

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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 9:43 a.m. on Friday, September 21, 2012.

=====

**II. INVOCATION**

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

Commissioner Shay said, don't we want to do the Invocation first, sir?

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, yeah. Yeah, we'll do the Invocation. If you'd like to do that first.

Commissioner Shay said, I'd be happy to do that.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, do the Invocation and then we'll go from there.

Commissioner Farrell said, let's bow our heads.

Commissioner Farrell gave the invocation as follows:

Dear Lord, We thank you for all of our many blessing. We thank you for all of the wonderful guests we have here in our audience today. We thank you for our good health. We ask for your assistance and guidance, that we make prudent decisions that positively affect all of the citizens of our county and our country at all times. And we just want to thank you for all the many blessings you have. Through our Lord. Amen.

=====

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Liakakis said, and now Patrick [Shay] if you will lead us -- the other Patrick [Shay].

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Commissioner Shay led all in the Pledge of Allegiance to Flag of the United States of America.

=====

**IV. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. And now what -- I am calling 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  
Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Not Present: David M. Gellatly, District Six

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

=====

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a motion on the floor to excuse Commissioner Dave Gellatly. He was unable to come this morning.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to excuse Commissioner David Gellatly from the Commission meeting. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

=====

**V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**1. RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN W. BEAM, JR., ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 32 YEARS AS PRESIDING JUDGE, JUVENILE COURT.**

Chairman Liakakis said, next we have Proclamations and Special Presentations, and the first one this morning is a recognition of the Honorable John W. Beam, Jr., on his retirement after 32 years as presiding Judge of Juvenile Court. And Judge, if you and the other Judge and, you know, if you and your other supporters will come up to the podium now, please.

Chairman Liakakis said, this is an honor today to do this proclamation for you, Judge, of course the great things that you have done, and I'll talk about too is that a lot of people will be unhappy -- not unhappy but sad somewhat because of you retiring right now after your 32 years of service. And what's so great in this community to have a Judge like John Beam, the Honorable Judge Beam is that if you look at his history and the things that he has done in the community, unfortunately, we have juveniles in our community to commit crime, and there's a number of reasons for that, and, of course, we have to do the things that we can to help prevent that and help all the juveniles in our community. But, unfortunately there is sometimes a high rate of juveniles that commit crimes in our community. But what Judge Beam has done, he looks at the circumstances, he hears all of the evidence, and he's just doesn't, you know, come down with the gavel and say, you're going to be serving time here in the juvenile confinement area. That's not it. He looks to those things that are necessary and to do the things to help those children in our community who unfortunately for some reason or other that have committed crimes, and what he does, he has others in the court system that can assist those children that have committed crime in the community, and he looks at the parents, you know, and how they're being taking care of their children and other circumstances. And then he renders a judgment on what is the best thing for this particular child. And what he has done, and you can -- you'll have a lot of testimonies in this community and around about the Judge turning around hundreds and hundreds, in the thousands really in these 32 years, turned their lives around so that they can be a good individual, that they can be successful in their future life and all. And all of us can come together and really thank Judge Beam for that because it makes a big difference. And, like his father, his father was involved in the Baptist Center and did a lot of wonderful things in our community to help the adults and children and all, and, of course, we can see, you know, a great son of his has done wonders in this community, and we appreciate that, and Judge Stone here can testify to that. She's a good judge with the Juvenile Court. But we really want to thank you, and what I'd like to do right now is read this proclamation because it is being filmed right now, and we'll show it a number of times because we want the people in our community to know, if they don't already know, the great things that you have done to help children in our community.

Chairman Liakakis read the proclamation as follows:



**IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE JOHN W. BEAM, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, John W. Beam, Jr., presiding judge for 32 years of the Chatham County Juvenile Court of the Eastern Judicial Circuit, will be retiring after a distinguished career as an attorney and jurist; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Beam will be remembered for the professional leadership he provided in Juvenile Court for more than three decades, innovative community-based programs to help youth and improve juvenile justice systems throughout Georgia and the sense of caring he brought to the bench with every hearing and decision; and

**WHEREAS**, as testament to Judge Beam's wide-ranging contributions to improve juvenile justice and child welfare, he formed Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to provide volunteer advocates in court, initiated Judicial Citizen Review Panels to review cases of children in foster care, became a founding member of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges and started the state's first Juvenile Mental Health Court, which has become a model throughout Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, no better accolade can be presented to Judge Beam than to recognize his selection by judicial peers as the 2010 recipient of the Judge Aaron Cohen Award for his significant contributions to the Council of Juvenile Court Judges and the field of juvenile justice and child welfare.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Pete Liakakis, as Chairman, with the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, do hereby recognize John W. Beam, Jr., for his contributions to the betterment of our community and state and do wish him well in retirement.

ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Liakakis, Chairman

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Bocook, Clerk

[Applause.]

County Manager Russ Abolt said, we have not rehearsed this event, but in my life and the Chairman's life, we're -- we're giving testimony to what this man has done unrehearsed in the service of this community. The Judge, it has been my good fortune to not only work with him and know him but appreciate the man's commitment. He's a man of faith, as it -- as were his parents, his roots are in faith and a belief in God, and he's one of those special individuals in addition to doing his jobs gives testimony to that faith. He's an exceptional individual. We've been blessed to have him serve as Judge. I consider him just an outstanding administrator and a person that's responsible for the administration of justice. And -- and the one thing in addition to the plaque that we will give, the County will always give to those that have spent such a long time in the service of the citizens of this County, is a rocking chair. And the rocking chair is identified with the Judge's name. The reason I asked Mrs. Beam to come up here to let her know, it's his rocking chair.

Honorable John W. Beam, Jr. said, thanks Russ [Abolt]. Thank you so much. Can I say something just a second? Of course I've been working with a lot of County Commissioners, and this is absolutely the best group I've ever worked with, and I'm saying it just because I'm standing here and you're in front of me, but I mean that, and we Judges have talked about that, and I've shared with them some of the stories that have happened over the years. I love Shot [County Attorney Hart]. I think he's a fantastic attorney. I think Russ [Abolt] and Pat [Monahan] are two of the finest administrators that you could ever have. I think you're very blessed to have them. But it's not -- you're not great because you are a corporate great body, you're great because you are individually committed to values in this community. You're individually committed. Every time Commissioner Stone goes out of town, I know there's an email coming telling me about some program that she's seen that she thinks we ought to be looking at and watching, and I appreciate that. Commissioner Holmes I've known for many years when he was a coach when he worked at Callen Boys and Girls Club, when he -- his -- his wife volunteers at -- at Juvenile Court. His whole family is -- has bought -- has bought into this community and participating in the welfare of our kids and families. Commissioner Shay, I remember the time when you came to us because you were concerned about the lack of vocational education. You wanted to know what could we do to turn this tide for these young boys, and -- who did not have a way to get through high school but needed this extra training, and we've applied some of the things that we have talked about in that meeting. Commissioner Farrell, you don't know how many times I have used you as an example. When guys tell me they're having a hard time relating with their sons and what's going on, I -- and I talk about how I know this County Commissioner who takes his boys to breakfast at the Holland House, and that's the way you develop a relationship with your son. You start out young and you develop that relationship, but you do it in ways that are not very stressful, and what is less stressful than having breakfast? It's a way to teach a boy how to become a man. Chairman, you have been so helpful. I mean, you came to our opening of our Juvenile Mental Health Court, and the words that you said to us inspired the stakeholders who were there that day, and I greatly appreciate you coming to that event. Now, I don't know the rookie, but I know your husband. I know the man -- I know the man who sat in that chair, and I know how he has been very passionate coming to Juvenile Court and representing kids and parents to make sure that they receive the justice that they deserve. Commissioner Kicklighter, you probably know everyone of my neighbors on Bush Road and Little Neck in ways that you probably would not know, but I know that they're constantly talking to you, and they appreciate how much you're concerned about them. But I remember how you took time out of your day for us to come to your work place and to talk about a very important issue that we had, and I really appreciate your taking the time. And Commissioner Thomas, I mean, you bringing those kids to us for me to do my mock trials and for me to share with them the importance of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights and how that is just so important in our day to day lives. And I'll never forget that, and I will always treasure the memory of you bringing those kids to me on those Saturdays, and I appreciate that. Every one of you are involved in your community. You're not politicians. You're interested in the welfare of our kids and our families, and that's why I think that you are the greatest Commission that we've ever had to deal with. And I thank you so much. Thank you. Appreciate the honor. [Applause.]

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, I would like to say something to Judge Beam, I mean to -- yeah, Judge Beam and his family, as well as the other judges. We are really going to miss you. You have certainly been an outstanding Judge, outstanding leader, a person who has been very caring, and I can tell you that you have really made a difference in those children that we spoke about, the Summer Bonanza kids. Many of those kids did not have a clue as to what Juvenile Court was all about, but by giving them an opportunity to do a mock court, really extended not only their minds,

but it gave them an opportunity to see what justice was all about, fairness, and also, the need not to have to go to court. So there were some kids that was on the wrong road, but because of your guidance and our ability to be in those settings on Saturdays, has made a great difference believe it or not. I have the statistics of the children that you have helped to turn around, and therefore, they're not going to be a nuisance to society at this point. And I think that is one of the great things that has come out of this association. So we wish for you a wonderful retirement, but I don't think that you're going to be retired too long because I know that you're going to be called upon on -- for your expertise and etcetera. Thank you for all the years that you have given to this County and to the children. Thank you so very much. [Applause.]

Judge Beam said, thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, here. Here.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, before -- before you leave Judge Beam.

Commissioner Shay said, couple of programs that you should take a look at.

Commissioner Stone said, about 30 years ago I was a court advocate when you were on Eisenhower, and I realized and recognized at that point that it took a very dedicated and special person to do what you do. The cases that this man heard were heart-wrenching in many instances. And now, unfortunately, the need for this service is expanded. We have brought on two more equally dedicated and wonderful judges. I'm -- I'm sorry that we've had to do that. I'm sorry that we've had to expand, but we can't give up. But I want to thank you for leading the way. You were there by yourself on Eisenhower, and I'll never forget sitting in your courtroom and -- and wondering how you did it. How you stood it and how you went home at night without just a heavy heart. So, I appreciate everything that you did for all the young people that you tried to help. You never lectured them. You tried to talk to them. You tried to understand what was going on in their world and tried to improve their world. So thank you very much.

Commissioner Shay said, here. Here.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you.

=====

## 2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012, AS POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY. ROB TAYLOR WILL BE RECEIVING.

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda is a proclamation declaring Friday, September the 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 as POW-MIA Recognition Day, and the persons from the -- the Vietnam Chapter here in our county would please come forth to accept that. Commissioner Farrell will do the presentation.

Commissioner Farrell read the proclamation as follows:



**WHEREAS**, Chatham County and all of its citizens join the Nation in honoring the memories of all our Prisoners-of-War (POWs) and all of our soldiers Missing-in-Action on this very special POW-MIA Recognition Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Vietnam Veterans of America-Savannah Chapter 671, along with their friends and families, will be holding their annual recognition to honor the 87,483 POW-MIAs who remain unaccounted for, as well as those former POW-MIAs who have faithfully returned; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., the American POW-MIA flags will be proudly flown above the Vietnam Memorial in Emmett Park in salute of the former POWs from the Chatham County area; and

**WHEREAS**, in observing POW-MIA Recognition Day, Vietnam Veterans of America-Savannah Chapter 671 is helping to keep alive the memories of and prayers for those 1,660 POW-MIAs still unaccounted for.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, Friday, September 21, 2012 as:

**POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

in Chatham County as we honor the memories of the 3,347 POW-MIAs from World War I; 73,681 from World War II; 7,955 from the Korea War; 1,660 from the War in Vietnam; 126 from the Cold War, and 1 from the War on Terror. In recognition of the 83,428 husbands, sons, and fathers - LEST WE FORGET, and ask all citizens to join in thanking and in paying very special tribute to all POW-MIAs for the sacrifices they made to their nation - The United States of America.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 21<sup>ST</sup> day of September 2012.

---

Pete Liakakis, Chairman  
Chatham County Commission

**ATTEST:**

---

Janice Bocook, Clerk

Commissioner Farrell said, with that I would like to make this presentation to the gentlemen.

Mr. Allen Harvey said, I would like to thank --

Chairman Liakakis said, identify yourself --

Mr. Harvey said, I'm sorry.

Chairman Liakakis said, because we have to have it for the records, and you're on TV.

Mr. Harvey said, Allen Harvey, President of Chapter 671. I'd like to thank the Commission and you, Mr. Liakakis, for all that you have done for us in the years and years ago to now, and by doing this you will keep this in -- in front of the public and in front of our government to keep them hunting for our missing brothers from all wars all the time, and we greatly appreciate it from Vietnam Veterans of America, and thank you very much again.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, and hold on to the proclamation because, you know, you're going to have that service tonight in Emmett Park, and I'll be there to participate as I always do.

Mr. Harvey said, okay. Thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, you're welcome.

Commissioner Thomas said, we thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, and listen, you have another honored, you know, person who has been president of the local chapter plus other things, you know, with Vietnam, recognition for many years, so I'd like for you to say something also.

Mr. Lionel Marmolego said, well, you know --

Mr. Harvey said, introduce yourself.

Mr. Marmolego said, well, okay. I'm Lionel Marmolego. I'm the chaplain Chapter 671, Vietnam Veterans of America. I love my kids. They're the greatest thing in the world to me. I can hardly imagine what it must be like for a mother and some probably are living today. Thirty-seven years have passed since that war has ended, the Vietnam War, and I just think that there's a mother out there somewhere in the State of Georgia who's heart's still broken. Still thinking about her child. Wondering what happened to him, and it's vitally important that we keep this ceremony in front of the public because of that very reason. There would like to be closure. I suspect many parents have died now and gone on and maybe in eternity they know, but at this point, we want to do the best that we can to keep our POWs and MIAs in front of the public. And as a Vietnam Veteran I salute you Mr. Commissioner and the rest of the Commission for this proclamation. We are very indebted to you for that, and we thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Shay], did you want to say something?

Commissioner Shay said, I was just praying at him.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Very good.

Mr. Harvey said, thank you.

Mr. Marmolego said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, you're welcome. [Applause.]

=====

### **CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

Chairman Liakakis said, and what I want to do next, we're going to have a presentation for our Chatham County Youth Commission swearing in for the 2012 -- 2012-2013 term, but I'd like to recognize the Youth Commissioners that are up here today, and the custom that we have is that we have members of the Chatham County Youth Commission to come up and to participate in our particular agenda, and that's really good because that was started many years ago with Priscilla Thomas, our vice Chairman. And on my left we have Marissa Karp, who is the secretary and represents Savannah Country Day; and then in the middle is Alexis Parker, who is the chairwoman, representing Saint Vincent's Academy; and then on the end is Brianna Polite, who is the vice-chairman, and she represents Windsor Forest. Nice to have the three of you here today.

Youth Commissioners said, thank you. [Applause.]

=====

### **3. CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION SWEARING IN FOR THE 2012-2013 TERM.**

Chairman Liakakis said, and now -- and now we'll have the -- one of the mentors and others, Van Johnson, who is the right-hand person for Commissioner, vice Chairman Priscilla Thomas, who has done wonders with the Youth Commissioners over the years.

Mr. Van Johnson said, thank you and I represent Chatham County High School, and I'm very happy to do that. I'm only a couple of years older than they are. Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Odell, Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen, on a day that we honored a public servant who had dedicated 32 years of service in addressing issues of young people who have done the wrong thing, and who has worked tirelessly to put them on the right path, I think it is quite appropriate to acknowledge young people who are doing the right thing. Young people who are making the contributions and who have put themselves in the position to serve, and it is with that I present to you this morning the 2012-2013 version of the Chatham County Youth Commission.

Mr. Johnson said, it must be noted that this -- this year 20 years ago, in this room, your predecessors accepted and confirmed Dr. Thomas' vision for government to youth involvement and engagement. Twenty years ago this year, and of the individuals in this room, only Dr. Thomas and our County Manager remain of those individuals that were here when this concept, this idea became reality. This year after over 50 inquiries, people calling from all over the community, after having 25 young people to present themselves at orientation and going through extensive interviews with our Youth Commissioners, and after two and a half months of giving up their summer, after over 80 hours this summer in community service, endless 8:00 p.m. assignments, and those dreaded white t-shirts. From one end of our community to another, walking, by ferry and by bus, they have proved their worthiness to join our sacred family, and we have 15 of those young people who will join our -- our family today. We certainly cannot over emphasize the importance of the visionary in the person of Dr. Priscilla Thomas, and what she has meant for our community, particularly in terms of youth engagement.

Mr. Johnson said, as you are well aware, we're a -- a national brand now, and people are looking to us. They're calling us. They're inviting us to their communities. They want to talk to us about how we did what we did 20 years ago and how we've been able to maintain it. And you all certainly have received accolades at NACo and ACCG about the -- the youth engagement that you're able to do. Certainly, Mr. Chairman, you've been quite an inspiration to -- to these young people, and we appreciate all that you've done, all of you in your very special ways have -- have impacted these young people. You talk to them, you engage them, and I'm telling you you're making a difference in their lives. Certainly our County Manager, again, who has been there from day one, he has certainly been an inspiration, a man of moral character to them, and I think that they -- they -- they learn from his wisdom. My Director, Mr. Kaigler, and to my volunteer team, who -- who stand behind me, and I certainly want to acknowledge them for what they do, Mrs. Debra Allen, Mrs. Marilyn Rodriguez, Ms. Takiyah Martin, who is not here, and Ms. Octavia Brown. If you would just thank them on my behalf as well. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, conspicuously absent is Mr. Pete Nichols, who is behind the camera in another room, but he has certainly -- he helps us get our message out, and we thank him so much for that. And we would be remiss, and -- and I think that we can do much better than we've done earlier because there are other people in here that are quite as special, and I will tell you they are even more proud than I am, and these as we call them are the parental units of these young people. These are the individuals who have used endless gas. We should swear them in today because they spent gas and they spent money and they spent time, and they have allowed us to become part of the village that will -- will walk with this young people from now till the day they graduate from high school. Will all of our parents, grandparents, godparents, big mommas and papas, aunties, uncles of these young people please stand. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Johnson said, I think y'all can do better than that, right?

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Johnson said, but thank you very much. And so sharing some brief comments we want to -- to introduce formally to you our chairwoman, the young lady who will lead our organization this year, and that's Alexis Parker, who is a senior at Saint Vincent's Academy. Ms. Parker.

Youth Commissioner Alexis Parker said, good morning.

Board of Commissioners collectively said, good morning.

Youth Commissioner Parker said, on behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, our founder Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, County Commissioners, our Director, Mayor Pro Tem Mr. Van Johnson, and Chairman Pete Liakakis, I would like to thank you all for your tremendous support since the beginning of Chatham County and throughout the years. As we approach our 20<sup>th</sup> year, we are excited this -- to start our new chapter and embrace it as we accept the challenge to be Chatham County Youth Commissioners. We pledge to be great leaders in our community and hands on in our community, and we uphold the high standards of which you all have seen from us before in past years. Once again I would just like to say thank you all for your support, and we are glad to be modeling after such a tremendous and fine example of a Commission, this Chatham County Commission. Thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you, and we're going to introduce our young people, and we'll just ask that you stand and then sit so that those parental units can get their photo shots, okay? All right. Alexis Parker, chair, Saint Vincent's Academy, senior. Brianna Polite, vice chair, Windsor Forest, senior. This is her third term. Marissa Karp, Savannah Country Day, junior. This is her second term. Jaylah Diggs, parliamentarian, Jenkins High School. She's a junior. This is her second term. Lamar Ballard, Islands High School, junior. This is his second term. He's an executive member. Nia Dawson, executive member, Savannah Arts Academy. She's a senior. This is her third term. Lydia Peay, who's a legacy member from Savannah Christian. She's a senior, and this is her third term. Ms. Brianna Adams from Johnson High School. She's a senior. This is her third term. Ms. JaBrea Barnwell. She's a legacy member. She is from Saint Vincent's Academy. She's a junior, and this is her first term. Ms. Wynter Benyard from Johnson High School. She's a senior. This is her first term. Ms. Emily Bermudez, Saint Vincent's Academy. She's a senior. This is her third term. Ms. Justice Bosco, a legacy member from Windsor Forest. She's a junior. This is her first term. Mr. Carlton Brown, Benedictine Military Academy. He's a junior. This is his first term. Ms. Hollis Brown, Savannah Arts Academy. She's a junior. This is her first term. Mr. Marcus Brown, Benedictine Military Academy. He's a senior. This is his second term. Ms. Shakira Bush, Groves High School. She's a senior. This is her third term. Ms. Asia Coles, Woodville-Tompkins. She's a sophomore. This is her first term. Ms. Kristen Conley from Bible Baptist, she's a legacy member. She's a sophomore. This is her first term, and we're going to let her go as soon as she's finished because she is being sworn in to the National Honor Society right now.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Johnson said, so -- and we'll just let her slip out. Okay? And her dad is going to rush here -- there in a very timely and safe manner.

Mr. Conley said, absolutely.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you. [Applause.] Ms. -- Mr. Xavier Cooper, Saint Vincent's Academy. He's a sophomore. This is his first term.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Savannah Arts.

Commissioner Shay said, Savannah Arts.

Mr. Johnson said, what did I say?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Saint Vincent's.

Mr. Johnson said, oh, no. We don't want that.

Commissioner Thomas said, you're in trouble.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm sure he would like to go there.

Mr. Johnson said, Savannah Arts Academy. Thank you. Mr. James Flowers is a legacy member from Johnson High School. He's a junior in his second term. Ms. Gabrielle Gardner, Savannah Early College. She's a junior. This is her second term. Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jenkins High School. He's a junior. This is his second term. Ms. Jeremiah Gordon, Saint Vincent's Academy. She's a sophomore. This is her first term. Mr. Jared Grant, Savannah Arts Academy. He's a senior. This is his third term. Ms. Mikelyn Green, Calvary Day School. She's a senior. This is her third term. Ms. Simone Green, Saint Vincent's Academy. She's a sophomore. This is her first term. Ms. Claire Hammond, Savannah Arts Academy. She's a senior. This is her third term. Mr. Calvin Harrison, Calvary Day School. He is a junior. This is his second term. Mr. Kentrel Johnson is a legacy member from Jenkins High School. He is a junior. This is his first term. Ms. Sabria Jones, Saint Vincent's Academy. She's a junior. This is her first term. Ms. Amanda King, Memorial Day School. She's a sophomore. This is her first term. Mr. Greg Mortimer, Johnson High School. He's a senior. This is his first term. Mr. Dionte Samuels, Savannah Early College. He's a junior. This is his second term. Ms. Kayla Smokes, Saint Vincent's Academy. She's a sophomore. This is her first term. Mr. Tyler Washington, Jenkins High School. He's a junior. This is his second term. And Ms. Tyhira Williams. She's a senior at Jenkins High School, and this is her second term. Ladies and Gentlemen, the 2012-2013 class of the Chatham County Youth Commission. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, if you will come down and administer the oath of office.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, this is officer -- this is for the officers or for all of them?

Mr. Johnson said, for everybody.

Chairman Liakakis said, so what I'm going to do, I'm going to say I, and you repeat your name with your hands up, your right hand, and when I say I you repeat your name, and then I'll read the rest of oath of loyalty. Okay?

Chairman Liakakis read the oath as follows: I.

[Youth Commissioners all said their own names.]

Chairman Liakakis said, a citizen of the State of Georgia and of the United States and a member of the Chatham County Youth Commission do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Georgia, that I will honestly and faithfully perform the duties assigned to me and that I will at all times abide by and conform to the laws, ordinances and rules and regulations approved by the Chatham County Commissioners. So help me God.

Youth Commissioners collectively said, so help me God.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you and glad to have all of you for our 2012-2013 Chatham County Youth Commission. We wish you many great things. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to thank all of the parents, the family members, the friends and the loved ones of the Youth Commissioners for coming today and assisting them in the things that they need to be a Youth Commissioner. And just something quickly to tell you that this is the first county Youth Commission in the entire country, and they're celebrating 20 years today, of course, having this Youth Commission, and it was the idea of our vice Chairman, Priscilla Thomas, for this particular Youth Commission to come about, and a number of counties and some cities around the country and around the State of Georgia have tried to duplicate our Youth Commission. So, we thank again, to vice Chairman Priscilla Thomas for doing this and helping the lives of many of our young people.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, let me thank our Director, Mr. Van Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem, who has so graciously accepted this very, very tedious task. I knew that I had to have someone who was very, very young and able to -- to assist me, and he has done a yeoman's job along with all of the advisors who have volunteered their time to work with us. This is a very tedious situation, I mean, and you're working with a lot of young people, I mean, it requires a lot of you. And our expectations are very, very hard. Those that stand before us this morning, they were able to make it. There were many more other young people. But our standards are very high. They are recommended through their various schools. It is open to any child in Chatham County. The only requirement is that they meet all of the requirements that we ask, and they are high standards. And so we do not accept any negatives. Everything has to be positive. Okay? So, today we are so grateful, and we accept you as members of the Chatham County Youth Commission, and we will be looking forward to great things from each of you in the future. And to our parents, thank you for your support. We will need your continued support. You're doing a great job with your children, and this is what we need. We need our parents. We need people who are not parents, but they can be, you know, co-parents with parents to help us work with these young people today. And we have great children, we just need to help them do the kinds of things that they need to do. So thank you again.

Commissioner Thomas said, and what can I say about this Chatham County Commission. You have been very, very supportive from day one to now. You have been the best Commissioners in response to this group of children, and also the former Commission because when we first started, it was through them that accepted the program, and this Commission has not pulled out any stops in terms of support for these young people. So it means that we have a group here that is very much into trying to make not only great leaders, but to help our young people to find themselves, to dream, and to move as high as they can in their lives. So again, congratulations and thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you very much. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, and they need to be in school right now so we'll -- we'll give them a little bit of juice, and then we'll send them on their way. Thank you all so much for your support.

=====

## **VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

### **1. REQUEST FOR \$30,000 FROM WEST BROAD STREET YMCA. (NOTE: ALSO INCLUDES SEVERAL COMMISSIONERS).**

Chairman Liakakis said, items under the Chairman's items, Item 6, Request \$30,000 from West Broad Street YMCA, and -- and this is not only one of my items, but several of the Chatham County Commissioners because they know how important how this particular item is. So what I'd like to do is call up the Executive Director for the West Broad Street YMCA, Peter Doliber. Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, before he starts, I will go ahead and make the motion for approval, and I believe that the County Attorney had a recommendation of how to -- this should be done.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, yeah.

Commissioner Thomas said, second it.

County Attorney Hart said, what I was going to suggest is that you approve if you desire the -- the distribution of the whole amount and make the funding process to be divided into two separate payments over two separate calendar years for purposes of assisting the budget.

Commissioner Thomas said, I second that.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Well Peter [Doliber] we know what a fantastic job you taking over that facility. The County has been involved in this for a number of years, especially this Commission because we know the great work that the West Broad YMCA has done to help the children, you know, a lot of children in our community. We're not talking about a few. And the programs that you have for the smallest children, right up to the, you know, the ones that are older and all is really good because we can see how the membership has grown under your leadership and the hard work that you've done. And, of course, I know it's been stress and strain on you in the past, but you've overcome that. You haven't made, you know, any negatives about it, but just stood there as a great leader so -- helping the children in our community, and it's really appreciated by this Commission. And I'd like to call on Helen Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I just want to make a quick comment before the vote. I would encourage for any Commissioner that has not been over there to tour the facility to please do so. My experience over there was very positive. I commend Mr. Doliber for being able to think outside of some of the guidelines and wanting to assist these children in every step of the way and to -- to provide them with opportunities that they wouldn't normally have, and most importantly to give them the confidence to become citizens of this community. And I -- and I really -- I can't say it strongly enough how important it is to -- to think a little a head and think a little differently and to try to offer children what we often want to put in a neat little box, and it just -- some of them don't fit. So I just I want you to keep doing what you're doing. I want us to help you in any way that we can because we need more young people to become positive citizens in this community, thriving citizens in this community, and happy citizens in this community. So thank you for what you do.

Mr. Peter Doliber said, thank you, Commissioner Stone.

Chairman Liakakis said, would you like to make a statement before we vote?

Mr. Doliber said, we just really appreciate the Commission's support for us through the years, especially in the last several when we were almost closed, and the Commission stepped forward and helped us with the dollars to do the renovations we needed. Those funds were leveraged, and we did even more than those dollars provided. These funds will help us match even more dollars. We can continue to serve more youth and adults with education and helping with job creation and job searching. So we're very thankful for the support, and I can promise you that we'll continue to steward those monies well and to leverage them into more funds to continue to serve more people.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, Peter [Doliber].

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to say ditto to everything that has been said. It has truly been a God-send for Mr. Doliber to be assigned at that institution. He has done just a marvelous job, and -- and marvelous is not the right word, but it has been a pleasure to work with him, the kinds of things that he has done there. And I wanted to also challenge the community to reach out to Mr. Doliber and the -- and the YMCA. They are in need of a lot of things, like school supplies and other stuff. We have supplied Mr. Doliber and the children at the YMCA through Summer Bonanza some supplies and etcetera, and some other things, and he has also held workshops for these children. Not only the Summer Bonanza children, but I mean, just county wide. And I'm very happy to see the various usage of the -- of the building and programs that are going on -- on there. The staff, I mean -- I mean, everybody just seems to be on target. So continue doing what you're doing. We will continue to support you as long as we can, and I will continue to seek out some additional help for you in terms of the children that you serve.

Mr. Doliber said, thank you Commissioner Thomas.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Let's go on the board. Motion passes. Thank you, Peter [Doliber].

Mr. Doliber said, thank y'all very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

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

Commissioner Stone moved to approve \$30,000 for the West Broad Street YMCA. Said monies are to be distributed in two payments over two calendar years. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

=====

## RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Liakakis said, and I see who will be on the next County Commission Yusef Shabazz out in the audience this morning. Glad to have you here with us.

=====

## PERSONAL PRIVILEGE -- CHAIRMAN LIAKAKIS

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. One of the things I'd like to do also, you know, we have many things that come up in our Commission that leads to many legal matters, and it's important, number one that we have an attorney who has worked hard, who has saved the -- the citizens of Chatham County a huge amount of money, in the thousands, probably in the millions of dollars since he has been the Chatham County attorney. And -- and listening -- I go to the ACCG meetings. I go to other meetings around, and -- and especially when we have the annual meeting here for the County Commissioners, the 159 County Commissioners for the State of Georgia and listen at them speak about what happens in their particular county and all and see some of the problems they have. But thankfully because we have Jonathan Hart as our County Attorney, who we feel not only is the best County Attorney in our State of Georgia but the entire country because he works really hard. He does many things. He sacrifices, and you couldn't have a better County Attorney than Jonathan Hart. And Jon [Hart], I'd just like to tell you that. And this is being filmed because we want all of the citizens that turn on channel 16 to know about the great things that you have done for this County Commission and all of the citizens of Chatham County. [Applause.]

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think --

County Attorney Hart said, thank you. Thank you. I -- I couldn't do it without the Commission. We have an excellent staff and a lot of assistance through the County Manager. But thank you very much. That's very flattering.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think it's safe to say we wouldn't have law and order in the entire universe if not for you, Jon [Hart].

County Attorney Hart said, yeah, you wouldn't.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, very good. Congrats.

Commissioner Thomas said, he's the best.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you really are the best.

Commissioner Thomas said, he is the best.

=====

## VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

None.

=====

## VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

<p>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 (*).</p>
---

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We have no tabled or reconsidered items today.

=====

## IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

- 1. TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: (1) in the FY2012 GENERAL FUND M&O increase revenues and expenditures up to \$3,500,000 based on current revenue budget variances to recognize a fund balance appropriation to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund, (2) increase revenues and expenditures in the FY2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND up to \$3,500,000, (3) FY2013 CAPITAL**

**IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND: (A) increase revenues \$25,000 for rent revenue and (b) increase expenditures \$25,000 for the Henderson Project, and (4) in the FY2013 SALES TAX V FUND transfer funds from the Reserve for Unincorporated County Projects - Flood Control and establish projects.**

Chairman Liakakis said, Items for Individual Action. One, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) in the Fiscal Year 2012 General Fund M&O increase revenues and expenditures up to \$3,500,000 based on current revenue budget variances to recognize a fund balance appropriation to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund, (2) increase revenues and expenditures in the 2012 Capital Improvement Program Fund up to \$3,500,000, (3) Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Improvement Program Fund: (a) increase revenues \$25,000 for rent revenue and (b) increase expenditures \$25,000 for the Henderson Project, and (4) in the Fiscal Year 2013 Sales Tax V Fund transfer funds from the Reserve for Unincorporated County Project - Flood Control and establish projects. We need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved to approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) in the FY2012 General Fund M&O increase revenues and expenditures up to \$3,500,000 based on current revenue budget variances to recognize a fund balance appropriation to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund, (2) increase revenues and expenditures in the FY2012 Capital Improvement Program Fund up to \$3,500,000, (3) FY2013 Capital Improvement Program Fund: (A) increase revenues \$25,000 for rent revenue and (b) increase expenditures \$25,000 for the Henderson Project, and (4) in the FY2013 Sales Tax V Fund transfer funds from the Reserve for Unincorporated County Projects - Flood Control and establish projects. Commissioners Thomas and Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**  
**AGENDA DATE: September 21, 2012**

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

**ISSUE:** To request of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) in the FY2012 General Fund M&O increase revenues and expenditures up to \$3,500,000 based on current revenue budget variances to recognize a fund balance appropriation to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund, (2) increase revenues and expenditures in the FY2012 Capital Improvement Program Fund up to \$3,500,000, (3) FY2013 Capital Improvement Program Fund: (A) increase revenues \$25,000 for rent revenue and (b) increase expenditures \$25,000 for the Henderson Project, and (4) in the FY2013 Sales Tax V Fund transfer funds from the Reserve for Unincorporated County Projects - Flood Control and establish projects.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Chatham County fund balance and capital asset financial policies provide for the use of unreserved fund balance as a funding source for capital improvement needs. Based on current revenue budget variances up to \$3,500,000 is available for transfer to the Capital Improvement Program Fund. Budget resolutions to amend the General M&O and the Capital Improvement budgets are attached.
2. The Public Works and Park Services Director is requesting an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program Fund for rent revenue to fund the Henderson Project. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Capital Improvement Fund are attached.
3. The County Engineer has requested transfers from the Reserve for Unincorporated County Project - Flood Control in the Sales Tax V Fund. Detail is provided in the attached memoranda.

**FUNDING:** The budget amendment will establish funding in the General Fund M&O and Capital Improvement Program Funds. Funds are available in the Sales Tax V Fund.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**GENERAL FUND M&O FY2012**

Increase revenues and expenditures \$3,500,000 for Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FY2012**

Increase revenues and expenditures \$3,500,000 for Transfer in From the General M&O Fund.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FY2013**

- a) Increase revenues \$25,000 rental income.
- b) Increase expenditures \$25,000 for the Henderson Project.

**SALES TAX V FUND FY2013**

Transfer funds and establish projects as outlined in the attached memoranda dated September 6, 2012.

- 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

=====

## 2. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Liakakis said, and now we'll have the CNT monthly report given verbally by the Director, Everett Ragan.

Director D. Everett Ragan said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen. Month of August you'll see we initiated 103 investigations at CNT. Sixty of those already been completed. We wound up with 50 arrests, six guns were recovered, the -- and one adoption from another agency, which was a cocaine arrest out of SCMPD on a large amount of cocaine. Notice the graphs for the number of hours we worked in each precinct and in the municipalities, and Commissioner Stone you --

Commissioner Stone said, I -- I -- I really appreciate this.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, and I -- and I really -- I was saddened to see the graph, but I think it is a -- a reality check of where we are.

Director Ragan said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Stone said, and where we need to be, and I -- I do think it points out the problem areas that we are experiencing within our City, and I'm -- I'm very grateful that you did this this way. It gives the Commission a chance to appreciate all that you are doing within the City of Savannah, and I thank you for providing me with this information.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am. We -- a drug advisory board meeting was held last Tuesday, and we had some -- some stats from -- the metro intelligence unit presented some, and it shows that like 80 percent of everything -- 80 percent of our arrests do come out of the City of Savannah that we show. And, they were in the stats, and I'm going to make a copy of that and share with the -- of course the County Manager was at the meeting, and showing what -- how the drugs are crossing the boundaries between the municipalities and the City of Savannah. And an interesting thing, like I mentioned at the last meeting here, and also at the meeting Tuesday with the Drug Advisory Board, we made significant arrests on two significant drug dealers in the month of August, and those individuals still part of a continuing investigation; however, they were dealing in multi-kilograms of cocaine and pounds of marijuana. One living in Garden City and one living in Pooler, and they were selling the drugs in downtown Savannah, and in the Cuyler-Brownsville area. So we did search warrants on those houses, recovered guns, cash, additional cocaine and -- and about -- almost ten pounds of marijuana out of those two houses. Again, living in Pooler. It was -- it was kind of -- it wasn't funny, but one of the individuals had kept a low profile. We had surveillance on him for quite a while, and as he -- we were in his living room in a nice subdivision in Pooler and one of my agents asked him, 'cause we had some suspicious cars coming by, and one of my agents asked him, says how many people know you live here? He said, I didn't think anybody knew that I lived here.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I -- I think that this is -- information is important because informed citizens are better citizens.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, and it's imperative that we know what's going on within our city so that we can anticipate, be careful, and be on the look out. And it's -- it's very unfortunate that they come from other communities within our city where our tourists are to commit these acts. But I'm very grateful for what you all are doing. But it does show us where these -- where these sales are taking place, and I -- and I think it's important for us to know.

Director Ragan said, yes' ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, so I thank you very much for providing me with the information.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may interject here 'cause as the Commander -- Director said I was at that meeting. I want to underscore the wisdom of the counter narcotics team, and why you not only support it as a Commission, but why it's one of the best investments we make this year. In that same setting that the Director referenced, it was the Chief of Police in Pooler that just said that Pooler is -- is the place in which some of these near-do-wells wish to reside, and the reason they choose it is they look for new developments, new subdivisions. They look for some areas of the county that either have not had street names on them or are hard to find 'cause they're new, and that's their safe

haven. And they've come -- they may come into the City of Savannah, and probably do based on this graph, but this drug problem is not a City of Savannah drug problem. It is a counter narcotics problem addressed by this County Commission county and region wide. And -- and the cooperation, and only attending infrequently, I cannot tell you enough about how those law enforcement officers from all jurisdictions cooperate and how they see the wisdom in what Director Ragan and his folks are doing because it benefits all of us.

Director Ragan said, a couple more just significant events this -- this month again we're dealing with the -- the one pot meth cookers again, and by chance agent at -- at the Walgreens saw somebody acting suspicious. We were following pseudo laws again, as everybody knows what the law is, if you go to buy your sudafed or anything else, you have to show the driver's license and ID's, and we follow those logs 'cause we check the -- all of the pharmacies, and if we see anything pop -- popping up on several different pharmacies, it gives us an indication that person is -- is purchasing amounts of sudafed for something other than hay fever. So, we did. We followed him. He met with a known meth cook, who turned out to be his father, and we were able to (inaudible) methamphetamine plus other ingredients used to cook methamphetamine. Both of those charged. And, we had a good seizure of the -- of LSD. We were able to buy some LSD and it is -- and we -- we see it not so frequent now, but we have been seeing it on the little tabs. They have all different kind of little tabs, sometimes maybe the Flintstones and all kind of little things, but this -- this individual actually had it on the sugar cubes. Hadn't seen that in many, many, many years since it's been on sugar cubes. But --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what -- what do you mean on a sugar cube? How -- what is that?

Director Ragan said, it's -- it's liquid. The little, little small cubes of sugar.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Director Ragan said, they take the liquid LSD and put drops on it, and then you put the sugar cube in your mouth and it dissolves, and you can take a trip. But, haven't seen it on sugar cubes in a long, long time, but we did see it. Just this past week, in September, we're doing a follow-up on -- at Tybee Island. Had some drug buys, initiated an arrest, and on a search warrant, again, we found additional LSD on sugar cubes, but it turned out in our investigation that he had purchased the -- the Tybee Island person had purchased it from the guy, Mr. -- a Donahue fellow that we had arrested in midtown, out on 58<sup>th</sup> Street for selling it. So, it was -- kind of unique to see it back up on sugar cubes. And mushrooms. He had the mushrooms also, so. Anything else?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, keep up the good work.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Everett, thank you very much. We appreciate all the hard work that you do, the hours that you put in there, and, of course, all of your agents.

Director Ragan said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Liakakis said, because they've been doing an outstanding job, and the citizens don't realize in our community how many thousands of arrests since it was formed, and -- and not only that just an individual seller of drugs, but many of the suppliers and the ones that run these organizations that are involved in the drugs in our community and the surrounding areas. Because I listen to some of the mayors and some of the police in the other cities in our county, and they have high praises and really appreciate what our CNT, our drug squad is doing.

Director Ragan said, we've also -- we've also done, on top of the arrests, I'd like to speak on two different units in my -- my intelligence and the drug diversion. We work very closely with the pharmacies. We've put on seminars for -- for what for them to look for and spot, and -- and my intelligence unit. I have an agent now that's assigned over at drug court, who attends their meetings and does backgrounds for the people applying for drug court, and Judge Bass has had high praise for the information that we're able to give him as far as whether this person's telling him the truth about still not being in the drug trade and -- and that kind of stuff. So, we're hitting it at all angles. Thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

For information only.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: September 21, 2012**

**Chatham~Savannah  
 Counter Narcotics Team  
 August, 2012**

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS	
Investigations Initiated During the month	103
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	68

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	10.10 Grams	1,101.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	22.20 Grams	\$2,220.00

Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	6.9 Grams	\$690.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	619.60 Ounces	\$86,744.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$0.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	2 D/U	\$50.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	125 D/U	\$3,750.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram *	3 Grams	\$30.00
Synthetic (Steroids)	\$10.00 per ml *	39 ml	\$390.00

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	115.5 Grams	\$11,550.00
Crack Cocaine	135.6 Grams	\$13,560.00
Methamphetamine	816.1 Grams	\$81,610.00
Marijuana	1,501.2 Ounces	\$210,168.00
Heroin	2.4 Grams	\$600.00
Ecstasy	98 D/U	\$2,450.00
Misc. Pills	1,167 D/U	\$35,010.00
Hallucinogens	3 Grams	\$30.00
Synthetic (Steroids)	39 m/l	\$390.00

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	4.40 Grams	\$700.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	.30 Grams	\$100.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0 Grams	\$0.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	2.0 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
Hallucinogens	\$10 Dosage Unit	57 D/U	\$570.00

Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

\*\* Source: Established regional average price

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	6
Year To Date Totals	<b>32</b>

PERSONS ARRESTED	
Felony*	22
Felony Sales/Trafficking	23
Misdemeanor	2
Felony Non-Drug**	3
Total Arrests	50
Year To Date Totals	<b>249</b>

\*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
08/10/12	SCMPD	POSSESSION OF COCAINE W/ INTENT TO DIST

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	4	4
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	4	4
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	5	5
Crime Stopper Complaints	26	22
DRUG COMPLAINTS—YEAR TO DATE	<b>338</b>	<b>325</b>

### DRUG INVESTIGATIONS HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – All Precincts	<b>2,038</b>
Municipalities	<b>402</b>
(Unincorporated Chatham County—237 hours)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,440</b>

Administrative Hours	640
Case Administration	617
Pharmaceutical Diversions	480
Central Intelligence	480
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	372
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	27
Training	944
Court Hours	7
	<hr/>
	<b>TOTAL 3,567</b>
<b>Total Hours Worked</b>	<hr/>
	<b>6,007</b>

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

1. On August 15, an undercover CNT agent was in the Walgreens Drug Store on Ogeechee Road and noticed a customer acting nervous. This customer was buying pseudoephedrine which is commonly used to manufacture methamphetamine. The CNT agent followed the customer and called more agents for assistance. The suspect was followed to Georgetown and was observed handing the pseudoephedrine to a known meth cook who turned out to be the suspect's father. Father and son were arrested for unlawful use of pseudoephedrine, possession of methamphetamine, and intent to manufacture methamphetamine. The father was also out on bond for previous methamphetamine charges in Bryan County.
  
2. On August 29, agents concluded a several month long investigation involving the purchase of LSD by undercover agents. This resulted in the arrest of 2 suspects and the seizure of 1 hand gun, \$1,100.00, marijuana, 57 sugar cubes laced with LSD, and several psilocybin mushrooms.

=====

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Chairman Liakakis said, and I see the audience we have our Executive Director for our library there, Christian [Kruse], who's done an outstanding job. And most citizens don't know that comes under his purview that we have 14 libraries in our general area, and we can see that it has been a great library system. Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, I just want to thank him -- thank them for being out there too, and I also -- I read something the other day in the paper about it taking so long to open, I actually want to commend the Library Board on one hand because they -- they listen to what they were instructed years ago. They didn't start the process of building the libraries until a later date because they were -- or -- or start the process of trying to obtain the land to build and everything like that, because they were instructed by this Commission right off the bat not to build a library until they could afford to operate that library. So that was the original delay in time to be able to have the operating funds would be my understanding, and then, naturally, they've ran into snags that they couldn't avoid, but, you know, they'll be up and running before long, and I'm glad that, you know, they listened and didn't start the process until they knew they could operate it without having to increase the expenses. So, you know, I -- I commend them for doing exactly as requested back then, and I look forward to the state of the art libraries. And while I have the floor, I would like to just also squelch any rumors. There's no plan to close the Pooler library on the westside once the new westside library actually opens up. That's nothing but a rumor, and, you know, I thank them for doing a good job, and I know it's irritating to run into the snags, but they've done a -- a great job maneuvering around them and -- with what they were presented, and I'll look forward to the results -- the good results they'll produce. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas]? Jon [Savage]?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I -- I just want to piggy back on -- on what Commissioner Kicklighter has said particularly because I heard it also. You know, there's a rumor about the closing, and -- so I want to make sure that everybody, you know, feels assured that this is not going to happen. I too want to commend Christian [Kruse] for an excellent job done, and he always does a very good job, and we look forward to the completion, you know, of the new library and etcetera and your continued work with the children that we serve here in Chatham County.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, while I have the floor and we are extending welcome to those who are in the audience, I would like to recognize Commissioner-Elect Shabazz who is with us again today, and I'm sure he's getting orientated to the process of the County Commission. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Commissioner Farrell?

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I'd like to let everybody know that, you know, in the last few weeks there's been a lot of activity on securing the Island site for the library, and hopefully, I'm looking forward to some positive announcements from staff in the -- in the near future as to how we can get this construction program started. So.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, I will state I was speaking mainly on the westside branch. They've ran into more obstacles, I guess --

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- on the -- the islands library.

Commissioner Thomas said, yep.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

=====

### **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE -- CHAIRMAN LIAKAKIS**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. In Vox Populi this morning, from the Savannah Morning News, there was an article in there in that Vox Populi 'cause a lot of people don't know the great services and the outstanding work that our employees and staff and all do, but this Vox Populi, the statement is *many thanks to the dispatcher and pick up crew at the County Department of Public Works for a job well done. Your teamwork was impressive, and you really did make my day.* And so, we thank, of course, our Public Works Department, plus all the great work that our employees do for the citizens in our community.

Commissioner Farrell said, are you going to mention the new Public Works on Tuesday?

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. The Public Works thing -- we're having a ribbon cutting for the new Public Works facility, and that will be on Tuesday --

County Manager Abolt said, 10:00 o'clock.

Chairman Liakakis said, -- at 10:00 a.m. in the morning, and we invite the citizens, and we'll have County Commissioners there for that because it was needed, and thankfully we have a great facility there, and it's in the vicinity over there where the weightlifting center and on the other side of Memorial Stadium.

Commissioner Farrell said, that's what, September 21<sup>st</sup>?

Chairman Liakakis said, no, no.

County Manager Abolt said, no, it's --

Chairman Liakakis said, I think it's the 25<sup>th</sup>.

County Manager Abolt said, 25<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Farrell said, 25<sup>th</sup>?

Commissioner Shay said, 25<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Liakakis said, 25<sup>th</sup>, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, 25<sup>th</sup>. All right. And it's on high ground, so we anticipate that we could withstand 100-year flood?

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir. It's well-built.

=====

### **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Chairman Liakakis said, and I see, you know, one of our other people in the audience today is none other than our Superior Court Clerk, Dan Massey. Dan [Massey], we appreciate how you've helped and put a lot of things in place to make the court system, all of them, especially Recorder's Court, working with them --

County Attorney Hart said, Superior Court.

Chairman Liakakis said, -- because it's going to make a big difference in the court system. It's going to save a lot of time. So thank you for what all you're doing.

Superior Court Clerk Dan Massey said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, you're welcome. Superior Court. Wait a minute. He is the -- he is the Clerk of Superior Court, correct?

Mr. Massey said, yes, sir, but I'm working with all the courts on special projects now.

Chairman Liakakis said, right. Right. Yeah. Now because --

Commissioner Shay said, he's the man over there in the courthouse. He's the man.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. He's the -- he's the one that has set up a lot of really good programs and things in data and all to help the movements in those other courts in addition to Superior Court. Like he said, he works with all of the court systems. Because we're going to see a big difference in how they are going to progress with all of the things that he has done. Thank you again, Dan [Massey].

Mr. Massey said, thank you.

=====

**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, Okay. Under the Action Calendar we have items 1 through 7 and under 7, we have specific items A through O. We need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, the request is to pull item 4 from your agenda, and also for your information, I know you'll pass, I hope -- I know you will pass number 7 intergovernmental agreements. At the time that the staff report went out on Tuesday we still had the expectation of receiving the agreement with the Town -- the Town of Thunderbolt, we now have that. So all communities have agreed to participate in the energy excise tax.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion that we adopt the action calendar with the exception of item four.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 7 and under Item 7, Items A through O with the exception of Item 4, which was pulled from the agenda. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

=====

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

=====

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2012, AS MAILED.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 7, 2012, as mailed. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

=====

- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 30, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12, 2012.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period August 30, 2012 through September 12, 2012, in the amount of \$2,489,233. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

=====

3. **REQUEST BOARD ADOPT BY RESOLUTION THE FLOOD MITIGATION PLAN FOR UNINCORPORATED CHATHAM COUNTY AS PART OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM. COPIES OF THE PLAN WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY. [ALL DISTRICTS - UNINCORPORATED AREA.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved the Board to adopt by resolution the flood mitigation plan for unincorporated Chatham County as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency national flood insurance program. Copies of the plan will be distributed separately. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: September 21, 2012**

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

**ISSUE:**

Request Board adopt by Resolution the Flood Mitigation Plan (FMP) for Unincorporated Chatham County as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

**BACKGROUND:**

As a participant in the FEMA NFIP Community Rating System (CRS), Unincorporated Chatham County is required to update the Flood Mitigation Plan every five years.

**FACTS & FINDINGS:**

1. On December 7, 2001, the Board adopted the County's first FMP. The FMP was last revised and adopted on August 24, 2007.
2. A FMP adopted by the Board and approved by FEMA is an integral step in the County's participation in the NFIP to further reduce flood insurance premiums.
3. With the approval of the FMP by FEMA and other related CRS activities, staff anticipates increasing Chatham County's CRS rating from a Classification 6 (a 20% discount) to Classification 5. A Classification 5 rating provides for a 25 percent discount on flood insurance premiums issued within High flood risk areas or areas where flood insurance is required by FEMA. It also provides for a 10% discount on flood policies located in Low and Moderate flood risk areas or within areas where flood insurance is not required by FEMA.
4. The FMP is the culmination of more than a year of planning and coordination with the eight municipalities in the County, various outside agencies, homeowner associations and general public.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To request the Board adopt by Resolution the FMP for Unincorporated Chatham County as part of the FEMA NFIP.
2. To not adopt the FMP for Unincorporated Chatham County as part of FEMA NFIP.

**FUNDING:** No funds are required.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** FEMA requires that the plan be adopted by the local community governing body.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

Prepared by: Michael B. Blakely



WHEREAS, Chatham County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to qualify residents for flood insurance and,

WHEREAS, Chatham County participates voluntarily in the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) whereby residents qualify for discounted flood insurance premiums and,

WHEREAS, Chatham County is required to maintain a current Flood Mitigation Plan and revise it at least 5 years, and review and update it at least annually and,

WHEREAS, a Flood Mitigation is required by FEMA due to the number of repetitive flood loss properties within the County since 1978 in order to maintain its certification and rating and,

WHEREAS, the Plan was prepared and coordinated in accordance with the guidelines by the FEMA NFIP/CRS Coordinator's Manual Draft Edition, April 6, 2012 and,

WHEREAS, the Plan must be adopted in the form of an official act by the governing body,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chatham County Commissioners endorses the Unincorporated Chatham County Flood Mitigation Plan.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2012.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Bocook, Clerk  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
R. Jonathan Hart  
County Attorney

=====

~~4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT LIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR R. B. MILLER ROAD. [DISTRICT 7.]~~

=====

5. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRMATION ACQUISITION FROM THE GEORGIA LAND TRUST OF A 296-ACRE TRACT, CALLED GREAT OGEECHEE LAKES, ON THE OGEECHEE RIVER CONSERVATION CORRIDOR AND AUTHORIZE RECORDING OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT. [DISTRICT 7]

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved the Board to confirm acquisition from the Georgia Land Trust of a 296-acre tract, called Great Ogeechee Lakes, on the Ogeechee River Conservation Corridor and authorize recording of the conservation easement. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**  
**AGENDA DATE: September 21, 2012**

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

**ISSUE:**

To confirm acquisition from the Georgia Land Trust of a 296-acre tract, called Great Ogeechee Lakes, on the Ogeechee River to become part of the assemblage of the Lower Ogeechee Conservation Corridor and authorize recording of a conservation easement.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the September 7 meeting in Executive Session, the Board by consensus authorized staff to proceed with the purchase of a 296-acre tract on S.R. 204 and the Ogeechee River from the Georgia Land Trust (GLT), a non-profit corporation which purchases environmentally-sensitive land easements. Chatham County has considered acquisition for two years of Great Ogeechee Lakes (with the Great Ogeechee Preserve) parcel, since the land ranks second highest on the list of high-priority properties for acquisition and protection by the Resource Protection Commission. The parcel totals 296 acres which extend off S.R. 204 to the Ogeechee River (see map with parcel shown as Phase 1 on page 3), including 52 acres of uplands which could be planned for future recreation. The purchase remains consistent with the County's Land Conservation Program.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. In summary, the Board would acquire 296-acre parcel for \$563,907, the per acre value estimated according to an appraisal for Chatham County but less than the value placed on the land by the Board of Assessors.
2. The parcel's importance extends beyond its environmental qualities. It also remains within the Lower Ogeechee River Conservation Corridor, an area of interest not only to Chatham County but also the U.S. Army because it remains along the southern edge of the flight route for Fort Stewart. The Board in May 2009 adopted a resolution to acknowledge the County's partnership on the ACUB (Army Compatible Use Buffer). This carries weight for any decisions on military base closures, and Chatham County received high marks from the U.S. Department of Defense in the 2009 report because of the acquisition of the 660-acre Blue Sky parcel.
3. The pending acquisition brings Chatham County's holdings in the LORCC to 1,800 acres. The commanding officer at Fort Stewart has commended the County's purchase.
4. Chatham County is acquiring the land from GLT, which stepped in to negotiate purchase of the property when Chatham County refused to pay more than the property's appraised value during negotiations with the former owners. GLT believes the property should be valued higher and agreed to serve as an intermediary to pay the seller's minimum balanced against the County's offer in exchange for becoming the beneficiary of a conservation easement on the land.
5. The adjoining parcel, also of interest to Chatham County and known as Great Ogeechee Preserve, remains constricted by the FDIC, which assumed control of the property with the closing of First National Bank. This adds an unknown element to completing the transaction on the second parcel of 255.5 acres, known as Great Ogeechee Preserve.
6. Two contingencies will remain on the purchase. First, Chatham County would need to enter into a restrictive covenant to limit development, except recreational uses, on the parcel (see Attachment 2). This remains consistent with the County's Conservation Land Program. Second, the current owners would be allowed to continue to mine an area of approximately 8 acres under its current permit with Georgia Environmental Protection Division. This should not affect any long-term use.

**FUNDING:**

SPLOST 2008-2004/Green Space (Fund 3244985, Project 3247041Z Obj. Code 54.13011)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board confirm acquisition of the 296-acre Great Ogeechee Lakes from Georgia Land Trust on the terms and conditions as noted in "Facts and Findings," in particular the acquisition amount of \$563,907, plus closing costs, and authorize the execution of the Conservation Easement.
2. That the Board opt not to close on the property.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The purchase of any properties within the Lower Ogeechee River Conservation Corridor achieves two important goals. First, it supports the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB), which helps protect Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield from the Base Alignment and Closure plan. Second, as part of the Lower Ogeechee River Conservation Corridor, it maintains a natural asset of vegetated, bottomland along the Ogeechee River. Chatham County already owns approximately 1,500 acres within the corridor. Not only would this area become a conservation corridor, but the extension of the East Coast Greenway from the Bamboo Farm to Bryan County will make it among the highlights of the national trail system.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

=====

**6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ALL WALKS OF LIFE, INC. (AWOL).**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved the Board for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with All Walks of Life, Inc. (AWOL). Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**  
**AGENDA DATE: September 21, 2012**

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

**ISSUE:**  
To request Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with All Walks of Life, Inc. (AWOL).

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. The Board of Commissioners approved a \$50,000 appropriation to All Walks of Life, Inc. (AWOL) at their meeting held August 24, 2012.
  2. The adopted FY2013 budget did not include funding for this purpose. A request to transfer General Fund M&O contingency funds was approved by the Board on September 7, 2012.
  3. The County Attorney has reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding with All Walks of Life, Inc. (AWOL) which is attached and submitted for Board approval.

**FUNDING:**  
Funds are available in the General Fund M&O - Special Appropriations (1009975-57.30001).

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. That the Board approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.
  2. Provide other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**  
Approval is consistent with Board action requiring a contract or Memorandum of Understanding with agencies providing services.

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

STATE OF GEORGIA        )  
  )  
COUNTY OF CHATHAM    )

**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AWOL (ALL WALKS OF LIFE, INC.)**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, by and between AWOL, All Walks of Life, Inc. (hereinafter called AWOL) and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter called the County).

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, AWOL is a spoken word (poetry) and hip-hop based youth development organization that targets "at-risk" youth. AWOL focuses on youth who have been, or are, at-risk for involvement in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the AWOL's mission is to promote and provide self-awareness through the use of poetry, hip-hop and life. This mission is met by providing Savannah's youth with safe afternoon/night-time arts and technology programs. AWOL redirects youth towards more positive activities and forms of expression; and

WHEREAS, AWOL connects with neighborhoods the youth participants reside in through community improvement and involvement projects. AWOL's programming encompasses a variety of services that include: vocational training, mentoring, juvenile crime prevention, youth development, conflict resolution workshops, information and referrals to jobs; and

WHEREAS, AWOL's Arts and Technology programs include four disciplines of programming to include, Information Technology, Sound Design and Audio Editing, Film and Photography and Theater and

Performing Arts. Each of these program disciplines fall under Savannah Economic Development Authority as Knowledge-Based Business markets generating more than \$3.4 million in annual wages. Youth enrolled will enter one or more of AWOL's vocational arts and technology based education programs to gain job ready skills, be engaged in group mentoring and conflict resolution training, and be kept out of trouble during the hours most relevant to them, after school and at night. Youth entering Information Technology vocational programs will develop skills in PC hardware configuration, troubleshooting, repairing and upgrades. Operating system software commonly used for computers and networking (Microsoft® and Linux), will be explained and practiced. Basic literacy and numeracy skills are assessed. The overall goal of all AWOL programs is to enhance youth abilities, employability and ultimately, self-sufficiency. Secondly, this project will serve to prevent and/or intervene in the lives of youth involved in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Board is the governing authority of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, the County has expressed that at-risk youth residing in Chatham County should have an equal opportunity to gain access to advanced training in Arts and Technology and County desires to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with AWOL to ensure at-risk youth population the opportunity to participate in job training, increase personal education, increase income capacity, and enhance their ability to contribute meaningfully to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, AWOL and the County enter into this Memorandum of Understanding for Services and agree more particularly as follows:

**SECTION 1.** AWOL agrees that it shall provide, including, but not limited to, the following services:

1. Provide Arts & Technology vocational training in one or more of AWOL four main discipline areas to a minimum of 80 out of 100 registered youth; thus preparing them for entry into local job market as entry level technicians by June 30, 2012.
2. A minimum of 80% out of 100 enrolled youth will complete the program with no new or repeat referrals to juvenile court by June 30, 2013.
3. You will experience a minimum of a 75% increase in knowledge and hands on skills as determined through pre/post testing and evaluation by June 30, 2013.
4. Provide conflict resolution training to a minimum of 80% of enrolled youth by June 30, 2013.
5. Provide Information Technology vocational job training, job shadowing and internship opportunities to a minimum of 20 out of 80 enrolled youth by June 30, 2013.
6. By the end of programming, youth will demonstrate a 75% increase in skills necessary to perform technical support aspects associated within the IT career field as evidenced by pre/post testing and instructor evaluation by June 30, 2013.
7. Provide 10 trained youth annually to support Wireless Network initiative in the MLK corridor and downtown area and other county wide digital literacy projects.
8. Provide such records, including but not limited to financial and programmatic activity reports as County staff require to assess effectiveness and compliance with this Memorandum of Understanding.
9. Acknowledge the support of the Chatham County Commission in their advertisements and marketing initiatives; and
10. Document that a minimum of 6 court referred youth have been able to avoid repeat court referrals and incarceration through their participation in the program.

**SECTION 2.**

The County, for and in consideration of the delivery of the above-described services agrees more particularly as follows:

1. Provide \$50,000 in funding for operating costs;
2. Promote the AWOL Youth IT Training program to key stakeholders and the community at-large;
3. Provide Commissioner and staff representatives to attend periodic events designed to bolster the self-esteem of graduating youth; and
4. Encourage the Chatham County Juvenile Court to refer those youth already involved in the juvenile justice system to the program in an effort to deter juvenile crime activity.

**SECTION 3.** Terms of Memorandum of Understanding

AWOL agrees that the subject appropriation by the County shall be used only for the purposes outlined within the Memorandum of Understanding. AWOL agrees to maintain in accordance with generally acceptable accounting principles, records of all expenditures pertaining to funds granted under this Memorandum of Understanding and shall allow County auditors complete access for purposes of verifying the appropriate expenditure of funds within the meaning of services to be provided.

This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect for a period of one year unless amended or terminated by the County or AWOL upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

**AWOL ALL WALKS OF LIFE, INC.**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVENA JORDAN  
Executive Director

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

**CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
PETE LIAKAKIS, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
JANICE E. BOCOOK  
Clerk of Commission

[SEAL]

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
R. Jonathan Hart  
County Attorney

=====

**7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE ENERGY EXCISE TAX.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved the Board for approval of intergovernmental agreements with municipalities for the allocation and distribution of proceeds from the energy excise tax. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-7**  
**AGENDA DATE: September 21, 2012**

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

**ISSUE:**  
Request Board approval of intergovernmental agreements with municipalities for the allocation and distribution of proceeds from the energy excise tax.

**BACKGROUND:**  
The General Assembly enacted a major tax reform package during their 2012 legislative session, including House Bill (BH) 386, codified at O.C.G.A. §48-13-112, et. seq. HB 386 provided a sales and use tax exemption for energy used in manufacturing. HB 386 also authorizes counties to levy a new local energy excise tax to recoup the sales and use tax forgone by the State's exemption.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-13-114, "the governing authority of the County within the special district shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the governing authority of each municipality wishing to participate in such excise tax that provides for the distribution of the [energy excise tax] proceeds... Following the execution of such agreement, the governing authority of such County shall be authorized to adopt an ordinance levying the excise tax."

Each of the municipalities in the County have indicated its wish to participate in the energy excise tax and to enter into intergovernmental agreements with the County regarding the same.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. O.C.G.A. §48-13-112, eq. seq. authorizes the County to levy a local energy excise tax on energy used in manufacturing. Chatham County can levy an excise tax of up to 2% since the County has both LOST and SPLOST taxes in place. The energy excise tax is intended to replace sales and use taxes exempted by the State during the 2012 General Assembly session.

2. In accordance with the mandates of O.C.G.A. §48-13-113, the County met and conferred with local municipal representatives on June 24, 2012, regarding imposition and distribution of the energy excise tax.
3. Each municipality wishing to participate in the excise tax must enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the County. The County distributed letters to each municipality on August 13, 2012, requesting that any city wishing to participate in the tax provide a signed intergovernmental agreement back to the County Attorney's office by August 31, 2012. An intergovernmental agreement was provided with the letter. The signed intergovernmental agreements with each municipality are attached hereto.

**FUNDING:**

The energy excise tax will replace exempted sales and use taxes for energy used in manufacturing. The use of the excise tax is unrestricted.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

In accordance with adopted financial policies, the County seeks to diversify its revenue sources.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the intergovernmental agreements with municipalities for the allocation and distribution of proceeds from the energy excise tax.
2. Do not approve the intergovernmental agreements with municipalities for the allocation and distribution of proceeds from the energy excise tax.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Alternative 1.

=====

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay 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 Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
A. Replacement vehicle for the Engineering Dept. and authorize the disposal of one (1) vehicle to be used as a trade-in	Fleet	Fairway Lincoln	\$18,150	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Fleet Replacement
B. Annual contract for four (4) one year renewals to provide warehouse supplies for the Detention Center	Detention Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Calico Industries</li> <li>•DGG Taser (WBE)</li> <li>•Doyle Chemical &amp; Supply Company (WBE)</li> <li>•Home Depot</li> <li>•Interboro Packaging</li> <li>•Paper Chemical &amp; Supply Company (WBE)</li> <li>•Pinnacle Technologies</li> <li>•Southeastern Paper Group, Inc.</li> <li>•Staples</li> </ul>	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•General Fund/M&amp;O - Various</li> <li>•SSD - Various</li> </ul>
C. Keyboard -Video-Mouse (KMV) switch for the datacenter at the Pete Liakakis Government Building	I.C.S.	Interface Electronic, Inc.	\$15,924	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Project
D. Annual renewal of document imaging system servers and software maintenance for I.C.S.	I.C.S.	Palmetto Microfilm, LLC	\$28,047	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S

E. Professional services contract for design and engineering services of Liberty City Community Center Addition	Building & Safety	Kern - Coleman & Co.	\$47,850	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Liberty City Community Center
F. Replacement vehicle for the Public Defender Dept.	Fleet	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$14,300	•CIP - Fleet Replacement •General Fund/M&O - Public Defender
G. <i>Deductive</i> Change Order No. 8 to the annual contract for pest control services to discontinue at the "old" Fleet Operations location	Fleet	Cox Termite and Pest Control	(\$15) per month	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
H. Change Order No.2 to the annual contract providing specialized lawn care services at the Fleet Operations temporary location	Fleet	Chase Landscaping, Inc.	•\$250 per month April - October •\$150 per month November - March	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
I. Cabling service to terminate and test existing 288 fiber optic cables at the Pete Liakakis Government Building	I.C.S.	Network Cabling Infrastructures, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$11,395	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Project
J. 2,275 tons of graded aggregate base to stabilize roads and prevent soil erosion at the Chatham County Wetland Mitigation Bank	Engineering	Ready Mix USA	\$50,050	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Greenspace
K. Advertising of September 2012 Tax Sales Ads for the Tax Commissioner's Office	Tax Commissioner	Shivers Trading / Morris Communications Publishing Group (Sole Source)	\$10,910	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
L. Contract for Truman Trail/Phase 2, Segment 1 to widen the Julie Backus Smith Trail at Lake Mayer	<del>Engineering</del> Public Works and Park Services	E & D Coatings, Inc. (WBE)	\$376,884	•SPLOST (2008-2014) - Green Space •SPLOST (1998-2003) - Coastal Georgia Greenway
M. Confirmation of emergency purchase of additional materials (oak plywood and boards) for CAP Casegoods project	Special Projects	Myer Decorative Surfaces, Inc.	\$21,047	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse/CAP Project
N. Confirmation of emergency purchase of storage space for Fleet Operations	Fleet	Reese & Company	\$19,904	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
O. Architectural design services for 123 Abercorn Street	Special Projects	Lott + Barber (Sole Source)	\$67,000	SPLOST (2008-2012) - Courthouse Project

AGENDA ITEM: **X-8 A thru O**  
AGENDA DATE: **September 21, 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 the \$18,150 purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Engineering Department from Fairway Lincoln, and authorize the disposal of one (1) vehicle to be used as a trade-in.

**BACKGROUND:** This vehicle will be used to replace a unit that is no longer useful to the Engineering Department.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. A standing request for "good" used cars is in place with local dealers and they are encouraged to let us know when they have something they feel we should consider. Staff checked with local car dealers that normally respond to bids and came back with a proposal.
2. The Fleet Manager and a representative from the department selected the following vehicle based on utility and value.
3. The vehicle selected:

Fairway Lincoln	
2009 Ford Ranger 4X4	\$19,000
Less trade	(\$ 850)
Total	\$18,150

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) - Fleet Replacement  
(3234985 - 54.22001 - 32360630)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$18,150 purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Engineering Department from Fairway Lincoln, and authorize the disposal of one (1) vehicle to be used as a trade-in.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of a replacement vehicle.

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

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

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Calico Industries of Annapolis Junction, MD; DGG Taser of Jacksonville, FL; Doyle Chemical & Supply Company of Savannah, GA; Home Depot of Atlanta, GA; Interboro Packaging of Montgomery, NY; Paper Chemical & Supply Company of Savannah, GA; Pinnacle Technologies of Greenville, SC; Southeastern Paper Group of Browns Summit, NC and Staples of Atlanta, GA to provide warehouse supplies for the Detention Center.

**BACKGROUND:** The annual contract for warehouse supplies is required to provide "as needed" delivery of the demand for the various items provided by this contract.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Specifications were developed for eighty (80) items of various warehouse supplies (see attachment pages 17-24 for details of items and pricing offered). A request for bid was properly advertised and seventeen (17) bids were received. The bidders are listed as follows:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
|   | Coastal Paper/Sail Chemical Company<br>Savannah, GA |
| * | Doyle Chemical & Supply Company<br>Savannah, GA     |
| * | Paper Chemical & Supply Company<br>Savannah, GA     |
|   | Home Depot<br>Atlanta, GA                           |
|   | Graybar<br>Savannah, GA                             |

Staples  
Atlanta, GA

Southeastern Paper Group, Inc.  
Browns Summit, NC

\* AFP Industries  
South Miami, FL

Pinnacle Technologies  
Greenville, SC

Unipak, Corp.  
Brooklyn, NY

\* DGG Taser  
Jacksonville, FL

Central Poly, Corp.  
Linden, NJ

\* Interboro Packaging  
Montgomery, NY

Calico Industries  
Annapolis Junction, MD

All American Poly  
Piscataway, NJ

Bob Barker  
Fuquay Varina, NC

\* WBE

2. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "absolute low bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm to match the "absolute low" bid. If the local firm does match the "absolute low" bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. A non-Chatham County firm offered the "absolute low" bids on several items. Paper Chemical & Supply Company and Doyle Chemical & Supply Company were asked to match the outside firm's bid on line items: 8, 21, 29, 30a, 37a, 37b 39, 41c, 41d, 43b, 45, 52, 53a, 53b, 55. Paper Chemical & Supply Company and Doyle Chemical & Supply Company agreed to match the low bid.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Calico Industries of Annapolis Junction, MD; DGG Taser of Jacksonville, FL; Doyle Chemical & Supply Company of Savannah, GA; Home Depot of Atlanta, GA; Interboro Packaging of Montgomery, NY; Paper Chemical & Supply Company of Savannah, GA; Pinnacle Technologies of Greenville, SC; Southeastern Paper Group of Browns Summit, NC and Staples of Atlanta, GA to provide warehouse supplies for the Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$15,924.00 purchase from Interface Electronic, Inc., for a Keyboard-Video-Mouse (KVM) switch for the datacenter at the Pete Liakakis Government Building.

**BACKGROUND:** The Raritan Dominion KX II is a secure, enterprise class KVM-over-IP switch that will allow I.C.S. server administrators to remotely manage servers from one workstation. With many servers to manage, utilizing a KVM switch is a standard industry practice to save time and money.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. I.C.S. recommends digital KVM switches with standard features that maximize performance, security, and reliability with a centralized access system for the virtual environment and physical infrastructure in the new data center.
2. Staff received quotes from three (3) vendors. Quotes are as follows:
 

Interface Electronics Duluth, GA	\$15,924
* Entre Computer Solutions Savannah, GA	\$17,858
Graybar Electric Savannah, GA	\$21,080
* MBE Firm	
3. Entre Computer Solutions was offered the opportunity to match the low, non-local bidder but was unable to match the price.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$15,924.00 purchase from Interface Electronic, Inc., for a Keyboard-Video-Mouse (KVM) switch for the datacenter at the Pete Liakakis Government Building.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential hardware needed to run necessary equipment used throughout the County.

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

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

**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$28,047 annual renewal of document imaging system servers and software maintenance and support from Palmetto Microfilm, LLC, for I.C.S.

**BACKGROUND:** This maintenance is needed for support of the AX Image Capture Server, AX Web Net, Public Access 25, AX Server - 128 CC, DX Windows file system manager and Data Manager for various County departments who utilize this scanning system.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County I.C.S. purchased all of the following from Palmetto Microfilm: Application Extender, or AX licenses, Web X and Workflow process builder. I.C.S. recommends that all departments using document imaging use the AX software as standard.
2. I.C.S. recommends the maintenance renewal for support of this software for all users scanning documents into document imaging.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$28,047 for annual maintenance and support renewal to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$28,047 annual renewal of document imaging system servers and software maintenance and support from Palmetto Microfilm, LLC, for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary maintenance support for software applications which enhance job productivity.

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

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
NICK BATEY

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

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$47,850 professional services contract to Kern - Coleman & Co., for design and engineering services of the Liberty City Community Center addition.

**BACKGROUND:** This project is for design and engineering of the Liberty City Community Center addition which is located at 1401 Mills B. Lane Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia. The addition will be a 4,000 square foot multi-use facility. The facility will contain spacial allocations to accommodate programs directed by the City of Savannah, including a multi-purpose room, reading room/library, computer lab, office, wellness/fitness room, game room and storage.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Proposals were solicited for Design/Engineering Services for the Liberty City Community Center addition. Six (6) proposals were received. The proposals were scored by the evaluation committee and due to the closeness of the proposal scores, the top five (5) high scoring firms were interviewed. After the interviews were scored, the fee proposals that were submitted by the five (5) finalists were opened and scored. After adding the scores from the proposal, interview and fee proposal, Kern - Coleman & Co., is the high scoring firm. (See attached matrix on page 25 for detailed scoring).
2. Staff finds the fee proposal submitted by Kern - Coleman & Co., to be fair and reasonable for the size and complexity of this project.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Liberty City Community Center  
(3244980 - 52.12002 - 32470340)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$47,850 professional services contract to Kern - Coleman & Co., for design and engineering services of the Liberty City Community Center addition.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$14,300 purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Public Defender Department from J. C. Lewis Ford.

**BACKGROUND:** A 2005 Ford Taurus was involved in an accident which caused extensive damage to the front end. The damage makes it financially unfeasible to repair.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. A standing request for "good" used cars is in place with local dealers and they are encouraged to let us know when they have something they feel we should consider. Staff checked with local car dealers that normally respond to bids and came back with this proposal.
2. The Fleet Manager and a representative from the department selected the following vehicle based on utility and value.
3. The vehicle selected :

J. C. Lewis Ford  
2010 Ford Fusion \$14,300

**FUNDING:** •CIP - Fleet Replacement  
(3501567 - 54.22001 - 3503068A) \$10,000  
•General Fund/M&O - Public Defender  
(1002800 - 54.22001) \$4,300

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$14,300 purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Public Defender Department from J. C. Lewis Ford.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of a replacement vehicle.

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

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

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

#### ITEM G

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 8, in the *deductive* amount of \$15 per month to the annual contract for pest control services with Cox Termite and Pest Control Inc., to discontinue services at the "old" Fleet Operations location.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 17, 2010, the Board approved an annual contract for pest control services at various departments and agencies of Chatham County to Cox Termite and Pest Control Inc.

#### **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Fleet Operations has moved from the Sallie Mood Drive location and is temporarily relocated to 3916 Old Louisville Road. At this time, pest control services are not necessary at the temporary location.

2. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract Amount (11-21-08)	\$18,740/Year
Change Order No. 1 (01-16-09)	\$ 300/Year
Change Order No. 2 (03-13-09)	\$ 540/Year
<i>Deductive</i> Change Order No. 3 (03-27-09)	\$ (180)/Year
<i>Deductive</i> Change Order No. 4 (09-11-09)	\$ (300)/Year
Change Order No. 4(09-11-09)	\$ 540/Year
Change Order No. 5 (05-14-10)	\$ 660/Year
<i>Deductive</i> Change Order No. 6 (10-22-10)	\$ (300)/Year
Change Order No. 6 (10-22-10)	\$ 1,800/Year
Change Order No. 7 (04-29-11)	\$ 500/Year
<i>Deductive</i> Change Order No. 8 (pending)	\$ (180)/Year
Revised Contract Amount	\$22,120/Year

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations  
(1001567 - 52.22001)

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 8, in the *deductive* amount of \$15 per month to the annual contract for pest control services with Cox Termite and Pest Control Inc. to discontinue services at the "old" Fleet Operations location.

2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to issue Change Orders to essential service contracts to recognize changes in scope of services.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MELVA SHARPE

#### ITEM H

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 2, in the amount of \$250 per month for the months of April - October and \$150 per month for the months of November - March to the annual contract with Chase Landscaping, Inc., to provide specialized lawn care services at the Fleet Operations temporary location at 3916 Old Louisville Road.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 17, 2010, the Board approved an annual contract for specialized lawn care and litter collection services at various County facilities with Chase Landscaping, Inc.

#### **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Fleet Operations has temporarily relocated to 3916 Old Louisville Road. This location will require monthly lawn care services.

2. The price provided to perform this service is comparable to contract prices for other locations of similar size and scope.

3. Staff believes the annual cost of \$2,500 provided by Chase Landscaping, Inc., to perform lawn care services at the Fleet Operations temporary location to be fair and reasonable.

4. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract Amount (09-17-11)	\$27,2520/Year
Change Order No. 1 (12-16-11)	\$ 2,850/Year
Change Order No. 2 (pending)	\$ 2,500/Year
Revised Contract Amount	\$32,600/Year

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations  
(1001567 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 2, in the amount of \$250 per month for the months of April - October and \$150 per month for the months of November - March to the annual contract with Chase Landscaping, Inc., to provide specialized lawn care services at the Fleet Operations temporary location at 3916 Old Louisville Road.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to issue Change Orders to essential service contracts to recognize changes in scope of services.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MELVA SHARPE

**ITEM I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$11,395 sole source purchase of cabling service to terminate and test existing 288 fiber optic cables at the Pete Liakakis Government Building from Network Cabling Infrastructures, Inc.

**BACKGROUND:** On February 25, 2011, the Board awarded a contract to provide Outside Plant Optical Cable installation from Montgomery Street Courthouse to the Pete Liakakis Government Building as a part of the building renovation.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Construction and renovation of the Pete Liakakis Government Building is nearing completion.
2. Network Cabling Infrastructures, Inc., was awarded the contract for the purchase and installation of fiber optic cables from Montgomery Street Courthouse to the Pete Liakakis Government Building
3. Staff recommends to use the original vendor to terminate and test existing 288 fiber optic cables due to the familiarity of the project and location of cables.
4. Staff believes the cost of \$11,395 to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$11,395 sole source purchase of cabling service to terminate and test existing 288 fiber optic cables at the Pete Liakakis Government Building from Network Cabling Infrastructures, Inc.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve sole source procurements that are necessary for the completion of projects.

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

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
NICK BATEY

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

**ITEM J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$50,050 purchase from Ready Mix USA, LLC, for 2,275 tons of graded aggregate base to stabilize roads and prevent soil erosion into adjacent wetlands and state waters at the Chatham County Wetland Mitigation Bank.

**BACKGROUND:** Creation and enhancement activities at the Chatham County Wetland Mitigation bank are complete. Staff is working on stabilizing the entire site. As part of the stabilization efforts, staff must install graded aggregate base on the roadways within the site to prevent soil erosion and sediment loss into adjacent wetlands and state waters.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. There are two local suppliers for graded aggregate base. They are Ready Mix USA, LLC (D/B/A Aggregates USA, LLC) and Martin Marietta. Staff obtained quotes from both vendors.
2. The quotes received from the vendors are as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Ready Mix USA Savannah, GA	\$22.00 per ton	\$50,050
Martin Marietta Savannah, GA	\$23.00 per ton	\$52,325

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Greenspace  
(3244981 - 52.39001 - 3247041Z)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$50,050 purchase from Ready Mix USA, LLC, for 2,275 tons of graded aggregate base to stabilize roads and prevent soil erosion into adjacent wetlands and state waters at the Chatham County Wetland Mitigation Bank.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchase orders over \$10,000.

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

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

**ITEM K**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$10,910 sole source purchase for advertising of September 2012 Tax Sales Ads with Shivers Trading/Morris Communications Publishing Group for the Tax Commissioner's Office.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chatham County Tax Commissioner's Office must advertise properties scheduled for tax sale in the local newspaper.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Shivers Trading/Morris Communications Publishing Group is the legal organization for Savannah/Chatham County area.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$10,910 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner  
(1001545 - 52.33001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$10,910 sole source purchase for advertising of September 2012 Tax Sales Ads with Shivers Trading/Morris Communications Publishing Group for the Tax Commissioner's Office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for advertising in local publications.

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

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

**ITEM L**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$376,884 construction contract to E&D Coatings, Inc., for the Truman Trail/Phase 2, Segment 1 to widen the Julie Backus Smith Trail at Lake Mayer.

**BACKGROUND:** Segment 1 of the Truman Trail will be the widening of the Julie Backus Smith Trail at Lake Mayer. The project calls for a four (4) foot addition of recycled rubber. Pedestrians will use the new path and the asphalt pathway will be used by bicyclists and roller bladers. Chatham County retained Thomas & Hutton Engineering to design and receive permit approval for the project, which must follow Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) procedures because of a \$200,000 federal grant.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project was properly advertised and four (4) bids were received and publicly opened. The bids are as follows:

	<u>Base Bid</u>
* E&D Coatings, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$376,884
Seaboard Construction Co. Brunswick, GA.	\$420,447
L-J, Inc. Columbia, S.C.	\$426,545
Dabbs-Williams General Contractors Statesboro, GA.	\$450,961
* WBE firm	

2. In consultation with Thomas & Hutton, the engineering consultant for this project, and verification of pricing, staff believes that the bid is fair, reasonable and responsive.
3. Segment 2 of the Truman Trail will extend an asphalt trail 4.6 miles from Lake Mayer to Police Memorial Trail, which connects to Daffin Park. Chatham County received a \$1,008,000 federal grant which also requires local matching funds. Thomas & Hutton continues through the design process under GDOT procedures, which requires extensive environmental review (GDOT treats trail projects under federal grant funds the same as a road project). The project will be bid out in late fall 2013.

**FUNDING:** •SPLOST (2008-2014) - Green Space  
(3244985 - 54.13011 - 3247041Z) \$278,324  
•SPLOST (1998-2003) - Coastal Georgia Greenway  
(3224985 - 54.13011 - 32270187) \$98,560

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$376,884 construction contract to E&D Coatings, Inc., for the Truman Trail/Phase 2, Segment 1 to widen the Julie Backus Smith Trail at Lake Mayer.
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 the approval of Alternative 1.

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

**ITEM M**

**ISSUE:** Request Board confirmation of the \$21,047 emergency purchase of additional materials (oak plywood and lumber), from Meyer Decorative for the CAP casegoods project for the Pete Liakakis Government Building.

**BACKGROUND:** At the July 6 meeting, the Board approved a project which would partner the Chatham Apprentice Program (CAP) with the County's Construction Services Division to fabricate casegoods for the Pete Liakakis Government Building. The County would teach candidates living in poverty households, the skills needed to build casegoods, such as desks, in hopes of future employment as cabinet makers. The materials, 3/4 inch veneered wood, and 1 inch planks are needed for the desks, credenzas and returns.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. At the August 10 meeting, the Board approved confirmation of an emergency purchase to acquire 250, 3/4 inch veneered (oak) in 4 foot by 8 foot sheets and oak planks needed for the rails and stiles.

Meyer Decorative provided the lowest, responsible unit cost for plain oak veneer. This approval will expedite a second order necessary to complete the materials list.

2. Staff shopped local vendors and evaluated pricing of materials based on a standard of 250 3/4-inch veneered (oak) in 4 foot by 8 foot sheets and oak planks needed for the rails and stiles. Meyer provided the lowest, responsible unit cost for plain sawn oak veneer on a 3/4inch base and the dimensional lumber for rails and stiles.
3. To expedite the order before Board approval, the Chairman and an Assistant County Manager authorized an emergency purchase (See page 26). Based on pricing, staff is suggesting a purchase order of \$21,047 based on the unit costs which Meyer provided.
4. Meyer Laminate is a local vendor which consistently has provided Chatham County with lowest pricing and best quality for wood veneer and dimensional lumber.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2012) - Courthouse Project  
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32460427)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board confirmation of the \$21,047 emergency purchase of additional materials (oak plywood and lumber), from Meyer Decorative for the CAP casegoods project for the Pete Liakakis Government Building.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** Georgia law and *The Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance* and Procedures Manual provide authority for emergency purchases which not only secure life and safety but also to expedite approval until the Board of Commissioners' confirms as part of the public record.

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

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

**ITEM N**

**ISSUE:** To request Board confirmation of the \$19,904 lease agreement with JSR Properties, LLC, for storage and office space at 1335 Lynah Avenue, Unit 107, Garden City, GA 31408. This amount has been approved by the Chairman as an emergency purchase on September 10, 2012, (See page 27). The lease is for one year.

**BACKGROUND:** Fleet Operations is currently located at 3916 Old Louisville Rd. Due to an increase in vehicle repair volume and limited space to store vehicles, the temporary office must be removed to allow for vehicle storage. Also, equipment not utilized in the current building must be stored to be used in the new facility when constructed.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The location at 1335 Lynah Ave. is one and a half blocks from the old Louisville location. Also, it has ample storage space for the excess equipment.
2. The lease will be for one year from September 16, 2012 through September 13, 2013.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O – Fleet Operations  
(1001567 - 52.23101)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board confirmation of the \$19,904 lease agreement with JSR Properties, LLC, for storage and office space at 1335 Lynah Avenue, Unit 107, Garden City, GA 31408. This amount has been approved by the Chairman as an emergency purchase on September 10, 2012.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is Board policy to lease space as needed for temporary facilities. of valuable equipment.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MELVA SHARPE

**ITEM O**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$67,000 sole source professional architectural services contract with Lott + Barber for the design of renovations at 123 Abercorn Street.

**BACKGROUND:** The County recently purchased the property at 123 Abercorn Street which will be used to house the Human Resources Department.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1. Lott + Barber has recently designed County office space at the Pete Liakakis Government Building.
- 2. Lott + Barber is familiar with County standards for office space and is immediately available to begin the work.
- 3. Since the estimated construction cost is over \$100,000, the renovation must be designed to achieve LEED certification. The LEED Consultant will be under a separate contract.
- 4. Staff has reviewed the proposal provided by Lott + Barber and find it to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008 - 2012) - Courthouse Project  
(3244980-54.13011-32460427)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approval of a \$67,000 sole source professional architectural services contract with Lott + Barber for the design of renovations at 123 Abercorn Street.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve design contracts necessary for renovations to County buildings.

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

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

PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
PURCHASING AGENT

=====

**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. **IT IS PROPOSED THAT AN AMENDMENT TO REMOVE LANGUAGE FROM SECTION 4-13(5) OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE WHICH REQUIRES THE REPLACEMENT OF NON-CONFORMING SIGNS WITH CONFIRMING SIGNS BY A CERTAIN DATE. MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. MPC FILE NO. Z-120802-00038-1 [ALL DISTRICTS - UNINCORPORATED AREA.]**

Chairman Liakakis said, First Readings. It is proposed that an amendment to remove language from Section 4-13(5) of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance which requires the replacement of non-conforming signs with confirming signs by a certain date. MPC recommends approval. Mr. Manager, did you want to comment on this?

County Manager Abolt said, no, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. And there's no action on that today because it's the First Readings.

=====

**XII. SECOND READINGS**

- 1. **1. APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE AN ENERGY EXCISE TAX WITHIN CHATHAM COUNTY.**

Chairman Liakakis said, the Second Reading, of course is approval of an Ordinance to Impose an Energy Excise Tax within Chatham County is -- that was just stated by the County Manager, and we need --

County Manager Abolt said, motion.

Commissioner Stone said, move for approval.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I have one request.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, would someone explain. There's been questions about this. Just for the public what this is. That's it's not --

County Manager said, I'll defer to the world famous attorney, but as you'll recall at the end of the legislative session last spring there was adoption of a revision to state revenues, and they extended to local governments the opportunity to adopt an energy excise tax that would replace what the state is doing and also gives a choice in, I guess, in -- in the -- the arrow -- the quiver to attract more industry into the state. It's a -- it's a -- it's -- it's good. The challenge to the local governments is -- is to estimate how much revenue will come in. Our -- our most comforting comments we can give to you is we're hoping it's neutral.

County Attorney Hart said, I think the County Manager's pretty well summed it up. This is really not a new tax, it's a substitution of something that was taken away from the counties in the legislature that has standardly been a -- a tax, and the purpose of that was to make Georgia more competitive with its neighbors in regard to taking sales tax off of manufacturing products at the facility. So, it's hopefully revenue neutral. I doubt it will be, but, you know, it's nothing that you guys are doing and -- and besides that every municipality in the County has requested us to move forward with this, and technically, this body is the only body that can trigger this mechanism for providing the substitution method of collecting taxes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

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

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

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of an ordinance to impose an energy excise tax within Chatham County. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM:** ~~XI-1~~  
**AGENDA DATE:** ~~September 7, 2012~~  
**AGENDA ITEM:** XII-2  
**AGENDA DATE:** September 21, 2012

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

#### **ISSUE:**

Approval of an ordinance to impose an energy excise tax within Chatham County.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The General Assembly enacted a major tax reform package during their 2012 legislative session, including House Bill (HB) 386. HB 386 provided a sale and use tax exemption for energy use in manufacturing. The exemption applies to local sales tax levies as well as to state sales and use tax. HB 386 also authorizes counties to levy a new local energy excise tax to recoup the sale and use tax forgone by the State's exemption.

#### **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The County can levy a local energy excise tax on energy used in manufacturing. Chatham County can levy an excise tax of up to 2% since the County has both LOST and SPLOST taxes in place. The energy excise tax is intended to replace sales and use taxes exempted by the State during the 2012 General Assembly session.
2. The law requires the County to confer with local municipalities to enable the cities to participate in the tax. The County met with local municipal representatives at 6:00 p.m. on July 24, 2012 in the County Commission chambers at 124 Bull Street. A video of the meeting was provided to cities who were absent from the meeting.
3. A letter was distributed to each municipality on August 13, 2012, requesting that any city wishing to participate in the tax provide a signed intergovernmental agreement back to the County Attorney's office by August 31, 2012. An intergovernmental agreement was provided with the letter. The intergovernmental agreements will be provided to the Board for approval at the September 21, 2012 commission meeting.

- 4. The County will receive the tax share of any city who opts out of the energy excise tax.
- 5. The Energy Excise Tax is effective “on the first day of the next succeeding calendar quarter which begins more than 80 days after adoption of the ordinance.” Therefore, the Commission is being asked to adopt an Ordinance with an effective date of January 1, 2013 at its September 21, 2013 meeting to ensure it is eligible to receive the tax during calendar 2013.
- 6. The tax will be levied in increments that mirror the sales tax exemption schedule adopted by the State:
  - a. .5% in 2013
  - b. 1.0% in 2014
  - c. 1.5% in 2015
  - d. 2.0% in 2016
- 7. The County will collect and distribute the tax to area municipalities based on the current LOST and SPLOST distribution percentages. The County may retain a one percent administrative fee.

**FUNDING:**

The energy excise tax will replace exempted sales and use taxes for energy used in manufacturing. The use of the excise tax is unrestricted.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

In accordance with adopted financial policies, the County seeks to diversify its revenue sources.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Present the Energy Excise Tax Ordinance for a first reading September 7, 2012 and a second reading on September 21, 2012.
- 2. Provide other direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board follow Alternative 1.

STATE OF GEORGIA     )  
                                   )  
 COUNTY OF CHATHAM    )

**ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX ON  
 THE SALE, USE, STORAGE, OR CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-13-110 et seq., authorizes counties and municipalities to impose an excise tax on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy; and

WHEREAS, imposition of the excise tax on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy is contingent upon the enactment of an ordinance of the county or municipality; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County desires to impose such excise tax and pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-113 has met and conferred with each municipality in the county and no such municipality desires to participate in such excise tax.

OR

WHEREAS, Chatham County desires to impose such excise tax and pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-113 has met and conferred with each municipality in the county and has executed an intergovernmental agreement with the following jurisdictions: the City of Savannah, the City of Pooler, the City of Bloomingdale, the City of Port Wentworth, the City of Garden City, City of Tybee Island, the Town of Thunderbolt, and Vernonburg which desire to participate in such excise tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Energy Excise Tax Definitions

As used in this ordinance, the terms: "dealer;" "energy;" "local sales and use tax;" and "purchaser" shall have the same meanings as provided in O.C.G.A. § 48-13-110.

Section 2. Imposition; Rate; Remitting; Recovery; Liabilities

(a) In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-110 et seq., there is imposed within the territorial limits of the special district created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-111, an excise tax on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy when such sale, use, storage, or consumption would have constituted a taxable event for purposes of sales and use tax under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-1 et seq. but for the exemption in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2.

Section 3. Excise tax rate; phase-in.

(a) Such excise tax shall be levied and collected by the governing authority of Chatham County pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 48-13-112 and 48-13-114 and as provided in this section.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the rate of such excise tax shall be phased in over a four-year period as follows:

(1) For the period commencing January 1, 2013, and concluding at the last moment of December 31, 2013, such excise tax shall be at a rate equivalent to 25 percent of the total amount of local sales and use tax in effect in such special district that would be collected on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy but for the exemption in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2;

(2) For the period commencing January 1, 2014, and concluding at the last moment of December 31, 2014, such excise tax shall be at a rate equivalent to 50 percent of the total amount of local sales and use tax in effect in such special district that would be collected on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy but for the exemption in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2;

(3) For the period commencing January 1, 2015, and concluding at the last moment of December 31, 2015, such excise tax shall be at a rate equivalent to 75 percent of the total amount of local sales and use tax in effect in such special district that would be collected on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy but for the exemption in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2; and

(4) On or after January 1, 2016, such excise tax shall be at a rate equivalent to 100 percent of the total amount of local sales and use tax in effect in such special district that would be collected on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy but for the exemption in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2.

(c) In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2 (c)(4), if a project of regional significance under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(92) is started in the special district, it shall not be subject to the phase-in period contained in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (b) of this section, and the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy in connection therewith shall be subject to the rate specified in paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this section notwithstanding the January 1, 2016 limitation in that paragraph (4).

(d)(1) Following such initial imposition during the phase-in time period, on or after January 1, 2016, the rate of the excise tax levied and collected by the governing authority of Chatham County shall be directed by O.C.G.A. § 48-13-112(d). Such rate shall be controlled by the maximum amount of local sales and use tax in effect in the special district, but in no event more than 2 percent (except in the case where the municipal option water and sewer tax is levied where that rate will be 3%. See FN 4 below).

(2) In the event the total rate of local sales and use taxes in effect in the special district decreases from 2 percent to 1 percent, the rate of the excise tax under this ordinance shall likewise be reduced at the same time such local sales and use tax rate reduction becomes effective.

(3) In the event the total rate of local sales and use taxes in effect in the special district increases from 1 percent to 2 percent, the rate of the excise tax under this ordinance shall likewise be increased at the same time such local sales and use tax rate increase becomes effective.

#### Section 4. Imposition; Remittance; Recovery

In accordance with O.C.G.A. §48-13-112(c), such excise tax shall be:

(1) Imposed only at the time sales and use tax on the sale or use of such energy would have been due and payable under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-30 but for the exemption under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2;

(2) Due and payable in the same manner as would be required under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-1 et seq., except as other provided in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 et seq.;

(3) A debt of the purchaser of energy until it is paid and shall be recoverable at law in the same manner as authorized for the recovery of other debts;

(4) Remitted to the governing authority of Chatham County by the dealer collecting such excise tax; and

(5) A liability of the dealer at the applicable rate on the charges actually collected or the amount of excise taxes collected from purchasers, whichever is greater.

#### Section 5. Exemption Certificates

(a) The governing authority of Chatham County, or the collecting officer appointed under Section 8 of this ordinance, shall make diligent efforts to identify all energy providers and purchasers in the special district and to ascertain whether such a purchaser has completed a uniform exemption certificate provided from the website of the Georgia Department of Revenue seeking to qualify such purchaser for the exemption under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2. Such certificate shall be utilized by such governing authority or collecting officer for the purpose of determining the applicability of the excise tax under this ordinance.

(b) An energy provider shall be authorized to rely upon such uniform exemption certificates. No penalty shall attach to such provider for failure to collect the excise tax under this ordinance when it has properly collected and remitted local sales and use taxes on such energy where the purchaser would have

qualified for the uniform exemption certificate but failed to apply for such certificate or where the purchaser received such certificate but failed to file it with the energy provider.

Section 6. Commencement of Collections

The excise tax imposed pursuant to this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2013, and shall be due and payable to the governing authority of Chatham County monthly on or before the twentieth day of every month and each respective month in which such taxes are collected, and payment shall be accompanied by a return for the preceding monthly period showing the gross sales and purchases arising from all sales and purchases taxable under this ordinance during the preceding calendar month.

Section 7. Allocation, distribution, and expenditure of proceeds

(a) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-114 (b), the excise tax proceeds shall be allocated and distributed by the governing authority of Chatham County at the end of each calendar month. An amount equal to 1 percent of such proceeds collected by Chatham County shall be paid into the general fund of Chatham County to defray the costs of collection and administration.

(b) The remainder shall be distributed in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement as required under O.C.G.A. § 48-13-114 (b) and (c). Within 30 days following the end of each calendar month, the remainder shall be distributed to the general fund of Chatham County and the general fund of each participating municipality in accordance with the applicable provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-114 (c)(1) or (2) as follows:

(1) If two local sales and use taxes are in effect in the special district, an amount equal to one-half of the proceeds shall be distributed to the general fund of Chatham County and the general fund of each participating municipality located in the county according to the same proportionate share as specified under the distribution provisions of the first local sales and use tax and an amount equal to one-half of the proceeds of the excise tax shall be distributed to the general fund of Chatham County and the general fund of each participating municipality located in such county according to the same proportionate share as specified under the distribution provisions of the second local sales and use tax; or

(2) If only one such local sales and use tax is in effect in the special district, then the proceeds of the excise tax shall be distributed to the general fund of Chatham County and the general fund of each participating municipality located in the county according to the same proportionate share as specified under the distribution provisions of the local sales and use tax.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, proceeds of the excise tax deposited in the general fund of Chatham County may be expended for any lawful purpose as determined by the governing authority of Chatham County or as allowed under the intergovernmental agreement with participating municipalities of Chatham County..

Section 8. Administrative Provisions; Audits; Examinations; Collecting Officer

(a) The governing authority of Chatham County shall be authorized to designate a collecting officer for collection and administration of the excise tax under this ordinance.

(b) The collecting officer shall be authorized to provide for procedures necessary to the proper implementation of this ordinance, including, but not limited to, periodic auditing of dealers collecting and remitting the excise tax. The collecting officer, or the designee of the collecting officer, is specifically authorized to examine the books, papers, records, financial reports, equipment, or other facilities of any purchaser which is required to remit the excise tax under this ordinance.

(c) In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-13-118, as part of the audit report required under O.C.G.A. § 36-81-7, the auditor shall include, in a separate schedule, a report of the revenues pertaining to the excise tax under this ordinance.

Section 9. Repealer

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 10. Effective Date

The ordinance shall become effective \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

BE IT ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, Georgia.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Pete Liakakis

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Bocook  
Clerk of Commission

SEAL

=====

**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Liakakis said, and you were given the information on your book on other items -- information items.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

A status report was attached as information.

=====

2. **LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (See Attached.)**

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: September 21, 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>
Microsoft server software	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$9,501	CIP - Novalis Remediation
One (1) amphibious vehicle trailer	Mosquito Control	Coast Machinery, LLC. (Sole Source)	\$9,900	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Educational training	Detention Center	University of Phoenix	\$4,500	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Annual service agreement renewal on Powerware	Sheriff	Advent Power Protection Systems	\$4,108	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
Security alarm monitoring	Tax Commissioner	ADT Security Services	\$5,552	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Architectural service to design entry cover for the parking garage	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Barnard Architects (Sole Source)	\$4,000	Parking Garage
16 firearms	Sheriff	Ed's Public Safety	\$6,656	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
Storage bins, workbenches, job site boxes and safety storage cabinets for new Public Works Facility	Public Works and Park Services	Millworks & Supply, Inc.	\$8,130	SPLOST (2003-2008) Public Works Building
133 tons of grated aggregate base course stone	Public Works and Park Services	Aggregates USA, LLC.	\$2,793	SSD- Public Works
Three (3) signs for auditorium	Detention Center	Doug Bean Signs, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$4,200	CIP - Jail Expansion Fund
Engineering plan revisions to add pedestrian signals to the SR 307 widening project-traffic signal at U.S.17	Engineering	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company	\$3,100	SPLOST (2003-2008) Dean Forest Widening
14 surface mount shower heads	Detention Center	Southern Pipe & Supply Company, Inc.	\$6,277	CIP - Detention Center
12,000 file tags for FileTrail system for Superior Court	I.C.S.	FileTrail, Inc.	\$4,655	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court
One (1) Dell server	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$7,400	SPLOST (2008-2014) Courthouse Renovation
48 wire shelving units	Detention Center	Veteran Sales and Service	\$9,976	CIP - Jail Expansion Fund

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Annual maintenance agreement on three (3) fingerprint machines and printers	Sheriff	Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc.	\$8,900	•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff - \$3,560 •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - 5,340
Repair of two (2) pool sensors	Aquatic Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$3,564	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Prisoner transport	Detention Center	U.S. Prisoner Transport	\$3,821	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
New Holland tractor parts	Fleet Operations	Atlantic Coastal Equipment	\$2,538	Inventory Account

=====

**3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

A status report was attached as information.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS**  
**AGENDA DATE: September 21, 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. Construction underway by GDOT of 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. Project put on hold in 2010 pending another Assessment of Effects (AOE) to historic properties. 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 Replacements. Expect to solicit bids for construction contracts for both bridges October 2012.
  - b. Ridgewood Avenue, Beechwood Avenue and Elmhurst Avenue. Construction underway. Estimated completion December 2012.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE**  
**AGENDA DATE: September 21, 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 November 2012. The Board approved a contract for construction of the Phase 2B (west of Dean Forest to the west end of the airport) on July 10, 2012. Staff expects construction will start in October 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.
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. 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. 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. Projects to extend the improvements to a point north of Marshall Avenue are underway and include construction of maintenance access and culvert replacements.
7. Ogeechee Farms Area. The project includes improvements to canals and culverts. Phase 1 installed about 0.2 miles of stormwater pipe 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 for Phase III is expected to be complete by October 2012.
8. 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.
9. Laberta-Cresthill Area. The project replaced a culvert under Whitefield Avenue with a double box culvert to relieve flooding within the Cresthill Subdivision. Construction is complete.
10. 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.
11. 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 soliciting engineering proposals to design drainage from the Gateway area.
12. 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.
13. Lehigh-Shipyard Lane Area. The project will relieve roadside drainage issues causing nuisance flooding in the Lehigh Avenue and Shipyard Lane area. Final design work and permitting are complete. Bids for the construction will be opened September 20, 2012. Construction is expected to begin in November 2012.
14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Wymberley Area. The project will address inadequate neighborhood drainage including roadside 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.

17. 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

=====

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Liakakis said, and now --

County Manager Abolt said, litigation --

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, land acquisition, unless you have appointments.

Chairman Liakakis said, appointments I might. Possibly I'll know -- possibility of an appointment also.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to go into Executive Session for that.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. Patrick [Farrell]. Motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

The Board recessed at approximately 10:55 a.m.

=====

**ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

=====

**APPOINTMENTS**

- 1. **Live Oak Public Library Board**

**Action of the Board:**

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the appointment of Heather Harmon and Shirley Sessions to serve on the Live Oak Public Library Board of Trustees with their terms to expire June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015 respectively. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present; Commissioners Stone, Farrell and Kicklighter was not present.]

=====

**2. Savannah Chatham County Council on Disability Issues****Action of the Board:**

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the appointment of Nicolas Pecone to serve on the Savannah-Chatham County Council on Disability Issues with his term to expire September 1, 2016. The Board voted and the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present; Commissioners Stone, Farrell and Kicklighter was not present.]

=====

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

=====

**APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PETE LIAKAKIS, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION**