

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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 6:08 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on our County Commissioner Patrick Shay to give the Invocation.

Commissioner Shay gave the Invocation as follows:

Lord, thank you for the opportunity to gather on your behalf and the behalf of the people of Chatham County. Please grant us the wisdom and the courage to do what we know we need to do as Commissioners in order that all people would have a chance to thrive under your guidance. Amen.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. I ask our County clerk 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
Tabitha A. Odell, District Five
David M. Gellatly, District Six
Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Not Present: Patrick K. Farrell, District Four

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

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V. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

- 1. BOARD APPROVAL OF EXTENSION #3 OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH HUTCHINSON HOTEL HOLDINGS (HHH) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A TRADE CENTER CONVENTION HOTEL. [TABLED AT MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2012].**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a tabled items, Board approval of extension number 3 of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hutchinson Hotel Holdings for the proposed development of a Trade Center convention hotel.

It was tabled at the meeting on October the 5th. We need a motion on the floor to take it off the table.

Commissioner Odell said, I make the motion to take it off the table.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, I need a second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. Motion passes. We need a motion on the floor to extend the Memorandum of Understanding for the Hutchinson Hotel Holdings for a proposed development of a Trade Center convention hotel, but I want everybody to know today that are out here before we have that motion on the floor is that we are not voting on a hotel today, for that to be built. The only thing that this Commission for this special meeting is today -- is to vote on extending the MOU, the Memorandum of Understanding. That's what today's meeting is about.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Stone said, I do believe though that there's several people here that sat through the meeting on Friday and would like to make some comments.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, after we get the motion on the floor to -- for that, to approve that Memorandum of Understanding, then we can ask people that would like to speak about this particular issue, but we're going to ask the people to limit their comments to three minutes in there for this particular issue. Need a motion on the floor now.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, about a year ago this County Commission decided to explore the potential for a convention hotel in conjunction with an expansion of the Trade Center on Hutchinson Island. And at that time, what we voted to do as a body was to do our homework, was to do the research and do that in an unbiased way because there was a lot being said, both pro and con, about the potential for a hotel development on Hutchinson Island. And what we agreed a year ago as a body to do was to ask our county staff in the person of Russ Abolt and Pat Monahan to do the homework so that it could come back to us and that we would have a chance to look at that homework and look at it from an unbiased observer. Among the things that we said that we were going to do at that time was to update the market study that had been prepared at the request of the Georgia International Maritime Trade Center Authority because it had gotten more than six months old at that time, so now it would be about 18 months old; that we would also update the economic impact study that was done by the Georgia International Maritime Trade Center Authority so that we could better understand what the economic impact was likely to be on our -- on our community, to understand how many jobs would be created potentially, and how other elements of the economic impact would fall on local citizens and local governments. We also voted that we would try and obtain an independent study of the probable impact on other local convention hotels and the other urban tourist hotels because there was a great deal of concern, I think there remains a great deal of concern by those hoteliers that if this hotel were allowed to move forward that it might have a negative impact on their business. We also asked or I would like to ask as part of this that Pat Monahan or the county staff prepare a report on the concept of what's called capital stacking, how to build a capital stack so that the -- the great proportion of the risk was taken by a private sector interest and the risk that would be put upon the -- the local governments would be greatly minimized. That's something that in the meantime we've seen put to, I think, very good use with the project that we took on to help refinance and restructure the financing at Memorial Health. And then we also asked at that time for a report on potential affect on the County's bond rating. Again, in the meantime we managed to helped underwrite and helped support about \$200 million of debt for the hospital so I think it would not be too much to ask that that homework from a year ago be completed.

Commissioner Shay said, I've -- I've never really been able to understand why it was that what we voted to do a year ago, and we even voted to spend up to a certain amount of money if it were necessary, why that homework was never done. Why we were never allowed as Commissioners to see the results of the objective homework that was going to be done so that we would better understand the issue. In the meantime, I think we've been -- those of us at least who have supported the idea of doing this homework and finding out whether the project was feasible have been subjected to a lot of criticism for even being willing to listen to the results, but in the absence of any of this homework ever being completed or any of it ever being presented, the people that are in the audience tonight, the people that are listening, they've never had the chance to hear any -- any of that due diligence. Another thing that's happened in the meantime, and I think this would be very, very wise, would be, to just do a case study on what the City of Nashville, Tennessee has done in the last several years to help build up their convention and tourism industry through a similar undertaking. It's not directly analogous, Nashville is not Savannah, Georgia. Nashville is a larger city and it has different assets, but I think it might be helpful for those who are interested in this issue to understand what another city has done in order to -- to become more competitive now and in the future in the convention business. So with that as a long wind up, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to make a motion that we extend this Memorandum of Understanding for six months with the clear understanding that the homework gets done this time. That we actually do this report. That we actually finish the work that we voted to do a year ago and have that prepared in a report because as we sort of kick the can down the road to the next Commission, I don't think it would be fair to do that without presenting them with the homework that we agreed that we were going to do all along. It's going to be very difficult for that Commission to understand why it was the Trade Center Authority asked for us to sort of drain the swamp. They'll only know that they're up to their tail feather in alligators. So, that's my motion that we would extend the MOU and do the homework that we voted to do a year ago.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we need a second.

Commissioner Holmes said, with that said, I would second it.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Now we will hear from the audience. What I would like is our Assistant County Manager -- our Assistant County Manager to come forth a minute, and one of the questions I'd like to ask him now is how much was spent by the -- by the County for this particular project.

Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan said, thank you Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. I -- I talked to the Chairman earlier, and we talked a little bit about the status of the project, and he specifically wanted to know about the expenditures that the County has made in pursuing this project, and as Commissioner Shay has pointed out, there's not a significant amount of work that's been done, and the reason why is the -- the -- the next logical step on the MOU would have been a development agreement, and in the development agreement, it includes the funding to allow the county to pursue -- to complete the due diligence, as well as to begin the special tax districts that provide the safeguards to any -- any debt repayment by the county and protect the county's investment, but those -- those have been pending, and I can go into a long explanation of why that is, but the -- the Memorandum of Understanding has been amended five times since August 12th, when the Trade Center Authority sent it to the County Commission and the County Commission approved it. Those extensions purely have been about time. There's nothing -- been nothing added to the MOU. The MOU's basically in the same state as when the county received it in August of 2011. I -- I -- as Commissioner Shay correctly said, I -- I classify that work as exploratory. Now we have looked at case studies, we have set up some financial models, we have taken a look at alternative sizing of the hotel, we've taken a look at 500-room, 400-room, 350-room. We've done that internally.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, now other than Commissioner Shay, no one's been more engaged in this project than the Chairman. He asked me at one point, he said, you know, I want to see the impact according to what has happened in other communities to the existing hotel properties, so I developed several case studies for him, and I went through all the financial information. The problem is that you just can't absolutely say it's conclusive. A lot of it depends on the proximity of the convention hotel to the convention center. It also relates to the -- when -- when that property is introduced to the market and whether it's in an economic downturn or not. So what I told the Chairman that yes, there are several examples of successes and there are several examples of what you might consider a failure, but the failures have not been in -- in drawing against a default of the government. It's usually -- that's the reason you set up these debt service reserve funds, just as you did on the Memorial bond issue. You set up a reserve fund so that you first dip into that, and you have -- if you have the 3 years reserve then generally you're going to out perform the -- or let the economy recover. So to answer the Chairman's questions, we probably have spent about \$1,000 in staff time and travel. The -- the next step, the logical steps would be a development agreement to allow the completion of the due diligence, to allow the completion of setting up the special tax districts, which still would be non-binding on the county other than there would be a financial obligation -- the county's share would be approximately \$50,000. The -- the next step after that would be a definitive agreement and when the County Commission approved the definitive agreement, that would require performance penalties and specific performance if those -- if -- if the county did not perform as committed to.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, I appreciate that Pat [Monahan], and I appreciate the order and the professionalism that you've expended on -- on doing this, but I'm going to go back and say what it is that was in my motion because I want it to be clear. It's not studying a specific proposal, okay? It's updating the market study of the overall market and the overall market potential. I think we know where the site is, it's immediately adjacent to the Trade Center. Updating the economic impact study to make sure that the numbers from 18 months ago are still accurate or if not what the difference is. Then obtain an independent study of the probable impact on other local convention hotels and center city tourist hotels. Again, that's something that is not inherent in the development agreement, but it is very crucial to our understanding or this next Commission's understanding of the impacts on the other businesses that are already located here. To prepare a report on the capital stacking as you describe, but I mean, just a report on how that works. We seemed to understand it so well when it came time to move forward with \$200 million for the hospital, but there seems to be almost no understanding of how those exact same principles could apply in this particular case. Not saying that it's the development agreement, but I'm saying how that works. And a report on the potential effect on the county's bond rating. Now if we could do \$200 million worth of debt, it is intuitive to me that doing something similar from a smaller amount would probably not have that effect, but I don't know. I'm not in the bond business. I don't underwrite, but I would like to see all those things updated, and I would like to see and my motion requires that we would do a case study of Nashville, Tennessee, and look at what were the things that they did? What were the mistakes that they made? What were the successes that they have encountered? And why it is that right now they are a much, much more successful convention business market then we are in Savannah, Georgia. Because I think we all need to understand that. I know that one of the ways forward is to move forward with the development agreement, but I don't think that that's in my motion. What I want to know is what is the impact on the overall market, because I think that if we're going to kick the can down the road for another six months, especially to another Commission when Pat Monahan and Pat Shay aren't going to be here anymore, that we owe it to them to do this homework, and that's what I would like to see.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right, then. Pat [Monahan], thank you. And what I'm going to do now, I'm going to ask the people in the audience would like to speak on this MOU. Now, I'll repeat what I just said, we're not voting to do the hotel at this particular time no way, shape or form, but what we are doing, the MOU, the Memorandum of Understanding to -- especially to get that information that Commissioner Shay has just told everybody here today. Now, and here's what we'll do, we're going to let people in the audience come out and speak one way or the other concerning this project, but what we'd like now is if somebody comes up and speaks about a specific part of this, and they've given their information out, we would request that another person comes out and says -- not say the same thing that they have just heard by another presenter. We're just asking that -- that you do not do that, and we are setting this up for three minutes what the Commissioners have said to me, they want to set this up so that we have people speaking for

or against it for three minutes. And what I request that you do when you come up to the microphone, you give your name so the County Clerk, so Janice [Bocook], can put that into the record. Now, who would like to come first and speak out for or against the project?

Mr. Rusty Ross said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I'll be brief, because I too want to get home for dinner tonight. It's been close to two years, and this developer has not been able to -- my name's Rusty Ross, by the way, Madam Clerk. The developer's not been able to provide a definitive plan to finance this hotel. He's not produced one bank commitment letter, one letter of intent from an equity partner. The only plans he's provided are verbal, and quite frankly thrown up on the wall like mud to see if they stick. Each of these trial balloons required more and more government subsidies, tax abatements, loans from the county government, various amounts starting by the way at 100 percent of the cost and moving down to 50 million. Yet no concrete plans other than adding this burden onto our tax payers have we heard. Gentlemen, ladies, it's time to put a stop to this. It's more than just addressing an additional extension of this MOU. You've had this thing for over a year. The developer has not been able to come through. The latest excuse is that they're waiting on the State to come up and decide whether or not they're going to let the sales tax refund, which is a 25% discount on the construction costs be permitted. Ron Stephens, our representative wrote to the Governor sometime last summer, maybe even in the spring and got a response that says, and this is from Trip Addison, who's the policy advisor to the Governor, it says, our office to date has not received the proposal for the hotel on Hutchinson Island, which Pat Monahan provided to them, however there are concerns with any incentive going to this project that would be in direct competition with existing employment. Under the Georgia Tourism Development Acts it states, that the Governor shall not grant approval to a tourism project that adversely affects existing employment in this State. Therefore, it would appear at this time that the hotel project on Hutchinson Island would not qualify. And I add to this, of course, if you read the newspaper about Jekyll Island, the State's project, he's not going to let it be used down there either. I don't want to prolong this, but, you know, the group that I represent which are many of the other hotels in town, we're not against competition. There have been at least five hotel projects announced over the last year for downtown Savannah. Five. Yet those projects have not come to this body or to the city and said, how about giving me \$50 million so I can put it in my capital stack and make it work. That's not necessary because they're able to make it work. I'm just going to read for you real quickly, it's more than just the \$50 million, it's a sales tax refund, it's the opportunity zone tax credits; it's two percent additional tax on hotel customers; it's the City of Savannah's portion of the incremental hotel/motel tax that you're trying to give away; and it's ad valorem tax elimination through using SEDA. It's the land-lease payments that you put at risk.

Chairman Liakakis said, Rusty [Ross], we said three minutes, that's what the county wanted to do, so I appreciate your presentation and you did a good job before when you came before us, and now, I would like to ask another individual in the audience to come and speak either way for this particular project.

Mr. Ross said, I just want to say one more thing, not about this project but about Pat Monahan. He has done a tremendous job on this project from get go, and he's worked very hard on it. I don't believe \$1,000 worth of staff time because I know he's put a lot more effort into it than that, but I just wanted to publicly state what a great job he's done and what a tremendous loss he's going to be to this county as he retires.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Next, please come up to the microphone if you'd like to speak one way or the other for this particular project. Anybody in the audience. Come forth and state your name, please.

Ms. Marti Barrow said, good evening, my name is Marti Barrow. I'm the director of the Tourism Leadership Council. We represent more than 250 businesses in the tourism and hospitality community, not just hoteliers, but the entire industry, and from the get go we've been opposed to any public funding for this project, but I know what we're talking about today is specifically the Memorandum of Understanding that exists. And I just want to say not only do we believe that it's unfair for the county to use public money to prop up other businesses over those businesses that are not getting the -- the assistance, but the Memorandum of Understanding has not worked for two years, and I believe that to force the issue now and leave no opportunity for alternatives would be very short-sighted, and I ask you to consider that in making your decision. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. Okay. Anyone else? Come forth and state your name, please. Thank you.

Mr. Tony Edgerly said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, my name is Tony Edgerly. I've been a member of this community for almost 60 years now, and I make my living in the construction industry. I'm an electrician, and I represent -- now I'm into a field where I represent contractors both in Savannah, Georgia; Albany, Georgia; and Macon. The electrical contractors in all these areas are very watchful over this project and -- and hope that it comes to fruition. I understand that the county has, you know, some reservations about the funding and being a county resident I understand that wholly. I wouldn't want to put anybody in a -- in a situation where it costs the county tax payers money in the long run. But -- so I'm speaking here from a standpoint of the industry I represent, and I see jobs being, you know, being done. I see not only the construction jobs but long term jobs after your project's finished, and I see a -- a boost to the -- the tourism industry and especially to the Trade Center. That seems to me to be somewhat underutilized, and I think that this convention center hotel would help that. So that's my take. Thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, sir. Next. Come forth.

Mr. Brett Hume said, good afternoon. My name's Brett Hume, and I appreciate y'all considering this before it does expire. We've heard from -- from several very, very knowledgeable folks on this as far as the additional hotels being built, there are probably five or six more, but this whole scenario is so unique because it has to do with convention business. Convention business, okay? And by admission and recommendation of your own staff, you -- they have not completed the diligence that y'all need to make an informed decision. So -- and until that criteria has been met, it makes sense to extend for six months, because still, the county is under no obligation, even at the end of six months, to approve this project. It makes perfect sense to allow the staff the opportunity as Commissioner Shay said to do the diligence, the homework so you can make an informed decision. The rest of everything we've heard today is all about the merits, it has nothing to do with the decision before you as to extend or not extend this Memorandum, and I would

ask the Commission seriously consider extending just from the diligence perspective alone. And at the end of the six months if it's not there, it's not there. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. Anyone else in the audience?

Ms. Jeanne Seaver said, good evening everyone. Thank you all for being here to give us the opportunity to speak. My name is Jeanne Seaver. I am co-founder of the Savannah Tea Party, and I just wanted to stand up here in response and give their voice on telling each and one [sic] of you that we are not in support of this extension of the MOU. We truly feel that we -- there are more things more important, like the crime that's going on, and the focus should be more on that then competing with free enterprise at this time. We need to rethink about what government's job is. And I thank you all very much for your service and for listening, but please, kill this for now. Bring it up in another year. I know that there's been more than \$1,000 -- 1,000 of our dollars has been spent on this project? And I agree with Rusty [Ross], Pat Monahan has done a wonderful job, but it's got to be more than \$1,000 that we've spent. Thank you very much for your time.

Dr. Billy Jamerson said, Mr. Chairman, I have a document I'd like to pass out to the Commissioners for them to look at in the future.

Chairman Liakakis said, that would be fine. William [Wright], would you get those and pass them out, please?

Dr. Jamerson said, I'm Billy Jamerson. I'm a dentist here in Savannah for more decades than I care to admit, but what I'm going to do is challenge each of you as members of this Commission to help make Savannah not good but to make Savannah great. I don't know about you, but I'm very competitive, especially when it comes to Charleston and Savannah. And as a member of the Visit Savannah board for the past several years, along with Jody [McIntyre] who I recognize there, a good friend, I'd like to say that we constantly get reports showing that our tourism is going up and up and up, 11 million tourists to Savannah. Hotel occupancy rates up higher than they've ever been before. People just love coming to Savannah, but what is also not known is that Charleston is -- is killing us regarding business travel. Why is that? Well Charleston has done a number of things, one of the things they've done is built a convention center hotel, and Augusta is expanding their convention center. So is Jekyll Island. Baltimore, San Diego, and Salt Lake City as you know are doing the same thing. Now, Chairman Liakakis, your letter on March 19th that's referenced in this report is excellent. You talk about jobs. I don't need to talk about that. You talk about the economic impact that this potential hotel -- convention center hotel which is not the typical tourist hotel that has been blooming up along Bay Street. It's not the same thing. It's not apples and apples. Let's make Savannah great not good. According to your report, the first 10 years this 500-room hotel will bring in more than \$1 billion. Not a thousand, but \$1 billion to our community. Can we afford to sit back and allow that money to go to Jekyll Island, Augusta, Salt Lake City, Baltimore, somewhere else like that because we are not capable of getting on that -- on the field and playing a game because we don't have the proper suits to suit up? I think not, sir. I think the fiscal impact on taxes alone would exceed \$42 million from visitors outside of the city. These are people coming to our city to have business functions. They're going to bring their tax dollars with us. How many? According to your letter, sir, 42 million. This new hotel will bring in 83,000 additional rooms to hotels, just like Jody's [McIntyre] and just like all over Savannah because the hotel itself will not be able to -- to take care of the tremendous demand it's going to create, so it's going to create an overflow. It's not just my opinion, this is the opinion of a number of people. What about competition, good versus great? Government or business alone can be good, but look what can happen when government supports business. Public parking garages support downtown hotels. A record number of tourists come to Savannah. Creation of Rousakis Plaza and extension of Riverwalk up and down River Street. Hotel occupancy rates have climbed to record highs. This doesn't happen by business or government alone. It happens when they work together. And I want to conclude and say that let's work together, Republicans, Democrats, city, county, business, extend this MOU and let's help make Savannah great not just simply good. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, sir. Okay. Anyone else?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that man had his down. He practiced that.

Mr. Robert Easton said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am Robert Easton, and I'm proud to say and not embarrassed to say I've lived in Chatham County for 64 years now. I wanted to ask a question that would follow-up, by stating something that if everyone here read the paper this morning you would see the continued reports on the Georgia Ports Authority. That this port continues to expand in rather dramatic numbers in spite of the horrible economic circumstances the whole country is in. That growth is the best growth in the country. The fastest growing port. We are now the second largest port in the country in export and the fourth largest port in the country period. The continued growth -- the Port Authority projects that we may even pass New York in a decade. Now that growth will not take place in a vacuum. The Port Authority has done a yeoman's job in expanding the port, but they've done it and it's been a battle. Charleston not that long ago was way ahead of Savannah, and the Georgia Ports Authority took the initiative and secured general obligation bonds and made the port grow, and we passed Charleston with that support. And I'd like for Savannah to remain in that position and the growth of the port will need the supporting infrastructure, including a hotel convention center. So thank you very much. And I could not state the obvious issues of due diligence and prudence more eloquently than my own Commissioner, Mr. Shay, has already said, but I agree with him completely. Thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Anyone else in the audience would like to come forth? You know, you've got ideas whether this would be good or not so good for our community, and we're here to listen to what you've got to say.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if no one else in the audience wants to speak, I call for the question.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Let's go on the board. Motion passes. Thank you all for coming today. We appreciate everybody making their presentation on this, and of course, the county staff has heard what the -- what the remarks have been made by Commissioner Shay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Odell moved to take item 1, Board approval of extension #3 of a Memorandum of Understanding with Hutchinson Hotel Holdings for the proposed development of a Trade Center convention hotel off the table. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Shay moved to approve the extension of the MOU and update the market study of the overall market and the overall market potential, update the economic impact study, obtain an independent study of the probable impact on other local convention hotels and center city tourist hotels, prepare a report on the capital stacking, and prepare a case study of Nashville, Tennessee. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried in a 5-3 vote. Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Holmes, Shay, Odell, and Thomas voted yes; Commissioners Stone, Gellatly and Kicklighter voted no. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Let's go on the board. Motion passes. Thank you again for everybody coming.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION