

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 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 9:20 a.m. on Friday, December 21, 2012.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Dean Kicklighter for the Invocation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you Mr. Chairman. I'm going to ask Commissioner Stone to do that, but before so, I would just like to ask everyone to remember all of the children and the adults that were murdered recently in the school shooting, and also I'd just like to say a big thank you to you, Mr. Chairman, and -- as well as the other outgoing Commissioners. It's been an honor to serve with you. And I'll Commissioner Stone to proceed.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you Mr. Kicklighter. In light of this Christmas season, and this wonderful Commission that I've had the privilege of serving with over the last eight years, I wanted you all to indulge me with a very, very short Christmas story that I think is very warm and meaningful. And it's called Christmas Adventure with Grandma. It was sent to me by Dr. David Carson, and it really warmed my heart.

Commissioner Stone read the following:

I remember my first Christmas adventure with Grandma. I was just a kid. I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb. There's no Santa Claus she jeered, even dummies know that. My grandmother was not the gushy kind, never had been. I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her world famous cinnamon buns. I knew they were world famous because grandma said so. It had to be true. Grandma was home, the buns were still warm, between bites I told her everything. She was ready for me. No Santa Claus she snorted, ridiculous. Do not believe it. That rumor has been going around for years and it makes me mad. Plain mad. Now put on your coat. Let's go. Go where, grandma, I asked. I hadn't even finished my second world famous cinnamon bun.

Where turned out to be Kirby's General Store. The one in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through the doors, grandma handed me \$10. That was a bundle in those days. Take this money she said and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car, and then she turned and walked out of Kirby's. I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother but never had I shopped for anything by myself. The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping. For a few moments I stood there confused clutching that \$10 bill wondering what to buy and who on earth to buy it for. I thought of everybody I knew, my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kid at school, the people who went to my church. I was just about thought out when suddenly I thought of Bobby Decker. He was a kid with bad breath, messy hair, and he sat right behind me in Mrs. Pollack's grade two class. Bobby Decker didn't have a coat. I knew that because I never -- he never went out to recess in the winter. His mother always wrote note telling the teacher telling the teacher that he had a cough, but all the kids knew Bobby Decker did not have a coat. He just didn't have a warm coat.

I fingered the \$10 bill with growing excitement. I would buy Bobby Decker a coat. I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood on it. It looked warm and he would like that. Is this Christmas present for someone the lady behind the counter asked me kindly as I laid down my \$10. Yes, ma'am she replied shyly -- I replied shyly, it's for Bobby. The nice lady smiled at me. I told her about how Bobby really needed a warm winter coat. I didn't get any change but she put the coat in a bag, smiled again, and wished me a Merry Christmas.

That evening grandma helped me wrap the coat. A little tag fell out of the coat, and grandma tucked it in her Bible. In Christmas paper and ribbons we wrote, to Bobby from Santa Claus on it. Grandma said Santa always insists on secrecy. Then she drove me over to Bobby Decker's house as we explaining -- explaining as we went that I was forever officially one of Santa's helpers. Grandma parked down the street from Bobby's house, and she and I crept noisily and hid in the bushes by his front walk. Then grandma gave me a nudge. All right, Santa Claus, she whispered, get going. I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on the step, pounded on his door, flew back safely to the bushes and grandma. Together we waited breathless -- breathless -- breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open. Finally it did and there stood Bobby.

Well, 50 years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering beside my grandmother in Bobby Decker's bushes. That night I realized those awful rumors about Santa Claus were just what grandma said, ridiculous. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team. I still have grandma's Bible with the coat tucked inside -- with the coat tag tucked inside for \$29.95. May you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends who care. And may you always believe in the magic of Santa Claus.

Commissioner Stone said, and I'm going to add let's never forget the members of our military armed services who have made the selfless choice to serve and protect our country. And as we complete the last year -- eight years together, let us go forward and be good stewards of our community each and every day through Your guidance and support. And it is in Your most precious and loving name that we pray. Amen.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on our County clerk, Janice, for the roll call, please.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One
James J. Holmes, District Two
Patrick Shay, District Three
Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
Tabitha A. Odell, District Five
David M. Gellatly, District Six
Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

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

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Chairman Liakakis said, it has come from Washington, D.C. they are asking all governments and others in the community at 9:30 to have a moment of silence for the victims in that terrible thing that happened out where they had some 26 people that were murdered in that disaster. So we'll have that moment of silence, please.

[NOTE: The Board held a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the Newtown, Massachusetts school shooting.]

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you and may God bless and take care and support of the survivors of that tragedy.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS. DEBORAH HEDDENDORF AND THEREASA BAYMAN WILL BE RECEIVING.

Chairman Liakakis said, next, under proclamations and special presentation, a proclamation recognizing Alzheimer's Disease Awareness. Deborah Heddendorf and Thereasa Bayman will be receiving. If they'll come to the front. And -- are they here yet? Well, we'll come back to -- to that item, then, because they are representing the Alzheimer's Disease committee, and I would like to present that to them.

[NOTE: This item was passed and not heard this meeting.]

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2. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND TO PAT MONAHAN (COMMISSIONER THOMAS).

Chairman Liakakis said, so, now, we have a presentation of plaques to outgoing members of the Board and to Pat Monahan, our Assistant County Manager. Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, good morning.

Chairman Liakakis and the Members of the Commission said, good morning.

Commissioner Thomas said, this is an awesome morning and a sad one in a way for me, but it is an honor to have served with such wonderful people on this Commission, and today, I want to say to each of you, may you be blessed abundantly in the future. I will now call, Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Thomas said, Commissioner Odell, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, this plaque is being presented in appreciation for accepting an interim appointment to serve as District Five representative on the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County. You have exhibited the best qualities of elected office and earned the respect of your fellow Commissioners and the community. We wish you well, and thank you so much for your service.

Commissioner Odell said, thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Odell said, I would like to say that it has been truly an honor to get to know all of you and to take this time to learn exactly what you do. I have a much greater appreciation for the time, energy, effort, and commitment that all of you give to these positions. I -- I really didn't understand really -- when my husband was in office, I knew that y'all did a lot, and I knew it was very important, but I really didn't know how much y'all did, and I really, truly appreciate the hard work that you do. It takes a -- you know, anybody can moan and groan or complain, but it takes truly special person to step up and run for office and to give the commitment that's needed and time that you give to these positions. So thank you very much for having me. Thank you very much for serving, and I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday and many blessed and prosperous years.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, Tabitha [Odell], I want to tell you this. You've done an outstanding job, and what's so good about it that all of the material that you were given ahead of time and specific items and all of that, what you did, you studied those and brought back information, and you gave a lot of good ideas, creative ideas, about specific items that we were looking at as far as this County Commission is concerned. And -- and we can see that your representation on District Five, you did an outstanding job and I know your husband is proud of you, as well as we are because that's really important to have Commissioners that reach out into the community, that try to do the best that they can to make a difference for our citizens, the 265,000 citizens that are in our county. Thank you.

Commissioner Odell said, thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, wow. Whew. I'm going to ask Commissioner Patrick Shay if he would come forward, and while he's doing that I'd like to say that Commissioner Shay and I go way, way back. Now you can figure up the years, but I can truly say to Commissioner Shay that you have really been a great role model. You have certainly been so helpful and so supportive. You have given so much to this community and to this Commission, and I want you to know that our friendship will be everlasting, and I appreciate all and everything that you have done while you have served in this capacity.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, and I am not going to attempt to read all of these things that you have been associated with.

Commissioner Shay said, wow.

Commissioner Thomas said, they are too numerous to name because we will be here until next Friday, but it does say that this plaque is being presented in recognition of your leadership as District Three representative on the Board of Commissioners during an era of projects and achievement unparalleled in the history of one of Georgia's oldest county governments, Chatham County. Thank you so much and may God be blessed -- may you be blessed.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Shay said, Commissioners, you see all that.

Commissioner Odell said, you did a lot.

Commissioner Shay said, no, we did a lot. We were a team from start to finish. I'm happy to be up here today getting a plaque with a list of the things that we accomplished together. I can't tell you how much I respect you and have enjoyed serving with you, and I can promise you, you have not seen the last of me, okay?

Commissioner Thomas said, good.

Commissioner Shay said, Merry Christmas to you all. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, whew. There again. Commissioner Gellatly. Another warrior. He has done so much since being on this Commission, and not only as a Commissioner, but he has been so diligent in this community for years serving in so many different capacities. Come around this way.

Commissioner Gellatly said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, I cherish your friendship and all of the things that you have done to make this Commission a positive Commission and a Commission that will serve the people of Chatham County. And even though you are leaving this Commission, I know that your voice will be continually heard, and I know if we need you that you will be there for us. And so on behalf of the County Commissioners of Chatham County, we present in recognition of your leadership as District Six representative during an era of projects and achievement unparalleled in the history of one of Georgia's oldest county governments. And I tell you, the list goes on and on and they had to print this very tiny in order to get all of the things that he had done. So congratulations and kind of take it easy a little bit, okay?

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Gellatly said, I was hoping she was going to read it all, but I guess not, you know. But, you know, I've -- I've been in -- on the government -- on a government payroll and had a government job since I was 17 years old and joined the Army, and that's three years, and then 40 years as a law enforcement officer, and 12 years as a County Commissioner. It just dawned on me today that I've -- I've never held a civilian position in my life. I've never had a job in the private sector in my life, and I don't know whether that's good or bad, but it -- it's nevertheless a fact. You know, over the last 12 years, it's been the best of times and sometimes the worst of times, but I've always cherished my working relationship with this Commission and I -- I won't ever forget that. It means a lot to me, and I'm not sure what I'm going to do next. If there's anyone out there that needs someone with my background and qualifications why I'm basically unemployed after the first of the year. Please help. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Dave [Gellatly], Dave [Gellatly], Dave [Gellatly], hold it. Dave [Gellatly], hold on just a minute.

Commissioner Gellatly said, yes. Yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, you know, some people here -- some people are new and all, but you served some 20 years as the Chief of Police for Savannah, and you did an excellent job, and things that you put in place were, you know, things that helped the safety of the citizens of the City of Savannah and surrounding areas, and -- and we can see things that you put in place, like the accreditation and many other things to show that we had one of the -- have one of the best police departments in the entire country. So appreciate all of those things that you have done and you've

helped make a difference not only in law enforcement for this county and the many projects that we worked on, so thank you for that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to say that I feel very lucky that for -- I've been able to serve for 12 years and I've had to my left a mother-type figure, on my right a father-type figure, and two voices of reason that -- I could always -- the Chief is a man of few words, but when he speaks, you know it's important, and he was the one for 12 years that I could lean over, 'cause I'm a little bit excitable if you've never watched. I get a little excited from time to time and I'd -- and I'd lean over and go, is that too much? And he'd let me know, well, you might want to back up a little bit. You might want to, you know -- I'm going to miss you. Just like any family, you know, with my own father, I've had disagreements, and I, you know, I -- I'll have it out with him, and I'll get over it. I just want to publicly make amends. There was -- at one point, like being mad at my own dad, I was pretty upset with you, and I wrote a public letter, not too proud of -- of something, and I just want the public to know that you're in the 12 years, what I consider probably one of the most financially responsible and conservative Commissioners that we've had. And I appreciate you more than -- more than you'll know, and I appreciate your friendship.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I appreciate you also. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, and Priscilla [Thomas]? Priscilla [Thomas], before you get to any other, I'd like to say this about Commissioner Patrick Shay because we can see what he has done on preservation. He has taken the lead on that for preservation in our community. A lot of people don't know we have the largest historical district in the entire

country, and the things that our Commissioner Pat Shay has brought out has been really good, positive, and have been real supportive in those particular areas. Not only has he done that, but also things in our environment because one of the things that we are pushing for is to have the greenest county in the entire State of Georgia, and we're on our way. But he has supported many environmental things so that we could have these healthy things for our citizens and a lot of things that we could be able to do, so I thank you for that also, Pat [Shay].

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, and now the man of the hour, our Chairman, Pete Liakakis. And while he is coming, I'm not sure whether it's really him or his twin, because as we all know, he's all over the place, and I just want our Chairman to -- to know that it has certainly been a pleasure to serve as your vice-Chair during your eight years of tenure here. We have worked together. We have accomplished so much together. This entire Commission has really worked as a team for the betterment of this County. I cannot go through all of the accomplishments and achievements that you have done in the years that you have been here, and not only as a County Commissioner, but you've been on board from City Council and all over the State and just everywhere. We want you to know that you will sorely be missed, but I know you're going to be here and helping us along as we go. But today is your day. We appreciate everything that you have done. You certainly leave a legacy to be remembered. And so today, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, again, I'm not reading all this stuff, but it goes on and on and on under public safety, criminal justice projects, organizational achievements, community health projects, the new era in public service, and the list goes on. And I want to add something else to that. Hey, his family, I just looked over there and saw Mary Jean. Please come up here and -- and please, his family, please come up.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'm going to be speaking about them in a few minutes.

Commissioner Thomas said, I know, but I want them to come up because I've gotten to know them very well. They're a beautiful, beautiful family, and I want you to know that we're going to miss you, but we know that you're going to be around to assist us, and as you move forward, continue to do the kinds of things that you're doing and making a positive step. Your legacy will definitely live on. Later today, we're going to be naming a facility in your honor, and I'm hoping and praying that God will always keep you in his care, and you too Mary Jean because it takes two to do what has been done. I know from myself with my husband, and I know that there are many, many days and many, many nights, Mary Jean, you don't see him, but you love him and you support him and the same is your family here, Pete [Liakakis]. And just always know that your family here on the Commission will always love you. And God bless you, and we hope that you will accept this plaque in remembrance of each of us. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, this is Pete's [Liakakis] sister, what's your name?

Mrs. Georgia Liakakis Tidler said, Georgia.

Commissioner Thomas said, Georgia, and this is a cousin -- Effie. All right. We love you all. Thank you so much for being here.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. I appreciate this honor today to receive this particular plaque, but I know many of you, you know, all the Commissioners working together have done an outstanding job for the citizens -- the 265,000 citizens that we have in our county. Sometimes we might not have seen eye to eye on specific items, but overall, we can see that we have one of the best Commissions in the entire State of Georgia or around the country. I know going in the past to meetings in Atlanta and Washington and other places around the country and just looking to see what the Commissioners have in their particular area, ours far -- goes further than a lot of things they do in other Commissions. But y'all are dedicated and loyal to our citizens. We really appreciate that. I'm glad that I have been able to work with all of you and to do things that makes a difference for our citizens in this community. And I pray that God will continue to bless each and every one of you and that things will be great and you'll have a great life in the future also. Thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Gellatly said, may I -- can I say a word?

Commissioner Thomas said, sure.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I'm sure the Commissioners want to comment. You -- you know, there -- there's an old saying that success has 100 fathers and failure is an orphan, and I -- I would just like to say on behalf of law enforcement in this county, on behalf of Chief Lovett and Sheriff St. Lawrence and CNT Commander Everett Ragan, how much we have appreciated Pete [Liakakis] over the years. I've known him -- he's one of the first people I met when I came to Savannah, and again, as I said, there were good time and there was bad times, and no matter how bad it got when I was working, you know, there -- there was sometimes that I'd rather go to hell then come to work, and -- it go so bad, but Pete [Liakakis] was always there. Everyone else had said, well we support law enforcement. When times get bad, they fade away. Pete [Liakakis] never did. He was always the first one up there offering support, and he would always support law enforcement whether we're doing good or we're doing bad He always expected a lot of us, but by God, Pete Liakakis was always, always there in support of law enforcement. He never, ever, ever wavered, and -- and in behalf of law enforcement, Pete [Liakakis], I just want you to know that we really, really appreciate you. Don't ever forget that.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

Commissioner Gellatly said, and then after saying that, when you -- starting the first year, let's get on with it and get busy again.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh yeah. I'll be doing that. And what I'd like to do right now -- after this I was going to officially recognize my family, and I think that is very important. You saw my wife, Mary Jean, who has been my support for a long, long time. And -- and I can see if negatives came up or whatever that might be, that she was right there encouraging me and giving me, you know, suggestions about things to do, and -- and that makes a big difference, and, you know, when we have an -- a person like a loved one who is there and sometimes if something that was negative that was said about that, and she would say, don't worry about that. We move on. You're doing a good job. And I tell you, as most people know, I go to a huge amount of meetings. You can look in my scheduling book, and it's hard to believe 'cause people say I have a clone or whatever, but she never one time in those multitudes of meetings, and I'm telling you they were in the hundreds, that she ever said, you shouldn't go to it and you shouldn't do something. And that was really good because to have somebody to support you like that, and that's what my wife has done. And next to her is my sister, Georgia Liakakis Tidler, and when we were younger and all working together, we had some tough times too, but we supported one another and all, and she got to be an entrepreneur after a number of things and all, and she has helped so many people because she realizes also how important it is that we should help people. And then over -- we see Bobby Baker, who was in the government for a long period of time and did a lot of good things for our citizens and all, and he's been a friend of my sisters for a long, long time, and of course his wife, Mrs. Baker, right there. They have just been outstanding in the community. So I thank all of you for coming today. And then my cousin, Effie, and she would always support me in the elections and many times during the week, she says, come on over when you finish work 'cause I've got dinner set for you. But she was out there in the community. I remember one time she knocked on a huge amount of doors and put up signs all over when I first ran for City Council for Alderman at Large. But I thank all of you for coming today, and, you know, I'll be talking a little bit about you in that dedication later this afternoon. But thank each and every one of you 'cause -- and I pray that everybody will bless everybody in this audience and keep doing the things and never, ever give up. Thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, and now we come to Mr. Pat Monahan. Is he in -- while Pat [Monahan] is coming, Pat [Monahan] is the Assistant County Manager, but I tell you, he is one that is so astute in everything. All of his accomplishments we all know, and he has been so supportive of this Commission, and he has contributed so much to this community in so many, many, many ways, the projects. I can go on and on and on. We did acknowledge his accomplishments during the employee recognition day, and I won't reiterate any of those, but he knows that he has been a very successful Assistant County Manager. I don't know what we're going to do without him, but I know that he is going to always be available if we should need him. But, Pat [Monahan], I just want to say to you thank you for all of your years of service, and we appreciate everything that you have done and will continue to do. We don't want you to go home and just sit down, but we are going to present to you a chair so that when you do get tired, you can just sit in this chair and, yes, and relax.

Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan said, it fits.

Commissioner Thomas said, it does fit. And -- and just think about us and just remember that we love you. We appreciate you. We thank you so much for all that you have done. And congratulations to your family as well. [Applause.]

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, thank you, Dr. Thomas. Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Liakakis family. Mr. Abolt, and my fellow employees, thank you. I expressed -- I expressed my gratitude at the -- at the luncheon. I did want to note for the record though that even though it was Pat Monahan Appreciation Day, Mr. Abolt said I had to come back and finish out the work day. But as -- as I said, this -- this -- this is definitely a bittersweet moment for me. But I have enjoyed working with all of you, and as my good friend Patrick Shay, and -- a man I will always respect said, those accomplishments are not about one, it's about us. It's about what we accomplished, and I tried to recognize not only this Commission but the previous Commissions I worked with, but I will have to say for the record, those -- the -- the accomplishments listed there, this -- this Commission certainly has achieved its -- more than it's fair share. Thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, Pat [Monahan], hold it. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Monahan], all we got to do is look at his history and the things that Pat [Monahan] has done in that. You could see he -- he doesn't have that -- he doesn't have that certificate of being an attorney, but he can read into that law and see about things and recommend things, and he has been outstanding. And one of the most important things that you can see what Pat Monahan has done, he has purchased a lot of land and different buildings and all of that, but because of his knowledge about real estate and all of that, he has actually saved all these many years that he has been here, millions and millions of dollars, because he was able to negotiate. So he saved the tax payers a lot of money in the things that he did, because you look at those different plans that he put together. You look at the negotiations that he done. You can look at the -- his work with the employees, the 1600 employees that we have in this county. All of them love him because he's always been for the employees and other things in our community. So on behalf of this County Commission, Pat [Monahan], and, you know, I always say this, you know, you're the best

Assistant County Manager, but not only in Georgia but the USA but North and South America, and I want to add some to that, the -- the Asian area and places like Australia and all of those. I want to say that because you have just gone beyond the call of duty, and we thank you so much.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, may --

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, Mr. Chairman, you forgot Europe. I'll be there in April, so.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, okay. Let me add April [sic] to that. Put that in the official records.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman? If I may, I just want to say Russ [Abolt], Russ [Abolt] knows his job got a lot harder. You've stated Mr. Chairman on many occasions that Russ Abolt's the best manager in the world, and I agree, and I think Mr. Abolt would agree in large part is because he definitely had the best assistant manager in the world working right there under him, and Pat [Monahan], we're going to miss you. I mean there's -- there's issues that when people called in, you know, that I knew to have it go directly to you. I, you know, I'm going to miss you. You've -- you've been a great person to work with and a pleasure to know as a person, and I appreciate that.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, I appreciate that, but I -- I will -- I do want to say Mr. Abolt has put together -- we've been working on a transition plan for some time knowing that this day would come, and I -- I think this organization's well blessed with those who will follow me.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, absolutely.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, I -- I don't have any doubt in my mind that this organization will not miss a step.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, absolutely. [Applause.]

County Manager Russ Abolt said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt].

County Manager Abolt said, I -- I've -- I've said so much about the man before and I will not say that again, but Mr. Monahan and I have a joke between us, and it has to do with all the things he's yet to do and it's referred to as -- Mr. Monahan?

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, the bucket list because it'll be the death of me.

County Manager Abolt said, he's working on his bucket list. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, we have one more thing, and that is -- of course, you know that you've been so supportive of the Chatham County Youth Commission, as well as the Summer Bonanza Partnership, Inc., Youth in Action. Today we have Marissa Karp from the Chatham County Youth Commission who wishes to make some special presentations. Thank you. Marissa [Karp]?

Youth Commissioner Marissa Karp said, good morning.

Chairman Liakakis and Members of the Board of Commissioners said, good morning.

Youth Commissioner Karp said, my name is Marissa Karp, and I'm the secretary of the Chatham County Youth Commission, and on behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, I'd like to say thank you to Chairman Liakakis, Commissioner Odell, Commissioner Gellatly, and Commissioner O'Shay -- Commissioner Shay, excuse me, for their support for the Youth Commission over the years because we know that we would not be the organization that we are today with you and without your inspiration. So without further adieu, Kristen Conley will present her plaque to Commissioner Odell.

Youth Commissioner Kristen Conley said, I'm presenting this for outstanding service and dedicated support of the Chatham County Youth Commission to Tabitha Odell.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Speak up, now, make sure. [Applause.]

Youth Commissioner Karp said, Xavier -- oh, sorry. Xavier Cooper will present his plaque to Commissioner Shay.

Youth Commissioner Xavier Cooper said, I'm presenting this award for outstanding service and dedicated support of the Chatham County Youth Commission to Commissioner Patrick Shay. [Applause.]

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, Xavier [Cooper]. Nice.

Youth Commissioner Karp said, and Asia Coles will present her plaque to Commissioner Gellatly.

Youth Commissioner Asia Coles said, I am presenting this award for outstanding service and dedicated support of the Chatham County Youth Commission to Chatham -- to Commissioner David Gellatly. [Applause.]

Youth Commissioner Karp said, Chairman Liakakis, before I present you with your plaque, I would like to say thank you for all the support you've given the Youth Commission by attending nearly every -- nearly every event, being there for every road block, and for your inspiration to all of us on the Youth Commission. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

Mr. Van Johnson said, good morning.

Chairman Liakakis and Members of the Board of Commissioner said, good morning.

Mr. Johnson said, we could not forget Mr. Monahan -- the aforementioned Mr. Monahan, if you would. Someone who certainly has a heart for youth and particularly spent a lot of time with our young people making sure they knew the history of our county. So know I have to learn all that history. But thank you very much for your -- your support, and we know you won't be far.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, I won't be. Thank you.

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Liakakis said, before we go to the next item, I want to recognize the three Chatham County Youth Commissioners that are here today. In every County Commission meeting we have for the last 20 years, they have attended all of our County Commission meetings, when we are in session. So, I'll start with Asia Coles, who is on my left, your right. Asia [Coles], do you want to stand up? [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, she is representing the Woodville-Tompkins School. Appreciate that. And now we have Xavier Cooper, who is from the Savannah Arts Academy, also. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, and then we have Kristen Conley, who is represent [sic], Bible Baptist Church. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, Bible Baptist School. Now one of the things, some of you are new here, but this Chatham County Commission Youth Commission, it was the idea and the vision of vice-Chairman, Priscilla Thomas -- Dr. Priscilla Thomas, because she thought that it was important to involve the youth. And we've had quite a number of Youth Commissioners that are coming on board. Many of them who have graduated from this have gone on to many successful things, whether it's business, whether it's education or whatever, and the majority of them -- almost all of them, when they graduated, they go to a university or college, and -- and that's really good, because it has helped them in their regular, private life, and we appreciate that very much, and also with vice-Chairman Priscilla Thomas. So thank you very much.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. NAMING SHAY'S LANDING ON HUTCHINSON ISLAND.

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the Commission's agenda is the naming Shay's Landing on Hutchinson Island. Commissioner Patrick Shay has been involved in many of the things in our community as I said before, like the preservation and environmental things and all, and he has really been outstanding. A Commissioner that has spoke out and especially for the bus system and other projects that we've had in the community and all, and it was suggested that on the west end of Hutchinson Island, that there is a little -- there's some ground over there, that we name that in his honor. And the map of that all of you were distributed that through your information for this meeting today, and I would like a motion -- I would like a motion on the floor --

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved the Board to name a portion of the west end of Hutchinson Island Shay's Landing. Commissioners Kicklighter and Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS**1. DEMOLITION PERMIT, MRS. TYLER, 828 QUACCO ROAD (COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER)**

Chairman Liakakis said, next. Commissioner's items. Demolition permit, Mrs. Theresa Tyler, 828 Quacco Road. Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the essence of time because the State delegation will be here at 12:00, and we're going to try to wrap up by 11:30, I'm going to try to make this really quick. Mr. Tyler is out in the audience. He is a gentleman who is currently on disability. He inherited property from his father, had a dilapidated home on it. He was able to -- thanks to many good people, he was able to have the home demolished and removed at no charge. He -- his intent is to one day put a mobile home on the property. When he went to the County to obtain the permit, they found out that it was like based off of an amount of money that it would cost to have it removed, that's how much the permit would be, and there is no minimum set. It's my understanding there's no minimum set. But anyway, the County staff, I guess, having no minimum or anything in mind, they charged \$50, and I'd just like to make a motion at this point that we reimburse the gentleman the \$50, and in the future I'd suggest we establish some type of minimum to cover some type of administrative cost should -- you know, if -- if that's the case in the future. But right now I'll make a motion to reimburse the gentleman \$50.

Chairman Liakakis said, need a second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to reimburse \$50 to the Tylers of 828 Quacco Road. Commissioners Stone and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

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2. CLARIFICATION OF COUNTY'S INTENT TO USE 10 BRIARWOOD, GARDEN CITY (COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER).

Chairman Liakakis said, next item, clarification of County's intent to use 10 Briarwood, Garden City. Commissioner Kicklighter also.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again in the essence of time, I'm not going to go on on this. I've spoken with the engineering staff. They will be meeting, setting up meetings with the Manager of Garden City coming up after the new year. I have asked them to invite the new Garden City District County representative to that meeting, as well as myself, because that particular area, I believe, will now be the Third District as of January the 1st. So I've asked them to invite that District rep in, as well as myself. So.

County Manager Abolt said, and no work will be done on the parcel until after the meetings.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

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3. FERAL CAT ISSUE (COMMISSIONER ODELL)

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Next item, feral cat issue. Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, yes, sir. I would like to call for a vote that we enforce the current ordinance as it is until an alternative, reasonable plan of action has been put in place that we can agree upon.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what -- what --

Commissioner Stone said, but the current ordinance does not address feral cats. Is that correct?

Commissioner Odell said, no, it does.

Chairman Liakakis said, Jon [Hart]?

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, yes, sir. Currently the ordinance says that we don't permit feral cats. We go out and pick them up and gave -- give them the same due process as we do any other animal that we pick up.

Commissioner Stone said, but, I thought we were going to work with the representatives of the feral cat colonies to come up with some type of a solution. That's -- that's what I thought -- that's the direction I thought we were headed.

County Manager Abolt said, but that's -- that's the very issue. What you have is -- is -- I don't want to make a parallel but there's a bit of a parallel on the issue of chickens, horses, and bees, and Commissioner Odell is saying even though it's going to take a while to do what you just outlined, in the interim, she wants to make it very clear that we're going to enforce the ordinance on the books.

Commissioner Odell said, until we come up with a plan.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, but, I mean, have we even -- I just want to make sure that we're moving in a direction that we all agreed upon last time, and that was to have representatives from the feral cat colonies to work with the County and -- and move forward with this. I'm -- I'm -- I'm a little bit confused.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, clearly it's a major issue, and I -- I agree. I spoke with someone at the Humane Society that had a really good idea, and I, you know, I'm not ready to present that idea today or anything. I think we need to have the meetings. There's many people out there that they -- they -- they -- they want the cats to be able to exist, but as we know, something needs to happen to make sure they don't have rabies, and I just think herding all of them in and putting them to death right now before meetings would not be -- it would not be following what we said at the last meeting that we would have meetings with them. Because if -- if we brought them in right now, that's what would happen -- that's what would happen to them at this point. And, I -- I think we should table this, have the meetings, and deal with it at the next time, so I'll make a motion to table.

Commissioner Stone said, I'll second that.

Commissioner Thomas said, we have a --

Commissioner Odell said, hold it -- Priscilla [Thomas].

Commissioner Thomas said, we have a motion -- we already had a motion on the table. We'll have to withdrawal our motion and -- and -- and it's second.

Commissioner Stone said, well I thought a motion to table takes precedence.

Commissioner Thomas said, but I do want to have -- I do -- I do want to make a statement.

Chairman Liakakis said, well let me ask you. Jon [Hart]?

Commissioner Thomas said, so what's going on now? We got two motions on the table.

Chairman Liakakis said, since the motion was made to table, doesn't that take precedence?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, it does?

Chairman Liakakis said, and so you cannot have any other conversation other than tabling.

Commissioner Odell said, well, wait a minute, I --

County Attorney Hart said, unless you withdraw the motion to table.

Commissioner Odell said, -- but my motion was made prior to that one, right?

County Attorney Hart said, to -- to allow someone to speak.

Chairman Liakakis said, it was made --

Commissioner Thomas said, I'm in favor, but I just wanted to make a statement.

County Attorney Hart said, yeah, but -- but the -- you have to vote on the motion to table first, and if the -- if the motion to table is successful, that ends the discussion. On the other hand, if the motion to table fails, then you're motion will be heard and voted upon.

Commissioner Odell said, can I make a comment regarding the motion to table?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no.

Commissioner Thomas said, no. It's -- it's moot because it's --

Chairman Liakakis said, see, that's Robert's Rules of --

Commissioner Thomas said, -- it takes precedence.

Chairman Liakakis said, -- Procedure on that.

Commissioner Thomas said, let's move on. No, you can't. It's been --

Commissioner Stone said, so -- so we're voting on the motion to table?

Commissioner Thomas said, to table.

Commissioner Stone said, is that correct?

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Thomas said, so let's move on.

Chairman Liakakis said, so you seconded it? All right.

Commissioner Stone said, the motion to table.

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

Commissioner Thomas said, oh, I didn't -- I didn't vote --

Chairman Liakakis said, to table.

Commissioner Odell said, did you vote, Priscilla [Thomas]?

Commissioner Shay said, I haven't voted yet.

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas]?

Commissioner Thomas said, I voted already.

Commissioner Odell said, what'd you vote?

Commissioner Shay said, Commissioner Farrell isn't here, and that's why the Fourth District doesn't have a --

County Attorney Hart said, and the motion to table fails because it's a tie.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, the Seventh, but you're the Eighth.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's on. She voted no.

Commissioner Thomas said, I voted.

Commissioner Odell said, okay.

Commissioner Shay said, right. Motion fails.

Commissioner Stone said, it's -- it's -- it's Commissioner Farrell that's --

Commissioner Odell said, well it -- the -- can I make a comment now?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Odell said, okay. We got a cat in Pooler. We got people in Pooler taking rabies shots. All I'm saying is, these discussions could go on ad infinitum until they come to some sort of agreement as to what they want to do with the cats. Until such time, if there are cats that can be picked up, they need to be picked up. The ordinance is -- the -- the law is there. I don't see why we cannot follow the law until you come up with an alternate plan. That doesn't seem to be that unreasonable to me except that everybody just want to do what they want to do.

Chairman Liakakis said, Xavier [Cooper]?

Youth Commissioner Cooper said, if the cats were to be picked up, what would happen to them following the law as it is now?

Commissioner Odell said, they'd have five days for somebody to adopt them. If they were not adopted within those five days, then they would be put down.

Chairman Liakakis said, they would be euthanized.

Commissioner Odell said, which is the exact same thing you do to dogs. Nobody seems to be overly concerned about dogs. This isn't a whole love affair with animals here, this is just a cat affair.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Thomas said, now that we have an opportunity to -- to speak, I was really not against tabling it, but I did want to make a statement.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, we have been -- every meeting we have been coming up here and we have been talking about this situation, and that's all we've been doing is talking, and I thought that we were going to get together with whomever and meet and come up with a decision as to what we were going to do so that we can follow through in a -- a, you know, in a manner in which would be pleasing to the majority of the people and then go forth from there. I mean if we're going to just continue to come up every meeting and discuss it and don't do anything, that is defeating the purpose. That's my concern. If we are going to truly have dialogue with whomever it is going to be, and let's come up with a solution, I will be in favor of tabling it until another time.

Commissioner Odell said, but is there a time frame on that? Because it's just going to go on and on.

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't know.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may. Here is your issue. You have later on on the action -- the individual actions calendar, the process you've just discussed. Dr. Weems has come up with a proposal in concert with the MPC. Commissioner Odell's point is right on. Do you wish to in effect wait, which may be as much as a year to get that or do you want to respond immediately. And the -- the attorney has -- Jon [Hart] has said repeatedly, and I -- I realize it's on the books, but because of the volatile nature of it, all that Commissioner Odell is asking -- she is bringing it to a choice of this Board do -- do you want to do what you did with the chickens and kind of say wait till the process is over and take nine months or ten, a year, or do you want to say, no, what's on the books is what's on the books, and that's the issue before you right now.

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

Commissioner Stone said, I just feel like we made a commitment the last couple of meetings ago to work with the representatives and to come up with a solution and now the -- the way this is going to be enforced is it's going to cost the county a huge amount of money to go out and trap all these cats, bring them in, and because of the fact that they may be feral, probably are feral, that the chances of them being adopted when they're numerous cats and kittens up for adoption is going to be slim, so most of these animals will be euthanized. And I -- I thought we were trying to work towards a solution, and I'm -- I'm a little bit befuddled by why we can't take the time and try to get this right.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Shay].

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I assume that this government enforces all of the ordinances that are on the books. I don't know why we have to have a motion to say we want you to do what we expect on any ordinance, all right? There's a -- there's an ordinance in place. There has been up to now a policy as to how that ordinance is carried out. I don't think that we have the resources right now to go identify and deputize 50 police officers and make them into a posse to go into the swamp and go find thousands of feral cats, but I -- I think the way that the ordinance reads right now, if there's a feral cat that's trapped because it's a problem, that it gets treated the same way as any other wild

animal, somebody either claims it or adopts it or it's disposed of. And I -- and I really -- I don't understand why we continue to debate this two and three times --

Commissioner Thomas said, that's the problem.

Commissioner Shay said, -- on each agenda when we actually have business that I think is more pressing than to just continue to debate what it is that it means to be a wild animal. If it's a wild animal, it's a wild animal. We have ways of dealing with that. So I -- I -- I just -- I don't know why we have a motion. There is a process that it's in place in the -- in the interim, just like every other ordinance. We enforce it.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'll get with you in a minute. Let me answer his question. Number one, is if you remember, what occurred was there were a lot of people that discussed about the feral cats, and they wanted to see about the county coming and basically what we did was stated that what we would is hold off on proceeding with this. Is -- that's what we did Patrick [Shay]. That's -- that's what the Commission agreed on, and that's the reason why it was not implemented on that because so many citizens, they wrote letters to the editor --

Commissioner Shay said, no, no. I'm --

Chairman Liakakis said, -- they did Vox Populi, and a numerous -- you know, many of them came up here, you know, for that.

Commissioner Shay said, I -- I haven't forgotten what we've been through for the last several meetings. What I'm saying is that in meantime we have a -- an ordinance that's on the books. It needs to be enforced and the policy needs to be the same as it's been in the past. I don't think that what we said was, if somebody is being victimized by a feral cat that we would not do anything about it in the meantime. I think what we said was that we would not aggressively go out into the marshes and go try and find thousands of feral cats --

Commissioner Odell said, right.

Commissioner Shay said, -- and round them up before the ordinance --

Commissioner Odell said, right. Right. That's right.

Commissioner Shay said, -- had a chance to be revisited. So we're really -- we're really just debating over, you know, the policy of how aggressively we're going to go pursue feral cats, and -- and I got to tell you, you know, this is our last meeting together here. We seem to be grinding this wheat exceedingly fine. We -- we have an ordinance that is more than adequate, and we have committed as a Commission to engaging in a process to see how we can refine and improve that ordinance. But until then, the ordinance is the ordinance.

Chairman Liakakis said, Tabitha [Odell].

Commissioner Shay said, I don't think we revoke the ordinance.

Commissioner Odell said, and, you know, like I'm -- I'm -- I'm agreeing with you. I'm not saying that we should gather an army together and go out and catch them, but I don't see how it's that complicated to do. I've caught six cats at my momma's house, got a trap out there now trying to catch the seventh. It ain't that hard. You put something in there, the cat goes in, the cage is closed. You know, set the traps if they're somewhere they shouldn't be and catch them. I don't -- I don't see why it's that hard.

Chairman Liakakis said, let me just say this to the audience, please. We didn't have this to be debated, you know. At the next time an ordinance -- this particular subject comes up, if you want to speak on this issue, either for or against it, we're more than happy to have you come before the Commission, just -- it needs to be set up like that because of the time element, and it wasn't set for people in the audience on this particular issue to speak out today. But we're more than happy for you to come when that is set up. Mr. County Manager.

County Manager Abolt said, on the issue which is not the ordinance, Attorney Hart and I brought it to you because of the complaints. It's -- it's -- it's -- we can deal with this as you've outlined and address just complaints, not -- not going out systematically and in effect, you know, with legions of animal control officers trying to find them. If a person complains, we'll respond. But -- but again, Mr. Chairman has hit it on and Commissioner Stone, when this is done, there is so much push back, and the push back comes in concern of what's going to happen. And we -- if nothing is done today, we will continue on a complaint basis to enforce it. And -- and -- and the down side of that for y'all has been expectation that complaints will come to you and say why are you doing this? And we're doing it because one party -- an offended citizen says another party is fostering feral cats, do something about it. And it's a no win for our animal control officers and our health officers because then the question comes the -- level of commitment from the elected body as to enforcing what's on the book. If nothing is done today, we will respond on a complaint basis. Later on in your agenda, you can deal with in effect what amounts to the process you've talked about. But we would expect that as we respond to complaints, that you all will be getting push back from some of your constituents.

Commissioner Odell said, but don't we also need to think about the public safety? We do have those 11 people out there taking rabies shots. That's a series of 12 painful shots in the stomach, and what do we say to those citizens when

we just let them roam around and do nothing. So it's an -- so it doesn't happen all the time. It happened. And to just leave them out there, roaming around, what liability does that leave on us that we do not enforce an ordinance.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. -- Mr. Chairman?

County Manager Abolt said, if it's questioned to me, it puts -- it puts your staff in an untenable position because we -- we agree with Commissioner Odell, you know, that it has to be enforced, but -- but then when those people that are passionate on the other side get involved, then it ends up before a Judge, and that's a very prolonged and litigious situation. I think Commissioner Odell is just asking for a commitment now not only just to enforce the ordinance but to realize as we enforce the ordinance, that it will be number one, complaint driven; and number two, this Commission and the one that comes after can expect push back. That's all.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Until the problem's solved, I believe that we can all know that each city has their very own animal ordinances, animal control ordinances. They have the ability to enforce their own animal control type ordinances. This would include cats. Complaint-driven at this point, if -- I heard the mall mentioned at the last time -- the last meeting. If the management of the mall has a problem with the cats there, the management of the mall should contact animal control and have them removed because that's their cats, and if someone wants cats removed off their property, they have the legal right to remove them off of their property. I as Joe Citizen have no in my opinion legal right to go remove a cat at the Savannah Mall or at whichever mall because that's not my property. That's private property in which management and ownership's allowing the cat to be there. I'll be honest, and -- and I'm sorry cat people, I -- I'm not even a cat lover, but, you know, I'm -- try to be a person of right and wrong, and removing cats off of private property is not -- we're not God, and -- and -- and if its -- if a cat's on private property and needs to be removed, someone calls and we can remove it. It's that simple. It's -- it's that simple. The City of Pooler has the ability, and they have internet and they have phone connections. If they have a problem, they can contact animal control directly and have that cat population removed, and then that's the City of Pooler who did so. Each government and municipality has a responsibility to protect its citizens and there's no reason for us to play God. It'll all take care of itself with the current ordinance enforced as its been being enforced, when private property owners call and make a complaint. If not, we have no business butting in to private ownership. And that's my humble opinion, and if -- if the motion's still on the floor to approve this, although I oppose it, I call for the question to move on past this subject.

County Attorney Hart said, the question's been called.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Restate the motion.

Commissioner Stone said, we've already voted.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the -- the motion was to enforce the current -- the

Commissioner Odell said, as it -- as it's written. Enforce the current ordinance as it is written.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, which would have them rounding them up.

Commissioner Odell said, no it does not. It does not say --

County Attorney Hart said, the question's been called.

Commissioner Odell said, -- get legions of people and go out.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right. You cannot -- we cannot speak. The question has been called. There is no conversation on that at this point. Let's go on the board.

Commissioner Farrell said, the vote is to whether we pick and choose to enforce ordinances? Don't we have to enforce every ordinance that's on the books?

Commissioner Shay said, yes, we do.

Commissioner Farrell said, I mean we made a law somewhere in the past.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We cannot discuss it. The question has been called for. Let's go on the board and vote one way or the other.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'm not going to vote to not enforce an ordinance that's on the books. That would be breaking the law.

Chairman Liakakis said, need to vote --

Commissioner Stone said, are we breaking the law if we do not enforce the current ordinances?

County Attorney Hart said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, are we -- do we even need a motion period? That's the point.

Commissioner Farrell said, I don't think we do.

County Attorney Hart said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's the point.

Commissioner Thomas said, no.

Commissioner Gellatly said, the question's been called, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, why don't we make a motion on every ordinance we have --

Chairman Liakakis said, wait a minute. Hold it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- and go through it?

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. If you -- if you want to withdrawal your motion that they -- on that Tabitha [Odell]? In other words for the county to enforce -- enforce the motion just like the County Manager said.

Commissioner Odell said, I will withdrawal the motion.

Commissioner Thomas said, and I'll withdrawal my second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. The motion is withdrawn, and you have the information that you brought to the Commission, Mr. County Manager, and we go from there.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir. And we will --

Commissioner Odell said, so we go --

Chairman Liakakis said, you heard what Commissioner Odell stated in that, okay?

County Manager Abolt said, we will enforce the ordinance, and it'll be complaint driven. Period.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to table the feral cat issue. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it failed to carry with a vote of 4 to 4. Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, and Kicklighter voted yes. Commissioners Shay, Odell, Gellatly and Thomas voted no. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

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RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Liakakis said, and what I'd like to do before we go to the next one, I'd like to recognize our Chief of Police, Chief Lovett, who's done an outstanding job, who's head of our Savannah and Chatham County Metro Police Department, and we can see a lot of innovative things that he has done. And of course in the audience is our Sheriff, Al St. Lawrence, who, you know, oversees our Sheriff's Department, and he has some 650 officers there, and is working for the safety and the completion of the jail. Nice to have both of you here.

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4. **AMENDED AND NEW ORDINANCES OUTLINING RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP AND OBLIGATIONS OF ALL PET OWNERS TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. THIS ADDS A REQUIREMENT TO MICROCHIP DOGS AND CATS AND FOR MANDATORY SPAY AND NEUTERING OF ALL DOGS AND CATS, WITH EXEMPTIONS. (COMMISSIONER ODELL).**

Chairman Liakakis said, next item, amended and new ordinances outlining responsible pet ownership and obligation of all pet owners to the community at large. This adds a requirement to microchip dogs and cats and for mandatory spay and neutering of all dogs and cats, with exemptions. Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, the current ordinance is already written. I'm simply wishing to add microchipping the animals so that they can be clearly identified. We already require that they have rabies shots and have to get a license of that. They need to add microchipping.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, that's what I'd like to do, please.

Chairman Liakakis said, Jon [Hart]?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead.

County Manager Abolt said, well what -- and I talked only briefly with Commissioner Odell, but because this is the change in Commissions, I view this as her opportunity to in effect explain, and -- and we would put it on First Reading for your meeting on the 11th. The situation is this, that some of you will not be here on the 11th. Attorney Hart and I have always been careful when we have this change in -- in the Boards to not put something on First Reading with the outgoing Board and then have Second Reading and the new Board would not have the opportunity for having First Reading. It may sound a little bit confusing, but it -- it -- with -- with the understanding of Commissioner Odell, unless y'all feel differently as a group, we will place this ordinance on First Reading on the 11th of January, and the newly seated Commission will deal with it at that time.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Stone said, I would just like to say that I -- I think that this is a very good idea. That in light of the problem that we have with feral cats if these animals were microchipped -- if these cats were microchipped and then picked up we could identify who the people are that -- that may be dumping these animals, and I -- I think it's a horrible thing that people adopt a pet and then somewhere down the line choose to dump them somewhere, and if this would identify the people that are doing so, I think it would be a wonderful thing for the community.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, question?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, how much is a microchip?

Commissioner Odell said, it depends. If you want to do it through your private -- through your -- through your breeder or your private veterinarian it could be as much as \$60. If you do it through one of the free clinics that's at the vet -- at the pet stores, it could be \$10 to \$20. You know, I mean, we do not have -- we have ordinances that are in place. Some of them are great, they're just not enforced. Currently there is no ordinance that requires that you microchip to identify your animal. With technology as it is now, we need to adjust our ordinances as technology grows to accommodate our needs. Microchipping would identify the animal, if the animal's picked up through animal control, it can identify the animal and get the animal back to its pet -- I mean it's owner, especially with cats because people say that cats can't wear collars and they can't do all kinds of things that dogs can do so they got to be special. So they need microchips so that you can identify who they are.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, with respect to the spay and neutering, it's already in the ordinance. It was already there. I did not add that. I did ask that we add something as an exemption so that if you want to breed your pet, you can get an exemption to breed your pet. If it is dangerous to your pet to get a microchip for health reasons, you can get an exemption not to microchip the pet.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm going to end on a great note with Commissioner Odell. I love this idea. I make a motion to approve it.

County Manager Abolt said, no.

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, you can't.

Chairman Liakakis said, wait a minute. Hold it.

Commissioner Odell said, you can't.

Chairman Liakakis said, we just heard what the --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, move it to a First Reading, whatever. That's a good -- great idea if it's 10, 15 bucks.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, I have no idea -- because I know you were looking at the audience because of the article in the paper today. Anybody in the audience that is here because of that, all Commissioner Odell is doing, and what the intent is, this will be on First Reading on the 11th of January for the new Commission, and there'll be a hearing on that two weeks thereafter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, good.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, so.

Commissioner Farrell said, one quick question.

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead.

Commissioner Farrell said, for clarity, are we -- I mean it -- the microchipping is specifically for dogs and cats or is this all animals like cows and pigs and chickens?

Commissioner Odell said, dogs and cats.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, now, the procedure now, Jon [Hart].

Commissioner Kicklighter said, pythons.

County Attorney Hart said, well we're just going to put it down for First Reading next time, and as you know, on First Reading there's no comments from the audience, so if you're a citizen and want to have comments, you need to be here for the Second Reading 'cause you'll have your opportunity to speak.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right. Now.

County Attorney Hart said, the only reason we added this -- the spay and neuter in here is we think the microchip would give us an opportunity see how well the spay and neutering is going because we've got no mechanism to enforce it under the old ordinance.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can -- can you microchip a python?

Commissioner Odell said, yes.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think -- I think we need to include it. Florida has huge problems.

Chairman Liakakis said, hey, listen. Jon [Hart], procedure from right now? Hold it folks.

County Attorney Hart said, the procedure --

Chairman Liakakis said, procedure now. We don't have to vote on this?

County Attorney Hart said, you don't have to do anything. We need just need to move on to the next subject.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. This is information as what Commissioner Odell was saying.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: VII-4
AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

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

ISSUE:

Request Board approval of amended and new ordinances outlining responsible pet ownership and obligations of all pet owners to the community at large.

BACKGROUND:

In the recent months, many issues involving the safety and welfare of Chatham County’s pet population and how that pet population can co-exist in a healthy manner with the citizens of the County have arisen to include the issues of feral cat populations, dog welfare and other pet related issues.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. All animals housed in Chatham County should be kept and maintained in a safe, healthy environment.
2. The definitional sections of the proposed ordinance creates a definition of nuisance and defines responsible pet ownership.
3. The proposed amendment will require any person owning or harboring a dog or cat that is four months or older living within the County to have a microchip implanted in the dog or cat and requires the number of the chip be registered with the Animal Registration Division of the Building Safety Regulatory Services. The ordinance provides for a waiver of the microchip implantation should it have the likelihood of serious injury upon being certified by a licensed veterinarian.
4. The ordinance provides for mandatory spay and neutering for all dogs and cats save and except those which are exempt. The ordinance provides for registered breeders with the Department of Agriculture and a citizens request exemption for breeding person not to exceed one litter per year.
5. The proposed amendments do not directly address feral cat colonies save and except under the existing ordinance. Under the existing order feral cats can be trapped and managed by Animal Control in compliance with the Department of Agriculture’s regulations.
6. The amended and additional provisions of the Animal Control ordinance shall be enforced under current Code Section 22-109 which calls for a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

FUNDING:

There is no additional funding necessary for this ordinance.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is consistent with Board’s policy as outlined in the past to establish an Animal Control Ordinance that protects public health and safety of its citizens and to promote general welfare of the citizens and animal residing within the County. While the County encourages and welcomes pet ownership, a strong emphasis is to be placed on responsible pet ownership.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the attached ordinance.
2. Do not approve the attached ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board consideration.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

Amendments to Animal Control Ordinances

BE IT ORDAINED by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners in regular meeting assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof, the Code of Chatham County is hereby amended by adding hereto as follows:

Amended §22-101 Statement of Purpose.

The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County does hereby repeal §22-101 of the Animal Control Ordinance in its entirety and substitutes in lieu thereof the following provisions of said ordinance set forth more particularly as follows:

Chatham County has undertaken to establish this Animal Ordinance to protect the public health and safety of its citizens and to promote the general welfare of the citizens and animals residing within the County. Animal ownership is encouraged and welcomed within this County; however, strong emphasis is placed on responsible ownership of animals as defined herein.

Animal owners are encouraged to respect the rights of their fellow citizens and also those of their animals. Primary responsibility is placed upon animal owners to properly train and/or secure their animals so as to prevent them from causing injuries and/or creating nuisances.

Amended § 22-102 Definitions.

The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County does hereby repeal §22-102 of the Animal Control Ordinance in its entirety and substitutes in lieu thereof the following provisions of said ordinance set forth more particularly as follows:

1. Animals - "Animals" shall mean any non-human living vertebrate creature, including but not limited to, all horses, ponies, mules, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, pigeons, and similar fowl.
2. Housing - "Housing" shall mean any building, shed, cage, pen or similar structure used for the keeping of animals and fowl.
3. Enclosure - "Enclosure" shall mean any uncovered, enclosed parcel of land where animals or fowl are kept.
4. Nuisance - "Nuisance" shall mean whatever is dangerous or detrimental to human life or health and whatever renders or tends to render soil, air, water, or food impure or unwholesome.
5. Person - "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, corporation, association or agency.
6. Health Officer - "Health Officer" shall mean the commissioner of health of the County of Chatham or his authorized representative.
7. Responsible pet ownership - "Responsible Pet Ownership" shall mean
 - a. An owner who provides both license, tag and permanent identification for pets (dogs, ferrets **and** cats).
 - b. An owner that spays or neuters all pets unless that owner is a part of a registered breeder with Department of Agriculture of Georgia or as otherwise outlined herein.
 - c. An owner who provides socialization, training and proper and ongoing medical care for pets.
 - d. An owner who does not allow a pet to become a nuisance or a threat to the community.
 - e. An owner who only procures pets from responsible and ethical sources.

Amended §22-201(2) Vaccination, Licencing and Registration of Dogs and Cats.

The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County does hereby repeal §22-201(2) of the Animal Control Ordinance in its entirety and substitutes in lieu thereof the following provisions of said ordinance set forth more particularly as follows:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, maintain or harbor any dog or dogs or cat or cats three months of age or older without first having the dog or dogs or cat or cats vaccinated against rabies and obtaining from the Animal Registration Division of the Department of Building Safety for each dog or cat the vaccination and license tag and the rabies certificate described in subsection (a) above. Such license and tag is to be obtained either in person or by mail for each dog or cat from the Animal Registration Division of the Department of Building Safety within thirty (30) days of such animal's annual inoculation.
- (b) Any person owning or harboring any dog or cat that is four (4) months or older living in the County must have a microchip implanted in the dog or cat. The number must be registered with the Animal Registration Division of the Department of Building Safety within thirty (30) days of the cat or dog being brought into the County or within thirty (30) days of the animal reaching four (4) months in age. At all times the owner or harborer of a dog or cat living within the County must maintain up-to-date contact information, including the address and telephone number with the Animal Registration Division of the Department of Building Safety within thirty (30) days of such change. If ownership of the animal is transferred to another individual, then it is the responsibility of the previous owner to advise the Animal Registration Division of the Department of Building Safety of the transfer. In the event that having a microchip implanted in a dog or cat has a high likelihood of causing serious bodily injury to the animal as certified by a licensed veterinarian, then the owner can apply for a waiver of having the pet not implanted.

- (c) Any person owning a dog or cat that does not comply with subsection (a) or (b) shall be in violation of this ordinance. Non-compliance and the issuance of an ordinance citation shall result in a set fine of \$50.00.

Adding §22-201 (14) Mandatory spay and neuter.

The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County does hereby adopt and add §22-201 (14) of the Animal Control Ordinance more particularly as follows:

- (a) Purpose. The County has determined that the unintended or uncontrolled breeding of dogs and cats within the county leads to many dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens being unwanted, becoming strays, suffering deprivation and death, being impounded and euthanized at great expense to the community, and constituting a public nuisance and public health hazard. It is, therefore, declared that every feasible means of reducing the number of unwanted dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens is encouraged.
- (b) Mandatory spaying, neutering of dogs and cats.
 - (1) Requirement. No person may harbor a dog or cat six months of age or older within the County that has not been spayed or neutered unless such person is granted an exemption as outlined below for each unaltered dog or cat, unless the dog or cat is otherwise exempt under this section.
 - (2) The owner of an animal seeking an exemption under this Code section shall submit a written affidavit to the Animal Registration Division of the Department of Building Safety at the time of the issuance of tag outlined in 22-201(2) which details the specific reason why the animal is to be bred and outlines that owner understands that no animal may have more than one litter per year.
 - (3) Any person who is a registered breeder with the Department of Agriculture of Georgia is automatically exempt under this Code Section and is not required to file any additional documents with the County except as required by the Department of Agriculture.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of _____, 2012.

 Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Chatham County Commission

 Janice Bocook, Clerk
 Chatham County Commission

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5. NORA HAYNES, NAMI AND ODR RESOLUTION (COMMISSIONER STONE).

Chairman Liakakis said, next item. Nora Haynes, the NAMI and ODR Resolution. Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, fellow Commissioners and members of the audience, this is a Resolution that came about as a result of a meeting that I attended with the representatives of the NAMI, which is the National Association of the Mentally Ill with Senator Carter, and he asked that this Resolution go forward to help them establish three programs and to sustain one program. So I'm going to quickly read the Resolution. I'm going to let Nora [Haynes] give you a summary of this, but the program that we're looking to sustain has already saved Chatham County several thousand dollars, and we need to keep these programs for the mentally ill in place and let them continue to do what they've been doing so well.

Commissioner Stone read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.; and

WHEREAS, NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raising awareness and building a community of hope for all of those in need; and

WHEREAS, from its inception in 1979, NAMI has been dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness and promise to build better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Savannah's 2013 Legislative priorities are to (1) Pass Psychiatric Advanced Directive Bill for Georgians, (2) Sustain and expand the Opening Doors to Recovery Project, (3) Continue and Expand Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training and research, and (4) Improve the Mental Health Transport Law; and

WHEREAS, Chatham/Savannah has taken a national leadership role in collaboration to educate stakeholders and to assure that our most vulnerable citizens with serious and persistent mental illness receive treatment not jail and move toward becoming contributing members our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners respectfully request that the Governor of the Great State of Georgia Nathan Deal and the Chatham County legislators adopt NAMI Savannah's 2013 legislative priority list in an effort to ensure the continued success of this very noteworthy organization, their members, and those with serious, persistent mental illness, as well as their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 21st day of December 2012.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Commissioner Stone said, and I'll let Nora [Haynes] give you a brief summary of these programs that they're looking to sustain, and here -- it is with pleasure I give you this Resolution. Well, I guess, no, we need to send this forward --

Ms. Nora Haynes said, to the Governor.

Commissioner Stone said, -- to the -- to the Governor through Senator Carter, Mr. Chairman, if that's all right with you. Okay. You want to give a summary?

Ms. Haynes said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, we've got to vote on it also.

Commissioner Stone said, yes.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes, go ahead.

Ms. Haynes said, I really appreciate you guys doing this because as you mentioned at the beginning of the meeting, the tragedy that happened in Connecticut. There's also been other tragedies in Colorado, at Virginia Tech, and also in Arizona. These are young men who had onset of serious and persistent mental illness, and these kind of tragedies can be prevented. It -- is has to do with education, and so we're going to the legislature and asking them to pass a Psychiatric Advanced Directive Bill, as well as we have the Chief and the Sheriff here. Chatham-Savannah is known across the State for their great CIT program. I have a CIT pin. We have huge numbers of law enforcement officers that are trained to recognize signs and symptoms of mental illness. So, these - these priorities we're going to put before the legislature so hopefully nothing like this will ever happen in the State of Georgia that happened in Connecticut.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, Nora [Haynes], want you to give a -- a -- the very brief summary about the story about the man wandering in the woods, and this is one of the reasons why this is so important, that the police could not pick up. If you'll -- do you remember what I'm talking about? They said because he had not committed a crime, he was wondering around the school, they couldn't pick him up?

Ms. Haynes said, oh, the transport law in Georgia, Georgia's one of the only states in the United States that has a law like this. In order for law enforcement to pick up someone, they have to have committed a crime and be a danger to themselves or others. There was a young man in Gwinnett County who was -- had a gun, and he was in the woods, and he was going to commit suicide, and law enforcement couldn't intervene because he had not committed a crime. So, he ended up committing suicide. So those kind of things don't really need to be happening.

Commissioner Stone said, and they had to shut down school.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. And one thing, this is important, this Resolution. I've been to quite a number that mental illness and work to keep our Georgia Regional mental hospital here, but people don't know this, that our county jail, unfortunately, is the biggest mental institute in the State, you know, in our area. They had over 260 mental patients in our county jail. Mental patients don't need to be in county jail, and that's one of the reasons we need that -- in that, because we need to treat these people in a better manner than just putting them in jail, you know, because they have that mental illness. So thank you very much. Let's go on the Board. Motion passes.

Commissioner Stone said, wait a minute. I need to vote. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to adopt the NAMI resolution and forward on to Senator Buddy Carter. The Board voted and the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

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

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) in the GENERAL FUND M&O: (a) appropriate \$1,241,155 unassigned fund balance to the Detention Center for additional positions and equipment, and (b) transfer \$14,400 from contingency to Animal Control for two temporary positions, 2) in the CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND appropriate \$2,135 to Police expenditures, 3) transfer \$600,000 into salaries and benefits within the Sales Tax IV Fund, and 4) transfer \$4,000 from Special Service District Contingency to Recorder's Court salaries and benefits.**

Chairman Liakakis said, we have Items for Individual Action, one, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer: 1) in the General Fund M&O: (a) appropriate \$1,241,155 unassigned fund balance to the Detention Center for additional positions and equipment, and (b) transfer \$14,400 from contingency to Animal Control for two temporary positions, 2) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$2,135 to Police expenditures, 3) transfer \$600,000 into salaries and benefits within the Sales Tax IV Fund, and 4) transfer \$4,000 from Special Service District Contingency to Recorder's Court salaries and benefits. Need a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, so approved -- so moved.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: (a) appropriate \$1,241,155 unassigned fund balance to the Detention Center for additional positions and equipment, and (b) transfer \$14,400 from contingency to Animal Control for two temporary positions, 2) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$2,135 to Police expenditures, 3) transfer \$600,000 into salaries and benefits within the Sales Tax IV Fund, and 4) transfer \$4,000 from Special Service District Contingency to Recorder's Court salaries and benefits. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: December 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 General Fund M&O: (a) appropriate \$1,241,155 unassigned fund balance to the Detention Center for additional positions and equipment, and (b) transfer \$14,400 from contingency to Animal Control for two temporary positions, 2) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$2,135 to Police expenditures, 3) transfer \$600,000 into salaries and benefits within the Sales Tax IV Fund and 4) transfer \$4,000 from Special Service District Contingency to Recorder's Court salaries and benefits.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board of Commissioners approved the creation of 34 new positions in the Detention Center's budget at their December 7, 2012 meeting. Since recurring revenues are not available to fund the positions, this action requires the appropriation of General Fund unassigned fund balance. The use of unassigned fund balance to fund recurring expenditures violates the County policy on the use of one-time revenues for the funding of recurring expenditures. Correspondence and a resolution are attached.
2. The Board of Commissioners approved two temporary animal control positions at their December 7, 2012 meeting. A contingency transfer of \$14,400 is needed to fund the temporary positions. Correspondence is attached.
3. The Chief of Police has requested the use of confiscated funds to purchase a helicopter short haul system. Funds in the amount of \$2,135 are available in the Confiscated Revenue Fund for the appropriation. The request has been sent to the County Attorney for review. Correspondence is attached.
4. The Assistant County Engineer has requested a transfer of \$600,000 for salaries and benefits within the Administrative Expenditures projects in the Sales Tax IV fund. Correspondence is attached.
5. The Assistant County Manager has requested a transfer of \$4,000 from Special Service District Contingency to Recorder's Court salaries and benefits for compensation adjustments to the Recorder's Court Judges as required by State Law. Correspondence is attached.

FUNDING:

The budget amendment will establish funding in the General M&O fund. Funds are available in the General Fund M&O Contingency, the Confiscated Revenue Fund and the Special Service District Contingency for transfers.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) Appropriate \$1,241,155 fund balance to the Detention Center for salaries, benefits and equipment.
- b) Transfer \$14,400 from contingency to the Animal Control budget for two temporary animal control positions.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND

Appropriate \$2,135 to the Police budget for the purchase of a helicopter short haul system.

SALES TAX IV FUND

Transfer \$600,000 into salaries and benefits within the Administrative Expenditure projects in the Sales Tax IV fund.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

Transfer \$4,000 from contingency to Recorder's Court salaries and benefits.

2. Amend or deny the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1. Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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- 2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2012 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) AND RELATED DOCUMENTS TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION BY CALENDAR YEAR END. SUMMARIZED AUDIT RESULTS FOR FISCAL 2012 ARE HEREIN PROVIDED. (If available, the 2012 CAFRs will be distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.) EXTERNAL AUDITORS WILL BE PRESENT.**

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 2, request Board approval to submit the 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, CAFR, and related documents to the State of Georgia and the Government Finance Officers Association by calendar year end. Summarized audit results for Fiscal 2012 are herein provided. If available, the 2012 CAFRs will be distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. External Auditors will be present.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, it's here. We have an audit that reflects the fiscal year ending the 30th of June. I'll turn it over to Mr. Cowart, who is your external auditor, and he in effect can review it with you if necessary. Mr. Cowart?

Chairman Liakakis said, let me ask this question? Can we just go ahead and vote on it because --

County Manager Abolt said, you -- you can. You're -- you're -- you're -- I don't -- I don't want to put words in you're -- you're external auditor, but I believe Ms. Cramer and I can say we're in good shape. If you have any questions of Mr. Cowart, you can ask him. If not, you can approve the document.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Somebody want to make a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, I'll make a motion, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Let's go on the board. Motion passes. Thank you. See, y'all did good. You didn't even have to talk.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the submission of the 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and related documents to the State of Georgia and the Government Finance Officers Association by calendar year end. Commissioners Holmes and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE:

Request Board approval to submit the 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and related documents to the State of Georgia and the Government Finance Officers Association by calendar year end.

BACKGROUND:

The 2012 CAFR reports the County's audited financial positions as of June 30, 2012. The Single Audit Report is intended to provide a report on internal controls to grantor agencies. It includes the auditor's concerns on internal control, documented as "findings" within the report.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The CAFR represents the audited financial report of Chatham County prepared in accordance with generally accepted principles. The CAFR presents the recorded financial transactions and activities of Chatham County for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. It includes activities of three component units: Chatham Area Transit, Live Oak Public Libraries, and the Chatham County Health Department.
2. At June 30, 2012 the main operating funds of the County were the General Fund and the Special Service District. Fund balance in the General Fund increased by \$1.4 million annually. Fund balance in the SSD Fund decreased \$449,023 during the period. Fund balance includes:

**General Fund and Special Service District
June 30, 2012
(in 000s)**

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>SSD</u>
Components:		
Nonspendable	\$ 194	\$ --
Restricted	32	\$ --
Unrestricted	<u>35,080</u>	<u>6,580</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 35,306</u>	<u>\$ 6,580</u>
Increase from Prior Year	<u>\$ 1,330</u>	<u>\$ (449)</u>

3. Components of Unrestricted Fund Balance were:

**General Fund and Special Service District
Unrestricted Fund Balance Categories
June 30, 2012
(in 000s)**

<u>Categories</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>SSD</u>
Committed:		
For CEMA	\$ 416	
Assigned:		
For financial policy reserve levels	22,839	\$ 4,643
For subsequent year's budget deficit	3,376	1,570
For purposes of the fund	--	367
Unassigned	<u>5,449</u>	<u>--</u>
	<u>\$ 35,080</u>	<u>\$ 6,580</u>

4. The amounts shown in the General Fund as Fund Balance - Committed represents fund balance of the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA). CEMA's operations are separated from general County operations under provisions of the County Code; therefore, this fund balance is separately reported.
5. In the Special Service District, the amount shown as Fund Balance - Assigned for subsequent year's budget deficit equals the amount of fund balance used in the 2012 SSD Budget to offset the shortfall between revenues and expenditures in compliance with fund balance policies.
- 6.. The amount shown as Fund Balance - Assigned for subsequent year's budget deficit equals the amount of fund balance used in the 2013 adopted budget to offset the shortfall between revenues and expenditures.
7. Fund balance amounts that are available for expenditure are now classified as Fund Balance - Unassigned in the General Fund and Fund Balance - Assigned for purposes of the fund in the SSD Fund. Note that encumbrances are included in these categories. Encumbrances represent

purchase orders issued but not yet paid. In prior years, encumbrances had been shown as reservations of fund balance, but GASB 54 eliminated that process. At the end of fiscal 2012, General Fund encumbrances were \$2,042,078 and SSD encumbrances were \$105,562.

8. The CAFR also includes the County’s government-wide financial statements which present all activities of Chatham County on the accrual basis of accounting, including capital assets and long-term debt. Overall the County’s net assets as shown on the government-wide statements total \$1.163 billion, an increase of \$12.65 million from 2011. Most of the increase resulted from revenues received in advance of capital project spending (e.g. SPLOST funds) and from increased capital grants and outlay at the Transit Authority.
9. The Management’s Discussion and Analysis reviews the changes in the County’s overall financial position from 2011 to 2012 (see page C01 of the CAFR). It includes a discussion of changes at both the entity-wide and major fund level. Highlighted information for the entity as a whole includes:
 - Net assets over \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$12.6 million from 2012. 84% of the increase resulted from business-type activities (\$10.6 million) and 16% from government activities (\$2 million).
 - Unrestricted net assets of over \$61 million.
 - Expenditures through fiscal year end of \$53 million on the detention center expansion project.
 - Annual increases in tax revenues of \$8.4 million, including \$3.8 million in property taxes and \$4.2 million in SPLOST/LOST.
 - Distributions of \$15.1 million to area municipalities from collected SPLOST.
10. Budget comparison schedules for County funds are shown within the CAFR on pages E1 to E7, and also starting on page F-5. One department, Fleet Operations, exceeded its fiscal 2012 budget appropriation. The budget variance of \$141,883 resulted from inventory write-offs. Summarized budget results for the County’s two main operating funds are:

	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Actual Amounts
General Fund			
Revenues	\$ 149,297,340	\$ 149,395,440	\$ 151,097,114
Expenditures	<u>\$ 149,297,340</u>	<u>\$ 157,006,477</u>	<u>\$ 149,767,568</u>
Difference	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (7,611,037)</u>	<u>\$ 1,329,546</u>
SSD Fund			
Revenues	\$ 25,707,812	\$ 25,813,352	\$ 25,768,319
Expenditures	<u>\$ 26,878,660</u>	<u>\$ 27,147,657</u>	<u>\$ 26,217,342</u>
Difference	<u>\$ (1,170,848)</u>	<u>\$ (1,334,305)</u>	<u>\$ (449,023)</u>

11. The independent auditor has provided three reports that accompany the CAFR and are shown herein beginning on page 5. The first is the Single Audit Report as required by *Government Auditing Standards* and *OMB Circular A-133*. The Single Audit Report includes a Schedule of Findings and Questions Costs with responses from departments. The second report is the Management Letter which provides suggested internal control improvements for the County’s consideration. Departments have provided responses to these comments. The third report is the Auditor’s Communication with Those Charged with Governance which is specifically provided to the Board to communicate the results of the audit.

12. The State of Georgia and the Government Finance Officers’ Association require submittal of the CAFR and related reports within six months of fiscal year end. The County’s deadline on submittal is December 31, 2012.

FUNDING:
N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:
The Finance Department remains committed to the timely preparation of financial reports and to the elimination of findings related to processes and internal controls.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. That the Board authorize the Finance Department to submit the CAFR and related documents to the State of Georgia and to the Government Finance Officers’ Association by December 31, 2012, or
 2. Provide other direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve alternative 1.

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND FISCAL 2013 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS TO: 1) RECOGNIZE AUDITED FISCAL 2012 FUND BALANCES FOR FUNDS THAT USE FUND BALANCE AS AN OPERATING RESOURCE, 2) REFLECT FISCAL 2012 RESERVES FOR ENCUMBRANCES AND CAPITAL PROJECT BALANCES FOR THE NONMAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND ENTERPRISE FUNDS AND 3) APPROVE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET SCHEDULES FOR SPLOST FUNDS.

Chairman Liakakis said, item 3, request Board approval to amend Fiscal 2013 budget resolution to: 1) recognize audited Fiscal 2012 fund balances for funds that use fund balance as an operating resource, 2) reflect fiscal 2012 reserves for encumbrances and capital project balances for the nonmajor capital improvement and enterprise funds and 3) approve revised project budget schedules for SPLOST funds.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, all you're doing as the result of this, you're moving the money where it should be based on the audit.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, I just want to check and make sure that the third part of item three there, approved [sic] revised project budget schedules for SPLOST funds, there's nothing in this that reflects a change of policy of anything that we haven't already voted on? This is sticking with the program as we know it.

County Manager Abolt said, yes. Everything sticks with the program and it reinforces and makes budgetary adjustments based on this document.

Commissioner Shay said, in that case I'll make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Holmes said, second it.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved for approval to amend Fiscal 2013 budget resolution to: 1) recognize audited Fiscal 2012 fund balances for funds that use fund balance as an operating resource, 2) reflect fiscal 2012 reserves for encumbrances and capital project balances for the nonmajor capital improvement and enterprise funds and 3) approve revised project budget schedules for SPLOST funds. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3

AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

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

ISSUE:

To amend fiscal 2013 budget resolutions to: 1) recognize audited fiscal 2012 fund balances for funds that use fund balance as an operating resource, 2) reflect fiscal 2012 reserves for encumbrances and capital project balances for the nonmajor Capital Improvement and Enterprise Funds and 3) approve revised project budget schedules for SPLOST funds.

BACKGROUND:

The fiscal year 2013 Chatham County budgets were adopted on June 22, 2012. A subsequent independent financial audit has verified fiscal year-end 2012 fund balances and capital project balances. This report amends current year budgets to show the potential use of fund balance in those funds where it is considered an operating resource. The report also provides appropriations related to outstanding fiscal 2012 encumbrance balances ("carryforwards") and restricted fee reserves. Although a budget amendment to account for year end encumbrances is not a requirement of enterprise funds, enterprise funds are included in this report to facilitate effective management planning. Encumbrance carryforwards for the General Fund and SSD Fund were approved September 7, 2012.

Fund balance is not considered an operating resource in the General M&O Fund and the Special Service District. Audited fund balance information for those funds were presented to the Board with transmittal of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Chatham County Confiscated Special Revenue Fund budget amendment increases the

- budget by \$699,503 to reflect a fund balance total of \$716,887. Appropriations are increased for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.
2. The Chatham County Sheriff Confiscated Special Revenue Fund budget amendment increases the budget by \$39,835 to reflect a fund balance total of \$39,835. Appropriations are increased for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.
 3. The Chatham County Restricted Court Fee Special Revenue Fund budget amendment increases the budget by \$669,946 to reflect a fund balance of \$737,185. Appropriations are increased for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.
 4. The Chatham County Inmate Welfare Fund budget amendment increases the budget by \$331,128 to add fund balance. Appropriations are increased for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.
 5. The Chatham County Street Lighting Special Revenue Fund budget amendment increases the budget by \$186,333 to add fund balance. Appropriations are increased for expenditures in accordance with this resolution.
 6. The E911 Fund budget amendment decreases the budget by \$24,316 to reflect fund balance of \$615,684. Appropriations are decreased for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.
 7. The Chatham County Land Disturbing Activities Ordinance budget amendment increases the budget by \$149,331 to reflect a fund balance of \$235,661. Appropriations are increased for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.
 8. The Chatham County Land Bank budget amendment increases the budget by \$3,378 to add fund balance. Appropriations are increased for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.
 9. The Chatham County Sales Tax I fund budget amendment decreases the budget by \$597,110 to reflect fund balance of \$15,534,451. The latest revised budget detail is attached.
 10. The Chatham County Sales Tax II fund budget amendment decreases the budget by \$143,947 to reflect fund balance of \$6,277,359.
 11. The Chatham County Sales Tax III fund budget amendment decreases the budget by \$4,250,465 to reflect fund balance of \$45,531,805.
 12. The Chatham County Sales Tax IV fund budget amendment decreases the budget by \$5,170,534 to reflect fund balance of \$64,645,481.
 13. The Chatham County Capital Improvement Program Fund budget amendment increases the budget by \$11,509,965 to reflect a fund balance of \$17,142,550. Appropriations are adjusted for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.
 14. The Chatham County Capital Improvement - Series 1999 DSA Revenue Bond Fund budget amendment increases the budget by \$810 to reflect fund balance of \$121,810. Appropriations are increased for expenditures in accordance with the resolution. The latest revised budget detail is available in the Finance Department as stated in the resolution.
 15. The Chatham County Capital Improvement - Series 2005 DSA Revenue Bond Fund budget amendment decreases the budget by \$86,431 to reflect fund balance of \$627,569. Appropriations are decreased for expenditures in accordance with the resolution. The latest revised budget detail is available in the Finance Department as stated in the resolution.
 16. The Chatham County CIP Bond Detention Center Expansion budget amendment decreases revenues \$24,949,120 transfer in from Sales Tax V. Appropriations are adjusted for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.
 17. The Chatham County Debt Service Fund budget amendment increases the budget by \$85,191 to reflect a fund balance of \$85,191. The appropriations are adjusted for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.
 18. The Chatham County Water and Sewer Fund budget amendment adjusts revenues by \$108,642 to reflect encumbrance carryforwards. Appropriations are adjusted for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.
 19. The Chatham County Solid Waste Management Fund budget amendment adjusts revenues by \$31,160 to reflect encumbrance carryforwards. Appropriations are adjusted for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.

20. The Chatham County Computer Replacement Fund budget amendment adjusts revenues by \$157,497 to reflect encumbrance carryforwards. Appropriations are adjusted for expenditures in accordance with the resolution.

FUNDING:

Funds are available in Restricted Fund Balance, Unrestricted Fund Balance and/or Net Assets for all funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

CONFISCATED SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

A budget amendment to increase fund balance appropriations \$699,503 with a corresponding appropriation for Public Safety expenditures.

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF CONFISCATED SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

A budget amendment to increase fund balance appropriations \$39,835 with corresponding increase in expenditures.

RESTRICTED COURT FEES SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

A budget amendment to increase fund balance appropriations by \$669,946 with a corresponding increase in expenditures.

INMATE WELFARE FUND

A budget amendment to increase fund balance appropriations \$331,128 with a corresponding increase in expenditures.

STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

A budget amendment to increase fund balance appropriations by \$186,333 with a corresponding increase in expenditures.

E911 FUND

A budget amendment to decrease fund balance appropriations by \$24,316 with a corresponding decrease in expenditures.

LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES ORDINANCE FUND

A budget amendment to increase fund balance appropriation by \$149,331 with a corresponding increase in expenditures.

LAND BANK FUND

A budget amendment to increase fund balance appropriations by \$3,378 with a corresponding increase in expenditures.

ONE PERCENT LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX I FUND

A budget amendment to decrease fund balance appropriations by \$597,110 with a corresponding decrease in expenditures. The latest revised project budget schedule is attached.

ONE PERCENT LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX II FUND

A budget amendment to decrease fund balance appropriations by \$143,947 with a corresponding decrease in expenditures. The latest revised project budget schedule is attached.

ONE PERCENT LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX III FUND

A budget amendment to decrease fund balance appropriations by \$4,250,465 with a corresponding decrease in expenditures. The latest revised project budget schedule is attached.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - SERIES 1999 DSA REVENUE BOND FUND

A budget amendment to increase fund balance by \$810 with a corresponding decrease in expenditures. The latest revised list of projects is available in the Finance Department as stated in the resolution.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - SERIES 2005 DSA REVENUE BOND FUND

A budget amendment to decrease fund balance by \$86,431 with a corresponding decrease in expenditures. The latest revised list of projects is available in the Finance Department as stated in the resolution.

CIP BOND DETENTION CENTER EXPANSION FUND

A budget amendment decreases revenue \$24,949,120 transfers in from Sales Tax V with a corresponding decrease in expenditures.,

CHATHAM COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND

A budget amendment to increase fund balance by \$85,191 with a corresponding increase in expenditures.

WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

A budget amendment to increase net assets in the amount of \$31,160 for year-end encumbrances with corresponding expense appropriations.

COMPUTER REPLACEMENT FUND

A budget amendment to increase net assets in the amount of \$157,497 for year-end encumbrances with corresponding expense appropriations.

2. Amend the transfers and budget amendments.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The State Code grants the Board of Commissioners the authority to amend the budget as it deems necessary during the fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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4. BOARD CONSIDERATION TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTION TO TAKE REGARDING FERAL CAT COLONIES IN CHATHAM COUNTY.

Chairman Liakakis said, next item. Four, board consideration to determine what action to take regarding feral cat colonies in Chatham County. Since we had all of that conversation, do we need to --

County Attorney Hart said, no, you no longer need to.

County Manager Abolt said, just -- just so you know, I'm sorry --

Commissioner Shay said, I'd like to make a motion to table this until the discussion regarding the actual ordinance, which I think will take place next year.

County Manager Abolt said, well, if I may, I -- I don't want this to take away from the motion.

Commissioner Shay said, I -- I don't think we need to discuss it a whole lot more today.

County Manager Abolt said, no this is -- this is the second step in what I believe the first step was enforce the complaints. This is what you've heard in the past, said staff come back with a community process. This is a community process.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, based on our previous action, we just strike this from the agenda, then, item four?

Commissioner Shay said, no.

County Manager Abolt said, no. No, no, no. Two -- two different things.

Chairman Liakakis said, no, we don't do it, we just -- we just -- we pass -- we heard the information and can move on, correct?

County Manager Abolt said, you -- you asked for -- in the past you've asked for a community involvement.

Commissioner Farrell said, this is just affirming that we want community involvement to go forward?

County Manager Abolt said, community involvement, and it's going to take a while to get it. In the interim we drive by complaint.

Commissioner Stone said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, let's do it.

Commissioner Shay said, all right. Well then I make a motion to adopt item 4 and do what we said we were going to do.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to adopt item 4, that the Board considers policy enhancements for addressing the existence of feral cat colonies, utilizing a task force of experts. Commissioners Kicklighter and Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4

AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Diane Z. Weems, MD
 Coastal Health District Health Director

ISSUE:

To determine what action to take regarding feral cat colonies in Chatham County.

BACKGROUND:

There has been broad community discussion on the existence and maintenance of feral cat colonies in various areas of the county. The issue was brought before the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on November 16, 2012. Several care givers of the feral cat colonies, as well as certain government agencies who have interest in and legal responsibility for, the control of rabies and other zoonotic diseases, were called to speak to the Board.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Several feral cat advocacy groups provide care and feeding of these cats within Chatham County.
2. The 3 largest groups include the Milton Project, Islands Feral Cat Project, and Save a Life, with other small groups across the country.
3. County ordinances are in place that address the feeding of non-domestic animals and wildlife. The Animal Control Division of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department has authority within these ordinances.
4. The Chatham County Health Department has responsibility under O.C.G.A. Chapter 31 for control of rabies.
5. The Georgia Department of Agriculture has responsibility for licensable activities that include sheltering, adoption, administration, pharmaceuticals, and transportation across jurisdictions.
6. The Chatham County Health Department has been asked, if the Board should seek to convene a task force to examine the issues surrounding the feral cat colonies, to recommend who should make up that group.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The Board considers policy enhancements for addressing the existence of these feral cat colonies, utilizing a task force of experts.
2. The Board continues to enforce current ordinances regarding the care and feeding of feral animals.
3. Take no action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Should the Board consider policy enhancements for addressing the existence of feral cat colonies utilizing a task force, the recommendation for the makeup of that task force to inform the development of policy includes one representative from each of the following: the feral cat colony care givers, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, the Chatham County Health Department, a local veterinarian, Chatham County Animal Control, and the Humane Society.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE RENEWAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND CHATHAM COUNTY WHEREBY THE COUNTY AGREES TO ACT AS GUARANTOR FOR THE AUTHORITY'S \$1.7 MILLION LINE OF CREDIT.**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Request Board approve renewal of a Intergovernmental Agreement between Chatham Area Transit Authority and Chatham County whereby the County agrees to act as guarantor for the Authority's \$1.7 million line of credit. And we've been doing that for a number of years as you know, and the CAT --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, may I make a quick motion [sic] on that. I sincerely hope that this Commission will support the efforts of Chatham Area Transit in looking to the State to reinstate the funding that was taken away from Chatham Area Transit to help stabilize the budget for Chatham Area Transit.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Chatham Area Transit Authority and Chatham County whereby the County agrees to act as guarantor for the Authority's \$1.7 million line of credit. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5

AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

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

ISSUE:

To approve renewal of an intergovernmental agreement between Chatham Area Transit Authority and Chatham County whereby the County agrees to act as guarantor for the Authority's \$1.7 million line of credit.

BACKGROUND:

On August 24, 2007 CAT established a line of credit with Wachovia Bank to facilitate cash flow needs. At that time the County and CAT entered into an intergovernmental agreement whereby the County would act as Guarantor for CAT's credit line. The line of credit and related agreement have been renewed several times since - October 5, 2007, November 7, 2008, October 8, 2010, and December 2, 2011. The Authority approved another renewal of the credit line on December 18, 2012.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Chatham Area Transit Authority has an existing line of credit with Wachovia Bank that expires on December 31, 2012. The Authority has currently drawn down \$1.5 million of the available \$1.7 million line of credit. The line of credit is backed by a guaranty of Chatham County via an intergovernmental agreement between CAT and Chatham County.
2. The Authority approved renewal of the \$1.7 million line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and the related intergovernmental agreement with Chatham County on December 18, 2012. The Authority is again asking the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to act as guarantor on the credit line.
3. The Authority was unable to pay down the credit line during calendar 2012. This is due to persistent cash flow issues at the Authority. As part of the bank's renewal of the credit line, the bank has asked the Transit Authority to pay the line off for 30 days during the calendar year.
4. It is requested that the Board approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Authority and the County to re-establish the line of credit. The agreement and the County Attorney's opinion letter are attached.

FUNDING:

Funding to repay interest on the credit line is provided in the Chatham Area Transit Authority fiscal 2013 budget. The County has not established a funding source related to default or any interest payments that might be due on the account.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The line of credit will provide the authority with needed cash at periods of low revenue collection. The County's role as guarantor of the credit line creates a fiscal dependency relationship between the Authority and the County, which leads to the Authority's inclusion as a component unit in the County's audit report.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the intergovernmental agreement whereby the County agrees to act as guarantor of the Transit Authority's \$1.7 million line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., or
2. Provide staff with other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Alternative 1.

STATE OF GEORGIA *
COUNTY OF CHATHAM *

AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2012, by and among **CHATHAM COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia hereinafter referred to as "County," and **CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**, hereinafter referred to as "CAT":

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, as the governing body of the County, has the responsibility for assisting and providing efficient and financially sound public transportation; and,

WHEREAS, CAT is an independent agency created by the local act of the General Assembly, for the purpose of providing transportation within the County; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to this legislation, CAT has operated public transportation within Chatham County, including buses, paratransit services, and waterway shuttle service across the Savannah River; and,

WHEREAS, four members of the Board of Commissioners of the County are also members of the CAT Board; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that CAT be financially sound to ensure its ability to provide the service of public transportation; and,

WHEREAS, CAT operates its financial budget from funds received primarily through fares collected from the public using CAT's transportation services, tax revenues collected in the Chatham County Special Service Transit District, and federal and state grant funds; and,

WHEREAS, at various times during the calendar year, CAT's revenues may decrease due to fluctuation in passenger ridership and the timing of receipt of tax revenues and federal and state grant disbursements; and,

WHEREAS, federal funding of CAT operations is inconsistent; and,

WHEREAS, CAT has in the past obtained a line of credit for purposes of use during periods in which there is reduced cash flow revenue (such line of credit has been most recently with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.); and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Board of Commissioners of the County to ensure that CAT continues to have an appropriate line of credit to ensure continued public transportation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, any political subdivision of the State of Georgia may contract for any period not exceeding fifty years with any public authority for joint services, for the provision of services, or for the joint or separate use of facilities and equipment, provided such contracts deal with activities, services, or facilities which the contracting parties are authorized by law to undertake or provide; and,

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2007, the parties entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement for purposes described therein, such Intergovernmental Agreement having been amended by Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement dated and agreed to on October 5, 2007; November 7, 2008; October 22, 2010; and December 2, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the parties are now desirous to extend such Intergovernmental Agreement, as heretofore amended;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do more particularly enter into this Amendment to their foregoing Intergovernmental Agreement, as heretofore amended, as follows:

1. The foregoing Intergovernmental Agreement between the parties dated August 24, 2007, as amended last on December 2, 2011, is hereby further amended to extend the effective date and term of same through December 31, 2013.
2. Upon approval of the governing body of CAT and the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, the CAT staff may execute, enter into, and obtain a continuing line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., not to exceed \$1,700,000, upon such terms and conditions as approved by the CAT Board.
3. The CAT Board agrees that it will provide specific instructions as to the amount, time, interest and terms which CAT will negotiate with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and approve such terms.
4. The Board of Commissioners of the County shall, at all times, be informed as to the status of said credit line.
5. The Board of Commissioners of the County agrees that Chatham County shall continue as Guarantors of the indebtedness of CAT to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. pursuant to such line of credit, and should for any reason CAT default upon any term or condition of the line of credit, the County shall continue to guarantee the performance of all obligations under the terms and conditions of the line of credit to CAT from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused their presents to be executed by their duly authorized officers and their seals affixed, this _____ day of _____, 2012.

CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BY: _____
Chairman, Pete Liakakis

ATTEST: _____
(SEAL)

Witness

Notary Public
(SEAL)

CHATHAM COUNTY

BY: _____
Chairman, Pete Liakakis

ATTEST: _____
Janice Bocook, Clerk
(SEAL)

Witness

Notary Public
(SEAL)

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6. **INFORMATION ON THE RESULTS OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PERFORMING A CONDITION ASSESSMENT SURVEY (CAS) OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE STORMWATER DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE. NOTE: STAFF WILL MEET WITH THE AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE SOLICITATION.**

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 6, information on the results of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for performing a Condition Assessment Survey (CAS) of the Southbridge stormwater drainage infrastructure. Note: the staff will meet with the affected neighborhood groups to discuss the results of the solicitation. Russ [Abolt].

County Manager Abolt said, yes. We are following up on an issue championed I know by Commissioner Kicklighter and y'all. We've solicited proposals on -- on doing the due diligence. We have that figure. We feel that the entire project possibly would be in the neighborhood of 200,000. We'd like to have the occasion to present this information to neighborhood groups to see if they're interested in some form of an assessment.

Chairman Liakakis said, question on that. Didn't you come to some kind of conclusion that it could cost \$600,000 if the county was to do the whole project?

County Manager Abolt said, I -- I have not heard Mr. Davenport say 600. I've said about 200,000.

Chairman Liakakis said, 200,000?

County Manager Abolt said, 200,000. But it -- but it --

Chairman Liakakis said, well the information came, you know, it was more because we want the Board to know exactly what that is.

County Manager Abolt said, what -- what -- what it is is y'all asked because of a letter from the attorney from Southbridge. They offered \$3,000 to help defray the cost of the due diligence which was the engineering study. We solicited for the engineering study. We've got their proposals in. The lowest one is about 60 some thousand dollars, but before we spend that money, first of all we have to have a fund source, but more importantly, our staff feels that the whole project, including the engineering would be about 200,000. So we'd like to have in -- in -- in a partnership potentially with the neighborhood group say okay, here -- here's the -- here's the cost potential with it. Would you be willing to be assessed for it.

Chairman Liakakis said, now, on this, because it's for information --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, assessed as in tax assessed?

County Manager Abolt said, no, assessed as in property assessment. In other words an assessment district would be set and the cost of the fix and the engineering study would be spread among the property owners.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- with all due respect, ask that we table this where I'll have time to talk with the home owners. I don't -- I don't support a property assessment on the homeowners of Southbridge to -- to bring it up to speed, and --

Commissioner Shay said, I'll second the motion to table.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to table the item. Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-6

AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE:

To provide the Board with information on the results of the Request for Proposals (RFP) to perform a Condition Assessment Survey (CAS) of the Southbridge stormwater drainage infrastructure.

BACKGROUND:

Southbridge is a residential subdivision located in Unincorporated Chatham County. The subdivision consists of residential properties and a private golf course. The paving improvements are publicly owned and maintained. The storm drainage system, including those structures located within the public rights-of-way, in Phases 1 through 16 is maintained by the Southbridge Homeowners Association (HOA). The drainage system in Phases 1 through 16 was constructed between 1988 and 2001 and is mostly submerged. At the time of development of Phases 1 through 16, Chatham County's policy did not accept submerged drainage systems

for maintenance. The developer executed agreements that required maintenance of the storm drainage system with the Southbridge HOA. Notes on the subdivision plats inform potential home owners of these agreements. Chatham County has since changed its policy and allows the acceptance of such systems provided they are constructed in such a way that allows maintenance without requiring the entire system to be pumped free of storm water.

The Southbridge HOA requested Chatham County accept maintenance of the storm drainage system in Southbridge Phases 1 through 16. Staff inspected the system and developed a list of items that needed repair and further investigation. The Southbridge HOA solicited bids for the repairs and found the cost to be approximately \$50,000. The Southbridge HOA approached the County for relief from the cost of the repairs. The Department of Public Works and Park Services suggested that a more thorough assessment of the system was needed. According to a letter from the Attorney for the HOA dated July 31, 2012, the HOA agreed to pay \$3,000 toward the cost of the assessment.

The Board voted on August 24, 2012 “to put out an RFP to jointly, along with the County Engineers, provide a detailed inspection and evaluation of the Southbridge stormwater drainage system, along with an estimate to fix the system and bring it up to County standards.” The results of the RFP are included below.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The results of the solicitation are as follows:

a.	EMC Engineering	\$62,000
b.	H&K Engineering Group	\$104,069
c.	Kern-Coleman & Company	\$123,120
d.	Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung	\$135,000

2. The scope of services in the RFP provides for an inventory and condition assessment of each storm drainage structure located within Phases 1 through 16 of Southbridge. The scope of this RFP provides for a written report which identifies deficiencies that affect the maintenance and operation of the drainage system. The inventory will further provide the GPS locations and types of each structure and whether submerged. The report will include recommendations for repairs and an estimation of cost of repairs.

3. It is anticipated that portions of the system will require pumping and video inspections. The consultants were hesitant to provide quotes for the actual pumping and video services as the extent of how much of the system will require pumping and video inspection is unknown. As such, the additional services to pump down the system and video inspect pipes are **not** included in the fees. Chatham County operates a camera truck capable of televising the system. Chatham County could provide these services in an effort to reduce costs.

4. It is possible that the total cost of an assessment of the entire system (including pumping and televising) and repairs could exceed \$200,000, which would amount to approximately \$180 per parcel in the affected area.

FUNDING:

No source of public funds is identified to perform either the inspection, assessment or repairs.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board Information.

Note: Engineering Staff will meet with the Southbridge HOA for their approval of an assessment of properties in Phases 1 through 16 to fund the cost of the Condition Assessment Survey (CAS) and improvements identified in the CAS.

District 7

Prepared by: Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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7. PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PROPOSED TRADE CENTER CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL ON HUTCHINSON ISLAND, PRESENT A COMPILATION OF BACKGROUND MATERIAL AND OFFER THE CRITICAL PATH TOWARD ANY FUTURE DECISION (INFORMATION ONLY).

Chairman Liakakis said, provide an update on proposed Trade Center Convention Center Hotel on Hutchinson Island, present a compilation of background material and offer the critical path towards any future decision. And of course we can look at our book right here, and we can see how extensive it is that this information has come to us and of course we’re not voting on it today because we don’t have everything we need. Is that correct?

Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan said, that -- that's correct, sir. But I -- I have compiled a project history for you which you will see in those notebooks. I've made extra copies. We also plan to upload those on the internet, and it includes the -- the reports, the market analysis, case studies, and every commentary that anyone's ever made. The -- Commissioner Gellatly forwarded some letters to me from citizens. I've gotten emails from other Commissioners I've included in those -- I think that I have included everything that every Commissioner has provided to me, in addition to the material that the Trade Center Authority developed. Yes, ma'am?

Commissioner Odell said, do we know how many contracts the -- they lose because they don't have a hotel?

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yes. We do know that. There -- you -- you will see in there a study that was done by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, now Visit Savannah, and it basically focuses on just what you're saying, lost market opportunities. Now it does -- it's a little bit historical. It doesn't, you know, try to project how many they're losing, but, yes, that information's included based on the study commissioned by Visit Savannah.

Commissioner Odell said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, is there some kind of number so that we know that on that?

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, it -- it's -- Mr. Chairman, it's in there.

Chairman Liakakis said, it is?

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yes, it is.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, okay. So. Just look in your book right there and you can see the number there Commissioner.

Commissioner Odell said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Shay said, first of all I want to thank you for real diligence -- due diligence and getting together something for me that I can read in my retirement. I think I actually am pretty familiar with most of the stuff that's in here. There are still some elements of what we voted for that are yet to be completed. Will the -- will -- will these studies be updated then?

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yes. If you notice Chapter 9 is vacant. I think it's Chapter 9, and when the peer review's done and the competitive set analysis and the interviews with the local hoteliers, that will be included as Chapter 9 so that you will have before you an entire history.

Commissioner Farrell said, Chapter 8.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, excuse me, Chapter 8.

Commissioner Shay said, when -- when the update is completed, I know I'll no longer be on the county's mail delivery rate. Would you let me know so that I can come over and add Chapter 8 and anything else that's missing to my book.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, Commissioner Shay, just to remind you, I'll -- I will be in the same position that you'll be in.

Commissioner Shay said, oh, yes, sir.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, but I will make sure -- I will make sure that someone on staff does that. And -- and I also have made extra sets of for -- for anyone else who's interested, but it is our intent to upload it on the internet.

Commissioner Shay said, okay. Thank you very much.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-7**AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012**

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

ISSUE:

To provide an update on the proposed Convention Center Hotel on Hutchinson Island, present a compilation of background material and offer the critical path toward any future decision.

BACKGROUND:

Starting in 2008, the Georgia International Maritime Trade Center Authority began a process to consider whether a convention center hotel would improve the community's position in the highly-competitive marketplace for group and meeting business. Studies by the Convention & Visitors Bureau (now Visit Savannah) and the Trade Center Authority showed lost opportunities in the market because of inadequate hotel rooms within proximity of the Convention Center. While successful with an average of 60,000 room nights added to the local economy, the Trade Center would not be able to compete at a higher level without additional rooms on Hutchinson Island. Studies suggested a headquarters hotel next to the Trade Center would not only induce more rooms there but also in turn would induce additional room demand throughout the marketplace. The Trade Center Authority sought competitive proposals and selected a "preferred developer" (i.e. Hutchinson Hotel Holdings, or HHH). HHH proposed a 500-room hotel but also requested new tax incentives (on site hotel-motel tax, resort fee, payment in lieu of taxes, job tax credit) to guarantee some 50,000 square feet of meeting space, called the *Chatham Conference Center*. In exchange, the Trade Center Authority and Visit Savannah by agreement would be provided first preference on 80% of the rooms two years and out. While few disagreed with the need for a convention center hotel, the dispute focused on the amount of public funds which should be used to credit enhance a private project. The Trade Center Authority voted to offer its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the County Commission, since only Chatham County could effect the financing and public safeguards in protecting any public investment. Since 2011, Chatham County has followed a path-meandering at times because of questions about the need for any public involvement in such a project and uncertain application of state incentives-toward a decision. Without the needed approvals, primarily a Development Agreement and Definitive Agreement, and approval to set up two special districts, which would provide the funding to limit the County's exposure, the project remains in a lurch.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The proposed convention center hotel will depend upon the next County Commission for any concluding decision. In the attached notebook, staff has compiled background information and offers a critical path toward any decision. Organized under a Table of Contents (see Attachment 1, page 3), the information transmits the starting point, time line, studies, reports, findings, agreements, developer proposal, contrary views and comparative analysis. The final points of due diligence -- the peer review of the economic analysis and competitive set analysis -- will not be completed until early 2013.
2. Whenever the County and HHH execute a *Development Agreement*, 3-4 months of work remain to create two special districts, which would provide the funding to limit the County's exposure for any repayment of capital debt on the *Chatham Conference Center*. Creation of the two special districts, which would need concurrence by the City of Savannah since the proposed project remains within the city, requires a development study, findings and public hearings. Assuming all requirements of the *Development Agreement* could be met by the County and HHH, a *Definitive Agreement* would follow. Assuming the *Definitive Agreement*, which includes penalties for non-performance, moves to completion, the final step would be bond issuance.
3. The described "capital stack," which outlines the financing structure, can be reviewed on page 5 (Attachment 2). Albeit, the public investment would be safeguarded by public revenues generated by the proposed hotel (i.e. new property taxes, new on-site hotel-motel taxes, resort taxes and lease of public improvements), the details of any financing could only become binding through an agreement. Other points of the Development Agreement and the Definitive Agreement will be subject to negotiation.
4. During the last several months, the Trade Center Authority has developed three options for expanding convention facilities; however, any expansion of meeting room space and ballroom would be contingent upon more hotel rooms on Hutchinson Island. In addition, cost of the expanded meeting space ranges from \$50 million to \$93 million.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Chatham County developed and funded the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center as an economic development project designed to increase convention and exposition visitors to this community. Through Chatham County's investment to develop a first-class project in the Trade Center as the cornerstone

to private investment on Hutchinson Island, prudent management by the Trade Center Authority and its day-to-day management by SMG, the Trade Center continues to meet its economic development mission. After 12 years, the record remains clear on the Trade Center's economic impact on increased room nights, visitor spending and increased earnings; however, an economic analysis indicates lost opportunity in the meetings market. The Trade Center Authority, which the Georgia General Assembly created to manage the facility, began a focus in 2008 on how to increase the Trade Center's competitive position. The cumulative recommendations from economic analyses target the need for a Trade Center hotel.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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8. BRIEFING BY CHIEF LOVETT.

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 8, briefing by Chief Lovett.

Chief Willie Lovett said, good morning Mr. Chairman, Commissioners.

Chairman Liakakis and Members of the Board of Commissioners said, good morning.

Chief Lovett said, the last time I was here we started a conversation about some problems that we were having in law enforcement. That problem centered around recidivism and the fact that people who were being convicted of crimes and sentenced to longer sentences were not actually doing them. They were not getting the full results of their sentence. One such incident after the fact that I'm really here to talk about this morning, and that is we had a person commit a homicide. That person was convicted and sent to prison for I think 25 years. That person did two years and is now out on -- has 23 years of probation. Now we cannot as law enforcement agents, we cannot continue to operate this way. Putting people in jail and letting them back out serves no real purpose for us. We cannot win this battle if the State continues to do what they're doing. Now I don't have a solution other than to advise you that maybe perhaps our state legislators, more specifically the Board of Pardons and Parole should be made aware of the problems that we're having and the effects that it's causing. I believe that if we do not get the Board of Pardons and Parole in our corner and make people realize that if you do the time -- or the crime you're going to have to do the time.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

Chief Lovett said, and without that we're going to fail and there's absolutely nothing that I can do about it nor any other police department.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. --

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, -- County Manager? You want to speak? Go ahead. All right. Mr. County Manager, let's see about putting a committee together to look into this because here it is as the Chief said a person was charged with murder and there were certain circumstances that he didn't get a longer term but anyway he got 25 years and then what the parole board does, takes it and just let them serve two years after committing that murder and then he's on probation for 23 years. That's terrible, you know. That's against the public safety when they do that. In addition to that, the Chief knows that there is an individual a few weeks ago that was arrested that had been arrested 18 times and was out on the street, just served a short period of time. And then, listen to this one, an individual arrested 53 times back on the street still committing and did not serve the time where he had been arrested 53 times and in that -- on that committee, we need to go into it to see about what we can do, get with the Governor and other legislators for something like that so it doesn't put the city, you know, in an unsafe situation and put that load on our police department.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman --

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

County Manager Abolt said, -- that's an outstanding idea. You have 60 minutes from now the audience. You have your delegation coming in. This is your first item on your program that deals with pardons and paroles, and I would suggest as I know that you will do it, to charge that delegation with the passion of Chief Lovett and others to say, this has got to stop.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman this is totally, totally unacceptable. My heart goes out to our police department trying to do their job, cleaning up our streets, then they go to the State and they serve two years. Chief, I know you have a very hectic schedule, but is there any way that you could be here for this luncheon today and let you tell our legislators to their face that they are making our community -- help to make our community unsafe for the citizens here because I will not stand for it. I will not stand for it. And as far as pardons and parole, the last time I was advised as to how they handled business, and this was five years ago, they do not meet in public. They do not give

the victims or the families of the victims an opportunity to say why a person should or should not get out of prison. This is wrong. Our job on this Commission number one is public safety, and you're trying to do your job, and we need to back you up. And I hope today you can be here because if some man murdered somebody and got 25 years and is out in two years, this is a public safety threat to our community, and I will not stand for it. I'm mad.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Farrell].

Commissioner Farrell said, I -- I -- I -- I agree totally with Commissioner Stone that you cannot task a police force to keep our community safe and the rest of the -- it appears that the -- the follow-up part of the system is -- appears to be drastically broken, and I would like to ask the County Manager if you could contact the individual or the group of individuals that made this decision, 'cause somewhere, somehow in the State of Georgia, some human being or group of human beings made a decision to terminate his incarceration 23 years short. And I would like for our County Manager to contact those individuals and have them come to this Commission and stand at that podium and explain to us why this was done and why it's in the community of Chatham County's best interest that they made this decision. I will give them the benefit of explaining it to us. I cannot imagine a really good explanation at this point; however, I would like for those individuals to stand up here in front of Chatham County and the rest of the State of Georgia and explain the rationale and their actions to the 265,000 people that me and my fellow Commissioners and the Chairman represent in this county. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Next, Tabitha [Odell].

Commissioner Odell said, is there anything that we can do legally to bar a person from our city?

County Attorney Hart said, no. You -- privilege is an immune -- well, technically it's a -- as part of a probationary order a judge could order somebody not to come within the county, but it has to be part of a criminal proceeding when there's already been some type of conviction. The privileges of the immunity provision of the U.S. Constitution provides that people can pass from state to state and place to place, and you can't prevent them from going among the public roads and highways.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Dave [Gellatly] and then Priscilla [Thomas].

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I totally support the Chief's point of view, have had personal experience myself at one point in my career. It -- it's been a consistent problem but -- and -- and everyone knows -- anyone that knows me, I'm -- I'm not a fan of the pardon and parole board on a good day, never have been, have locked horns with them for the last 30 some odd years, but I want to tell you something in fairness. You need to ask some hard questions of the State legislators. They've been going through the same kind of budget constrictions that -- that we have, and I think if you examine very closely over the last four or five years or so, they've made some significant cuts in -- in the -- in the Board of Corrections that's over all of our state prisons. I don't think we've got the capacity, the -- the prison bed capacity that we had five years ago. In fact, it's my understanding they've reduced their budget significantly, and may have even closed one or two prisons. So how -- just exactly where would you have them put those prisoners as you're closing prison beds down. I mean the state at the state level has been dealing with the same problem that we've been doing locally. This Board of Commissioners has been very responsible. We've increased our bed population and at the same time the State has decreased their bed population and our State legislators, we need to see exactly how they voted on some of those things. It's not all the Board of Parole -- the Board of Pardons and Parole. Our State legislators, it'd be real interesting how they voted, especially our local ones. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Priscilla [Thomas].

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah, very briefly, just to -- to piggy-back on what my colleagues have said. I truly support Chief Lovett and all of the officers out there. They are doing a tremendous job for our community. They are putting their lives on the line every day, 24 hours a day, and I'm -- I'm hoping that something will come out of these discussions here today, and that we make our voices heard to the State legislators, the Governor's office, and whomever because this is unacceptable. Whatever we have to do, I think we need to do it not only from a Commissioner standpoint, but from the community as a whole. And -- and I think where there are, you know, numbers, we can get something done. So I just want to applaud the Chief on -- on what he has been able to accomplish under these circumstances, and let's move forward and see what we can do when we speak with our legislators today, and then move forward from there.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was approached by one of our State legislators, and he approached me about naming a bill after my brother who was murdered in 1987, and I'm not going to say the name right now because I don't know if he's announced anything or if he plans on doing so about this, but it will go far towards solving a lot of these problems, and it will take our support. Thinking outside the box is what this gentleman's doing. He's very influential with the State, and his proposal will consist of outside sources of prisons for our most dangerous convicted murders, rapists, and -- and so on, such as hiring or -- or paying to house inmates in Mexico in certain places that it can be done at a much lower expense than -- than currently here. It -- it most likely will face opposition from -- from bleeding hearts of, you know, throughout the country, and, but it's very doable with logic behind it. Logically, I guess, you can see -- you would be able to see that it's very doable but it will be a change from what's been practiced forever, but it would solve a lot of the problems because they would be able to keep some of the most dangerous people behind bars for the times that would be appropriate and match their crime. And in the case of murder, that should just be forever. And -- so when that does come out, please -- it'll be -- it'll -- it'll I'm sure be an uphill climb, but

a lot of times doing the right thing for society is an uphill climb. So as someone who has lived through this, it's excruciating to see someone kill a loved one and seven years later have to come up with letters for the parole board, ask the community to help, have -- like you stated, you -- you -- you don't go and sit -- like television, I thought that's what would happen, that you go in and you get to tell the story of what happened to your loved one and how bad of a person the person that harmed them is, but, no, it's done through letters and that's -- that's basically it. So there's major changes that -- that we really do, we -- we have to make because, you know, I commend you. What a -- what a disturbing job you have. You get the scum off the street and it's -- it's like St. Patrick's Day, it's clean before it starts and there's trash all in the street the next day. You sweep it up one night, they are right back out there again just trashing the place up. And that's a tough job for you, and I appreciate what you do and -- and I admire you. You're the first really Chief I've heard anywhere around really jump out on this -- the true problem with society with crime is y'all catch them, someone says -- and a -- a jury of their peers says punish them, but someone's letting these people back out on the streets.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and that's what we have to stop, and then we'll stop crime because they're -- most of them are repeat little thug offenders that are doing, what, 80 percent of the crime? And thank you very much. And I know we've got to move to get through this agenda before the State gets here, but if you can stay would be great.

Chairman Liakakis said, Asia [Coles]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Youth Commissioner Coles said, is there a number of times that someone is arrested, like, is it a limit for you to be arrested?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, hmm-mm. As many as you --

Commissioner Stone said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- as many as you want as long as they keep letting you out.

Chairman Liakakis said, as long as you commit -- as long as you commit the crime, you can be arrested over and over, you know, for those particular things. I've been working on this for a while, and I have some information, and -- and I've talked to the Chief a number of times, it's been, you know, a couple of months, and we're going to proceed with this thing, and -- and that's one of the reasons why we have it on the agenda today with our State senators and our State representatives. Chief, thank you very much for the good job you're doing, and we'll get back in touch with you.

Commissioner Stone said, please stay.

Commissioner Odell said, I have one question.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes, go ahead.

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PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Shay said, if we're done I'd like a moment of personal privilege.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Shay said, I'd like to recognize the first lady of the Shay family who is in the -- in the audience today, Janice, my wife. Janice, do you want to stand up?

Commissioner Odell said, give us the pageant wave.

Commissioner Shay said, that is the woman that made a man out of me. [Applause.]

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8. BRIEFING BY CHIEF LOVETT (CONT'D.)

Commissioner Odell said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Odell said, Jon [Hart] are -- is there any kind of special circumstances or designations that we can give to certain criminals that we arrest that we want to do the most hideous things to -- to keep them away. I mean, is there

anything we can do?

County Attorney Hart said, I wish I knew. If I had that, I'd be making a lot of money just going around selling that idea. You know, we've got a -- a correctional institution in this county that's run by the State and it's important -- when they get paroled, they get paroled where they're at. So, Savannah's a pretty nice place to live. Chatham County's a pretty nice place to live, and it's just as nice for criminals. So, what happens is if you've got a -- a correctional facility that's out in the middle of nowhere and you parole them, they go away and go somewhere else. But when you let them out in a place as nice as where we live, they don't necessarily go somewhere else, and unfortunately, the correctional institution we have, we have some of the worst of the bad.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, and with the state of -- Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Stone said, Chief, correct me if I'm wrong here, but in addition to what the County Attorney has just said, it's my understanding that some of these individuals that are getting out of prison are requesting from other areas to come here, and that is wrong too.

County Manager Abolt said, again, that -- that's on your agenda, first thing with the delegation.

Commissioner Stone said, I -- I understand. So in addition to what the County Attorney said, not only are we getting our fair share, but we're getting some imports.

Commissioner Odell said, does that --

Commissioner Stone said, so --

Commissioner Odell said, does that increase our gang population?

Commissioner Stone said, it increases our crime.

Commissioner Odell said, I mean, does it add to the gang --

Chief Lovett said, I cannot say for sure that -- but the possibility is if you get involved in criminal activity you're also going to be involved in gang activity. But I have not done a study or had someone research that to see what the numbers are.

Chairman Liakakis said, Kristen [Conley]?

Youth Commissioner Conley said, how is it that criminals are being back -- released back onto the streets once they have been convicted?

Chairman Liakakis said, how are they released?

Youth Commissioner Conley said, back onto the streets, yes, sir. Like the person who only served two years.

Chairman Liakakis said, well what happens, the parole board, and see, they don't always -- they don't meet in person. What they do is they communicate with one another through telephone and then the State is spending \$1,200,000,000 for the State prison system, okay?

Youth Commissioner Conley said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Liakakis said, and the parole board and probation board, they have the authority to release somebody after they get the information on it, and they are doing a bad job. One of the reasons why they're doing that is because the prison system is loaded up, and they are releasing prisoners who are violent back into society, and a number of them come here because 80 percent of the crimes is committed by 20 percent of the criminals. That -- that's what the general statistics are. And -- and what happens when somebody gets out of prison, they give them a bus ticket home and \$25. And so when they come back into your community they might not have a family, they don't have a place to stay and all, so what they do, they start another crime situation going on so that they can survive or -- or, you know, or take somebody's life, or have burglaries, all those kind of things. So it's just a sad thing that we've got to have the State to do something with that parole board. Thank you very much, Chief.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, to add to that with talking to the State today about this issue, I believe that the problem's two-fold. I think one is the reduction in the state mental institution funding. I believe that that's actually one of the cures that we have rather than the containment, and by reducing the solution, the amount of funding to an actual solution for people who have mental health issues, we're definitely doing nothing to prevent them from returning back to the prison system where we're just containing them. So, you know, if -- do you agree on that?

Chief Lovett said, absolutely.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. I think that needs to be addressed with the State too, that they need to pick it back up with our state institutions. All right. I know we got to move on. I'm sorry.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. Okay. All right. Thank you.

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9. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Liakakis said, Everett [Ragan], will you give us the drug squad report, if you can condense it a little bit.

CNT Director D. Everett Ragan said, yes, sir, I'll be very brief, but I would like to make one comment on the -- on the -- on the subject we were just talking about that -- that with the District Attorney's office, it would be a -- a very good idea for a working relationship with the District Attorney's office in reference to there are criminal -- career criminal legislation out there that a number of people -- and how many times you've been convicted is -- will -- will maximize the number -- the amount of time you get. So there is -- there -- the legislation is there and sometimes it's a plea negotiated a way, and I think the -- a very aggressive District Attorney coming in will -- will be somebody we could really talk to and could really help -- help with this matter, something -- again, locally, we can start our conversations with this problem.

Director Ragan said, very quickly, November we were able to announce our largest cocaine seizure on an investigation that we've been working for -- for many, many, many months. I had to sit -- stand here on several occasions and Dr. Thomas asking me some questions, and I just so much wanted to be able to explain something to her at that point in time but was not able to. But in November we were able to. We had -- we had indicted on special indictment 39 people. We had recovered over 50 pounds of cocaine and over \$300,000. We had hit -- municipalities were in Pooler, Garden City, where the suspects were living and -- and shelling out the drugs in -- in the City of Savannah primarily. But, it was a very good investigation. I'm -- will say that out of the 39 people we indicted, right now it looks like 23 or 24 of those will go federally. One of the kingpins has already pled this week, federally, to 20 years, where under the federal system there is no parole, so he'll do 85 percent of his time, and he -- he won't be out probably whenever he gets out, so he'll -- he'll be in there for quite -- quite a while.

Director Ragan said, Mr. -- Mr. Liakakis, if -- could you just come -- come down for a second, please, sir. For the years that I've been there and for all the years that CNT's been there and especially for the last eight years, Chairman Liakakis has been a very staunch supporter of the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team. We appreciate everything that we have done -- that he has done for us. We would like to say thank you for the things. One small token is a picture of Pete [Liakakis] standing in front of the 23 kilos of cocaine we received on a major -- major investigation. [Applause.]

Director Ragan said, and we have -- we have a -- a nice plaque. Actually it's laminated with the Savannah Morning News, with the article and everything for the major seizure, and all I can -- I guess in the words that Pete [Liakakis] would say if Pete [Liakakis] was here, from the number one drug investigation unit in the County to the number one Chairman in the solar system. Thank you so much for all you've done. [Applause].

Commissioner Farrell said, the solar system.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Commissioner Farrell said, you've been outdone, Pete [Liakakis].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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AGENDA ITEM: IX-9

AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

<p>Chatham~Savannah Counter Narcotics Team November, 2012</p>
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NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS	
Investigations Initiated During the month	110
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	74

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	23.13 kilos	\$2,312,120.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	5.41 Grams	\$541.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	1.3 Grams	\$130.00

Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	593 Ounces	\$83,020.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	7.2 Grams	\$1,800.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	2 D/U	\$18,125.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	5 D/U	\$50.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$0.00
Synthetic (Steroids)	\$10.00 per ml *	1 ml	\$10.00

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	23,206.38 Grams	\$2,320,638.00
Crack Cocaine	233.1 Grams	\$23,310.00
Methamphetamine	916.9 Grams	\$91,690.00
Marijuana	2,142.2 Ounces	\$299,908.00
Heroin	9.7 Grams	\$2,425.00
Ecstasy	825 D/U	\$20,625.00
Misc. Pills	2,097 D/U	\$62,910.00
Hallucinogens	20.5 Grams	\$205.00
Synthetic (Steroids)	40 ml	\$400.00

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	0 Grams	\$0.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	0 Grams	\$0.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0 Grams	\$0.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	2.0 Ounces	\$280.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	1.0 Grams	\$250.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	3 D/U	\$75.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	10 D/U	\$300.00
Hallucinogens	\$10 Dosage Unit	0 D/U	\$0.00

Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	7
Year To Date Totals	44

PERSONS ARRESTED	
Felony*	8
Felony Sales/Trafficking	50
Misdemeanor	0
Felony Non-Drug**	1
Total Arrests	59
Year To Date Totals	401

*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
11/27/12	SCMPD	TRAFFICKING COCAINE

DRUG INVESTIGATIONS HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – All Precincts	2,209
Municipalities	605
(Unincorporated Chatham County—253 hours)	
TOTAL	2,814

Administrative Hours	640
Case Administration	330
Pharmaceutical Diversions	480
Central Intelligence	480
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	620
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	16
Training	348

Court Hours	29
	<u>TOTAL 2,943</u>
Total Hours Worked	<u>5,757</u>

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On November 15, 2012, CNT agents concluded an investigation by conducting search warrants at a residence on Harris Street in Savannah and on Falligant Avenue in Thunderbolt. The search of these residences' resulted in the seizure of more than 32 pounds of marijuana, 4 weapons and over \$8,000.00 in cash. This investigation resulted in the arrests of 6 people.

2. On November 29, 2012, CNT agents concluded a 20 month long investigation with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Beaufort/Jasper Multi Agency Drug Task Force which resulted in the dismantling of 3 drug organizations operating throughout Georgia and South Carolina. The results of this organization are:
 - 39 persons indicted for Trafficking Cocaine and/or Conspiracy to Traffic in Cocaine.
 - 10 ½ pounds of marijuana seized with a street value of over \$48,000.00.
 - 10 firearms seized (all from convicted felons)
 - \$312,769.00 seized
 - 23 ½ kilos of cocaine seized with a street value of \$2,760,000.00

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10. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND LUNCHEON.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. What we're going to do, we have the legislative priorities and luncheon. That'll start at 12:00 o'clock with our senators and house members and we'll go over that agenda with them.

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Liakakis said, but, under Item Ten now, Action Calendar, we have Items 1 through 15 and --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 15 and under Item 15, Items A through Q. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2012, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2012, as mailed. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 29, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 12, 2012.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period November 29, 2012 through December 12, 2012, in the amount of \$3,767,629. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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3 REQUEST BOARD TENTATIVELY SET THE DAYS AND TIME FOR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2013. THE BOARD WILL BE ASKED TO CONFIRM ADOPTION OF THE CALENDAR AT THE FIRST MEETING OF 2013.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to tentatively set the days and time for regular Commission meetings for 2013. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

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

ISSUE:

To tentatively set the days and time for regular Commission meetings for 2013. The Board will be asked to confirm adoption of the calendar at the first meeting of 2013.

BACKGROUND:

The County's Enabling Act requires the action be taken during the first meeting of the Board each year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Enabling Act states:
The Board of Commissioners shall hold two regular meetings each month except as may otherwise be determined by the Board of Commissioners, as the County seat for all matters requiring action of an administrative or policy nature, and for all matters advertised or scheduled for hearing in which the public will be asked to speak for or against the items under consideration, which meetings shall be open to the public. At the first meeting of the Board of Commissioners in January of each year, the Board of Commissioners shall set the days and the time when it will hold its regular meetings. Meeting hours for the public hearings may be changed by action of the Board of Commissioners and may be held at such hour as stated in the public notice of the date and time of such hearing. Special or additional meetings may be held as necessary upon call of the Chairman or any five members of the Board of Commissioners, provided all members of the Board of Commissioners have been notified at least 24 hours in advance of such special or additional meeting, and such notice shall specify the subject matter to be considered.
2. The Commission has met on the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the past except for November and December. The meetings in November and December are held on the first and third Fridays to allow for the holidays. However, this year the second and fourth Friday schedule will not conflict with Thanksgiving. Changing to the first and third Fridays in December will allow at least two weeks between meetings.
3. The Chamber will hold Savannah Day in Atlanta on January 31, 2013. This will not conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule.

4. The ACCG Capitol Connection Conference will be February 4-5, 2013. This will not conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule.
5. The NACo Legislative Conference will be March 2-6, 2013, in Washington, D.C. This will not conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule.
6. In 1998 the Board asked that in future years meetings not be scheduled on Good Friday. In 2013 Good Friday will be on March 29th. This will not conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule.
7. The ACCG Annual Meeting will be April 27 - 29, 2013, in Chatham County. This will not be a conflict.
8. The NACo Annual Conference will be July 19 - 22, 2013, in Fort Worth, Texas. This will not be a conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule.
9. The ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference will be September 29 through October 1, 2013, in Athens. This will not be a conflict.
10. Currently the pre-meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to be followed immediately by the regular meeting, generally at 9:30 a.m.
11. A calendar is attached showing County holidays for 2013 and tentative Commission meeting dates.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Set meeting time to immediately follow 9:00 a.m. pre-meeting and set dates for the second and fourth Fridays in January through November and first and third Fridays in December, schedule to be confirmed at first meeting of the year, January 11, 2013.
2. Set meeting time and dates as designated by Commissioners, schedule to be confirmed at first meeting of the year, January 11, 2013.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Compliance with the Enabling Act.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative #1.

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4 RENAMING THE LITCHFIELD TRACT "AL BUNGARD CONSERVATION AREA."

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board for approval to rename the Litchfield Tract "Al Bungard Conservation Area. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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**5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE TRANSFER OF DESIGNATED FUNDING FOR FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT AND OTHER CAPITAL PURCHASES TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE NEW MARTHA B. FAY HEALTH SERVICES CENTER.
[DISTRICT 6.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to approve transfer of designated funding for furniture, fixtures and equipment and other capital purchases to the Chatham County Board of Health for the new Martha B. Fay Health Services Center. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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

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

ISSUE:

To approve transfer of designated funding for furniture, fixtures and equipment and other capital purchases to the Chatham County Board of Health for the new Martha B. Fay Health Services Center.

BACKGROUND:

At the December 16, 2011 meeting, the Board approved an agreement to assign the new health center project to the Chatham County Board of Health, an instrumentality of the State of Georgia. This follows the Board's prior practice of allowing other governments (i.e. municipalities, Trade Center Authority and Chatham Area Transit) to manage their capital projects funded through SPLOST. By the intergovernmental agreement, the Board of Health must abide by the same requirements as Chatham County in the expenditure and accounting of public funds.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Construction continues on the new building, and the Board of Health needs to begin acquiring furniture, fixtures, equipment and other capital items. Chatham County has designated funding of \$1,540,457 (balance of \$1,477,223) for furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new health center. In addition, CIP funding of \$85,041 remains for the Health Department on another capital project (the Health Department used another funding source to complete the project.)
2. The Board of Health follows purchasing procedures the same as Chatham County.
3. Should the Board opt not to transfer the funds, the Chatham County Health Department would draw against the designated funds. This would also mean Chatham County would continue responsibility for purchasing, accounting and accounts payable.

FUNDING:

Transfer the following CIP Funds to the Chatham County Health Department/Board of Health: \$1,477,223.62 from Fund 3505110/Project 3026; \$85,041.28 from Fund 3505110/Project 312.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the transfer of the capital funds as designated for Chatham County Health Department/Board of Health.
2. That the Board not approve the transfer of funds but allow the Chatham County Health Department/Board of Health to draw against the capital funds.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Assignment of capital funding to the Chatham County Health Department/Board of Health remains consistent with the Board's previous decision on the health center project. This also remains consistent with Georgia law since the Board of Health remains an instrumentality of the State of Georgia.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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6. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO TERMINATE A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR DRAINAGE EASEMENT BUT APPROVE A SIGN EASEMENT NEAR THE CHATHAM COUNTY RECORDS CENTER IN GARDEN CITY.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board for approval to terminate a Quitclaim Deed for drainage easement but approve a sign easement near the Chatham County Records Center in Garden City. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

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

ISSUE:
To accept a quitclaim deed to return a drainage easement and approve a sign license agreement near the Chatham County Records Center in Garden City.

BACKGROUND:
At the June 22, 2012 meeting, the Board approved a quitclaim deed to the Drayton-Parker Company for a 10 foot by 135 foot parcel, believed to be an undeveloped drainage easement as part of the commercial subdivision where the County developed the Records Center. It turns out that the parcel indeed serves as a drainage area, and Chatham County should accept the drainage easement by quitclaim. In addition, Drayton-Parker has requested to install a directional sign.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. The documents are attached, which County Attorney, Jon Hart has reviewed and approved in form.
 2. Quitclaim deed for a 10 foot by 135 foot parcel, believed to be an undeveloped drainage easement, which would be returned to Chatham County.
 3. Attached is a sign license agreement to allow a direction sign near the County's property on Minis Avenue.

FUNDING:
Not applicable.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. That the Board authorize the execution of the documents as noted in "Facts & Findings."
 2. That the Board not approve the execution of the documents.

POLICY ANALYSIS:
By the Enabling Act, the Board must approve execution of contracts and agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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7. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT BY RESOLUTION THE REVISED FLOOD MITIGATION PLAN (FMP) FOR UNINCORPORATED CHATHAM COUNTY AS PART OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP). [ALL DISTRICTS.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to adopt by Resolution the revised Flood Mitigation Plan (FMP) for unincorporated Chatham County as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: December 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 revised 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 AND FINDINGS:

1. On December 7, 2001, the Board adopted the County's first FMP. The FMP was revised and adopted on August 24, 2007 and again on September 21, 2012.
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. 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 the general public.
4. The Flood Mitigation Planning Committee determined several CRS points were not realized with the September 21, 2012 plan adoption. This document is intended to recapture those points. With the approval of the revised FMP by FEMA and other related CRS activities, staff anticipates increasing Chatham County's CRS rating from a Classification 6 (a 20% discount) to CRS Classification 5. A Classification 5 rating provides 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.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

The County of Chatham
Georgia
Resolution

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 every five years, and review and update it at least annually and,

WHEREAS, a Flood Mitigation Plan 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 HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Chatham County Commissioners endorses the Unincorporated Chatham County Flood Mitigation Plan.

Adopted this 21st day of December, 2012.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Janice Bocook, Clerk
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

R. Jonathan Hart
County Attorney

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- 8. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, CLERK OF THE COMMISSION, COUNTY ATTORNEY AND COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO ENABLE CHATHAM COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) PROGRAM WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. [ALL DISTRICTS.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to authorize the Chairman, Clerk of the Commission, County Attorney and County Engineer to sign all required documents to enable Chatham County to participate in the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

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

ISSUE:
That the Board authorize the Chairman, Clerk of the Commission, County Attorney and County Engineer to sign all required documents to enable Chatham County to participate in the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

BACKGROUND:
The LMIG program provides financial assistance to local governments for various roadway projects. It replaced the Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) as well as the State Aid Program.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:
The application for the LMIG program requires submission of the projects and estimates for construction. All applications must be submitted by January 1, 2013 or funds are lost for this fiscal year.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
- 1. That the Board authorize the Chairman, Clerk of the Commission and County Engineer to sign all required documents to enable Chatham County to participate in the LMIG Program with the GDOT.
 - 2. That the Board not approve participating in the LMIG Program.

FUNDING:
No funding required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

District: All Districts

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- 9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS BY THE COUNTY TO THE CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR THE PURPOSE OF WHITE BLUFF ROAD AND COFFEE BLUFF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. [DISTRICT 6.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax proceeds by the County to the City of Savannah for the purpose of White Bluff Road and Coffee Bluff Road improvements. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-9

AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

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

ISSUE:

To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax proceeds by the County to the City of Savannah for the purpose of White Bluff Road and Coffee Bluff Road improvements.

BACKGROUND:

The 1993-1998 SPLOST approved by the referendum on June 15, 1993, included a project to make improvements to White Bluff Road and Coffee Bluff Road. Based on evaluations and studies done in accordance with GDOT and FHWA project development criteria, a project would not be eligible for Federal funding. The roads are not on the State highway system.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The City of Savannah is requesting \$500,000 in order to make certain improvements along the corridor which might include sidewalks, curb and gutter, intersection improvements and other traffic safety improvements.
2. The project(s) will be wholly within the City of Savannah. When a project is to be constructed locally, the County and a municipality may agree in a separate agreement to transfer SPLOST funds to the municipality which shall be responsible for detailed design, construction procurement, and construction management of the project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds by the County to the City of Savannah for the Purpose of White Bluff Road and Coffee Bluff Road Improvements.
2. To not approve the agreement.

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the amount of \$500,000 in the 1993-1998 SPLOST, White Bluff/Coffee Bluff (Fund/Department 3214220/Account Code 57.30101/Project 32160747).

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve.

District 6.

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTIONS SALES TAX PROCEEDS BY THE COUNTY TO THE CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR THE PURPOSE OF WHITE BLUFF AND COFFEE BLUFF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2012, by and between the **MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH**, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), and **CHATHAM COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, (hereinafter referred to as the "County").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County collected Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds for the purpose of making capital improvements along White Bluff Road and Coffee Bluff Road ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, White Bluff Road and Coffee Bluff Road are entirely within the jurisdiction of the City of Savannah.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to the parties, the City and County agree as follows:

- 1. The COUNTY agrees to convey Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds to the City to construct improvements along White Bluff Road and Coffee Bluff.
- 2. The City will act as the project agent and manager for the White Bluff Road and Coffee Bluff Road project.
 - a. The County will transfer \$500,000 from the 1993-1998 SPLOST to the City of Savannah.
 - b. The City will be responsible for all financial oversight related to this Project. The City will be responsible for design, construction procurement and construction management of this project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and County have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their proper officers and so attested with their corporate seals affixed hereto set forth in multiple originals as of the date written above:

THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF SAVANNAH

BY: _____
Stephanie Cutter, Interim City Manager

ATTEST: _____
Dyanne C. Reese, Clerk of Council

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Janice E. Bocook
Clerk of Commission

SEAL

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

R. Jonathan Hart
County Attorney

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- 10. REQUEST FROM SENTRY MANAGEMENT, INC., PROPERTY MANAGER FOR THE STONEBRIDGE AT BERWICK HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, FOR THE COUNTY AT ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 4C AND 4D.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to approve the request from Sentry Management, Inc., property manager for the Stonebridge at Berwick Homeowner's Association, for the County to accept the dedicated improvements for Stonebridge, Phase 4C and 4D. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-10**AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012**

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

ISSUE:

To accept the dedicated improvements for Stonebridge, Phases 4C & 4D.

BACKGROUND:

The property manager, Sentry Management, Inc., for the Stonebridge at Berwick Homeowner's Association, requests that the County accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Stonebridge is a single-family residential subdivision located within the Berwick Plantation development on Highway 17. These two phases of Stonebridge consist of 94 lots on 31.442 acres. Paving, drainage, and streetlight energy costs will be maintained by the County. Water and sewer are maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
2. Construction of the subdivision infrastructure is complete. It was inspected and found to be acceptable. The required warranty period is complete.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To accept the dedicated improvements for County maintenance for Stonebridge, Phases 4C & 4D.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This action is consistent with subdivision regulations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commissioners adopt Alternative number 1.

District 7

Prepared by: Nick Milionis

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- 11. REQUEST FROM SUNDIAL LAND SURVEYING, INC., SURVEYOR, FOR THE DEVELOPER, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., THAT THE COUNTY APPROVE RECORDING THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR THE ENCLAVE, PHASE 3-C, AND WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to approve the request from Sundial Land Surveying, Inc., surveyor, for the developer, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., that the County approve recording the subdivision plat for The Enclave, Phase 3-C and waive the requirement for a street lighting assessment district. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-11**AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012**

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

ISSUE:

To record the subdivision plat for The Enclave, Phase 3-C, and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district.

BACKGROUND:

The surveyor, Sundial Land Surveying, Inc., requests for the developer, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., that the County approve the final plat for recording and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Enclave is a private single-family subdivision located within the Berwick Plantation development on Highway 17. Phase 3-C of The Enclave consists of 13 lots on 4.68 acres. Paving and drainage improvements will be maintained by The Enclave Homeowners' Association. Water and sewer will be maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
2. Staff approved construction plans and issued a permit. Construction of the improvements is now complete.
3. The developer requests that the Board waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district, and have the Homeowners' Association maintain the streetlights. The Board previously approved waiving the streetlight assessment for The Enclave, Phases 1, 2 & 3-A.
4. An Environmental Site Assessment was previously conducted on the subdivision in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance. No environmentally unsafe conditions were found on the site.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve the recording of the subdivision plat for The Enclave, Phase 3-C and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This action is consistent with subdivision regulations regarding the creation of lots through plat recording.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

Prepared by: Chris Rains

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12. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS FROM THE MPC, AS AGENT FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, TO CONDUCT THE NEXT PHASE OF THE RECLAIMING OLD WEST BROAD STREET: I-16 EXIT RAMP REMOVAL PROJECT PHASE II (REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND APPROVAL PHASE).**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax proceeds from the MPC, as agent for the City of Savannah, to conduct the next phase of the reclaiming Old West Broad Street: I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Project Phase II. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-12**AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012**

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director, MPC

ISSUE:

To authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax proceeds with the MPC, as agent for the City of Savannah, to conduct the next phase of the Reclaiming Old West Broad Street: I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Project Phase II (Required Documentation and Approval Phase).

BACKGROUND:

The 2008-2014 SPLOST includes approximately \$750,000 for a CORE MPO project to remove the I-16 Exit Ramps at MLK Jr. Blvd. In April 2009, the Board of Commissioners approved \$250,000 for the planning phase of this project, which is now complete. On August 10, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved the transfer of \$105,000 to project to conduct Phase II.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The I-16 exit ramps at MLK and Montgomery Street create a physical, social, economic, and psychological barrier to the area; and removing the flyover has been recommended in multiple planning documents for the area dating back to 1998.
2. The transportation analysis indicates that traffic flow will continue to function safely and effectively without the ramps.
3. The Metropolitan Planning Commission, in partnership with the City of Savannah, is ready to move forward into the next phase of the project which will include developing the technical documents (including the Interchange Modification Report and preliminary engineering drawings) required for the Georgia Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration approval.
4. The project is part of the Interstate Highway System necessitating that the project be progressed through the Georgia Department of Transportation Plan (GDOT) Development Plan Process and programmed in the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
5. It is intended that GDOT will provide project oversight and the MPC, as agent for the City of Savannah, will enter into an Agreement with GDOT to manage contracts and scopes of work associated with the project. The MPC must receive a commitment from GDOT to agree to review plans and assign a Project Manager, and execute an Agreement with GDOT.
6. The County Engineer has reviewed the agreement.
7. The County Attorney has reviewed the agreement and has determined it to be in the correct form and legality.
8. The cost of this phase of the project is estimated to be \$525,000. The MPC will use \$105,000 in SPLOST funds to match \$420,000 in federal funds for a total agreement cost of \$525,000.
9. In 2014 the MPC anticipates requesting \$200,000 in SPLOST funds to match the \$800,000 federal funds for a total of \$1,00,000 to fund the next phase of the project.

FUNDING:

The \$105,000 would come from SPLOST. On August 10, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved the transfer of the funds to project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the MPC as agent for the City of Savannah to conduct the next phase of the I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Project
2. Do not approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the MPC as agent for the City of Savannah to conduct the next phase of the I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Project.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

MPC staff recommends that the Board adopt Alternative 1.

PREPARED BY: Ellen I. Harris, LEED A.P., AICP
Cultural Resource and Urban Planning Manager
December 21, 2012

STATE OF GEORGIA)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS BY CHATHAM COUNTY TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY-SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AS AGENT FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR THE I-16 EXIT RAMP REMOVAL PROJECT

RECLAIMING OLD WEST BROAD STREET: I-16 EXIT RAMP REMOVAL PROJECT PHASE II (Required Documentation and Approval Phase)

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2012 between CHATHAM COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called the “COUNTY” and the CHATHAM COUNTY-SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION, as agent for the City of Savannah, hereinafter called “MPC.:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, under the authority of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the COUNTY has enacted and the voters have approved the special purpose local option one percent sales and use tax (hereinafter called “SPLOST”) to be imposed for a period of five years for capital outlay projects including, but not limited to, construction and upgrade of drainage, roads, streets, bridges, open space, construction of bikeway/greenway, as well as other capital outlay;

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and MPC wish to provide for the distribution of SPLOST proceeds to continue to the next phase of the I-16 Exit Ramp Removal project as specified by this Agreement, all of which are to be authorized under the referendum which was held in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the I-16 exit ramps at MLK and Montgomery Street create a physical, social, economic, and psychological barrier to the area; and

WHEREAS, removing the flyover has been recommended in multiple planning documents for the area dating back to 1998; and

WHEREAS, the transportation analysis indicates that traffic flow will continue to function safely and effectively without the ramps; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission, in partnership with and as agent for the City of Savannah, is ready to move forward into the next phase of the project which will include developing the technical documents (including the Interchange Modification Report and preliminary engineering drawings) required for the Georgia Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration approval; and

WHEREAS, the project is part of the Interstate Highway System necessitating that the project be progressed through the Georgia Department of Transportation Plan (GDOT) Development Plan Process and programmed in the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);

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

1. It is intended that GDOT will provide project oversight and the MPC, as agent for the City of Savannah, will enter into an Agreement with GDOT to manage contracts and scopes of work associated with the project. The MPC must receive a commitment from GDOT to agree to review plans and assign a Project Manager, and execute an Agreement with GDOT.
2. The cost of this phase of the project is estimated to be \$525,000. The MPC will use \$105,000 in SPLOST funds to match \$420,000 in federal funds for a total contract cost of \$525,000.
3. In 2014 the MPC anticipates requesting \$200,000 in SPLOST funds to match the \$800,000 federal funds for a total of \$1,000,000 to fund the next phases of the project.
4. The COUNTY will disburse funds in the amount of \$105,000 to MPC upon approval of this Agreement.
5. Upon disbursement of said funds, MPC agrees that all SPLOST funds received under this agreement shall only be used for this project.

- 6. Interest earned from the investment of SPLOST funds prior to disbursement for allowable expenditures shall be considered SPLOST funds are subject to the same restriction for SPLOST funds.
- 7. As required by Georgia law, MPC shall include within its audited annual financial report specific information about its use of SPLOST funds. A schedule shall be included in each annual audit which shows the amount estimated for each project authorization by this Agreement, amounts expended in prior years, amounts expended in the current year, and the estimated percent of completion for each project. MPC will provide to the COUNTY a copy of the annual audit with a cover letter certifying that the SPLOST funds received were spent for SPLOST eligible projects.
- 8. The parties agree to retain all records pertaining to the SPLOST funds for a period of four years subsequent to the expiration of the SPLOST and to make such records reasonably available to each upon request.
- 9. MPC agrees that it will abide by all other requirements regarding the use and accounting of SPLOST funds as specified by Georgia law and in the event that it fails to follow the applicable requirements of law, the MPC shall hold the COUNTY harmless for failure to comply with such requirements.
- 10. MPC, as agent for City of Savannah, agrees to reimburse the COUNTY for all SPLOST proceeds distributed which have been used in any capital improvement project in a manner that is not lawful or constitutes use of proceeds in a non-SPLOST eligible capital project.
- 11. MPC as agent for the City of Savannah shall provide certification to the COUNTY that the funds shall be used only for SPLOST eligible projects. The COUNTY may withhold distribution of SPLOST funds until certification is made to the COUNTY.
- 12. This Agreement shall be effective when executed by MPC and the COUNTY.

The COUNTY reserves the right to impose an administrative procedure and such other requirements as may reasonably be necessary to ensure the distribution and use of SPLOST funds are for voter approved appropriate projects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, MPC and the COUNTY have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their proper officers and so attested with their corporate seals affixed hereto set forth in multiple originals as of the date first written above.

CHATHAM COUNTY

BY: _____
 Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

 Janice Bocook
 Clerk of Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

 County Attorney

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

BY: _____
 Thomas L. Thomson
 Executive Director

ATTEST:

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13. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT THE REVISED CHAPTER 5.0 STRATEGIC PLAN AND CHAPTER 6.0 SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM (2012-2016) OF THE CHATHAM

**COUNTY-SAVANNAH TRICENTENNIAL PLAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. (NOTE: VERSIONS SHOWING CHANGES ARE INCLUDED WITH YOUR AGENDA.)
MPC FILE NUMBER F-120802-58792-1.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to adopt the revised Chapter 5.0 Strategic Plan and Chapter 6.0 Short-Term Work Program (2012-2016) of the Chatham County-Savannah Tricentennial Plan Comprehensive Plan. MPC recommends approval. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-13

AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director, MPC

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The Formal Adoption of the Resolution Adopting the revised Chapter 5.0 Strategic Plan and Chapter 6.0 Short-Term Work Program (2012-2016) of the Chatham County-Savannah Tricentennial Plan Comprehensive Plan. MPC recommends approval. MPC File Number F-120802-58792-1. Reference File Number F-120802-58792-2.

ISSUE:

Transmittal of the revised Chatham County-Savannah Tricentennial Plan's Comprehensive Plan Chapter 5.0 Strategic Plan and Chapter 6.0 Short Term Work Program 2012-2016 to the Coastal Resources Commission and Department of Community Affairs.

BACKGROUND:

The Comprehensive Plan consists of three parts: The Community Assessment, the Public Participation Plan, and the Community Agenda. The Community Agenda includes a Strategic Plan which contains the community's goals and a list of strategies that will result in achieving the goals; and a Short Term Work Program (STWP) that identifies who will accomplish the goals, the estimated cost (where possible), and a time of completion.

Since the adoption of the Tricentennial Comprehensive Plan in 2002, the community has identified several challenges that were not recognized when the current Strategic Plan and associated Short Term Work Program elements were adopted. The most notable challenges are the impacts of planning decisions on community health and safety; the impact of sea level rise on development patterns; the impact of the aging population on community resources; and the impact of rising energy and food costs on community well-being.

FINDINGS:

1. On February 22, 2011, the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) held a kick-off event to announce an evaluation of the Strategic Plan. The Chairman of the County Commission, the Mayor of Savannah, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, as well as representatives from the Coastal Health District, and the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education participated in a panel discussion focused on the impact of comprehensive planning on community health and climate change. Interested citizens and staff members volunteered to participate in the evaluation process. A list of participants and the meeting schedule is included in the revised *Chapter 5 Strategic Plan*.
2. Prior to the initiation of 2011 committee sessions, the participants attended a collective workshop where experts in their fields presented information on the following topics:
 - The impact of planning decisions on community health;
 - The impact of the aging population on community resources;
 - The impact of climate change and sea level rise on development patterns; and
 - The impact of rising energy and food costs on community well-being.

Committee participants were then asked to evaluate the Strategic Plan in the light of this information.

3. Results of that evaluation are reflected in the revised *Chapter 5.0 Strategic Plan*. Participants found that the current Strategic Plan addressed most health issues adequately current goals included alternate transportation, green space, and the need for parks and recreational facilities.

Current goals also addressed the need for housing for the elderly population and called for mixed-use, mixed income zoning that would allow for aging in place.

4. Formation of the Chatham County Resource Protection Commission has had a significant impact in fulfilling many of the goals of the Strategic Plan. Goals ranging from providing recreational space and preserving properties with historic and natural value to providing for treatment and storage of stormwater are addressed by the activities of this Commission.
5. Another significant step in achieving a number of goals was the adoption of a Context Sensitive Design Manual (2005) and inclusion of the Amenities Resolution of November 19, 2003 in the Long Range Transportation Plan. The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) has adopted progressive transportation policies that include alternate transportation modes, valuing trees and natural areas for stormwater storage and treatment, and understanding the impact of transportation on community health.
6. Even though the City of Savannah and the Savannah Housing Authority have completed major housing developments (Ashley Midtown, Sustainable Fellwood, Savannah Gardens), the community at large has more to do in fulfilling the goals established in the area of housing, particularly the development of additional affordable housing and the rehabilitation of existing the housing stock. Participants determined that the goals and objectives remained essentially the same, but they suggested several new strategies. Many of the strategies reflect recommendation of the *Affordable Housing & Regulatory Reform Task Force Report (City) of Savannah August 2008*.
7. Participants found that the current plan did not address the issue of sea level rise, and they included additional goals to carefully monitor sea level in an attempt to predict its rate, to evaluate the need for increasing marsh development buffers and maintain native vegetation to permit migration of marsh into upland areas, and cautioned developers to anticipate increased flooding of low and moderately low lying areas as a result of sea level rise.
8. Participants also found that the current plan did not adequately address food security and included several goals that would permit and encourage local food production. They found that the current plan addressed rising energy prices related to transportation but recommended that the legislature adopt Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs that enable local governments to finance renewable energy and energy efficient projects on private property through the tax assessments.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Recommend that the Chatham County Commission approve the resolution to adopt the revised Strategic Plan (Chapter 5.0) and Short Term Work Program (Chapter 6.0) of the Chatham County-Savannah Tricentennial Comprehensive Plan and transmit the revised documents to the Coastal Resources Commission and Georgia Department of Community Affairs.
2. Take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The current Strategic Plan (Chapter 5.0) and Short Term Work Program (Chapter 6.0) include an objective to "ensure that the Comprehensive Plan becomes a useful document to administrators, boards, and elected officials in interpreting growth and development policy." The revisions are consistent with this objective.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution to adopt the revised Strategic Plan (Chapter 5.0) and Short Term Work Program (6.0) for transmittal to the Coastal Resources Commission and Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Prepared By: Jackie Jackson Teel, Director
Comprehensive Planning

August 7, 2012

Gregori Anderson, Director
Building Safety and Regulatory Services

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION BY THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Whereas, the Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and the City of Savannah, Georgia, was adopted in November 2006 following more than two years of research and development; and

Whereas, since the plan was developed in 2004, issues and challenges facing the community have arisen that were not addressed in the Goals and Objectives in the original Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, citizens' committees were formed and asked to evaluate the Strategic Plan based on how well it addressed the impact of planning decisions on community health; the impact of climate change and sea level rise on development patterns; the impact of the aging population on community resources; and the impact of rising energy and food costs on community well-being; and

Whereas, those committees developed new Goals and Objectives for the Strategic Plan (Chapter 5.0) of the Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and the City of Savannah, Georgia to address these issues; and

Whereas, those additional Goals and Objectives have been incorporated into the Short Term Work Program (Chapter 6.0) of the Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and the City of Savannah, Georgia; and

Whereas, the Department of Community Affairs requires written notice amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and the City of Savannah, Georgia were adopted;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the amended Strategic Plan (Chapter 5.0) and Short Term Work Program (2011-2016) (Chapter 6.0) and authorizes the County Manager to transmit the Resolution of Adoption and the Amended Strategic Plan (Chapter 5.0) and Short Term Work Program (2011-2016) (Chapter 6.0) to the Coastal Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs as required by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2012.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

By: _____
Pete Liakakis, Chairman Date: _____

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14. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES FOR 2012. PETITIONER: XIU MIN HUANG, D/B/A SAKE STEAK HOUSE, INC., LOCATED AT 4685 US HIGHWAY 80 EAST, 31410. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board for transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales for 2012. Petitioner: Xiu Min Huang, d/b/a Sake Steak house, Inc., located at 4685 US Highway 80 East, 31410. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-14
AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services
Willie Lovett, Chief of Police

ISSUE:
Request for transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales for 2012. Petitioner: **Xiu Min Huang, d/b/a Sake Steak House, Inc.** located at **4685 US Highway 80 E., Savannah, GA 31410.**

BACKGROUND:
Xiu Min Huang requests approval for transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales in connection with the existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
 2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site to compliance and approved the facility.

3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and Sunday Sales Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 4

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Willie Lovett

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15. 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 Kicklighter 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.) Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Construction contract for the Benton Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project	Engineering	Baker Infrastructure Group, Inc.	\$299,711	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Roads Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG)
B. Construction contract for the Tara Manor Drainage Improvements project	Engineering	Seascape Excavation, Inc.	\$93,770	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Drainage, Queensbury Drainage
C. Advertising of December 2012 tax sales ads for Tax Commissioner	Tax Commissioner	Shivers Trading / Morris Communications (Sole Source)	\$10,820	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
D. Engineering services contract to install permanent drainage right of way monuments within completed portions of the Pipemakers Canal drainage improvement project	Engineering	EMC Engineering Services, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$30,805	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Pipemakers Canal
E. Engineering services contract for preliminary design of improvements to the Ferguson-Winterberry stormwater outfall system	Engineering	Thomas & Hutton (Sole Source)	\$17,000	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Drainage, Ferguson
F. Aquatic herbicide	Public Works and Park Services	Helena Chemical Company	\$10,850	SSD-Public Works

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
G. Engineering services contract for final design, environmental permitting and meeting water quality standards for the U.S. Highway 80/Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Interchange project	Engineering	McGee Partners, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$849,575	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Highway 80 Interchange
H. Annual contract with four (4) renewals for On Call Construction Services	Engineering	B&D Clearing, Inc.	\$86,400	Sales Tax I, II, III, IV, & V SPLOSTs, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and SSD
I. Change Order No. 1 to the professional services contract to add design/commissioning services for LEED Silver certification of the 123 Abercorn Street project	Special Projects	Lott + Barber	\$39,750	SPLOST (2008-2014) - County Administration Building project
J. Professional services and support for internet access to Index Books and Record Books	Clerk of Superior Court	Cott Systems (Sole Source)	•\$92,180 (Service and System) •\$200/month (36 months support)	Escrow - Clerk of Superior Courts
K. One (1) replacement vehicle for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD) and authorize the disposal of one (1) vehicle to be used as trade-in	Fleet	J .C. Lewis Ford	\$18,300	CIP - Fleet Replacement
L. Twelve (12) used non-typical replacement vehicles from various dealers in Savannah and authorize the disposal of nine (9) vehicles as trade-ins	Fleet	•Hoover Chrysler •Grainger Honda •Fairway Lincoln •Grainger Nissan	\$218,166	CIP - Fleet Replacement
M. One hundred (100) additional IP Phones and Licenses for the CCDC Expansion	I.C.S.	Mitel Business Systems, Inc.	\$31,183	CIP Bonds - Detention Center Expansion
N. Electrical work to provide power to storage trailers at the Detention Center	Engineering	Braddy Electric	\$28,430	CIP Bonds - Detention Center Expansion
O. Three (3) 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe's for the Sheriff's Department	Fleet	Dan Vaden Chevrolet	\$78,411	CIP - Fleet Replacement
P. 18 scanners and 20 printers for the CCDC Expansion	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions *MBE	\$30,217	CIP Bonds - Detention Center Expansion
Q. 100 Computers for the CCDC Expansion	I.C.S.	Dell	\$115,127	CIP Bonds - Detention Center Expansion

AGENDA ITEM: X-15 A thru Q
AGENDA DATE: December 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 a \$299,711 construction contract with Baker Infrastructure Group, Inc., for the Benton Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

BACKGROUND: On May 25, 2012, the Board approved an agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the Rehabilitation of Benton Boulevard from 1500 feet south of Godley Station Way and Jimmy DeLoach Parkway.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Plans were completed by Thomas and Hutton, Inc., in June of 2012, for patching, milling, placement of pavement reinforcing fabric and resurfacing of 1.24 miles of Benton Boulevard.
2. The project was properly advertised and three (3) bids were received and opened on November 29, 2012. The bid results are as follows:

Baker Infrastructure Group, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$299,711
Carroll & Carroll, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$360,124
APAC – Southeast, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$366,549
3. As per agreement, \$209,606 will be reimbursed by GDOT.
4. Upon completion of construction a quitclaim document will be prepared to transfer ownership of this section of Benton Boulevard to the City of Savannah.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) - Roads Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) (3224220 - 54.14001 - 32250997)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$299,711 construction contract with Baker Infrastructure Group, Inc., for the Benton Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve award of contracts to lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$93,770 construction contract with Seascope Excavation, Inc., for the Tara Manor Drainage Improvements project.

BACKGROUND: The Tara Manor project is part of the 2003-2008 SPLOST Drainage Program. Problems being addressed include the limited drainage capacity and access for maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project is located from the outfall of Tara Manor Subdivision to Lakeside Subdivision along the property line of Forest City Gun Club within Chatham County.
2. The project will increase the flow capacity and hydraulic capacity by widening an existing ditch and constructing a maintenance access road adjacent to the ditch. All work will be done within existing easements.
3. The project was properly advertised and six (6) bids were received and opened on November 28, 2012. The bid results are as follows:

	Seascope Excavation, Inc. Midway, GA	\$93,770
*	SouthBend Company, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$114,009
	Sitework Construction, LLC Savannah, GA	\$120,887
	Savannah Paving Co., Inc. Eden, GA	\$136,660
**	E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$144,458
*	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. Pt. Wentworth, GA	\$219,300

* MBE firm ** WBE firm

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Drainage, Queensbury Drainage
(3234250 - 54.14021 - 32380477)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$93,770 construction contract with Seascope Excavation, Inc., for the Tara Manor Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$10,820 sole source purchase for advertising of December 2012 Tax Sales Ads with Shivers Trading/Morris Communications 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 organ for the Savannah/Chatham County Area.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$10,820 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$10,820 sole source purchase for advertising of December 2012 Tax Sales Ads with Shivers Trading/Morris Communications for the Tax Commissioner's Office.

2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$30,805 sole source engineering services contract with EMC Engineering Services, Inc., to install permanent drainage right of way monuments within completed portions of the Pipemakers Canal drainage improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The Pipemakers Canal project is part of the 1998-2003 SPLOST Drainage Program. The County and EMC Engineering Services, Inc., (EMC) entered into the original engineering services contract RFP 96-4-1 Hydraulic Analysis for Various Drainage Basins in August 1996. The original contract was followed by multiple change orders and new contracts for design work and other professional services including services during construction of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 improvement projects.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Since late 1996, staff has been executing an improvement plan to Pipemakers Canal for the drainage deficiencies in the Pooler, Garden City and Bloomingdale communities. The overall improvement plan consists of channel widening, bridge improvements, and construction of a tidegate structure. Construction of improvements from the Savannah River to Dean Forest Road, a distance of about 4 miles is complete. About 3 miles of improvements are currently under construction upstream of Dean Forest Road.
2. State Law allows contracting with the original professional engineering consulting firm used for previous studies and plans without further competitive process when those existing studies and plans can be used. EMC is the Engineer of Record for the Pipemakers Canal Widening Project. EMC provided the design of the improvements and developed the construction documents. EMC also performed all of the survey work for the design as well as the survey work for the right of way plats. The site-specific experience acquired by EMC in performing this work makes EMC the most qualified to perform this work.
3. Installation of permanent right of way monuments will assist the County and local jurisdictions identify the physical boundaries of the canal right of way and help to discourage encroachments into the right of way by adjacent property owners.
4. Staff solicited a proposal from EMC to install 92 permanent monuments along both sides of the canal at break points and at 1000-ft. intervals on long tangents. The proposed cost represents \$335 per monument. Staff finds that the cost represents fair compensation for the work provided.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Pipemakers Canal
(3224250 - 52.12003 - 32280213)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$30,805 sole source engineering services contract with EMC Engineering Services, Inc., to install permanent drainage right of way monuments within completed portions of the Pipemakers Canal drainage improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$17,000 sole source engineering services contract with Thomas & Hutton to develop preliminary design of improvements to the Ferguson-Winterberry stormwater outfall system.

BACKGROUND: The Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall project is part of the 2003-2008 SPLOST Drainage Program. Thomas & Hutton (T&H) recently completed hydraulic analysis and design of drainage improvements involving the Forest City Gun Club. The work by T&H included analysis of the Ferguson-Winterberry outfall system into which a portion of the Gun Club drains. In addition, T&H is the engineer of record for the Winterberry Subdivision development.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Standing water is a common problem in the residential areas along Ferguson Avenue and abutting the eastern boundary of the Forest City Gun Club. The problem typically exists for several days following rain events. Much of the problem is attributed to inadequate drainage capacity and lack of access for maintenance.
2. In 2009, representatives of the Gun Club contacted staff about high water levels in their internal lake system. Through a cooperative effort, Staff was able to partly resolve the County's maintenance access problems by helping the Gun Club resolve the Club's lake problem. Other problems including access to maintain portions of the Kings Wood Subdivisions drainage system were also resolved under this effort. Hydraulic analysis, survey and design work, and assistance during construction of improvements was performed by T&H.
3. Stormwater from the residential areas above described typically drains eastward across Ferguson Avenue to the Moon River. Many of the outfalls cannot be accessed for maintenance, creating occasions of blockages. This Ferguson-Winterberry project will correct maintenance access issues for this outfall system.
4. State law allows contracting with the original professional engineering firm used for previous studies and plans without further competitive process when those existing studies and plans can be used. The site-specific experience concerning the drainage systems in this system makes T&H the most qualified to perform this work.
5. Staff solicited a proposal from T&H to develop a preliminary design of improvements. Staff will utilize the preliminary design drawings to explain the project to affected property owners where new drainage easements or rights of way are required. Permitting efforts and preparation of final design will commence after acquisitions are completed. Staff finds the proposed cost of the preliminary design represents fair compensation for the work provided.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Drainage, Ferguson
(3244250 - 52.12003 - 32480133)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$17,000 sole source engineering services contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company to develop preliminary design of improvements to the Ferguson-Winterberry stormwater outfall system.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$10,850 purchase of aquatic herbicide from Helena Chemical Company for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The County is responsible for performing canal maintenance activities as per the County-wide canal maintenance agreement.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Herbiciding is part of the canal maintenance program performed by Public Works.
2. Staff utilizes a glyphosate agent to stunt the growth of aquatic vegetation. The type of agent selected poses minimal hazard to marine life, birds and animals.
3. Staff obtained quotes as follows:

Helena Chemical Company Selma, AL	\$10,850
John Deere Savannah, GA	\$12,028

- A third company, Forestry Suppliers, Inc., was contacted, but did not submit a quote.
- Staff believes the low quote provided by Helena Chemical Company to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SSD-Public Works
(2704100 - 53.17009)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of a \$10,850 purchase of aquatic herbicide from Helena Chemical Company for Public Works and Park Services.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases that assist in compliance with Federally mandated standards.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$849,575 sole source professional engineering services contract with McGee Partners, Inc., for final design, environmental permitting and meeting new water quality standards for the U.S. Highway 80/Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Interchange project.

BACKGROUND:

- The interchange project is in the 2003–2008 SPLOST and the Coastal Region (CORE) 2013--2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Right of Way funding. The project includes construction of a grade separated interchange at U.S. Highway 80 to connect Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phases 1 and 2. On December 17, 2004, the Board awarded a contract (QBS 04-9-4) to McGee Partners/Ward Edwards (joint venture) to develop the Concept Report. McGee Partners was selected using Qualifications-Based Selection procedures as required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Concept Report was approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in April 2008.
- On October 19, 2007, the Board awarded a contract to McGee Partners, Inc., to prepare the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document. The NEPA document is required to remain eligible for federal funding. Work continues on the environmental document. Staff anticipates approval of a Finding of No Significant Impact in 2013.
- On June 26, 2009, the Board awarded a professional engineering services contract in the amount of \$583,197 to McGee Partners for preliminary construction plans and right of way plans for the interchange.
- In accordance with the GDOT Plan Development Process and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guidelines, the next phase is the Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) for the project. Recommendations or comments from the PFPR will be implemented during the final design phase for the project.
- This sole source professional services contract includes preparation of final construction plans, NEPA re-evaluation, environmental studies and final environmental permitting.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- The engineering services consultant selected must be pre-qualified by the GDOT. McGee Partners is pre-qualified by the GDOT for all of the work required. When procuring design services for projects that use federal funding, qualifications-based selection procedures must be used [Brooks Architect/Engineer Act enacted in 1972]. McGee Partners was selected based on these procedures required by the Act.
- To maintain continuity and cost, state law and federal procurement procedures allow contracting with the professional engineering firm used for previous studies and plans without further competitive process when those existing studies and plans can be reused, and are the basis for additional work.

3. The interchange project is also directly impacted by the development of the plans for Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2, from I-16 to U.S. Highway 80. McGee Partners is coordinating with the County's consultant (Thomas & Hutton) and will continue to do so through the final design phase. This will facilitate the integration of the projects through final design and ultimately construction.
4. McGee Partners continues to provide exceptional engineering services for other County and GDOT transportation projects in Chatham County. In staff's opinion, they are the most qualified, responsive and proficient transportation design consultants under contract. All factors considered, McGee is the most qualified consultant to continue to provide design services for this project. Based on quality performance to date, staff recommends continuing with McGee Partners.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Highway 80 Interchange (3234210 - 52.12003 - 32351033)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$849,575 sole source professional engineering services contract with McGee Partners, Inc., for final design, environmental permitting and meeting new water quality standards for the U.S. Highway 80/Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Interchange project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award sole source professional engineering services contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an a not to exceed \$86,400 annual contract with four (4) renewals with B&D Clearing, Inc., for On Call Construction Services.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Engineering used Task Order Contracts previously to complete small construction projects using "field" engineering. Staff directed contractor work without expenditures for design. An Invitation to Bid was issued to produce a competitive environment for the hourly equipment rates. The contract period will be for a period of one year with renewal options for an additional four years upon agreement of both parties and terms and conditions remain the same.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project was properly advertised and three bids were received and opened November 27, 2012. The dollar amounts were based on estimated quantities. The results are as follows:

B&D Clearing, Inc. Black Creek, GA	\$86,400	
*	Clifton Construction, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$106,950
**	Sandhill A.L.S. Construction, Inc. Pt. Wentworth, GA	\$116,250
* WBE firm	** MBE firm	

2. Construction projects will be scoped on an as needed basis. Engineering staff will direct the contractor to complete work from an estimate prepared prior to notice to proceed.

FUNDING: The costs will be charged to appropriate projects budgeted in the Sales Tax I, II, III, IV, & V SPLOSTs, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and SSD.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of an a not to exceed \$86,400 annual contract with four (4) renewals with B&D Clearing, Inc., for On Call Construction Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is Board policy to approve award of contracts to lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$39,750 Change Order No. 1 to the professional design/engineering services contract with Lott + Barber, for design/commissioning services for LEED Silver certification for renovations of the 123 Abercorn Street project.

BACKGROUND: On September 21, 2012, the Board approved a professional design/engineering services contract with Lott + Barber Catamount Constructors, Inc., for renovations to 123 Abercorn Street.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. It has been determined that though this is an interior renovation and not a new structure design, that 123 Abercorn Street should also meet and receive LEED Silver certification.
2. The County and Lott + Barber mutually acknowledge that a project goal is to achieve certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) . The County understands that the project cannot achieve LEED certification until after Substantial Completion of construction and will be subject to the LEED certification processes and procedures as determined by the USGBC.
3. Lott + Barber will provide Basic LEED Administration Services, including Smith & VandenBulck (MEP), JB+A, Inc., (Landscape) and Energy Ace (commissioning). Staff believes the price from Lott + Barber for the additional design/commissioning services to be fair and reasonable.
4. Contract history:

Original contract (9-21-12)	\$ 67,000
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	39,750
Revised contract amount	\$ 106,750

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - County Administration Building project
(3244980 - 54.13001- 32460657)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$39,750 Change Order No. 1 to the professional design/engineering services contract with Lott + Barber, for design/commissioning services for LEED Silver certification for renovations of the 123 Abercorn Street project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders to professional design/engineering contracts necessary for the completion of projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM J

ISSUE: Requesting Board approval for \$92,180 sole source purchase of professional services from Cott Systems for processing images of specified Index Books and Record Books for access via intranet/internet and \$200/month for initial support for 36 months.

BACKGROUND: The Clerk of Superior Court is a constitutional office mandated by law to meet the requirements set forth in the Official Code of Georgia. Those requirements include accepting, maintaining and preserving all records pertaining to the Court. Cott Systems will provide the service to receive images of Index Books and Records Books and process them for "Search" features in Cott Systems Online Index Books application. The application allows users to search manual index book images and associated document images online. The application also provides a comprehensive solution to efficiently receive, record, store and archive all real estate related records entrusted to the care of this office.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This system is a necessary component for the operational standards set by the Clerk of Superior Court for the proper archiving and maintenance of records for office and public use.
2. This is also a key component for the plan of disaster recovery and meeting department objectives to provide the public a more modern digitally enhanced indexed real estate records system.
3. Cott System is recommended as a sole source vendor because any other vendor would need to have certified real estate indexers re-indexing years of records. This would be impractical and cost prohibitive.

FUNDING: Escrow - Clerk of Superior Courts
(100 - 12.11022)

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve purchase requests for over \$10,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval for \$92,180 sole source purchase of professional services from Cott Systems for processing images of specified Index Books and Record Books for access via intranet/internet and \$200/month for initial support for 36 months.
2. Provide staff other direction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$18,300 purchase of one (1) replacement vehicle for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD) from J .C. Lewis Ford and authorize the disposal of one (1) vehicle to be used as a trade-in.

BACKGROUND: Police Department has approved funding to replace 19 vehicles per year, per the Police Merger Agreement. The department is requesting the replacement of one (1) unmarked unit. The trade-in will simplify the purchase of this vehicle.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A standing request for “good” used vehicles is in place with local dealers and they are encouraged to let us know when they have used vehicles 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 SCMPD selected the following vehicle based on utility and value.
3. The vehicle selected is from:

J. C. Lewis Ford	1 vehicle	\$19,800
Less trade	1 vehicle	<u>(\$ 1,500)</u>
Total Purchase		\$18,300

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$18,300 purchase of one (1) replacement vehicle for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD) from J .C. Lewis Ford 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 replacement vehicle for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$218,166 purchase of twelve (12) used non-typical replacement vehicles for CNT from various dealers in Savannah and authorize the disposal of nine (9) vehicles as trade-ins.

BACKGROUND: C.N.T has approved funding to replace thirteen (13) vehicles, per the Police Merger Agreement. These vehicles are no longer suitable for department's operation. The trade-in will simplify the purchase of twelve (12) vehicles.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A standing request for "good" used vehicles are 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. The trade provides CNT with maximum flexibility.
2. The Fleet manager and a representative from CNT selected the following vehicles based on utility and value.
3. The vehicles selected were from:

Hoover Chrysler	1 vehicles	\$ 22,900
Grainger Honda	2 vehicles	\$ 57,578
Fairway Lincoln	8 vehicles	\$211,450
Grainger Nissan	1 vehicles	\$ 28,938
Less trade	9 vehicles	<u>(\$102,700)</u>
Total Purchase		\$218,166

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Replacement
(3503222 - 54.22001 - 35030650)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$218,166 purchase of twelve (12) used non-typical replacement vehicles for CNT from various dealers in Savannah and authorize the disposal of nine (9) vehicles as trade-ins.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of replacement vehicle for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$31,183 purchase of Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones with associated licenses for the Sheriff Department Expansion Project, from the General Services Administration (GSA) schedule, from Mitel Business Systems, Inc., for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The County's phone equipment is used to join the phone systems at various locations thus providing 4 (four) digit dialing to all County extensions.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County's telephone system has been upgraded to a VOIP system. For all new projects, IP telephones and licences are required for communication.
2. This procurement is necessary for the Detention Center Expansion project.
3. Staff believes the cost of \$31,183 off the GSA contract to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$31,183 purchase of Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones with associated licenses for the Sheriff Department Expansion Project, off the General Services Administration (GSA) schedule, from Mitel Business Systems, Inc. for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$28,430 one time purchase, with Braddy Electric of Savannah, GA, to install twenty (20) electrical distribution panels for the modular buildings at the Sheriff Department Range.

BACKGROUND: The modular buildings were received from the United States Marine Corp, Beaufort SC.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Each building consist of 10 sections and each section contains its own electrical panel. The vendor will be responsible for running power from the pole to the buildings and hooking up the electrical panels. The total cost of installation is \$28,430.
2. Braddy Electric was selected due to their onsite presence working on the Detention Center project. Staff believes the total cost for the electrical panels to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP Bonds - Detention Center Expansion
(3803355 - 54.13009 - 38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$28,430 one time purchase, with Braddy Electric of Savannah, GA, to install twenty (20) electrical distribution panels for the modular buildings at the Sheriff Department Range.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts with utility providers when necessary for construction projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$78,411 purchase of three (3) 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe's as replacement vehicles from Dan Vaden Chevrolet for the Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: On November 16, 2012, the Board approved the purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe from Hardy Chevrolet, from the state contract. At that time the local vendor would not agree to match the price.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. For this purchase the local vendor, Dan Vaden Chevrolet has agreed to match Hardy Chevrolet, the out of town vendor price of \$26,137.
2. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside of 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. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the "absolute low" bid. The Chatham County firm was asked if they would match the outside firm's bid. Dan Vaden Chevrolet agreed to match the "absolute low" bid from Hardy Chevrolet.

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Replacement
(3501567 - 54.22001 - 35030958)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$78,411 purchase of three (3) 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe's as replacement vehicles from Dan Vaden for the Sheriff's Department.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to purchase replacement vehicles for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$30,217 purchase of eighteen (18) scanners, and twenty (20) printers from Entre Solutions for the Detention Center Expansion Project.

BACKGROUND: The scanners are needed for use with the document imaging system. The printers are needed for day to day operations at the CCDC.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The Canon scanners are needed in order to scan documents more quickly. This model scanner is working well for other county departments with higher volume loads.
- 2. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "lowest quote" the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the "lowest" quote. If the local firm does match the "lowest" quote, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the "lowest low" quote. The Chatham County firm was asked if they would match the outside firms' quote. As indicated Entre Solutions, a MBE firm, did match the "lowest" quote.
- 3. Quotes were solicited and received from the following vendors:

CDW Government, Inc. Chicago, IL	\$30,217
Howard Industries, Inc. Laural, MS	\$31,584
* Entre Solutions Savannah, GA	\$31,914

*MBE Firm

- 3. Staff believes that the total cost of \$30,217 for the purchase of scanners and printers to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$30,217 purchase of eighteen (18) scanners, and twenty (20) printers from Entre Solutions for the Detention Center Expansion Project.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$115,127 purchase of one hundred (100) computers and monitors from Dell Marketing, LP for the Detention Center Expansion project. The pricing is from the State of Georgia Contract.

BACKGROUND: These computers are needed for the Detention Center Expansion.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County has standardized on Dell Computers due to their quality and life span.
2. The systems are comprised of Dual processors, 8gb ram, 256mb video card on the standard computers, 250 GB HD, dual CD & DVD read/writer, Windows 7 Operating System, security locks specially made for all computers, and five (5) year next business day warranties on the computers and monitors.
3. Staff believes the State of Georgia total contract price is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP Bonds - Detention Center Expansion
(3803355 - 54.23001 - 38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$115,127 purchase of one hundred (100) computers and monitors from Dell Marketing, LP for the Detention Center Expansion project. The pricing is from the State of Georgia Contract.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

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PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

Proposed changes to ordinances must be read or presented in written form at two meetings held not less than one week apart. A vote on the following listed matters will occur at the next regularly scheduled meeting. On first reading, presentation by MPC staff and discussion only by Commissioners will be heard. Comments, discussion and debate from members of the public will be received only at the meeting at which a vote is to be taken on one of the following listed items.

Chairman Liakakis said, there are no First Readings.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE II, "ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO TECHNICAL CODE" OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY CODE.**

Chairman Liakakis said, there are Second Readings today. One, Amendment to Chapter 20, Article II, "Adoption of the Amendments to Technical Code" of the Chatham County Code. Jon [Hart], did you -- we've received the information on this. This is what's been discussed before, correct?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We'd like a motion on the floor to approve.

Commissioner Odell said, motion.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

County Attorney Hart said, this is just housekeeping right here. Get our codes up to what the State requires.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. Right. Okay. Motion is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the Amendment to Chapter 20, Article II, "Adoption of the Amendments to Technical Code" of the Chatham County Code. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~December 7, 2012~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1

AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services

ISSUE:

Proposed amendments to Chapter 20, Article II, "Adoption of the Amendments to Technical Code" of the Chatham County Code.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The existing ordinance references standard (construction) code published by the Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI).
2. In 1991, The Georgia Uniform Codes Act established statewide mandatory code adoption authority to the State Department of Community Affairs (DCA).
3. In 2000, DCA adopted the International Code Council (ICC) codes as the state-mandated standard construction provisions in replacement of SBCCI codes.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve proposed ordinance amendments.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs adopts and amends the mandatory statewide construction codes. Local jurisdiction that enforce codes are required to enforce what DCA has adopted into state law.

In 1996, the SBCCI merged with the two other nation code organizations to form the ICC. In turn, the State of Georgia acknowledged that merger and changed from the SBCCI to the ICC Codes. The proposed ordinance change is to acknowledge in the county code what has been both state and county policy since 2000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Alternative #1, approve proposed ordinance amendments.

ARTICLE II

Adoption of and Amendments to Technical Codes

§20-201 Adoption of Standard Codes. The regulations and administrative procedures of the following Standard Codes recommend and published by the Southern Building Code Congress

~~International, Inc.~~ and the National Fire Protection Association in book form are hereby adopted as the regulations governing the construction of buildings and other structures in the County; and Section VII, Article 4 Land Disturbing & Tree Protection Requirements for Certificate of Occupancy; and Section IX., Article 5, Requirements for Certificate of Occupancy and Article 6, Withholding the Certificate of Occupancy of the Chatham County, Georgia Land - Disturbing Activities Ordinance; and it shall be unlawful to erect or construct any building or structure in the county in violation of, or without complying with, these regulations: (Amended 8 September 1995).

REPLACE WITH: International Code Council, Inc.

1. ~~Standard Building Code (SBCCI), including Appendices A, H, I, and M 1998 Edition as amended and future State adopted editions, current edition as amended;~~
2. ~~Standard Plumbing Code, 1988 Edition Appendix A and future State adopted editions.~~
3. ~~Standard Mechanical Code, 1988 Edition Appendix A and future State adopted editions.~~
4. ~~Standard Fire Prevention Code, 1988 Edition Appendix A and future State adopted editions.~~
5. ~~Standard Gas Code, 1988 Edition Appendix A and future State adopted editions.~~
6. ~~CABO One and Two-Family Dwelling Code, 1988 Edition Appendix A and future State adopted editions.~~

REPLACE WITH:

1. **International Building Code (ICC), 2006 Edition, amendments and future state adopted editions and amendments.**
2. **International Plumbing Code (ICC), 2006 Edition, amendments, future state adopted editions and amendments.**
3. **International Mechanical Code (ICC), 2006 Edition, amendments, future state adopted editions and amendments.**
4. **International Fire Code (ICC), 2006 Edition, amendments and future state adopted editions and amendments.**
5. **International Fuel Gas Code (ICC), 2006 Edition, amendments, future state adopted editions and amendments.**
6. **International Residential Code (ICC), 2006 Edition, amendments, future state adopted editions and amendments.**
7. Standard Housing Code current Edition.
8. Standard Swimming Pool Code, current Edition.
9. NFPA-101 Life Safety Code, State adopted Edition.
10. ~~Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code, current edition as amended.~~

REPLACE WITH:

10. **International Energy Conservation Code (ICC), 2009 edition, amendments and future state adopted editions and amendments.**

* See Chatham County Flood Ordinance for Building Code requirements in Flood Hazard Areas.

§20-202 National Electric Code. The Technical Standards and Provisions of the National Electric Code promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association, 1990 Edition and future State adopted Editions, governing all electrical equipment in/on any building or on any structure in the County unless said electrical work is in compliance with these regulations.

§20-203 Standard Building Code Amendments.
REMOVE "STANDARD"

1. ~~SBCC Section 101.4 - Building Official. Amend Section 101.4 to read. There is hereby established a Department to be called The Department of Inspections and the person in charge shall be known as the Director of Inspections. All references hereafter to Building Official shall be same as Director of Inspections.~~

2. ~~SBCC Section A101.4 - Building Department. Delete without substitution Sections A101, 4.1 through A101, 4.3.~~
3. ~~SBCC Section A103.5 - Contractor License. Delete without substitution.~~
4. ~~SBCC Section A103.6.3 - Plans. To Section A 103.6.3, amend first sentence as follows: "When the Building official issues a permit, he shall endorse, in wiring or by stamp, both sets of plans as to having been reviewed."~~
5. ~~SBCC Section A103.7.4 - Schedule of Permit Fees. On all buildings, structures or alterations requiring a building permit, a fee for each building permit shall be paid as required at the time of filing application, in accordance with the schedule outlined in Article III.~~
6. ~~Building Permit Valuations. If, in the opinion of the Director of Inspections, the valuation of a building, alteration, or structure appears to be under estimated, the Director of Inspections shall then determine the value of the construction to be \$45.00 per square foot, from the most recent edition of the Southern Building Code Congress International's Building Cost Data for the State of Georgia. (Amended December 17, 1999).~~

REPLACE WITH:

1. **Amendments to the building code for Chatham County shall be as adopted and promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Service.**
2. **Adopt Chapter One, Administration of the International Building Code, 2000 Edition as amended by the Chatham County commission on February 24, 2006 to be known as the Chatham County Construction Code Administrative Section.**
3. **On all buildings, structures, additions or alterations requiring a building permit, a fee for each building permit shall be paid in accordance with Article T, Inspection Fees at the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance.**
4. **~~SBCC Section 105 & 105.4~~ - Board of Adjustments and Appeals. **Substitute the following:**
There is hereby established a Board of Adjustments and Appeals, hereafter called the "Board" and which shall consist of nine (9) members. The Board members shall be appointed by the Chatham County Commissioners. Such Board shall be composed of two (2) General Contractors, one (1) Master Electrician, one (1) Master Plumber, one (1) Mechanical Contractor, one (1) Architect registered in the State of Georgia, one (1) representative from the Fire Services of the County, and one (1) member-at-large from the general public. No firm shall have more than one (1) representative or associate on the Board.**
5. General Provisions. Of the members first appointed, four (4) shall be appointed for a term of two years, three (3) for a term of three years, and two (2) for a term of four years. Continued absence of any member from four regular meetings or irregular attendance shall, upon recommendation of the Board, be cause for removal from said Board.
6. Procedure. The Board shall establish rules, regulations and procedures of its own which are not inconsistent with the provisions of their respective code. The Board shall meet at regular intervals, which will be determined by the chairman, or in any event, within ten (10) days after a Notice of Appeal has been received by the Director of Inspections.

REPLACE WITH: BUILDING SAFETY

7. Quorum. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. In rendering any decision, an affirmative vote of the majority present shall be required. No Board member shall act in a case in which he or she has a personal interest as defined by Georgia State Law OCGA 36-67A-1.
8. Officers. The Board shall elect a chairman from its membership, who shall serve for a period of one year. The Director of Inspections shall be an ex-officio member without power to vote, and he shall serve as the Secretary of the Board. The Inspections Department shall perform all secretarial duties for the Board under the supervision of the Director of Inspections.

REPLACE WITH: BUILDING SAFETY

9. Appeals. Any person dissatisfied with the decision of the Director of Inspections may appeal his decision. All appeals must be written and filed within five (5) days of the decision with the secretary of the Board, stating full particulars of disputed points and requesting a hearing before the Board.

ADD:

In submitting the written appeal, a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall accompany such appeal.

10. Powers and Duties. The Board shall have the power to reverse or to affirm, in whole or in part, or to modify the decision of the Director of Inspections. The Board shall in every case, reach a decision without unreasonable or unnecessary delay; and should the Board not decide within thirty

(30) days after the appeal is filed, the action of the Director of Inspections shall be deemed sustained. Every decision shall be promptly filed in the office of the Director of Inspections and shall be open to the public inspection. A certified copy of every decision on an appeal shall be sent by mail or delivered to the applicant; and a copy shall be filed with the Department of Inspection. Interpretation of the requirements of this code may be made by the Board only when the enforcement of the strict letter of the code would do manifest injustice, and would be contrary to the spirit and purpose of this code and/or to the public interest. The decision of the Board shall specify the conditions upon which the decision is made and the reasons therefor. The Director of Inspections shall be bound by the decisions of the Board. Any person aggrieved by the decision on the Board, whether previously a party to the proceeding or not, or a municipal officer or Board member, may within fifteen (15) days after the decision, inform the Board in writing of his intention to have the decision appealed to a court of equity. The appeal shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days after the submission of his intention to the Board.

§20-204 Plumbing Code Amendments.

1. ~~SBCC 101.4 Plumbing Department -- Section 101.4 to read: There is hereby established a department to be called The Department of Inspections and the person in charge shall be known as the Director of Inspections. All references hereafter to plumbing official shall be same as Director of Inspections.~~
2. ~~SBCC A101.4.1 -- Plumbing Official Qualifications A-101.4.4 through A101.4.9.~~
3. ~~SBCC A103.5 -- Contractor License -- Delete 103.5 without substitution.~~
4. ~~SBCC A103.7 Fees -- Amend Section 103.17 as follows: On all buildings, structures or alterations requiring a building permit, a fee for each building permit shall be paid as required at the time of filing application, in accordance with the schedule outlined in Article III.~~
5. ~~SBCC A103.9 Certificate of Approval -- Delete without substitution.~~
6. ~~SBCC 105 & A105.4 -- Board members and procedures: Delete Section A105.4 -- Add the following: All appeals for plumbing shall be made to the joint board of adjustments and appeals as outlined in §20-203.~~

REPLACE WITH:

1. **Amendments to the plumbing code for Chatham County shall be as adopted and promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.**
2. **On all buildings, structures or alterations requiring a plumbing permit, a fee for each plumbing permit shall be paid in accordance with Article T, Inspection Fees of the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance.**

§20-205 Gas Code Amendments.

1. ~~SBCC 101.4 -- Gas Department -- amend section 101.4 to read: There is hereby established a department to be called the Department of Inspections and the person in charge shall be known as the Director of Inspections. All reference hereafter to gas official shall be same as Director of Inspections.~~
2. ~~SBCC A101.4.1 -- Gas official qualifications -- Delete without substitution; A101.4.1 through A101.4.3.~~
3. ~~SBCC A103.5 -- Contractor License -- Delete without substitution.~~
4. ~~SBCC A103.7 -- Fees -- Amend Section A103.7 to read. In accordance with schedule outlined in Article III.~~
5. ~~SBCC A103.9 -- Certificate of Approval -- Delete without substitution.~~
6. ~~SBCC 105 & A105.4 -- Board Members and Procedures -- Delete Section A105.4 -- Add the following. All appeals for gas shall be made to the joint Board of Adjustments and Appeals as outlined in §20-203.~~

REPLACE WITH:

1. **Amendments to the Fuel Gas Code for Chatham County shall be as adopted and promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.**
2. **On all buildings, structures or alterations requiring a gas permit, a fee for each gas permit shall be paid in accordance with Article T, Inspection Fees of the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance.**

§20-206 Mechanical Code Amendments.

1. ~~SBCC 101.4 -- Mechanical Department. Amend Section 101.4 to read: There is hereby established a department to be called the Department of Inspections and the person in charge shall be known as the Director of Inspections. All references hereafter to Mechanical Official shall be same as Director of Inspections.~~
2. ~~SBCC A101.4.1 -- Mechanical Official Qualifications -- Delete A101.4.1 through A101.4.3.~~
3. ~~SBCC A103.5 -- Contractor License -- Delete without substitution.~~
4. ~~SBCC A103.7 -- Fees. Amend Section 103.7 as follows: In accordance with schedule outlined in Article III.~~
5. ~~SBCC A103.9 -- Certificate of Approval. Delete without substitution.~~
6. ~~SBCC 105 & 105.4 -- Board Members and Procedures. Delete Section A105.4 -- Add the following: All appeals for Mechanical shall be made to the joint Board of Adjustments and Appeals as outlined in §20-203.~~

REPLACE WITH:

1. **Amendments to the Mechanical Code for Chatham County shall be as adopted and promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.**
2. **On all buildings, structures or alterations requiring a mechanical permit, a fee for each mechanical permit shall be paid in accordance with Article T, Inspection Fees of the County Revenue Ordinance.**

§20-207 Fire Prevention Code Amendments.

1. 101.4 Fire Prevention Code -- Section 101.4 to read. There is hereby established a department to be called the Department of Inspections and the person in charge shall be known as the Director of Inspections. All references hereafter to Fire Official shall be same as Director of Inspections.
2. 101.45.1 -- Delete Fire Official qualifications A101.4.1 through A101.4.9.
3. 105 & 105.4 -- Delete Section 105 & 105.4 -- Board members and procedures: Delete Section A105.4. Add the following: All appeals for fire prevention shall be made to the joint Board of Adjustments and Appeals as outlined in §20-203 of this Ordinance.
4. "Fire Department" -- All references hereafter requiring permitting or approval by "Fire Department" hereafter shall be same as "Department of Inspections".

REPLACE WITH:

Amendments to the Fire Code for Chatham County shall be as adopted and promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and other state agencies.

§20-208 Reports of Fires. For the purpose of compiling information and statistical data required by the Commissioners of Chatham County for the application of this chapter in the interest of safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Chatham County, the Director of ~~Inspections~~ shall require the various fire departments operating in the unincorporated areas of Chatham County to submit a report of all fires to which the department respond, on a form and at intervals established by the Director of Inspections.

REPLACE WITH: BUILDING SAFETY

§20-209 Arson Reports. Any citizen of Chatham County who has evidence of an incendiary fire or the crime of arson in the unincorporated areas of Chatham County shall make a full report of same to the Director of Inspections without delay.

§20-210 National Electrical Code Amendments. ~~No local amendments to N.E.C.~~

REPLACE WITH:

1. **Amendments to the electrical Code for Chatham County shall be as adopted and promulgated by the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner.**
2. **On all buildings, structures or alterations requiring an electrical permit, a fee for each electrical permit shall be paid in accordance with Article T, Inspection Fees of the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance.**

§20-211 CABO One & Two Family Dwelling Code Amendments. ~~All detached one or two family dwellings not more than three stories in height and their accessory structures shall be designed in accordance with the one and two family dwelling code.~~

1. ~~R-104 -- Building Official -- "Director of Inspections:.~~

2. ~~Chapter 25 -- Sewers and private or individual sewage disposal system -- Delete without substitution:~~

REPLACE WITH: Residential Code Amendments:

1. **Amendments to the residential code for Chatham County shall be as adopted and promulgated by Georgia Department of Community Affairs.**
2. **On all buildings, structures or alterations requiring a residential permit, a fee for each residential permit shall be paid in accordance with Article T, Inspection Fees of the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance.**

§20-212 Standard Housing Code Amendments. The Standard Housing Code, 1985 Edition, is hereby amended by striking, wherever it may appear therein, "Building Official" and substituting in lieu thereof "Chatham County Health Department," so that as amended such code shall provide for the administration and enforcement thereof by the Chatham County Health Department.

REPLACE WITH: 213

§20-213 Approval of Site for Wells and Septic Tanks. No (**Add: "Commercial"**) building permit shall be issued for construction, nor shall any building or structure designed or intended for permanent use, occupancy or dwelling, except the county, outside the limits of any municipality located therein, unless and until the site shall have been approved by the Department of Public Health and the County Engineer, upon adequate showing having been made by the applicant that said land has adequate draining facilities or possesses such physical characteristics as to make adequate drainage possible without imposing an unreasonable obligation upon the County. All plans for the erection of buildings or structures filed with the application for a building permit which shall contemplate the installation and use of either septic tanks or wells shall require the approval of the ~~Georgia Department of Human Resources~~ for Chatham County (County Health Dept.), prior to the issuance of a building permit thereon by the Director of ~~Inspections~~.

REPLACE WITH: 214

REPLACE WITH: BUILDING SAFETY

§20-214 Approval of Permits by Health Department. Any building permit **ADD: for eating establishments, public swimming pools, septic tanks or potable water wells** issued to any person, firm or corporation shall be issued subject to approval by the County health department.

REPLACE WITH: 215

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2. REVISE THE CHATHAM COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CODE, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE III, AND ITS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 2, Revise the Chatham County Emergency Management Code, Chapter 4, Article III, and its Intergovernmental Agreement.

County Manager Abolt said, again it's updating based on conversations Clayton Scott has had with State officials, ACCG. We just recommend approval on this. It's just housekeeping also.

Commissioner Gellatly said, move to approve.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved to approve Revision to the Chatham County Emergency Management Code, Chapter 4, Article III, and its Intergovernmental Agreement. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-2~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~December 7, 2012~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-2
AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Clayton S. Scott, Director, Chatham Emergency Management Agency

ISSUE:

To gain Commission approval of the revised Chatham County Emergency Management Code and its Intergovernmental Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The Chatham County Emergency Management Code was revised to incorporate modifications recommended by the Association of County Governments.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The Chatham County Emergency Management Code was revised in accordance with recommendations of the Association of County Governments and formally defines the conditions under which the Chatham County Emergency Operations Plan may be activated. In addition, the Code provides for the activation of mutual aid and emergency ordinances. The County Attorney has reviewed and concurred with the revisions.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the revisions to the Chatham County Emergency Management Code that provide for updates to the county-wide emergency management system.
2. Do not approve the revisions Chatham County Emergency Management Code.

FUNDING:

No funding required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is the policy of this Commission to place the highest priority on the safety of its residents. Through coordinating, developing, training and testing emergency plans and procedures it is CEMA's mission to assure the safety of the residents of Chatham County and to coordinate responses to major emergencies within our community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

NOTE: A copy of this document is available in the County Clerk's office.

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3. AMEND ORDINANCE FOR SECTION 1-109 OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY CODE WHEREIN THE BASE SALARIES OF EACH OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED.

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 3, Amend Ordinance for Section 1-109 of the Chatham County Code wherein the base salaries of each of the Board of Commissioners is hereby established.

Commissioner Odell said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you know, I want -- I want to change my -- never mind. I'll let it end on a good note. That's bull crap.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, people talked about approving a raise before that now votes no, that's politics and God knows, I hate politics. I love politics but I hate it too. Hang the others out to dry and get your raise.

Chairman Liakakis said, in other words, what you're saying --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm saying I don't appreciate being talked and people agreeing that there should be a raise --

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, and then --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and -- and then come in public and vote --

Chairman Liakakis said, vote against it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- against it. The only person I heard publicly oppose this was Commissioner Gellatly, and I respect his opposition. But that's a crock of crap to behind closed doors support it and hang all of us out to dry like that.

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. -- Commissioner Kicklighter.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I don't appreciate it.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Let's move on now.

[NOTE: After the Board had moved on from this subject, Mr. Piechocki was given permission to speak.]

Mr. Raymond Piechocki said, where does the public get to comment on the raises. I mean this is just like a whole railroad thing you just did here. What about the public? Don't they get a chance to say anything about it?

Chairman Liakakis said, well, Jon [Hart]?

County Attorney Hart said, sir?

Chairman Liakakis said, he just requested about the public -- he would like to make a comment on those salaries. What's the status after we vote?

Commissioner Holmes said, no, already voted.

County Attorney Hart said, it's up to you guys. If you wish to go into executive session you can do that, if you wish to not go into executive session, adjourn executive session, come back out in public for public comment. You can also do that. But that's -- it'll require a vote.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Mr. Piechocki said, you made a statement here a little while ago there are 265,000 people in this community and all 265,000 of us (inaudible.)

Chairman Liakakis said, come up to the microphone, sir.

County Attorney Hart said, sir -- he's out of order unless recognized by this Board. You're in executive session.

Chairman Liakakis said, no. Wait a minute.

County Attorney Hart said, you're in executive session.

Chairman Liakakis said, we've got to see, sir. Let me just ask the Commission, does anybody want to make a motion and a second to allow discussion on this?

Commissioner Odell said, no.

Commissioner Holmes said, no.

Mr. Piechocki said, no? You just take your raises just like that? Vote yourself a raise?

Chairman Liakakis said, let me say this to you, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I'll make a motion to allow --

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- him to speak.

County Attorney Hart said, second?

Mr. Piechocki said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you're very welcome.

County Attorney Hart said, is there a second?

Clerk said, yes.

Commissioner Odell said, I second it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Dave [Gellatly]. Commissioner Gellatly.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Let's go on the board. Go ahead, sir.

Mr. Piechocki said, yeah, my name is -- you ought to know me by now, but anyhow -- I'm sorry, I dropped my stuff here. My name is Raymond Piechocki. I live on Whitemarsh Island. I'm a taxpayer to this county and a little while ago you just mentioned 265,000 people that are in this county like myself. All 265,000 of us can't sit in those seats and make the decisions that you all make. We elect you to represent us, and so we should have knowledge of what you're intentions are. There are several of you who are being reinstated on this Commission as Commissioners, there's new ones coming in. Never, ever did I hear anything during all the -- the -- the campaigning about a potential raise in your salaries. This is tough times friend. I lost all of my savings. I live on social security. I've got no place to go. Federal government doesn't see fit to give me an increase. Oh, they did give me an increase by the way, but they took it right away from me in my Medicare payments, in raising that. I have no place to go for a raise. You all have jobs. You have businesses. This is a part-time job. You're public servants. My father was a public servant for 45 years, so I know what a public servant was all about. I lived under the salary of a public servant. Now I'm not going to go into my history, but I find this to be totally, totally out of line, and it doesn't have any reflection on the job that you have done, the position you hold in the community. This is just purely unnecessary in this economic stage that we're in and will be in for the foreseeable future. When you ran for election, for re-election, you knew what the salaries were. If you didn't like that, opt out. Y'all had other jobs. I mean, you got that opportunity. And I'll tell you right now, I'll take any one of those seats free of charge. Anyone of them.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, (inaudible.)

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Sir --

Mr. Piechocki said, I think you should reconsider this very strongly because it's poor representation of elected officials and government action. Thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Any questions? Tabitha [Odell].

Commissioner Odell said, let me -- let me make a comment. I'm an outgoing Commissioner so I really don't have a dog in this fight, but I would like to tell you that this Commission has been working at the steady pace that they have without a raise for more than what, seven or nine years. Additionally, what you -- you -- like you stated, we all have jobs, but every time we leave our job to come here to do the service that's given us and that we try to make the commitment to, we all lose money. We lose money when we come to do that. Everybody that comes here, they don't get paid to go to all the events, to go to all of the -- they -- they don't do that. They use their gas, their time, their energy, their commitment. It is very difficult to stand up and be counted and be a person that wants to be a leader in the community with very little support or praise. They get dumped on all the time for whatever decision that they make and that, sir, is unfair. You want people to come in -- good people out of the community to come in with integrity and work in a public service position, but the problem with that is, why people don't run is because they lose money when they do it, and because they don't get any appreciation for the work that they try to do. We have to try to make decisions to please 265 million [sic] people. Which is very difficult.

Commissioner Farrell said, 265,000.

Commissioner Odell said, you also want people to sit up here and not take bribes or have any corruption going on. Corruption begins when people feel that they don't have options. You don't want corruption, you want people to feel as though they're being paid to do a job that they're being done and that's doing as well as they can do. In the private -- you know, if you were anywhere else, you would want to be paid for the service that you give. And I understand what the economic times are. I understand how difficult it is. As you say, I own a business. I got to hustle every day to find my clients and to get my people paid. I got 76 people that look to me every Friday to get paid. So I understand what you're saying, but when I'm here, I'm not making money. When these people are here, they're not making money at their jobs. The raise that they've -- that we have voted in is very modest. We are not the highest paid County Commissioners in the State. And it's only fair to pay people what they're worth. And I understand that you're upset about that, but I think that it's only fair for people to give them what they deserve.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Mr. Piechocki said, I'd like to (inaudible) if I may just, you know, rebut to what you're saying there.

Commissioner Odell said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, hold it just a moment now.

Mr. Piechocki said, yeah.

Chairman Liakakis said, let the other Commissioners speak and then you can -- and then you can do that, sir. Once they've had a chance.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I just want you to know that I probably would have agreed with you right up until 2008. I served four years as a -- volunteered as mayor of a city for two years and as mayor pro tem of a city for two years with no salary. Served on here with the same salary for 12 years, but prior to 2008, I would have considered myself pretty successful, independently, financially, unfortunately, I as a realtor in 2007 excelled, 2008 went to zero, and what that woke me up to was a lot more of the realizations of problems of the common -- what we call the common man. And it's become very clear over the years with I -- I believe I could actually serve on the state level and -- and benefit our state, benefit our community, but I've -- I've realized that I can't ever do so because the structure of our government in my opinion is structured in a way that only allows the rich or the retired to represent us. And -- and I don't know how we as common citizens can expect an accurate representation of us when only the rich and retired's doing the representing. Example, state level, should I -- could I have ever ran and been fortunate enough to win, they get paid \$15,000 a year. They have to leave here for three months, and that pretty much -- and I mean this with respect for these hard-working people that -- that was determined, got the education, built their business or they're retired or whatever, you know, but, should a common person get elected, like I consider myself very much to be, I go -- I don't own a business. No one's working for me anywhere. I'm losing every day. After three months I come back I don't have a clientele left and I'm completely broke. So there's a whole sector of society in my opinion that because -- this was hard for me to do today. I've been the most prudent person I think against expenses over the 12 years here. This was very hard, and I had to really weigh it out. Here we miss work. They hit on it a minute ago. This is not I promise you a supplement to what I receive, this supplants what I lose.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, today there will be an honorable man at 3:00 o'clock, a building named after him at 3:00 o'clock. Where will I be? I'm going back to work. I would love to be there to honor this man. He deserves every honor 'cause he's the hardest working politician I've ever known, but your common man right here is carrying his butt back to work because I can't afford to lose that money at this point in my life. I think although it's highly non-political, I think the right move was made here today. I think you're common -- you said can serve up here for zero, you can, sir, 'cause you've worked and you're fortunate, you're retired --

Mr. Piechocki said, but let me just say this.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, let me -- let me just finish.

Mr. Piechocki said, I lost all of my savings.

County Attorney Hart said, excuse me, sir. You're out of order. Let the Commissioner finish his speech.

Mr. Piechocki said, all my savings.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and -- and --

Mr. Piechocki said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and -- and I'll -- hey, and I'll tell you I feel your pain. I don't even have a savings account. But you know my life's coming back together. Thank God, I'm making a good living again but I've been there, and, again, 2007, Dean Kicklighter would have never voted a raise because I didn't see -- I didn't see necessarily, I did not live what much of society had gone through. I've lived the crappy little life, and thank God it's coming back where it's a -- a good life again, but with this move, the common person can -- they will be allowed to run and they will be able to afford to run, and if that's -- having said that, when the common man is represented, if we could get one on the federal level on down, I think we would see taxes and everything fall in line when people understand the impact of government expenses on the common man's home budget. And, again, I think it took gumption by this group because God knows I knew it wouldn't be popular, and I've always led -- I've always governed in a way that I said I vote what the majority of my people want me to do. I hadn't heard a lot from them, but on this one I can guess that maybe it wouldn't be very popular, but on this one with my heart of hearts, I think it's the right thing to do with the -- for this county. I think you'll get more common folks on here in the future, and that will benefit this county when it comes to expenses and costing you -- other words, I think you'll reap a savings in the future for this expense today.

Mr. Piechocki said, I -- I -- I hear you.

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Gellatly.

Mr. Piechocki said, now if I may.

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, wait a minute, sir, the -- as a point of order so that you'll know, when there is a Commissioner that is raising their hand, we have to let them speak, and then you can speak --

Mr. Piechocki said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, -- on that.

Mr. Piechocki said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, that's that. Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. My -- my -- my position has been stated and I'm certainly not going to grandstand, but what I do want to offer a challenge for the existing Board of Commissioners and the Commissioners coming on. Someway or another, you got 1700 employees that are going to be looking at you January 1 to do likewise for them, to give them a significant raise. You've got 235,000 citizens out there that cannot afford to have their taxes raised. You're going to have to be very smart come January 1 to make this -- this happen. You've taken care of yourself, now take care of your employees and take care of the citizens of this county. Thank you.

Mr. Piechocki said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, sir, go ahead.

Mr. Piechocki said, first off, I'm 73 years old. I did my time. I had a company, 450 employees, but I didn't step out into the public until I was sure that that business was running fine and everyone was taken care of. When I stepped out in public life, not in your life, never ran for an elected position 'cause I didn't want that, but I worked behind the scenes for a lot of people, served on a lot of non-paid boards and commissions, and it was only when I felt that I could devote my time to my company to make it 101 percent successful and then step into the community and do the necessary things that you've talked and you talked about and you all have talked about. And so there is a balance, and there is the poor man. I'm the grandson of two immigrant Polacks from Poland. I came up out of the streets to get to that 450 employees. I made it all on my own. Never had a government take out. Only thing I get is social security, and I paid over \$300,000 into social security, and that's my insurance policy that I'm getting, my annuity. That's the way I look at it. It's not an entitlement, it's something I've paid for and I expect it. So all I'm looking for is that there be some understanding -- you can give yourself all the raises in the world, as long as there's money to take care of all of the other things that are necessary in this county and for the other 265,000 or whatever it is of us who are looking to you all to provide that. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Okay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Odell moved for approval to Amend Ordinance for Section 1-109 of the Chatham County Code wherein the base salaries of each of the Board of Commissioners is established. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-2 vote with Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Holmes, Shay, Farrell, Odell, Kicklighter and Thomas voting yes and Commissioners Stone and Gellatly voting no.
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to allow a citizen, Mr. Raymond Piechocki, to speak to the board regarding the increase in salaries. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried in a 6 to 1 vote with Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Stone, Shay, Odell, Gellatly, and Kicklighter voting yes and Commissioner Holmes voting no. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Thomas were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-3~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~December 7, 2012~~

AGENDA ITEM: **XII-3**

AGENDA DATE: December 21, 2012

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

ISSUE:

To approve amended ordinance for Section 1-109 of the Chatham County Code wherein the base salaries of each of the Board of Commissioners is hereby established.

BACKGROUND:

On December 3, 2012, at the direction of the Chairman of the Board of the Commission publication began notifying the public of the Board's intent to consider an increase in commissioners salaries for services. O.C.G.A. 36-5-24 only allows for outgoing commissions at the end of their term to consider salary increases for the next Board of Commissioners. Hence, by statute, any salary adjustment of the Commission may only be considered once every four years and if not adjusted then require forbearance for four additional years before a salary adjustment could be made.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board of Commissioners has not had a salary increase since 2001.
2. O.C.G.A. 36-5-24 allows a window into which the current Commission could adjust salaries for the incoming Commissioners that would remain the same during the next term of the Commission.
3. The total fiscal impact would be no more than \$6,800 per month for all members of the Commission.
4. The time spent by Commissioners far exceeds the value of remuneration paid to serving Commissioners.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The members of Board of Commissioners should receive periodic adjustments in salary as provided by O.C.G.A. 36-5-24 to ensure that service is not so burdensome to prohibit participation in local government.

FUNDING:

Maintenance and Operations Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative 1:

Adjust the salaries of Board members to \$25,000 per Board member and the Chairman of the Board to \$57,500.

Alternative 2:

Do not adjust the salaries of the Board members to \$25,000 per Board member and the Chairman of the Board to \$57,500.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
 COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

**AMENDMENT TO ORGANIZATION AND POWERS OF
CHATHAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners as follows:

That Section 1-109 of the Code of Ordinances of Chatham County is hereby repealed in its entirety and substituted in lieu thereof an amended new ordinance is hereby enacted in its place which shall read as follows:

Section 1-109 Salaries.

1. Each official of Chatham County listed below shall receive a salary fixed by the governing authority of such county, provided that said salary for each officer shall not exceed the salary set forth as follows:

Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners	\$57,500 per annum
Members of the Board of Commissioners	\$25,000 per annum

2. The salaries provided in Section 1 shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Chatham County.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2012.

 Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Chatham County Commission

Janice Bocook, Clerk
Chatham County Commission

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Information items. You've gotten that. And that's it. We have the information items coming to you.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

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

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2
AGENDA DATE: December 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>
Repair of digital voice recorder for prisoner transfer station	Detention Center	Accurate Controls, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$2,824	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Room accommodations for witnesses	District Attorney	Country Inn & Suites	\$2,567	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
18 laptops for Detention Center	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$9,729	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Mail meter rental	Tax Commissioner	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$2,586	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
200 pairs of BDU trousers	Detention Center	Bob Barker Company, Inc.	\$3,922	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Nine (9) printers for Tax Commissioner	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$4,851	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Remove and replace section of sidewalk by the parking garage	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Coastline Concrete Services, Inc.	\$3,822	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
Network monitoring software	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$3,276	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Membership dues	Human Resources and Services	Savannah Business Group	\$3,623	USI Administrators
Stock assorted large tires	Fleet Operations	SOS Radial Tire Service	\$2,810	Inventory Account
Provisional/test and absentee/provisional ballots	Board of Elections	Printelect	\$4,820	General Fund/M&O - Board of Elections
Bronze plaque for the Chief David M. Gellatly Police Precinct	Special Projects	Signs of Savannah, Inc.	\$3,685	SPLOST (2008-2014) West Police Precinct Project

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Bronze plaque for Mother Mathilda Beasley Park Project	Special Projects	Signs of Savannah, Inc.	\$3,685	SPLOST (2003-2008) Mother Mathilda Beasley Project
Wall mounted bronze plaque for the Pete Liakakis Government Building	Special Projects	Signs of Savannah, Inc.	\$3,685	SPLOST (2008-2014) Courthouse Construction
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Seven (7) automated external defibrillators	Detention Center	Costrini Defibrillator and Safety Services	\$9,664	CIP-Jail Expansion Fund
Transmitters, antennas and headphones for courtroom audio equipment	State Court	Stage Front Presentation Systems	\$2,510	General Fund/M&O - State Court
Stock assorted large tires	Fleet Operations	SOS Radial Tire Service	\$3,419	Inventory Account
Switch for new data center	I.C.S.	Interface Electronics, Inc.	\$8,726	SPLOST (2008-2014) Courthouse Construction
300 traffic cones	Public Work and Park Services	Safety Product, Inc.	\$3,915	SSD-Public Works
Diagnostic medical equipment	Detention Center	Instrument House, Inc.	\$3,372	CIP-Jail Expansion Fund
Motorola radio for CEMA	I.C.S.	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	\$6,710	DHS CEMA Mobile Grant

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS
AGENDA DATE: December 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 by GDOT of a high level bridge over Skidaway Narrows to replace the bascule bridge will be delayed pending GDOT decision on how to resolve problems with installing mid-span bridge beams. Estimated completion of September 2013 will be delayed.
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 process expected to resume early 2013.

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. Bids for construction contracts for both bridges opens January 16, 2013.
 - b. Ridgewood Avenue, Beechwood Avenue and Elmhurst Avenue. Construction underway. Estimated completion March 2013.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: December 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. Construction of Phase 2A (from Daniel Street to Dean Forest Road) is substantially complete. Construction of Phase 2B is underway with completion scheduled for August 2014. Staff is working to identify and obtain canal rights of way west of I-95. A project to improve access for maintenance north of Briarwood in Garden City is pending discussion with the City of Garden City.
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. The hydraulic model is complete. The draft concept plan and cost analysis was presented to staff in November. Discussion of the draft plan with the municipalities of Garden City and Pooler is underway.
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 improvements to facilitate maintenance in the area of the 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. A contract to construct drainage improvements for Tara Manor is pending Board approval.
5. Wilmington Park Canal. The Wilmington Park Canal extends from North Cromwell Road to the Wilmington River (about 1.4 miles). The project includes bank stabilization, culvert replacements and storm sewer upgrades to improve drainage and maintenance access within the canal and surrounding areas. Construction on new culverts with tide gates at Wilmington Island Road was completed in 2002. Construction work to replace four undersized culverts along the canal is underway with completion scheduled for August 2013. A project to improve drainage from the southern portion of Ashley Road and is under design. The existing outfall from this area is not accessible due to a lack of drainage easements.

6. Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide access for maintenance for the Remington Canal from Ferguson Road to the outfall at Moon River. The outfall passes through the Winterberry private development. A contract to develop the preliminary design is pending Board approval.
7. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the canal. Improvements are complete between Garrard Avenue and the CSX Railroad. Projects to extend the improvements along the Marshall Branch Canal are underway and include construction of maintenance access and culvert replacements. Design of the culvert replacement is underway. Based on recommendations from Purchasing, bids received for construction of maintenance access along the downstream part of the Marshall Branch Canal have been rejected.
8. 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 four culverts (Ridgeland Road, a private drive, Yemassee Road, and Chevis Road) and was completed in November 2012.
9. Whippoorwill Road Drainage. The project will relocate and improve a canal tidegate structure to a location that can be accessed for maintenance. The existing structure is undersized and was damaged by previous storm events. It cannot be accessed for repair or maintenance because it is located on private property. Design and permitting is underway for a replacement structure in a new location that is accessible for maintenance.
10. Laberta-Cresthill Area. The project replaced a culvert under Whitefield Avenue with a double box culvert and installed several curb inlets and piping along Laberta Boulevard to relieve flooding within the Cresthill Subdivision. Construction is complete.
11. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work and permitting are underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road.
12. Henderson/Gateway. Drainage is provided by the Little Neck Canal and the Henderson Branch Canal (combined length 2 miles). Projects to replace the golf cart culvert and culvert at Henderson Oaks Drive and Little Neck Road are complete. An engineering firm has been selected for design of drainage improvements in the Gateway. Staff will present a recommendation for award of a design contract after a final scope of work and fee are negotiated.
13. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. Phase I replaced an undersized storm drain pipe at Beaulieu Avenue was completed in January 2010. Phase II will replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch. Acquisitions of required easements are complete. Final design plans and permitting are underway.
14. Lehigh-Shipyard Lane Area. The project will relieve roadside drainage issues causing nuisance flooding in the Lehigh Avenue and Shipyard Lane area. Construction began in November 2012 with completion scheduled for May 2013.
15. LaRoche Culvert. The project will replace a drainage culvert located under LaRoche Avenue north of Lansing Avenue. The culvert replacement is in response to a deteriorating brick arch culvert with several cracks. Final design work and permitting are complete. Bids opened in April 2012 exceeded project budget and were rejected. The design is being modified to lower construction costs.
16. Little Hurst Canal. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance along the canal. A design scope of work is under development.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. Cottonvale Road Drainage. The project will relieve drainage and maintenance access issues causing nuisance flooding in the Cottonvale Road area. Acquisition of a required easement is complete. Final design plans are underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Liakakis said, we're going to have now an executive session.

County Manager Abolt said, personnel, litigation, land acquisition. The room will be set up and at noon you'll come back in here -- well you'll eat here with the delegation.

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

[NOTE: At this time Mr. Raymond Piechocki came forward and asked to speak regarding the Commission pay increase. He was allowed to speak and his comments are at the end of Item 3 under Second Readings].

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EXECUTIVE SESSION (cont'd)

Chairman Liakakis said, executive session.

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

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to recess to executive session to discuss personnel, litigation and land acquisition. The motion was voted on and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay, Farrell and Thomas were not present for the vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 11:35 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPOINTMENTS

1. YOUTH FUTURES

Action of the Board:

Commissioner Odell moved to reappoint John Finney to the Youth Futures Authority with his term now set to expires June 30, 2016. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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2. METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

Action of the Board:

Commissioner Farrell moved to reappoint Joseph Welch to the Metropolitan Planning Commission with his term now set to expire December 31, 2015. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AUTHORITY

Action of the Board:

Commissioner Farrell moved to reappoint Dr. Priscilla Thomas to the Equal Opportunity Authority with her term now set to expire December 31, 2017. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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4. SETTLEMENT OF VALERIE CRITTENDON WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM

Action of the Board:

Motion was made to approve settlement in the Valerie Crittendon action for \$48,000. The motion was voted on and carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.

**ALBERT J. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION