technician position and one (1) Administrative Assistant I position.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to ensure that staffing levels are maintained at the level required to accomplish the essential mission of County government. State law and the Enabling Act provides that only the Board can authorize additional personnel positions and provide funding.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

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5. 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 Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Track chains and related hardware for an amphibious excavator	Mosquito Control	Wilco Manufacturing, LLC	\$14,736	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
B. Demolition services for the removal of fuel tanks and canopies at the former Fleet Operations facility	Fleet	MECO (Sole Source)	\$26,475	CIP - Fleet Building Relocation
C. Remove trees and stumps for the Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements project	Engineering	B and D Clearing, Inc.	\$14,600	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal Drainage project
D. Construction contract for the Wilmington Canal Drainage Improvements project	Engineering	McCoy Grading, Inc.	\$603,418	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Wilmington Park Drainage
E. Change Order No.3 and adding eight (8) days to the Pope Construction Company contract for construction of the new Public Works and Park Services Facility	Public Works and Park Services	Pope Construction Company	\$23,937	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Public Works and Park Facility
F. Cisco network equipment for I.C.S.	I.C.S.	Centric IT	\$17,695	2005 DSA Bonds - South Annex
G. Annual contract for four (4) one (1) year renewals to provide mowing maintenance of canals, closed landfill sites and Pine Barren Waste Water Treatment Facility	• Public Works and Park Services • Water and Sewer • Solid Waste	Myers and Son, Inc.	\$227,155	• General Fund/M&O - Public Works • Water and Sewer • Solid Waste
H. One (1) Quantum Scalar i80 tape library	I.C.S.	CDW-G	\$13,239	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
I. Dell PowerEdge Server	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$13,706	CIP - Novalis Remediation project
J. Declare vehicles as unserviceable surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material	Fleet Operations	N/A	N/A	Revenue Producing

AGENDA ITEM: ***X-5 A thru J***
 AGENDA DATE: August 24, 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 approval of a \$14,736 purchase of track chains and related hardware from Wilco Manufacturing, LLC, for an amphibious excavator for Mosquito Control.

BACKGROUND: Two (2) amphibious, long reach excavators are used in the dredge material containment areas (DMCA) along the Savannah River to de-water the containment sites. This serves to mechanically prevent or minimize mosquito breeding in more than 5,000 containment acres. These machines require replacement of normal wear items as needed.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Amphibious excavators are used to construct ditches in the DMCAs along the Savannah River to de-water the area for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and minimize mosquito breeding.
2. These ditching operations, conducted by Chatham County Mosquito Control, generate a current revenue total of \$300,000, paid annually by USACE.
3. Our excavators are fitted with Amphibious Hydraulic Undercarriages (AHU) that are custom manufactured by Wilco Manufacturing, LLC, Lafayette, LA.
4. Undercarriages are propelled by means of hydraulic motors, chains and cleat tracks.
5. Proper maintenance and timely repairs of the tracks are required to prevent damage to other costly components of the undercarriage.
6. The track chains of the excavator (Unit 2160) are reaching the end of their normal life expectancy and need to be replaced.
7. The cost of this scheduled maintenance was included in Mosquito Control's current fiscal year budget.
8. Wilco Manufacturing, LLC, is the proprietary sole source vendor for replacement undercarriage parts.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$14,736 purchase of track chains and related hardware from Wilco Manufacturing, LLC, for an amphibious excavator for Mosquito Control.
2. Provide staff other direction.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
 (1005144 - 53.17009)

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to support safe, cost effective, and environmentally responsible operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$26,475 sole source purchase of demolition services for the removal of fuel tanks and canopies at the former Fleet Operations facility from MECO of Savannah.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. MECO originally installed the fueling station and is therefore uniquely qualified to perform the demolition services.

- 2. MECO will provide tanks and equipment necessary for a temporary fueling station which will allow County vehicles to continue fueling until the permanent fueling station is built.
- 3. Staff believes the total quoted price of \$26,475 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of the \$26,475 sole source purchase of demolition services for the removal of fuel tanks and canopies at the former Fleet Operations facility from MECO of Savannah.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases necessary for the continued operations of County departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$14,600 award to B and D Clearing, Inc., to remove trees and stumps for the Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements project.

BACKGROUND: The Hardin Canal Drainage Improvement project is a part of the 1998 - 2003 SPLOST County Drainage Program. The project is located where the canal crosses Dean Forest Road. The lack of adequate channel capacity and the inability to maintain the existing canal and culverts causes water to flood structures, area streets and residential yards.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Completed work includes construction of new bridges for the canal at Dean Forest Road, within the Southbridge Golf Course area, and maintenance access along the backside of the City of Savannah active landfill area. Work is currently underway to provide maintenance access along a section of canal within the golf course area.
- 2. This work will prepare the site for future construction of an all-weather access road for maintenance of portions of the canal accessible from Dean Forest Road. Construction of the access road will be performed after the clearing work is completed. The clearing will allow staff the opportunity to evaluate ground conditions as a part of the road design process.
- 3. Staff requested quotes from the following vendors. The quotes received are as follows:

B and D Clearing, Inc. Black Creek, GA.	\$14,600
Pro-Grade South, LLC Springfield, GA.	\$15,220
T Clearing Rincon, GA.	\$15,800

- 4. Staff believes that the price quoted by the apparent low bidder is reasonable and is responsive to the requirements of the County.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Hardin Canal Drainage project
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280227)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of the \$14,600 award to B and D Clearing, Inc., to remove trees and stumps for the Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements project.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve all purchases over \$10,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$603,418 construction contract with McCoy Grading, Inc., for the Wilmington Canal Drainage Improvements project.

BACKGROUND: The Wilmington Canal project is part of the 1998-2003 SPLOST Drainage Program. Problems being addressed include the limited drainage capacity.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project is located between North Cromwell Street and Wilmington Island Road on Wilmington Island within unincorporated Chatham County.
2. The project will replace four (4) existing culverts with new, larger, culverts and remove two (2) undersized culverts within the canal. All work will be done within existing rights-of-way.
3. The project was properly advertised and seven (7) bids were received and opened August 9, 2012. The bid results are as follows:

	McCoy Grading, Inc. Greenville, GA.	\$603,418
**	Potter Construction, LLC Guyton, GA.	\$689,396
	Marchese Construction, LLC Pooler, GA.	\$738,838
	Griffin-Folsom Construction, LLC Cordele, GA.	\$741,091
*	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. Pt. Wentworth, GA.	\$788,810
	Seaboard Construction Co. Brunswick, GA.	\$806,643
**	E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA.	\$1,050,592

* MBE firm ** WBE firm

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) - Wilmington Park Drainage
(3224250 - 52.12003 - 32280187)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$603,418 construction contract with McCoy Grading, Inc., for the Wilmington Canal Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____

ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$23,937 Change Order No.3 and adding eight (8) days to the contract with Pope Construction Company for construction of the new Public Works and Park Services Facility.

BACKGROUND: On April 29, 2011, the Board awarded a contract to Pope Construction Company for construction of the new Public Works and Park Services Facility in the amount of \$4,082,000.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Construction is progressing extremely well and completion is nearing the end. Anticipated move in date is September 7, 2012.
2. There are four (4) components of the proposed Change Order No.3 that include the following:

- A. Modification for two (2) meters per Georgia Power
 - B. Addition of chair rail in Training Room
 - C. Addition of electrical for magnetic door holder on door No.30
 - D. Site work for modification of drainage for sidewalk area on Varnedoe Drive
The County's design consultant, Barnard and Associates, has reviewed and agrees to this change order.
3. The amount of \$23,937 is a net increase to the Change Order No.3 and an additional eight (8) days are added to the contract. Contract history is as follows:
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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Original Contract (4/29/11) | \$4,082,000 |
| Change Order No.1 (10/7/11) | 85,455 |
| Change Order No.2 (4/13/12) | 33,221 |
| Change Order No.3 (pending) | <u>\$ 23,937</u> |
| Revised Contract Amount | \$4,224,613 |

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) – Public Works and Park Services Facility
(3234980 – 54.13011 – 32360437)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Request Board approval of a \$23,937 Change Order No. 3 and adding eight (8) days to the contract with Pope Construction Company for construction of the new Public Works and Park Services Facility.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$17,695 purchase of Cisco network equipment from Centrics IT, for the I.C.S. Department.

BACKGROUND: The entire County operates on a Cisco network and this equipment is part of the Pete Liakakis Government Building renovation project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The solicitation was advertised and ten (10) bids were received on August 9, 2012. The responses are as follows:

Centrics IT Norcross, GA	\$17,695
Dexon Computer Brunsville, MN	\$20,965
System Source Technology, Inc. St. Paul, MN	\$21,170
Vology Data System Oldsman, FL	\$22,007
KCI, Inc. Mahwah, NJ	\$23,730
Howard Technology Solutions Ellisville, MS	\$23,939
CXTech, Inc. Syracuse, NY	\$25,500
* Quality Communication, Inc. Atlanta, GA	\$29,700
Hunts Communication Canton, GA	\$30,219

* Entre Solutions
Savannah, GA \$47,560

* MBE Firm

2. The bid specifications called for refurbished Cisco equipment. Some of the bidders bid on new equipment which caused a large variation in pricing among the bidders.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$17,695 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$17,695 purchase of Cisco network equipment from Centrics IT, for the I.C.S. Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$227,155 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Myers and Son, Inc., to provide mowing maintenance of canals, closed landfill sites and Pine Barren Waste Water Treatment Facility for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Annual contracts are required to establish fixed pricing for specialized services which cannot be handled "in-house." The County provides a canal maintenance program which includes, canal cleaning, application of herbicides, and mowing, for the entire County and in turn is reimbursed through County funding. County Staff performs the cleaning and application of herbicides functions. Mowing maintenance is performed via an annual contract. Similarly, mowing maintenance is required by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division on the County's five (5) closed landfill sites as well as the Pine Barren Waste Water Treatment Facility.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publicly advertised and solicited. Ten (10) firms attended the mandatory pre-bid conference. Three (3) firms submitted sealed bids for the mowing maintenance activities. Bids were opened on August 12, 2012. The bid responses are as follows:

*	Myers and Son, Inc. Pembroke, GA	\$227,155/ five year total
	The Greenery, Inc. Hilton Head, SC	\$296,930/ five year total
	Ray Campbell Contracting Co., Inc. Acworth, GA	\$847,026 / five year total

*WBE firm

2. Please see the attached (page 12) for breakdown of yearly costs and annualized increases in contract costs.

FUNDING:

- General Fund/M&O - Public Works
(1004100 - 52.21411)
- Water and Sewer
(5054400 - 52.39001)
- Solid Waste
(5404501 - 52.39021)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$227,155 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Myers and Son, Inc., to provide mowing maintenance of canals, closed landfill sites and Pine Barren Waste Water Treatment Facility for Public Works and Park Services.

- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$13,239 purchase for one (1) Quantum Scalar i80 tape library from CDW-G for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: A tape library is a data system, which is an integral part of Chatham County's disaster recovery plan. The current tape library is outdated and uses technology that is no longer updated by the industry.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Quotes were requested and three (3) were received. The quotes are as follows:

CDW-G Chicago, IL	\$13,239
Zones, Inc Seattle WA	\$14,039
Insight, Inc Tempe, AZ	\$22,963

- 2. The new tape library system cost is significantly less than the annual maintenance on the current system.
- 3. The technology of the new tape library allows for faster backup/recovery of data and fewer tapes, further reducing the overall cost to the County.
- 4. Maintenance and support for the first three (3) years is included in the initial purchase and is substantially lower than the current system.
- 5. A new tape library is necessary to compensate for the growth of a new SAN and other systems.
- 6. Staff believes the total of \$13,239 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.
 (1001535 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVE:

- 1. Board approval of a \$13,239 purchase for one (1) Quantum Scalar i80 tape library from CDW-G for I.C.S.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of hardware to run necessary software applications used throughout the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
 NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$13,706 State of Georgia contract purchase of a PowerEdge R720 Server, from Dell Marketing for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: A new Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) server is needed to accommodate the merger of the Assessors' Assessment Office and Building Safety, Engineering and MPC's Land Development Office

systems. The programs for these departments were written at separate times and are now being combined as stipulated in the ACS contract.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. State Purchasing awarded this contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
- 2. The servers are being purchased from Dell Marketing with five (5) years of on site support and mission critical four (4) hour dispatch technical support.
- 3. Staff believes the cost of \$13,706 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Novalis Remediation Project
(3501538 - 35030742 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVE:

- 1. Board approval of a \$13,706 State of Georgia contract purchase of a PowerEdge R720 Server, from Dell Marketing for I.C.S.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of hardware to run necessary software applications used throughout the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board declaration as unserviceable surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material older vehicles which cannot be economically repaired. The listed items attached can no longer be beneficially or advantageously used by the County.

BACKGROUND: Fleet Management and the various departments to whom vehicles and equipment are assigned, identify and agree when to retire unserviceable units.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The attached (page 13) lists the vehicles to be disposed of at the auction or as scrap material.
- 2. Due to Fleet Operations relocation, short term and long term storage is unavailable. The County's towing contractor will provide short term storage of County vehicles at no charge in the interim.
- 3. These items will be disposed of as appropriate for condition, value and circumstance. By far, the most common method will be a public auction, as prescribed by the Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual. Some items, however, without a reasonable resale value, will be sold as scrap.
- 4. The date, time and location at which these vehicles will be auctioned will be publicly advertised to give citizens an opportunity to bid on these vehicles and equipment.

FUNDING: N/A - Revenue Producing

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board declaration as unserviceable surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material older vehicles which cannot be economically repaired. The listed items attached can no longer be beneficially or advantageously used by the County.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve disposal of surplus County property through a public auction.

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. **THE PETITIONER, CHAD ZITTRouer, KERN-COLEMAN & CO., LLC, AGENT FOR KONTER DEVELOPMENT CO., INC., IS REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A REZONING FROM PUD-M-6 (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT MULTI-FAMILY - 6 UNITS PER NET ACRE) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO A PUD-M-8 (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT MULTI-FAMILY - 8 UNITS PER NET ACRE) ZONING CLASSIFICATION. MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. MPC FILE NO. Z-120626-00032-1 [DISTRICT 7.]**

Chairman Liakakis said, First Readings. The Petitioner, Chad Zittrouer, Kern-Coleman & Company, LLC, Agent for Konter Development Co., Incorporated is requesting approval for -- of a rezoning from PUD-M-6 (Planned Unit Development Multi-family - 6 Units per Net Acre) Zoning Classification to a PUD-M-8 (Planned Unit Development Multi-family - 8 Units per Net Acre) Zoning Classification. MPC Recommends Approval. Since it's on first readings there are no action on that today.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, Mr. Chairman, I would like to correct the record though on that. If you look in the staff report on that as prepared, in the body of the staff report it indicates it's a request for rezoning from an M-6 to an M-8. The M-6 has a maximum of six units in density. An M-8 has actually eight units per density.

Chairman Liakakis said, so it's -- reverse the numbers?

County Attorney Hart said, but -- but they -- they -- what they did was they did was they just used six for both of them.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, and the request itself and the recommendation though is correct, but we wanted to correct that.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, but there's no --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so the request is to change it from six to eight?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **ADOPTION OF 2012 UPDATES TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE. (Note: Item 3 under Facts and Findings was added after First Reading. It includes amendment to charges for off duty officers and vehicles.)**

Chairman Liakakis said, the Second Reading, adoption of the 2012 updates to the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance. Item 3 under Facts and Findings was added after First Reading. It includes amendment to charges for off duty officers and vehicles. Russ [Abolt], are you commenting on this?

County Manager Abolt said, no, we just incorporated the Revenue Ordinance and it's something that the Chief and also the Sheriff have coordinated on. It essentially will charge private businesses for the use of vehicles when they assign -- when they ask for an off-duty officer. It's -- it's fair.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval.

Commissioner Odell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the 2012 Updates to the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~
AGENDA DATE: ~~August 10, 2012~~
AGENDA ITEM: **XII-2**
AGENDA DATE: **August 24, 2012**

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

ISSUE:

Present the 2012 Chatham County Revenue Ordinance for adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

BACKGROUND:

The County's fiscal 2013 budget was adopted June 22, 2012. The Chatham County Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees resulting from the budget process, to add a fee for the secondary metals recycling program, to include changes to the Sheriff's off duty program, and to add pending animal control fee additions.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees that were incorporated in the County's Fiscal 2013 adopted budget. These changes included increasing sewer service fees by five percent (5%), changing the definition of single family residential properties for the dry trash fee and providing conceptual approval of an energy excise tax. See Attachment I.
2. On July 6, 2012, the Board approved a secondary metals recycling program fee. The Revenue Ordinance needs to be amended to include this new fee. The Sheriff's office will collect the fee and return the entire fee to Chatham County. See Attachment II for the addition to the Ordinance.
3. In order to recoup some of the expenses associated with the SCMPD and Sheriff's off duty program, the Revenue Ordinance needs to be amended to include the rates for officers and their vehicles. The rate increases include an extra one dollar (\$1) per hour for the use of each uniformed officer and an extra six dollars (\$6) per hour for the use of each police vehicle for jobs that require the use of a vehicle. See Attachment II for additions to the Ordinance. ***This item added after First Reading.***
4. Pending approval of the Animal Control Ordinance, the Revenue Ordinance needs to be amended to include those changes which include a late fee for obtaining a rabies license tag, fines for dogs running at-large, and beekeeping registration. See Attachment II for additions to the Ordinance.
5. The Revenue Ordinance has also been forwarded to the County Attorney for review.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Present the Revenue Ordinance for a first reading August 10, 2012 and a second reading on August 24, 2012.
2. Provide the Finance Department with other guidance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Lesha Lanier

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, you've had the Information Items that you got information on that.

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: August 24, 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>
Automotive lubricants	Fleet Operations	Stubbs Oil Company Inc.	\$2,873	Inventory Account
Tax sale advertisements for month of August	Tax Commissioner	Shivers Trading /Operating Company, Morris Publishing Group/Savannah Morning News	\$7,060	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Mailing of tag renewals for month of September	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$6,120	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Eight (8) printers for Tax Commissioner	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$4,584	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Grading at the Abolt O'Brien soccer field	Engineering	Turf Services Unlimited (Sole Source)	\$6,000	SPLOST (2003-2008) Soccer Complex
Parts for tub grinder	Public Works and Park Services	Grinder Wear Parts, Inc.	\$3,415	Solid Waste Restricted
Clear pine trees from mitigation bank	Engineering	B & D Clearing	\$4,500	SPLOST (2003-2008) Open Space Greenway
Maintenance and debris removal from lots acquired for the Whitefield Avenue widening project	Engineering	B & D Clearing, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$9,700	SPLOST (1993-1998) Whitefield Avenue Widening
Material testing and water quality analysis for Talmadge Canal drainage improvements	Engineering	Building and Earth Sciences, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$6,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) Talmadge Drainage
Design cover and print 50 budget books	Finance	Print Shop of Savannah, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$3,650	General Fund/M&O - Finance
Three (3) refrigerators for medical section of Detention Center	Engineering	Atlantic Distributors, Inc.	\$3,411	Jail Expansion Project
One (1) new pump for Nancy Place lift station	Public Works and Park Services	Templeton & Associates	\$3,848	Water and Sewer
Supply and install carpet tiles in property room at CNT	Facilities Maintenance	McWaters Office Equipment Solutions	\$3,956	DSA Bond Fund
One (1) cabinet saw	Special Projects	William J. Redmond & Son, Inc.	\$4,464	SPLOST (2008-2014) Courthouse Construction
22,000 animal tags	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Ketchum Manufacturing Company, Inc.	\$3,240	• Building Safety and Regulatory Services - \$940 • SSD - Building Safety and Regulatory Services - \$2,300
Hood replacement and paint on unit 279	Fleet Operations	Roberts Truck Center, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$3,380	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
24 tons of industrial sand	Mosquito Control	Surface Prep Supply	\$3,369	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control

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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: August 24, 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 underway by GDOT contract. 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 fall 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: August 24, 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 Board approved a contract 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 issue Notice to Proceed in early September, 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 in the Southbridge area. Approval of a purchase order for maintenance road construction in the area of SR 307 is pending Board approval.
4. Queensbury Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide maintenance access in the area 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.) A project in the area of Remington Drive is complete. Design and permitting are complete on a project to improve drainage at Tara Manor.
5. Wilmington Park Canal. The project will improve drainage and maintenance access within the canal and surrounding areas. Phase I will replace four undersized culverts along the canal and is pending Board approval. If approved, construction is anticipated to begin in September. Phase II will improve drainage from the southern portion of Ashley Road is under design. 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 complete.
7. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the 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 design.
8. Ogeechee Farms Area. The project includes improvements to canals and culverts. Phase 1 installed about 0.2 miles of channel south of Vidalia Road and replaced a road crossing at Waynesboro Road. This phase was completed in July 2005. Phase II replaced five undersized culverts south of and under Vidalia Road and was completed in June 2010. Phase III replaces three culverts under Ridgeland Road, a private drive, and Yemassee Road. Construction commenced for Phase III in February 2012 and is expected to be complete by October 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 replaced a culvert under Whitefield Avenue with a double box culvert to relieve flooding within the Cresthill Subdivision. Construction work is substantially complete.
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 are 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 improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. Phase I replaced an undersized storm drain pipe at Beaulieu Avenue was completed in January 2010. Phase II 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. Bids for the construction will be opened in September. Construction is expected to begin in October 2012.

15. LaRoche Culvert. The project will replace 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.

16. Wahlstrom Road. The project will address inadequate drainage capacity 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.

17. Wymberley 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.

18. 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, nothing else, and we need a motion to recess to executive session.

County Manager Abolt said, litigation's purpose.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas]? Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to recess to executive session to discuss litigation. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it unanimously.

The Board recessed at approximately 11:20 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, and the motion 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 11:50 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION