

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2013, 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 Albert J. Scott called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on Friday, February 8, 2013.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'm going to call on Commissioner Tony Center from the 2nd District to introduce our devotional leader this morning. And once the introduction is made -- well in fact, you may be seated until our devotional leader indicate it's time for prayer. At such time please stand and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Center will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance this morning.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Chairman Scott, and -- and before I introduce Rabbi Robert Haas, I want to take a -- a moment of personal privilege to thank Chairman\* Scott. Chatham County throughout my lifetime has been a county that has not only accepted but embraced diversity, and Chairman Scott\* your historic election is a great reflection on Chatham County's embracing diversity\*. One\* of the first things Chairman Scott said to me, and I'm sure to a lot of the Commissioners who came on was\* that he wanted to make sure he included every religious denomination in our -- in our invocations, and I'm very appreciative that you've reached out to do that, and I thank you very much.

Commissioner Center said, it's my privilege to present\* -- to introduce you today to Rabbi Robert Haas, who's the spiritual leader at Congregation Mickve Israel, which is the oldest Jewish congregation in the United States. It's founders were among the first Jewish residents of Chatham County who with the personal intervention of James -- General James Oglethorpe were allowed to disembark on Chatham County soil. For those of you who\* don't know this synagogue, Mickve Israel faces the Monterey Square on Bull -- on Bull and Gordon Streets on the eastside of Monterey Square. It's not just a synagogue but has an incredible museum. If -- if you go by and visit their museum, you can read a letter from the congregation congratulating President Washington on his election to the first presidency of the United States and see the personal copy of his reply to that congregation.

Commissioner Center said, Rabbi Haas graduated from the University of Texas and was an elementary school teacher for three years before beginning his rabbinical training. He lived and studied\* in Israel and received his rabbinic ordination\* in 2002. He's been a youth camp director, a hospital chaplain, and before coming to Savannah and Chatham, a rabbi in Texas. Rabbi Haas also spent a year providing intense volunteer service in Nairobi, Kenya through\* the American Jewish World Service. He came to Savannah in 2012 and has been warmly and proudly received by members of all three of our community's synagogues. He's a welcome addition to Chatham County. I'm proud to introduce Rabbi Haas to my fellow citizens and my fellow Commissioners.

Rabbi Robert Haas said, thank you very much. It is a -- an honor and a privilege to stand here before everyone. What a great honor for me. Before I give the invocation, I wanted to add to what Tony [Center] said about the history of our congregation. Five months after Oglethorpe came here and established the colony a boat of Jews arrived from England, and they weren't allowed on the shore because they were Jewish. However, there was a plague that was wrecking havoc with the community and it just so happened very -- very famous physician from Spain who was Jewish who happened to deal with plagues was on the boat. So that physician named Samuel Nunez came over, was allowed onto the land, and because he came in and cured the colony, then all the Jews on the boat were allowed on. And from that day -- from that day, the Charter states basically that Jews are given full privileges in this community. So from almost day one it's been a point of great pride that Jews have always had a fair shake in Georgia. It's also interesting to note that the only two groups of people not allowed in the original Charter were of course lawyers and also Catholics. And from that day forward it's been a great sense of pride. So now I'm going to invite to rise.

Rabbi Haas gave the invocation as follows:

Our forefathers in this wonderful country came from similar religious backgrounds yet they had the spiritual foresight to give unprecedented future rights to the people of various religious groups. They never could have truly understand [sic] the precedent they were setting, but they created a community in which Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and people of all religious backgrounds, liberals and traditionalists would have a place, a say. In many ways this understanding has helped to make the United States the greatest country to ever exist. Today we pray that this wonderful Commission will pursue justice for all of their constituents. May they ever be guided by the principles of equality and fairness for people of all genders, races and religious backgrounds. May the spiritual foresight of our

forefathers continue on through them. In God's name we pray. Amen.

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**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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**IV. ROLL CALL (Introduction of Youth Commission Members Present)**

Chairman Scott said, may we have the roll call?

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight  
Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One  
Tony Center, District Three  
Patrick K. Farrell, District Four  
Yusef K. Shabazz, District Five  
Lori L. Brady, District Six  
Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Not Present: James J. Holmes, District Two

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

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Chairman Scott said, at this time I would entertain a motion to excuse Commissioner Holmes' absence. He is sick with the flu. All in favor of excusing him --

Commissioner Stone said, I make -- I make the motion.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and seconded we excuse Commissioner Holmes from today's proceedings. All in favor of that motion indicate by voting yes.

Commissioner Center sad, will you push yes for my button, please?

Chairman Scott said, the motion carries. Commissioner Holmes is excused.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

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**CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will call on Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas, to introduce the members of our Youth Commission.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Today we have with us from the Chatham County Youth Commissioners Mikelyn Green, senior attending Calvary Day; and Jared Grant, senior, Savannah Arts with us today. Glad to have you.

Youth Commissioner Mikelyn Green said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you all for being here, and we hope that you enjoy today's meeting and look forward

to your service on the Youth Commission. Thank you.

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## **V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

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

- 1. REMINDER OF BUDGET GOALS SESSION SET FOR TUESDAY, THE 12TH OF FEBRUARY AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE TRADE CENTER.**

Chairman Scott said, on item VI on the agenda, I just want to remind everybody of the budget goal session which is Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February at 9:00 a.m. at the Trade Center. And I will also remind you that this meeting will probably go on to 4:00, 4:30 in the evening. So please be prepared to -- to be there all day.

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## **VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS**

None.

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## **VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS**

<p>Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*).</p>
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- 1. 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. ITEM WAS TABLED AT THE DECEMBER 21, 2012, BOARD MEETING. (SEE ATTACHED MOST CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING "MORE CHALLENGES WITH SOUTHBRIDGE INTEREST GROUPS.")**

Chairman Scott said, we have one tabled item, Item VIII. That's an item that was tabled several meetings ago, and I will just remind you if there's no action, this item will come off the agenda, and this is the last time you'll see it on as a tabled item. Hearing no action.

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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) increase revenues from Indirect Cost Allocation \$145,381 and increase Contingency \$381 and the County Attorney's budget \$145,000 for salaries and professional fees, (b) transfer \$50,000 from Restricted Contingency to the County Attorney's budget for professional fees, (c) transfer \$60,000 from Restricted Contingency to the County Manager's budget for terminal pay, (d) transfer \$25,000 from Restricted Contingency to M&O Contingency, 2) increase the MULTIPLE GRANT FUND budget \$4,704,535 for grant awards continuing from FY2012, and 3) in the CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND appropriate \$376,625 to the Counter Narcotics Team.**

Chairman Scott said, we'll move on to our Individual Action Calendar, and that's Item IX on the agenda. The first item is to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Funds, the M&O: sub item (a) is to increase revenue from the Indirect Cost Allocation of \$145,381 and increase the Contingency by \$381 and the County Attorney's budget \$145,000 for salaries and professional fees, (b) transfer \$60,000 from Restricted Contingency to the County budget for professional fees, transfer \$60,000 from Restricted Contingency to the County Manager's budget for terminal pay, transfer \$25,000 from Restricted Contingency to M&O Contingency, increase the Multiple Grant Fund budget \$4,704,535 for grant awards continuing from FY2012, and 3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$376,625 to the Counter Narcotics Team. Any --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes. The motion carry.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O: increase revenues from Indirect Cost Allocation \$145,381 and increase Contingency \$381 and the County Attorney's budget \$145,000 for salaries and professional fees, (b) transfer \$60,000 from Restricted Contingency to the County Attorney's budget for professional fees, (c) transfer \$60,000 from Restricted Contingency to the County Manager's budget for terminal pay, (d) transfer \$25,000 from Restricted Contingency to M&O Contingency, 2) increase the Multiple Grant Fund budget \$4,704,535 for grant awards continuing from FY2012, and 3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$376,625 to the Counter Narcotics Team. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**

**AGENDA DATE: February 8, 2013**

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

**ISSUE:**

To request the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) in the General Fund M&O: (a) increase revenues from Indirect Cost Allocation \$145,381 and increase Contingency \$381 and the County Attorney's budget \$145,000 for salaries and professional fees, (b) transfer \$60,000 from Restricted Contingency to the County Attorney's budget for professional fees, (c) transfer \$60,000 from Restricted Contingency to the County Manager's budget for terminal pay, (d) transfer \$25,000 from Restricted Contingency to M&O Contingency, 2) increase the Multiple Grant Fund budget \$4,704,535 for grant awards continuing from FY2012, and 3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$376,625 to the Counter Narcotics Team.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Additional revenues from indirect cost allocation are available for the General Fund M&O. Indirect cost allocations represent administrative charges from the County's General Fund to user departments, and are recalculated annually based on an external consultant's report. A resolution to amend the General Fund is attached. A correspondence increase to the County Attorney's budget of \$145,000 and to Contingency of \$381 is requested. Additional funds in the County Attorney's budget will be appropriated for terminal pay, salaries and benefits related to a rate change, and professional fees.
2. The County Attorney's professional fees are projected to exceed budget. A transfer of \$60,000 from Restricted Contingency is needed to fund the additional professional fees. The Restricted Contingency account, originally established in FY 2013 for Election Board activity, can now be drawn down following the November elections.
3. Due to terminal pay associated with staff retirements, additional funds are needed in the County Manager's budget. A Restricted Contingency transfer of \$60,000 is requested.
4. A \$25,000 transfer from Restricted Contingency to the M&O Contingency will provide working funds for the balance of the fiscal year.
5. Chatham County has a number of active grants that cross fiscal years 2012 and 2013. A resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund budget for FY2013 and a list of the continuing grants

are attached.

6. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested appropriations of \$376,625 confiscated revenue to construct an addition to the Thomas C. Sprague Complex and to purchase ballistic vests and helmets. The request has been sent to the County Attorney for review. Staff reports are attached.

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O and Confiscated Revenue Fund for the transfers. The budget amendment will establish funding in the General Fund M&O and the Multiple Grant Funds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**GENERAL FUND M&O**

- a) Increase revenues \$145,381 from Indirect Cost Allocation.
- b) Increase Contingency \$381 from additional revenues.
- c) Increase the County Attorney's budget \$125,000 for salaries and \$20,000 for professional fees.
- d) Transfer \$60,000 from Restricted Contingency to the County Attorney's budget for professional fees.
- e) Transfer \$60,000 from Restricted Contingency to the County Manager's budget for terminal pay.
- f) Transfer \$25,000 from Restricted Contingency to M&O Contingency.

**MULTIPLE GRANT FUND**

Increase revenues and expenditures \$4,704,535 for grants continuing from FY2012.

**CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND**

Appropriate \$376,625 to the Counter Narcotics Team to construct an addition to the Thomas C. Sprague Complex and the purchase of ballistic vests and helmets.

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. TRANSMITTAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2013 SECOND QUARTER REPORT DATED DECEMBER 31, 2012, TO THE BOARD FOR INFORMATION. (This will be discussed during your Budget Goals Session set for the 12<sup>th</sup> of February.)**

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 on the Action Calendar, is the transmittal of Fiscal Year 2013 second quarter report dated December 31, 2012, to the Board for information. This will be discussed during your budget goal session in -- in February.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, that is just for information for reading between now and Tuesday by way of just a general summary. The only area we're concerned about, as -- as I know the Chairman's well aware has to do with the continued collection of SPLOST, and that's a function of being robust in our estimates prior to 2008 and being unable to compound the investment collected because the money was not collected. So that's the only thing of consequence, but it's there for your reading if you wish to between now and Tuesday.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Anybody have any questions of the Manager on that?

Commissioner Stone said, may I just make a comment on SPLOST in general? I know that there is a pending bill in the General Assembly right now, and I'm sure all of the Commissioners are aware of it that would change the use of SPLOST funding to be able to maintain some of our SPLOST projects. And so I just -- I think we all need to pay attention to what occurs with that bill.

Chairman Scott said, that's -- that's well intended because I -- I can tell you going forward, what -- whatever we consider on our project list, our SPLOST project list, I -- I'm going to ask the members of the Commission that they would -- they must take into consideration the impact of those projects on the Maintenance and Operation budget going forward.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and so those comments were very timely, Commissioner Stone. All right.

Commissioner Center said, does that not require a motion?

County Manager Abolt said, no.

Chairman Scott said, no, it does not require a motion.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

For information only.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: February 8, 2013**

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

**ISSUE:**

To present the Fiscal Year 2013 Second Quarter Report dated December 31, 2012 to the Board for information.

**BACKGROUND:**

Financial reporting conveys information concerning the position and activities of the County to its citizens and other interested parties. Interim financial reports generally are prepared for use by professional government managers and board members. Such reports monitor levels of year-to-date operations and determine compliance with budgetary limitations.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Second Quarter Report covers various county funds and activities while presenting budget-to-actual comparisons. Adopted and amended fund budgets are presented as well as variance data. Prior year numbers are presented for comparison on the General Fund and Special Service District Summary reports.
2. The amended budgets shown herein represent budget transfers approved through December 31, 2012. In some cases, subsequent adjustments have occurred. Year-to-date expenditure and project balances are presented. Open purchase orders and outstanding contractual obligations are not included in the year-to-date expenditure amounts. Since the County has received its audited statements, budget amendments related to fund balance carry-forwards are reflected on these statements.
3. Notable items include the following:

**General Fund M&O**

- The General Fund received revenues of \$83.9 million through December 31, 2012 and expended \$81.6 million. This represented 53% and 51.5% of budgeted amounts respectively. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$2.3 million. Cash balances in the fund were positive at the end of the quarter.
- General property tax collections were \$67.9 million or 56.8% of annual budget estimates. Property tax revenue was flat when compared to the prior year.
- The favorable trend noticed in the first quarter for intangible recording and real estate transfer taxes has continued. These taxes have exceeded prior year collected by \$373,6340 through the second quarter.
- The Other taxes category shows no revenue at midyear. Revenue for bank business licenses will not be collected until March.
- Sales and use tax revenue constitutes 7% of the General Fund's overall budget. At midyear sales and use tax revenue was on target with budget estimates.
- The Penalties and interest on taxes category represents fees imposed on late property tax payments. During the Great Recession, this revenue category has posted significant increases. However, for this fiscal year, the revenues are at 31% of budget and are \$477,214 below prior year comparative numbers.
- Unfavorable budget variances within the charges for services category result from inmate billing accounts. There are time lags associated with prisoner billings. Finance has processed billings for City of Savannah through October 2012 and received payment through August 2012 for Savannah inmate billings. In addition, the Sheriff's Department is still finalizing contract terms with the U.S. Marshal's Service for prisoner housing.
- The unfavorable budget variance in the Intergovernmental revenue category is related to the Corps of Engineers' reimbursement for mosquito control activity. Activity and related billings to the Corps should increase in third quarter.
- Unusual expenditure variances for the following departments and function categories are explained below:
  - Board of Elections -- 73.92% -- The high budget variance represents activity related to the

November 2012 election. In January additional funds were transferred into the department's budget.

- Board of Equalization -- 73.37% -- There was a high volume of hearings in the first two quarters of the year. The volume should not abate.
- Fleet Operations -- 62.7% -- Repairs and maintenance costs are over budget, and temporary salaries have exceeded budget. Staff will be working with this department to further analyze these variances.
- Debt service -- 93.62% -- The variance is caused by the timing of required debt service payments.
- Other financing uses -- 79.4% -- Most budgeted interfund transfers occur during the first quarter annually. This includes transfers to the Solid Waste Fund and the Risk Management Fund.

#### **Special Service District (SSD)**

- Through December 31, 2012, the SSD Fund has received revenues of \$16.2 million, 58% of budgeted amounts. Expenditures of \$14 million were recorded, 50.4% of budgeted amounts. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$2.1 million, and the fund's cash balances were positive.
- General property tax collections were \$10,020,345 or 58.54% of budgeted revenues. When compared to the prior year, property tax collections were relatively flat.
- Insurance premium taxes of \$3,896,183 were received from the State in the second quarter. Revenues exceeded budget estimates by over \$250,000.
- Business license revenues were only 20.85% of budget; however, most licenses are renewed annually at the first of the calendar year.
- Recorder's Court revenues were \$481,598 or 42.51% of budget estimates. The Court is currently utilizing a consultant to look at revenue processing. Within the Recorder's Court department, indigent defense expenditures are running high and are projected to exceed budget by \$175,000 at year end. Staff will recommend a budget increase prior to year end to avoid an overrun.
- MPC Fees showed a positive trend at 70.55% of budget.
- Other financing uses showed a year-to-date utilization of 81% as a result of transfers out to the Risk Management Fund and the Building Safety & Regulatory Services enterprise fund.

#### **Multiple Grant Fund**

- Grants are reimbursement-based, and quarterly grant drawdowns should eventually offset any differences between fund revenues and expenditures.

#### **Land Disturbing Activities Ordinance (LDAO) Fund**

- Fee collections were favorable in the second quarter and had exceeded budget.

#### **Building Safety & Regulatory Fund**

- Building permits showed favorable activity at 58.8% of budget.

#### **Capital Project Funds**

- Project accounting schedules are shown herein for all of the County's capital project funds, including the SPLOST funds.
- The County's SPLOST collections reached \$243,763,472 through December 2012. The referendum anticipated total collections of \$445 million; however, actual revenues have not kept pace with the projections and are now approximately 16.5% below initial estimates. County projects have already been adjusted for a 15% overall revenue shortfall. Further project budget reductions may be required.

#### **Health Insurance Fund**

- Medical costs are on pace with budget through the second quarter at 42.67%.
- The Health Insurance Fund reflects health insurance costs for active employees and their spouses and dependents. Retiree claims are shown in the OPEB Trust Fund. Retiree health care claims and administrative costs of \$2.5 million were recorded in the OPEB Trust Fund.

#### **FUNDING:**

N/A

#### **POLICY ANALYSIS:**

Interim financial reports provide revenue and budgetary oversight by comparing actual receipts or expenditures against budgeted amounts.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

For information only.

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### 3. BRIEFING BY CHIEF LOVETT.

Chairman Scott said, and the third item on our agenda and -- is to hear from our Metropolitan Police Chief. Chief Lovett was unable to be with us at our last meeting two weeks ago because of an emergency, and he's here today. And he's here to -- to brief us and then to entertain any questions that any member of the Commission may have.

Police Chief Willie Lovett said, good morning --

Chairman Scott said, Chief Lovett.

Chief Lovett said, -- Mr. Chairman and Commissioners.

Board of Commissioners collectively said, good morning.

Chief Lovett said, today I am going to start out by addressing some issues that has come up concerning patrol officer allocations. And keep in mind, this is simply patrol, not the entire unincorporated area policing. Only patrol.

[NOTE: A Power Point presentation was shown while Chief Lovett spoke.]

Chairman Scott said, Chief, you brought it on a Power Point?

Chief Lovett said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Chief Lovett said, our first slide here actually shows the entire Savannah-Chatham area for beats, which if you look at this, what you're seeing here is the City and the unincorporated area of Chatham County which is broken up into 30 beats, and if you will also see that some of these beats overlap between the City and the unincorporated area of Chatham County. In the unincorporated area of Chatham County, which is the colored area, and if you'll look down at the far left, you will see the boundaries of West Chatham precinct, the beats and how much of that area is actually in the City and how much of it's in the County. And I might also add that looking at this that all precincts have a total of six beats.

Chief Lovett said, again, this is the downtown precinct and it's breakdown of how it associates with the unincorporated area. Then we move to Central Precinct, which is the only precinct in our jurisdiction that has no boundaries in the unincorporated area of Chatham County. Southside Precinct. If you look here, you'll see that there is actually three beats that's also part of the unincorporated area. Islands Precinct. Every beat in the Islands Precinct has some area in the unincorporated area of -- of patrolling. As I mentioned earlier, there were a total of six beats in all precincts, and together what that means is basically 77.65 percent of the beats are in the City and 22.35 is in the unincorporated area of Chatham County.

Chief Lovett said, here, what you're seeing is the assignment of the officers, which means basically they're assigned by beats. Look at the last number on the bottom line, the total. As I mentioned earlier there are 30 beats. The City has 23.30 percent of those beats and the County has 6.70. Basically what that means is there's a minimum staffing of seven officers in the unincorporated area, patrol officers in the unincorporated area at any time, and so goes with the average vehicles if you broke it down, 267 in the City, 76 in the County, and the average officers would be 294 for the City, 85 for the County.

Chief Lovett said, this slide talks about crime in the unincorporated area. If you'll look, since 1996 up until the merger in 2005, those numbers are strictly unincorporated. After that, you got the merger agreement in 2006 coming right up to the present, and each year we've had little ups and downs but it's remained pretty steady. Very important slide here. The Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the County specifies funding based on the allocation of beats, which basically means that seven beats in the unincorporated area, 6.70 in the unincorporated area is being assessed at approximately \$1. -- \$1,000,132 -- \$1,132,812.00 per beat. Any questions about the allocation, man power or how it's -- yes, sir?

Commissioner Center said, thank you Chief. Each beat has the same number of personnel regardless of where it's located?

Chief Lovett said, yes, sir. We -- keep in mind this is minimum staffing. If one beat is -- has more problems than the others, then they can add additional beats, but the minimum staffing is at the six beats.

Commissioner Center said, and do you also have a statistic to provide us that shows the actual crime reports on unincorporated versus incorporated. The -- the beats you divided very great. I like that. Do you have one that shows actual crime events?

Chief Lovett said, I'm not sure I understand what you're saying, sir.

Commissioner Center said, well, any of these 30 beats --

Chief Lovett said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Center said, -- some beats have a higher crime rate than other beats.

Chief Lovett said, right.

Commissioner Center said, do you have any statistics that show us reported crimes per beat?

Chief Lovett said, I don't have that but I can get it for you.

Commissioner Center said, I'm sorry. Let me repeat it for those -- do you have statistics that show us reported crimes per beat?

Chief Lovett said, it's not in this, but I can get that for you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chief Lovett said, it's not a problem. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, you stated that there's a minimum of seven officers at any time in the unincorporated area. How many officers are there a minimum at any time in the City of Savannah?

Chief Lovett said, 23. 23.30. Actually 24.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. And my final question on -- how many officers are there on patrol throughout the whole department and does that fluctuate from one time period to another? Or one day to another? I mean is it -- is it more on certain days and less on others or more at night and less in day or visa versa? Other words, how many -- there's a minimum --

Chairman Scott said, are you asking if shifts are equal?

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. There -- apparently there's a minimum of 30 officers --

Chief Lovett said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- out patrolling the City of Savannah and the unincorporated at any given time.

Chief Lovett said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, a minimum. What is the -- what is the maximum or the average? I mean is it -- is it always just 30 or are there 45 or 50 at certain times? And -- or 70? Or 100?

Chief Lovett said, it depends. As I mentioned, 30 is minimum staffing.

Commissioner Farrell said, right.

Chief Lovett said, they're the patrol officers. Those officers do not include traffic officers or other uniformed officers who are patrolling, those kind of things that are in there. This is simply beat structure. That's what's on the beat. And in some cases, you might find two officers riding one beat if they have the extra personnel. But what I'm telling you is that the minimum staffing at any time is what you're getting here.

Commissioner Farrell said, and what's the maximum staffing at any time?

Chief Lovett said, it fluctuates. I mean it could be that they would have sometimes 30, 40. It just depends. And that depends on days off, day of the week. And we look at all this stuff, and we determine how it's structured. When we're doing comp stat, we determine what are the busy days, what crimes are being committed on certain days, and all those things are factored in, and that's left up to the precinct captains to determine.

Commissioner Farrell said, well do you have any kind of data that would tell weekly or monthly or quarterly or daily how many officers were on patrol, like say the month of December may be a real busy month, and there might be instead of 30 per day for 30 days, which would be 900, maybe you had twice that many, I mean, do you have --

Chief Lovett said, I -- I can tell you that during the Christmas holidays and other holidays and festival periods the number of officers on the street actually increases greatly. I can't give you the exact numbers, but I can get them for you. We do have them.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. Yeah. I'd be interested to see -- now that we know where the minimum threshold is, you know, I'd like to see what kind of coverage we have, you know, to get some sort of a picture on some time frame, whether it's daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly --

Chief Lovett said, sure.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- whatever the data form you have, and then have some idea to compare it to the minimums to see where the surges are.

Chief Lovett said, sure. We can get that for you.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

Chief Lovett said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm -- I have a few questions, and I'm going to try to be as brief as possible. Looking at your precincts, and as -- as I was made aware a few years ago that the Isle of Hope area is the precinct that they are -- they fall under is the Islands which is on Johnny Mercer which is quite a ways away, and I have an email of concern, and this is not the only concern that I've had about the response time when an officer is called to the scene. This one took an hour and a half. And -- and this is -- this is from a lady named Mary Hill, who's a resident in Isle of Hope, and I'm -- all of this has been forwarded to you. But I was told when we lost the precinct on Skidaway Road that it wouldn't matter to the area that the officers are in their cars anyway, but I'm having problems in the Isle of Hope area saying that the response time is -- is way too long. And I attended a meeting, now granted, this was a couple of years ago out there, and a car was broken into while we were in the church at a meeting, and it took an officer two hours to get there. I stayed with the family that was from out of town visiting, and their -- their van had been broken into, but it took two hours to get an officer out there. So I'm wondering if -- and I'm listening to your beats and -- and what have you, but I -- I just don't think an hour and a half or two hours is appropriate for response time. That's -- that's a real concern of mine, and it's -- and I don't know whether it -- from everything I've been told, it doesn't seem to matter that this precinct is located 45 minutes away. But this is very difficult to explain to my constituents that we don't have a precinct any closer. But actually we do. We have a precinct at the Savannah Mall, and common sense would say maybe that should be the precinct for Isle of Hope. Maybe the response time would be quicker. But we're using the precinct that's all the way out on Johnny Mercer. So I don't understand this, but I can tell you that I've had some real concerns about response time, and I -- and I think they're legitimate concerns.

Commissioner Stone said, and if -- if I may, unless someone else has any questions, I'll just go through my list, unless -- if -- if that's all right with you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, you have the floor.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Thank you. The -- the next concern was a letter that was written to the editor in January's newspaper from a Mrs. Pam Miltiades and her frustration with the Stagg Shoppe at the Oglethorpe --

Chairman Scott said, excuse me a second. Do you want the Chief to respond to your -- the precinct location before you go to that list?

Commissioner Stone said, would you like to respond --

Chairman Scott said, Chief, would you like to?

Commissioner Stone said, -- to the precinct thing first, and then I'll go down my list.

Chief Lovett said, the only thing I can say at this time is that an hour and a half to arrive at a call is very unusual, and I won't make any comment about that until I actually have a chance to check it out to see what the problem is. But I can tell you that it's very unusual because the officers does not come from the precinct when they're dispatched, they're on their beat. So I -- I -- I can't intelligently answer your question until I find out what actually happened.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Well the -- the -- the memo has been sent to you. But the one where the car robbery a couple of years ago, I never got a -- a valid reason as to what occurred.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may, I don't think he was Chief at that time.

Commissioner Stone said, no. He was not, but I'm just saying that -- that this is a frustration for the Isle of Hope area in that the response time has been very, very slow. Repeatedly slow. So I just -- I wanted to go on record with that. The second one again that I was getting to was Ms. Miltiades' frustration with her store robberies that she alleges ultimately put her out of business, and I -- I don't understand from -- from everything that she walked me through there was very, very little cooperation with the police department. And I would like to follow up on that because we don't need small businesses going out of business.

Chief Lovett said, I agree totally with what you're saying, but I think -- I -- I am familiar with the case, and I know some of the incidents -- parts of that that happened, and I think when we have this meeting to discuss that, you're not -- you're going to find that everything is not as you have -- have stated. That there are some things that's -- that's --

Commissioner Stone said, well I would like -- I would like to sit down with you in follow-up so that I would know both sides of the story. If -- if that's the situation.

County Manager Abolt said, that's been set up.

Chief Lovett said, it's already set up to do that.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. And the next one, I know that we have a meeting set up with Mrs. Feiler about some property that they developed in West Chatham, and the information that I received, some of the comments that they allege that the officer made and one was that they chose a really bad area for business. I -- I -- I -- this is not acceptable if -- if these are statements that are being made by our police department. So again, I know we have a meeting set up but I've got everything documented on that. The next one was brought to my attention a week ago Sunday in the Pin Point area, and I know you've been made aware of this one as well, and a gentleman was stopped walking down Pin Point Road, and according to the gentleman, Mr. Harris, he was treated very abruptly by a police officer. He was simply walking to the Kroger. He was stopped. He was frisked, and according to the -- the head of the Pin Point Association, Mr. Haines, he's -- he informed me that -- that there was even no need for the officer to be in the area. Believe it or not, and I -- I told them I'm -- I just commend them, I've never -- I've never heard of going into a neighborhood association meeting. They've stated to me that they don't have any crime in Pin Point, and so I'm not even sure what the officer was trying to stop him for, but he -- he alleges that he was treated very roughly and very disrespectfully, and that's just not right.

Chief Lovett said, again, I will have to wait for the results of the complaint, and I'm not saying that it didn't happen, but I can also tell you that when we get a complaint, it's never the way it begins.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chief Lovett said, we always find out there's something to it. And if the officer was on his beat, you know, you complain about not getting police protection, and now you're complaining because you do get it.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I think that what they were complaining about was that he was walking down the road doing what he normally did, and he was stopped. And again, you're right, I don't -- I only have their side of it, but I'm bringing it to your attention. The next one is a situation with a gentleman named Mr. Nease. His car was broken to at the -- into at the technical college, and he indicated when he called the Metropolitan Police Department that there was this back and forth of whether it was the campus police or the Metro police. The problem was when his wallet was stolen, his credit card was stolen, and they were using the credit card in gas stations. And he felt like then that certainly became a Metropolitan Police issue.

Chief Lovett said, I'm familiar with the complaint, and you are aware that technical colleges do have their own police department.

Commissioner Stone said, right, but once -- once this credit card was taken and being used all throughout the area, doesn't that then become a police issue?

Chief Lovett said, of course it does.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chief Lovett said, and I don't think the issue was whether that the police would get involved after the credit card was used, the issue was who takes the police report if -- if I remember correctly.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Well, I -- I would like to follow up on that one as well. And I guess the last one that I'll mention is one that was extremely frustrating to me, which occurred this Thursday evening. I left my home at approximately 5:05, and I'm driving down Whitefield Avenue, and I to -- pass two officers, and I live on a dead end street, so it's not very common that I see an officer, but certainly not two back to back. I got to the intersection -- excuse me -- of Strachan Avenue, and there was an officer on a motorcycle, and I looked down Strachan Avenue, and there were a lot of blue lights, and so I called the County, and I asked what was going on and I was told nothing, maybe just a license check, and something told me that wasn't quite right. I went over to Burnside to pick up a friend, and I'm leaving Burnside Island, I look up and I see Mosquito Control circling our areas, and I know we don't dispatch the helicopters unless something's going on. Again I was told nothing was going on. We went on to get a hamburger. I returned home. I had several phone calls on my voice mail from neighbors wanting to know why officers were knocking on their doors with flashlights. I couldn't tell them anything. No one responded to me. I tried to find out what was going on. My neighbors felt like that there was a safety issue if officers are knocking on their doors with flashlights, and I couldn't get any response. Nobody would tell me what was going on. I can't relay information to constituents if I don't have any information. All I was told was nothing's going on, but I look up in the air and Mosquito Control is circling my neighborhood. I -- I still don't know exactly what went on, but I can tell you this, I had a bunch of residents that were very upset with me because they witnessed all of this police presence but nobody knew what was going on. And I think that we've got to do a better job of letting people know in their District when things are going on. If CEMA can give me an email that says there's a weather alert, why can't -- if we've got eight or ten officers in an area, I get an email saying what's going on.

Chief Lovett said, well I can tell you why you don't get it from us, because my obligation is to notify the County Manager. If the County Manager wants to notify you, that's fine. And I take my instructions from him as to when he wants to be notified or what he want to be notified of.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I'm going to tell you right now, I respond -- all of us here respond to well over 25,000 people in this community, and when they're calling you because they see their tax dollars through these officers surrounding a neighborhood, they have a right know what's going on.

Chief Lovett said, agree. I'm -- I'm not saying --

Commissioner Stone said, and I -- and I -- I'm -- I'm not going to back down on this one. I really want when there is police presence in my neighborhood, I want to know so I can tell the residents that -- that -- that you -- a police officer may or may not be knocking on your door.

Chief Lovett said, I'm -- I'm --

Commissioner Stone said, there may be eight police officers at the end of your street. I -- I -- I just -- I -- I do not -- this is not acceptable to me as an elected official not to be able to disseminate important information to the residents that I represent.

Chief Lovett said, I -- I don't think you fully understand what I'm saying. I'm not saying you do not have the right to know, I'm simply saying --

Chairman Scott said, once the -- Chief -- once the Chief responds, I'm going to recognize the Manager to also respond, Chief.

Chief Lovett said, right. My direction comes directly through the County Manager. Whatever he tells me to do in terms of notification is what I do to him. Then it comes from him to whoever he wants to send it to, not from me.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand that, but I called the County, and I was told nothing was going on.

Chairman Scott said, Manager Abolt?

County Manager Abolt said, yes. I -- I want to clarify. First of all I think all of you know that we go out of our way between 8:00 and 5:00 to let you know when something happens, you know, whether there's something burning over in South Carolina or whatever. In this particular situation, the Chairman and others and I were over at the Trade Center and there was no reason to call us because I believe in the situation -- this was a chase involving another jurisdiction, but I was not aware of it and wouldn't expect to be aware of it. I -- I mean -- none of us beyond our normal work hours have the capacity to communicate with you all as I think you would like us. Certainly the police --

Commissioner Stone said, Russ [Abolt], I disagree with that.

County Manager said, well, ma'am --

Commissioner Stone said, this is the year 2013, we do have ways to communicate.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner let -- let the Manager respond and then I'll recognize you for further comments.

County Manager Abolt said, anyway we're -- we're -- thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're trying as best we can to -- to get the word out and we're looking at the news releases, but I -- I would not want the Chief to divert his officers to communicate to y'all through me on issues where they should be prioritizing their work to get bad guys. And I know you're looking at me askance, but I mean there's some practical application here. You know, they're involved in -- in -- in a -- in an investigation. Certainly that information will be in news releases. We'll send that to you. And I -- and during the day time, as you know, we call you repeatedly, but I don't have the capacity between 5:00 at night and, you know, 8:00 in the morning to be able to provide you the type of attention I can give you between 8:00 and 5:00 five days a week. That -- that's the fact of life. And when you called, you called and talked to an administrative assistant, a temporary person. She put you in touch, or she called the Chief, called the police department, they checked with the radio room, and again, there was nothing there. The Chief did, as we showed you before, attempt to reach you on several occasions. We -- we try to be very user friendly to you, but there's a limitation on what we can do during the non-standard work hours. Pure and simple.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Manager.

Chairman Scott said, now, Commissioner Stone you're -- you're recognized now for further comments.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Thank you. I have no missed calls on my cell phone. There's no message on my house phone. I think that if our CEMA operation can let us know when there's a problem in our area via email, then certainly, when a situation like this occurs, when I've got officers -- here me again, knocking on people's doors, going through the neighborhood, I need to -- to be able to put their minds at ease that there is not quote a killer

loose running around in their neighborhood. I need to let them know something. But to know nothing and not get any response and being told that nothing is going on, and I -- and I'm sorry but I'm on call 24/7. The day does not shut down at 5:00 o'clock, and -- and I think that we have a responsibility to our constituents who call us at 9:00 o'clock at night wanting to know what the problem is in the neighborhood because perception oftentimes can be worse than what the actual incident is, and that's where people start to panic. But I -- I cannot give information if I don't have it, and people are looking to me, and I would imagine everyone on this Commission for answers when a problem arises, and it does not stop at 5:00 o'clock. And -- and Mr. Chairman, I -- I really -- this is hard for me because we live in an age now where everybody is accessible in some way, shape or form. And I want to be a good representative to my constituents and let them know if there's a problem going on within their neighborhood. That's all.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I think the County Manager would like to --

County Manager Abolt said, just to explain again we never withheld anything from you, and I think the situation involving -- and I'm not trying to be argumentative, was not involving a killer or a murderer or anything like that. I think that -- that would precipitate another reaction. The Chief did try to reach you at a number apparently was the incorrect number, but -- but in addition, I don't want you to feel like we're unmindful of the need for you to know. But there are certain times of the day when I would hope that the logical response would be, well, you know, call the police department. Not you, but have the people who may be -- be concerned about what's going on call the police department. 'Cause we don't have -- and I wouldn't even if we had very detailed information, I would feel very reluctant to --

Commissioner Stone said, all I wanted to be able --

County Manager Abolt said, we'll -- we'll work on it ma'am. We'll work on it.

Commissioner Stone said, -- to let them know was to put their mind at ease that something that potentially in their minds could have been worse wasn't as bad as it was.

County Manager Abolt said, I -- I never -- I --

Commissioner Stone said, but -- but again, if you've got an officer knocking on somebody's door with a flashlight at night, this gives them reason to be alarmed.

County Manager Abolt said, but -- but again, I'm -- I'm not trying to downplay what you're saying, but, you know, we have, you know, people lost, we have people suffering from dementia, we'll have CEMA people out looking -- I have no way of being able to tell you why somebody's knocking on somebody's door. If I had the information I'll give it to you best I can. I don't want to over promise because we don't have the capacity. Pure and simple.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Manager, we do have that technology now.

County Manager Abolt said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, we do.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, we -- we -- we can find out.

Chairman Scott said, all right. Commissioner Stone, we -- you may raise your questions and the Manager may respond, but I'm not going to turn it into a debate between you and the Manager.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand. I'm -- I'm just making a comment. I'm very frustrated.

Chairman Scott said, that -- that would be out of order.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I'm very frustrated.

Chairman Scott said, Chief, any further response? If not, I have other questions for you.

Chief Lovett said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Before I recognize Commissioner Brady, I wanted to recognize Youth Commissioner Green, because she's been sticking that pencil up quite frequently for a long, long time.

Youth Commissioner Green said, all right. Good morning. I'm Mikelyn Green, and my question for you is what is a beat?

Chief Lovett said, it's an area designed that a patrol officer uses as his area of operation during the day.

Youth Commissioner Green said, okay. Thank you.

Chief Lovett said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, we'll have the 6<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner, Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Brady said, good morning, Chief.

Chief Lovett said, good morning.

Commissioner Brady said, I've got several questions, but I -- I do want to piggy back a little bit onto what Helen -- Ms. Stone has said, because I've -- I've inquired about this, not specific to -- to that nature of -- of an issue, but the -- the two homicides that were on the southside, I -- I found out about them from a third party. And I -- if I recall correctly, I've received robo-calls from the police department on my home phone saying different things about what was going on on various occasions, so I think at the very least, and -- and Helen [Stone], I understand you're issue's completely different than mine, but obviously the Mayor showed up on the scene of one of those homicides. Somebody notified her that there had been a homicide. Not that I'm going to show up on the scene, but I think that, you know, when there's a crime that serious, that as elected officials we should be notified and not the next day.

Chief Lovett said, yes, ma'am. I'm -- I'm not saying that that's not the case, I'm talking about the process here.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Chief Lovett said, and the process is that I deal with the City Manager and the County Manager.

Commissioner Brady said, so that -- our issue is how the County deals with it.

Chief Lovett said, absolutely.

Commissioner Brady said, gotcha.

Chief Lovett said, not with me.

Commissioner Brady said, well let me -- let -- what about the robo-call stuff. How is that handled?

Chief Lovett said, it's generated through the precincts.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. So -- so essentially to address Mrs. Stone's issue, that precinct could have sent out a robo-call to those residents to say, you know what, there's police officers in your neighborhood or -- no?

Chief Lovett said, no, ma'am.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, a criminal could answer the phone --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter, you're out of order, please.

Chief Lovett said, I mean there is --

Commissioner Brady said, I'm just trying to -- to resolve the issue.

Chief Lovett said, I -- I -- I understand but for something and -- and -- and in her case what actually happened, the precinct commander had no idea what was going on until he was told. This was a chase that was generated in some other county, and it came into Savannah. It was not generated here, and we were just assisting them when we found out.

Commissioner Brady said, gotcha. That -- that -- that right there explains it all to me. It does. All right. I'm -- I asked your Major some questions when he was here, and I'm going to go down those a -- a bit. He indicated that there was an investigation involving the allegations involving the crime stats being watered down or not taking reports, the police not taking reports.

Chief Lovett said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, has that investigation been completed?

Chief Lovett said, just about. We're still working on -- on a few complaints that we have.

Commissioner Brady said, and it is your internal affairs that's handling the investigation?

Chief Lovett said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, because I think I've seen something in the media that says you're getting ready to -- to come out with -- with the results of that investigation and whether or not the GBI will be notified.

Chief Lovett said, right. I -- I don't want to get into -- to how that's going to play out. But, the only thing that I can tell you at this point is that everybody that we received complaints for -- a complaint from has been thoroughly investigated, and we have the answers to those complaints.

Commissioner Brady said, and -- and I'm going to ask about this specifically because it's in your -- your Power Point. The Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the County, who -- who -- who do you answer to?

Chief Lovett said, the County Manager and the City Manager.

Commissioner Brady said, is equal?

County Manager Abolt said, equal.

Chief Lovett said, yes.

County Manager Abolt said, definitely. I --

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, who can fire you?

Commissioner Brady said, I'm not going to answer that question. But --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter, please. Until you're recognized, you're out of order. Please stop interrupting.

Commissioner Brady said, so -- so the County Manager and the Mayor or the City Manager are equal partners in the Intergovernmental Agreement and the decisions that are made for Savannah-Metro Police Department?

Chief Lovett said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, now that you've acknowledged that, I want to -- and this is part of some of the issues we're suffering from here at the County, the Attorney General came to town and I saw it on TV. I had no knowledge that he was coming to town, specific about gun control and crime issues and that kind of stuff, and I don't know -- were any -- were any of my colleagues notified that he was coming to town because none of us were there, and I thought it looked very poorly on the County that none of us were there.

Chief Lovett said, you would have to address that to the U.S. Attorney, Mr. Ed Talbert. They were the ones who sent out the invitations.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. Well, and I guess next time he comes he ought to realize that we have an Intergovernmental Agreement, and that we equally share with the City the Savannah Metro Police Department. My last -- 'cause I'm not -- I -- I really do not want to be -- I hope I'm not sounding disrespectful in any way because that's not -- that's not what I'm trying to do. I'm just trying to, you know, the -- the people on the southside, I'm going to talk specific about southside, you know we've had the two homicides over there, there's been basically no information, you know, obviously you can't give information on an ongoing investigation. You've got the Wesley Franklin, which I spoke to your earlier, there's stuff all over Facebook. I mean, we've got all kind of money being generated as a -- as a reward for that particular unsolved case, and what -- what can you say to this Commission and to the citizens, the 265,000 citizens in this community to help us feel safe?

Chief Lovett said, I think the first thing that needs to happen is you need to be supportive of your police department. Regardless of how your personal feelings are, the statistics indicate that the police are really doing a great job. And I think it's important that the communities themselves get involved with the police department. This is not something that's strictly a police problem. It's not something that's strictly a southside problem. This is a problem that we have in Chatham County, and we're not going to make any headway as long as one side keep trying to get more than the other side. It's important that we understand that we're doing all we can, but we still can't do it alone. We need help.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and let me -- and let me say this --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady, would you allow the County Manager to respond?

Commissioner Brady said, sure. I'm sorry, Russ' [Abolt]. I didn't see your hand up.

County Manager Abolt said, if -- if -- if I may, I want to address the issue, do we feel safe, and obviously that's a relative term, but how we feel relative to safety, we've already brought it to your attention and to the attention of the community, is -- is not a function of the police to solve it. I -- I mentioned to the Chairman without -- without obviously knowing the specifics of the case but knowing our history, that when they do finally find the murder or murderers, I almost feel that I can guarantee you that individual is well-known to the police department. The chief has brought to you past examples, and you've had the District Attorney last meeting. It's not a function of the police not doing their job. They're doing their job. They're arresting and they're re-arresting. You got a release from the

chief earlier this week about an individual who's been arrested several times. It's not a function of law enforcement to give the type of feeling of safety I know we all want. It's a function of the judicial system and then the correction system. If they're letting people out a year or two or sometimes even less after they're convicted they're back on the street, and the Chief has to -- has to in effect find them. That's the issue.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner Brady, please continue.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and my response to that, Russ [Abolt] is that and -- and let me reiterate the point that I -- I think the police are doing everything you possibly can. I mean I do support the police department. I've got -- you know there's been little issues that I see that I think weren't handled properly, but I'm not the police chief, and -- and I won't go into those issues. But in reference to -- to this community feeling safe, and I understand what you're saying, Russ [Abolt], but I'm going to use Facebook as an example. I hate using Facebook as an example but I was on there last night just reading. I normally just go on there and read on the home page, and people are just saying, you know, we need to go and -- and go to the courthouse and stand there and -- and tell them who killed Wesley Franklin, and we need to do all these things. It -- it -- it's a point of hysteria in -- in most cases, and I'm -- and I'm afraid what happens when that happens is that then you're going to have vigilante citizens out there who are going to go and find whoever it is who killed these people. Does that make sense to you? Because people are afraid. You know that.

Chief Lovett said, does it make sense for someone to show up at the courthouse? No.

Commissioner Brady said, no. No.

Chief Lovett said, I think it's more important that those people if they have information see that it gets to the police. It's one thing to assume something but it's another thing to know. We can't go to court with assumptions.

Commissioner Brady said, I understand that. I'm -- I'm -- I'm glad I'm not the police chief. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, anything else, Commissioner Brady?

Commissioner Brady said, no, not -- not now. I'll pass.

Chairman Scott said, all right. Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and after Commissioner Kicklighter, I would like to recognize our Youth Commissioner Grant and then our vice chair.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chief, I just want to first thank you, and state that I really can't even imagine having your job and the officers' jobs around. It's -- it's got to be discouraging to arrest these thugs and -- and -- and over and over again the system lets them out. I do definitely believe that -- that y'all are doing a good job getting them off the streets, but I think they come back really quick. I just -- my concerns would be more specifically with what we're chartered to do, which is overlook the best interest of the unincorporated area residents, and I would ask because you're relatively new in the position for you to re-examine the amount of monies that we're contributing to protect these citizens versus the amount of service that we're receiving. An example of this is you stated that there's approximately seven officers patrolling the area, unincorporated areas any given time.

Chief Lovett said, minimum staffing.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, minimum staffing.

Chief Lovett said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, our police budget is -- demanded somewhere over \$14 million now at this point. Sometimes looking around may give ideas. An example is the City of Pooler currently has about 20,000 residents there. They employ 40 employees on their police department, 45 fire fighters. They have seven to eight patrol officers at any given time on the streets. We're patrolling for 80 something thousand people with the same amount of officers as what you're utilizing, and their entire public safety budget is approximately, somewhere like \$7.6 million. They are having the same amount of resources on their streets protecting the 20,000 people versus the same amount that you have on the streets for the citizens, the 85,000 citizens. They're doing it for pretty much half the cost, and they're also providing fire protection for all for those citizens at that cost. Again, you inherited this merger and a lot of the -- and -- which I don't even believe to be a merger. You inherited this -- this joining of forces here where in which I do with respect disagree to your answer to Commissioner Brady beside me. I -- I -- you're -- you're -- in reading that agreement, you, you know, you had stated you answer to both the City and County Managers equally, yes, because you're a good man, you do that. I -- I -- granted, you do that, but, bottom line is the Chief, and I'm not referring to you, you're hired and fired by the City Manager of Savannah. And the contract -- contracted obligation to Chatham County, all that manager has to do is consult with Chatham County's Manager, which legally, probably, could be defended very easily in court, consultation with this guy would -- could be open a door and saying Russ [Abolt], I'm firing the chief. Shut it. Job done.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, I admire, respect and appreciate the position that you're trying to juggle because you're a good guy, so you're trying to do what the intent of this merger was, but all the while you're an intelligent man who understands very well the bottom line of who you work for. And, yes, sir, if I were in your position, I would utilize the resources -- resources available in your position who had it before you and before -- and if officers needed pulled from the lower crime rate area, unincorporated area, to patrol the higher crime rate area -- areas of the City of Savannah, that happens, and I don't blame you. That's the structure. Nature of the beast, and -- and I'm asking that at this point because you had nothing to do with the flawed structure of this agreement, to please re-evaluate the amount of monies we're putting forward and the amount of resources we're getting back on our streets. It does not match at all. Maybe send a team out to the City of Pooler and figure out how they're doing it because they are patrolling virtually the same amount of officers on the streets for 20,000 that we're utilizing for double the money with 80 something thousand people, and they're providing fire. So again, thank you. You inherited this. And I understand your job, because who you work for, if you were to run out and do what I'm requesting you'd be in big trouble from your boss, which is the Manager of the City of Savannah and the Mayor and Council from the City of Savannah. But, I've had nothing but respect for you and I -- I would really appreciate an effort to look at that and -- and correct the wrong. The citizens of the unincorporated area have been subsidizing crime fighting efforts in the City of Savannah with this flawed agreement for way too long now, and I -- I appreciate your leadership, and I look to you for some help to straighten out part of this flawed structure, and that's the amount of resources we're receiving in return for the monies that the citizens are paying. So, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and let me -- let me just say that the Chief isn't responsible for that contract. He's responsible for implementing it, but it's a contract that was negotiated between the Manager of the County and the Manager of the City, and it was actually signed by your Chief Executive Officer of the County, my predecessor before it was implemented and by the City Manager. But your points were noted, and I -- I noticed that the County Manager was making some notes, Commissioner Kicklighter, when you were talking, and he wanted to be recognized, and I'll re-recognize you for further comments.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, County Manager.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I -- I want to underscore what Commissioner Kicklighter said about the quality of the man in front of you. You know from the beginning when this merger was finally approved, and you might remember, those on the Commission, it went through 14 drafts and the County Commission prior to them approving it, rejected it. A question was asked of me, well if it's approved will you make it work. I made a pledge to the Board then as I make a pledge to you, as long as that agreement's there, it would work, and that's why you have people like Chief Lovett. In my humble opinion Chief Lovett is -- is the person for the job, and we're fortunate to have him. But regardless of what the agreement says or does not say, I've got to tell you directly based on my experience of working with the man and the department, and working with you all, we respond. Regardless of what you may feel the agreement says, if it were to end up in court, and I don't disagree with you, in the actual application of police power, you get 100 percent of what the Chief and I can give you. There is no lack of response, there is no feeling of well, I can't talk to you know, Mr. Manager, because I have to do something for the City. Never is it that way. They respond as the men and the women of the department obviously want to fight crime. But I am the first one to tell you, yes, the agreement's flawed, but the people in the position, myself included, are making it work. If you wish to change the agreement, that is your choice, but it is working now, and I do not want to make it feel as if somehow because the agreement is as -- as flawed to use your word as it is, that we're less than capable to respond to the needs of this community. This community is getting the best police service that we can make available to them because of the men and women in the department. And the men and the women are the public administrators.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Mr. Manager. Commissioner Kicklighter, you had some further comments?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, and I -- and I hope I made it clear, I have nothing but praise for you, Chief, honestly. You, all the officers and everything, and Russ [Abolt], what you've stated made my point further just -- I guess now Dr. Thomas and I are the historians on -- on the Board. This merger was actually approved by the Chatham County Commission, as well as the Mayor and Council of the City of Savannah two administrations back. Chairman Hair was the Chairman at the time, and that's when it was passed and pushed through. Russ [Abolt], I agree whole heartedly. You are a good man, and you demand -- you -- you -- you're a man that gets respect, and while you're here, we've been in good shape. We will be in good shape.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, this Chief is a good man. While he's here, we're going to be in good shape. My problem is as even stated back then, when the players in the game change, we had Floyd Adams as Mayor at the time, and we had Chairman Hair. We've changed Chairmans and Mayors a couple times since then. We've ran through a couple, few chiefs. Right now it meshes. Russ [Abolt], you're nearing retirement.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, this gentleman has a job I wouldn't want. He's -- he's the easy person to attack with crime when it runs much deeper than what they're doing. It -- it runs into the area of we arrest, we arrest, we arrest, let them out, and -- and -- and -- so I commend you for everything you're doing, but Mr. Abolt, you're going to retire.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir. Looking forward to it, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and when we don't have -- when we as a County do not have a legal contract in our hands that states the rights of the Chatham -- of Chatham County and the citizens of the unincorporated areas, and should this great gentleman right here ever change, we're going to be in a mess and that -- that's the point of that. And Chief, I will tell you, I don't want a phone call for if every -- if eight police come riding by. I don't need to know. I don't want that call. It would be nice to be notified in -- in God forbid murders in the area. Certainly after a while it would be nice to possibly know something like that via text, but I don't need a phone call for everything going on. That's -- that's -- that's -- I'll leave that up to y'all and someone can ask the police what's going on themselves on that -- in my opinion on that. I thank you again. No reflection on you. You didn't draft this agreement. I think it would be a better agreement had you drafted it possibly. But thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Now, we're going to go in this order. We're going to hear from our Youth Commission member, Commissioner Grant, and then we're going to hear from our Vice -Chair, Commissioner Thomas, and then we're going to hear from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner, Commissioner Center and then --

Commissioner Brady said, 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

Chairman Scott said, 3<sup>rd</sup>, I'm sorry, but he may be in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner Center, from then -- and he may have a question for the 2<sup>nd</sup> too, since Commissioner Holmes is not here, and then we'll hear from our 5<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner, Shabazz. In that order.

Youth Commissioner Jared Grant said, okay. On the graph that you had on the Power Point of the crime in the unincorporated area between 1996 to 2012, is there a correlation between crime and the number of beats to that year?

Chief Lovett said, the beat size or the area of the beat is done based on calls for service, so I would think that if there's some disparity between that year and the numbers, then yes, there would be. But we try and keep it in close proximity to each other. And we change the beats periodically. We change about every five or six years to make sure that we keep that on the same level, calls for service with the number of manpower and that size and the size of the beat.

Youth Commissioner Grant said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Thomas, our Vice Chair from the 8<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and Gentlemen, first of all -- thank you. First of all I'd like to thank you for the services that you have rendered since being the chief of this City and this County, and I have nothing but the highest praise for you, your staff, and all of the men and women who serve our community and the positions that they serve. They give their time, their life, to protect us in the best manner in which they can afford to do. I sit here, and I am very much concerned about a lot of the things that have been brought up this morning, and many of them I think that we can perhaps go back and revisit some of the things that are in the Intergovernmental Agreement so that we can refine some of the concerns that are now being addressed by this Commission so that we can hopefully be in a better posture in terms of service to the community.

Commissioner Thomas said, as far as protecting the community, it is my feeling that every citizen of Chatham County you have a responsibility to assist, not only just the chief of police, but we have a responsibility to assist any entity that will have some type of driven responsibility in making it better for all citizens. It's hard when you have made so many arrests and you catch these people who have done some terrible things in our community, and they go before a judge and they get sentenced for long periods of time, and then the next thing you know, they're out, and they're just repeating, repeating, repeating, repeating. That's a big problem. I see the polices in not only just in my District, but as I move around in other Districts I see them as well. So what I want to say here at this time is that you've done a great job. I'm hoping that at some point that we can revisit many of the concerns that have been brought up by this Commission, and I too am hoping that the City of Savannah and Chatham County can get together in terms of other situations, for instance, like, Ms. Brady, I believe, someone mentioned about the U.S. Attorney that was here. I too was wondering, and they were talking about the crime and the this and that. It should have been a situation where there should have been if no one else was there but our Chairman should have been invited to be a part of this. See that's part of the problem. Everybody's trying to do his or her own thing, and what each entity needs to understand, and that's from the Mayor and Council and from -- from the County Commissioners, and we can't leave out the School Board and -- and the municipalities. Everyone has to be a part. When we come together and show that we are unified, then I think that we are going to get something done, rather than pointing a finger, okay, Chief, what are the five things that you think that would help us to, you know, get to where we need to go? I don't -- I'm just giving that as an -- as an illustration.

Commissioner Thomas said, so, in conclusion, what I'm asking is that from this day forward I don't know who's responsibility it's going to be to help bring us together in that regard, but we need to be on the same page when we come to these different situations, not the City doing their thing, the County doing their thing, and so forth and so on. And lastly, we need every citizen, every citizen, and that includes businesses and every -- everybody to come together and help us come to a -- a -- a point where we can really make a difference in this County. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, now we have the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner, Tony Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Chairman Scott. Chief, I just want to commend you for being able to stand

up for all this time. But I want -- I want to ask you a question, and then -- then I want to make a general comment. When your police knock on doors in the situation that Commissioner Stone represented earlier -- earlier this morning, do they tell the community what's going on? I mean throughout history there's been a managerial decision, some managers say don't tell the public anything 'cause it'll panic them, some say trust the public, give them information. When you have a squad of policemen going through a neighborhood knocking on doors, what -- are they open with the public?

Chief Lovett said, yes, they are. I -- I can't imagine that they would go to anybody's home and knock on their door and not tell them why they're there. That's inconceivable to me. I -- I can't imagine that happening.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and I notice even today in the similar situations, colleges go on lock down, so I'd assume if it was really bad, you would have alerted the citizens to stay inside. You -- you would have been open with them. Is that correct?

Chief Lovett said, yes. Very much so.

Commissioner Center said, okay. And -- and let me use this, I guess, as -- as a perk of being an elected official, the crimes we're talking about today and you've talked about are not just\* a Savannah or a Chatham problem\*, the President of the United States is talking about them. It -- it -- it's a national problem, and in my perspective one of the main issues in this problem is the proliferation of hand guns on the street. And since I've been a member of the Junior Chamber when I lived in Atlanta, Georgia and wrote a position paper on it, I just think we have to change our national mood on the acceptance of hand guns everywhere. I mean we -- we hear now that the -- the fairground wants to move to the westside of Chatham for the first time in 63 years. As a little boy, I used to go to the Coastal Empire Fair, and I'm very sad to see them considering that move. We see children shot, people firing guns. Just in the last two weeks, two hand guns fired in the air near Forsyth Park. Those bullets do come down, and I know this is not your issue, but here -- here's one public official that's adamantly opposed to the proliferation of hand guns on the streets and wish we could start a growing momentum from the ground up so even our Supreme Court will take notice. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Chief, we have one more for you, and that's Commissioner Shabazz from the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning, Chief Lovett.

Chief Lovett said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. I want to ask, do you have any -- Savannah -- Savannah Police Department, do they have any preventive measures that you use to prevent crime itself? That's my first question.

Chief Lovett said, we do have CPOs that actually go around the different -- crime prevention officers that go around and talk to different organizations and help to try and help businesses and residents take preventive action in all types of crime. So the answer to your question is yes, we do.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And I also noticed the -- the statistics you have in terms of crime from 1996 to 2012, when did you -- when did you take office?

Chief Lovett said, '10 -- 2010.

Commissioner Shabazz said, 2010. And I see that it's low -- it's lower than it's ever been.

Chief Lovett said, well you better not say that too loud, somebody might take offense to it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir. And also I want to thank you for your years of service, this for being in the departments, as well as being the Chief and the job that you're doing. And I also wanted to ask you very briefly about the Savannah Impact Program, and what -- what's -- what's the function of the Savannah Impact Program? That's my last question.

Chief Lovett said, Savannah Impact Program is a re-entry program, and the purpose is to make people who are coming out of prison be able to sustain their own welfare, and they teach them life skills so that they can survive in the outside world other than being in prison. They teach them the skills that they need in order to be able to write a check or to take care of themselves and teach them how to get an education for those that don't they give them GED skills to get a high school education. There's a whole lot involved, and I can't possibly stand here in the amount of time that we have and really tell you what Savannah Impact is all about other than to say it's re-entry, and it's one of the most successful programs in the State of Georgia. You may or may not know, but this is not only in Savannah even though it started in Savannah and started by the Metro Police, but it also is in Atlanta and other cities. It's a model for the state now, re-entry program, and they're doing good things.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so you -- you would consider that to be a crime prevention as well?

Chief Lovett said, right. Absolutely.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And I want to also -- I want to know how can we go and tour that facility?

Chief Lovett said, all you have to do is ask, and Mr. Terry Enoch, is right here, who is Director of Savannah Impact, and he will make it happen for you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you very much. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, I have one last statement.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I -- I thought you were through, Chief, but Commissioner Stone would like to ask you -- from the 1st.

Commissioner Stone said, just for clarification. What my main concern in the notification was the folks, the perception of being able to tell them -- to put their minds at ease when they see police officers, numerous police officers in their District or if they see their neighbors' door being knocked on by a police officer, and they don't have the luxury of the police officer telling them what is going on. It was simply to keep everybody reassured that there was not a problem in the area. And then I -- I wanted to piggy back on something that Commissioner Shabazz said, and that's Savannah Impact. I would love to see if there's anyway that we could expand the County be involved in Savannah Impact and expand this program because it does do a tremendous amount as far as Recidivism, and that is an area where we're really going to have to focus in the future, and I would love to see the County partner with the City and expand Savannah Impact. So, I just want to -- 'cause Commissioner Shabazz brought that up. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Chief, I -- I appreciate your service, but I would like to put you on the spot since Commissioner Kicklighter went down this road, are you planning to retire?

Chief Lovett said, no. No time soon.

Chairman Scott said, well Commissioner Kicklighter indicated that -- and I was just -- thought perhaps since the camera was running perhaps you wanted to make an announcement.

Chief Lovett said, not that I know of. I --

Chairman Scott said, if not we -- we appreciate your service and your commitment, and we appreciate you being here today. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. Thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, we can report to Commissioner Kicklighter the Chief does not plan to retire anytime soon. Okay? Let me -- let me just wrap up this discussion with the Chief by saying that I -- I can appreciate Commissioners' need to know and -- and their concerns, and I certainly, when I have my one on ones with the County Manager, I will certainly indicate or talk about this as an agenda item as to what we can do to improve it. And -- and then if it -- if it's something that -- that I think that we need to change, I'll certainly keep the members of the Commission in the loop and -- and see what we can do to -- to improve communications, and -- and with that, we'll move on.

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## **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE -- CHAIRMAN SCOTT**

Chairman Scott said, let me just say one other thing though about Attorney General Holder being in town. Outside a photo op, I -- I don't know what we accomplished with that meeting. And Commissioner [sic] Holder was out visiting his U.S. Attorneys throughout Georgia this week, and he ended up in Atlanta making a speech to the predominantly black colleges there as part of the President's black history outreach. I -- I would say that I was with the Mayor earlier in the day, and she didn't mention the meeting and she called me afterwards and -- and -- to tell me that she was not responsible for the invitation list, it was the invitations -- or the invitees were selected by the U.S. Attorney. But this was a delayed meeting, the Attorney General was actually invited down earlier and could not come, and so he -- he elected to come at this time since he was coming to Georgia anyway. So he coordinated his schedule, and I understand that. And I'm perfectly willing to send the U.S. Attorney a letter since -- since he sent me one when I was elected congratulating me on it to tell him that when such events that members of the Commission would like to be included --

Commissioner Thomas said, good.

Chairman Scott said, and if he limit the number of people that he would want there, I would certainly designate either the Vice Chair or the Pro Tem to participate in those meetings. I -- I'm not a big proponent of photo ops myself, but if there's something really to be accomplished there, I would really like to have that discussion with him.

But I -- I do not want to be -- necessarily have the County ignored.

Chairman Scott said, and I can also state to you that in another capacity, I worked very close when we had the joint task force federal and local and state to try to address the problem in Carver Height, and I met once or twice a month with the agent that was coordinating it for the U.S. Attorney's office, and we chatted about what we could do to improve it. I went to several meetings in that regard, and -- and so we were very involved in -- in that aspect of crime fighting, and you would be surprised at the turn around if you haven't heard the numbers. But they reduced crime in Carver Height by some 70 percent. So there is -- there is an impact when you put a task for on it and really go after it, and I just wanted to state that. So we -- we will reach out to the U.S. Attorney to make sure that on future events that he includes a representative from the County.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

For information only.

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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 Scott said, now on Item X on the agenda is the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Farrell said, move for approval.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed, no. The motion carries.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 4 and under Item 4, Items A through L. Commissioners Center and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter 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 JANUARY 25, 2013, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2013, as mailed. Commissioners Center and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 17, 2013 THROUGH JANUARY 30, 2013.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period January 17, 2013 through January 30, 2013, in the amount of \$11,750,348. Commissioners Center and Thomas

seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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- 3. REQUEST BOARD FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2013. PETITIONER: ANDREW E. JOHNSON, D/B/A LUCKY'S AT BERWICK, LOCATED AT 5630 OGEECHEE ROAD. [DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved the Board for new beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2013. Petitioner: Andrew E. Johnson, d/b/a Lucky's at Berwick, located at 5630 Ogeechee Road. Commissioners Center and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**

**AGENDA DATE: February 8, 2013**

**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 new beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2013. Petitioner: **Andrew E. Johnson d/b/a Lucky's at Berwick**, located at **5630 Ogeechee Road, Savannah, Georgia**.

**BACKGROUND:**

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage 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 7**

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

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 Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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 Chief Willie Lovett

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- 4. 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 Farrell 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 Center and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Annual service agreement for eight (8) Powerware Eaton UPS equipment systems	I.C.S.	Eaton Corporation (Sole source)	\$14,480	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
B. Forensic extraction equipment and software	C.N.T.	Micro Systemation	\$10,885	CNT Confiscated Fund
C. Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract for the State Route 307/Dean Forest Road Widening Project	Engineering	McLendon Enterprises, Inc.	\$525,972	SPLOST (2008-2014) - S.R. 307 Widening
D. Digital Microwave Downlink Receiving System	CEMA	Broadcast Microwave Services, Inc.	\$19,155	MGF - Homeland Security SIP
E. One (1) used 2007 Jeep Cherokee 4x4 replacement vehicle for the Engineering Department	Fleet	Fairway Lincoln	\$15,900	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Fleet Replacement
F. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for a hydro pneumatic tank at the Glen of Robin Hood Water System to include a new structural support system	Public Works	Pinco	\$10,370	Water and Sewer Fund
G. Authorize the final payment for relocation of transmission facilities for the State Route 307/ Dean Forest Road widening project	Engineering	Georgia Power	\$87,485	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Dean Forest Road Widening
H. One (1) used non-typical replacement vehicle for CNT, and authorize the disposal of one (1) vehicle to be used as a trade-in	Fleet	Fairway Lincoln	\$31,000	CIP - Fleet Replacement
I. Reimbursement for the LEED Certification design review fee for the Chatham County Detention Center (CCDC) Expansion project	Engineering	CDI Architects, Inc. (L. R. Kimball)	\$13,269	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Detention Center Expansion project
J. Confirmation of the emergency purchase for computers and monitors for Tax Commissioner offices	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$51,919	I.C.S. - Computer Replacement Program
K. Construction contract for the CNT building addition	CNT	RL Construction Group, Inc. *WBE	\$184,737	CNT Confiscated Funds (Pending Board approval)

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4 A thru K**

**AGENDA DATE: February 8, 2013**

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**THRU: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER**

**FROM: MICHAEL A. KAIGLER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER/  
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS****ITEM A**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$14,480 sole source annual service agreement for eight (8) Powerware Eaton UPS equipment systems from Eaton Corporation for I.C.S. department.

**BACKGROUND:** I.C.S. purchased eight (8) Powerware UPS systems from Eaton Corporation. The annual support maintenance must be purchased through Eaton Corporation. Eaton does not have authorized third party service providers in this area. Other vendors may be able to quote but would not be able to provide the proper equipment and/or software necessary to perform full preventative maintenance and scope of work for emergency repairs.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. I.C.S. recommends UPS systems to prevent damage to County equipment and provide temporary power during power failures. This maintenance service provides 24/7 coverage and maintenance for the UPS system and batteries within the system.
2. Uninterruptible power supplies absorb power surges, smooth out noisy power sources, provide power to equipment during line sags, and provide temporary power after a blackout.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$14,480 for annual maintenance on the eight (8) UPS systems to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$14,480 sole source annual service agreement for eight (8) Powerware Eaton UPS equipment systems from Eaton Corporation for I.C.S. department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary support for equipment hardware and software.

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

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

GLORIA SAUGH

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$10,885 purchase of forensic extraction equipment and software from Micro Systemation for Chatham County C.N.T.

**BACKGROUND:** On November 5, 2012, the Board approved the appropriation of Confiscated Funds to CNT in the total amount of \$10,885.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Micro Systemation is the distributor of mobile device secure forensic extraction equipment and software. This system provides the capability of downloading information from mobile devices to include but not limited to mobile phones, smart phones, PDA's, Ipads, Ipods, iPhones, tablets, digital cameras, GPS systems and SIM cards.
2. Four (4) systems were evaluated including the current mobile device extraction system which is SUSTEEN Data Pilot.
3. The Micro Systemation XRY system was selected because it is the most effective at extracting data from mobile devices encountered in Chatham County.
4. Staff believes the total cost of \$10,885 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CNT Confiscated Funds - Other Equipment  
(2103222 - 54.25001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$10,885 purchase of forensic extraction equipment and software from Micro Systemation for Chatham County C.N.T.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** Chatham County’s Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual requires Board approval for any purchases of more than \$10,000.

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

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

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$525,972 Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with McLendon Enterprises, Inc., for the State Route 307/Dean Forest Road Widening Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

1. The S.R. 307 Widening Project includes construction of 2.1 miles of widening from two (2) lanes to a four (4) lane divided highway on Dean Forest Road. It also includes installation of a traffic signal at U.S. 17 and State Route 307 and upgrades two (2) existing signals within the project limits. On March 9, 2012, the Board awarded construction contract No. 11-0043-4 to McLendon Enterprises, Inc.
2. Earthwork and paving of a 1500 foot section near U.S. 17 was not included in the original contract. The permit and mitigation credits to fill the wetlands were not available when the notice to proceed was issued. The 404 permit was approved by the Corp of Engineers on May 2, 2012, and the saltwater mitigation credits were released on November 16, 2012.
3. This change order to the contract includes clearing and grubbing, undercut of unsuitable material, installation of stabilization fabric, hauling and placement of borrow material, grading and compaction of embankment and surcharge as well as miscellaneous materials necessary to complete the earthwork.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The original permit issued by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) included completion of the four lane section from U.S. 17 to I-16. A permit is required by the GDOT for any work performed on a state route.
2. Adding the earthwork to this contract will facilitate placement of surcharge material that is required to expedite settlement of the fill in the wetlands. Surcharge includes adding six feet of material above the elevation of the road that remains in place for six months. This change order will save time as an alternative to a separate bid for the earthwork.
3. McLendon Enterprises completed the S.R. 307/Hardin Canal Project, contract No. 10-3-3-4 on schedule and within budget with an outstanding performance evaluation. McLendon continues to provide quality work on the S.R. 307 Widening Project. The change order will be completed conjointly with remaining earthwork on the project and excess material from the project will be used as fill material for the change order work. McLendon is mobilized and can provide consistency to the project as the contractor of record. All factors considered, based on quality, cost and timeliness, staff recommends adding this work to the existing contract.

4. Contract History is as follows:

Original Contract (3-9-12)	\$7,247,490
Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>\$525,972</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$7,773,462

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - S.R. 307 Widening  
(3244220 - 54.14001 - 32451147)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$525,972 Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with McLendon Enterprises, Inc., for the State Route 307/Dean Forest Road Widening Project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve Change Orders to construction contracts necessary for the completion of the project.

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

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

#### ITEM D

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$19,155 purchase of a Digital Microwave Downlink Receiving System from Broadcast Microwave Services, Inc., San Diego CA. The pricing is from the General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule.

**BACKGROUND:** Chatham County Emergency Management Agency received a grant for the purchase of a Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC) and support equipment needed to support the MEOC. This purchase will cover a second receiving unit.

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

1. This Aviation Unit Downlink will provide the necessary downlink capabilities in support of the Chatham County Incident Command System for the port and will be the spotlight putting focus on real-time response, coordination and evaluation of resources during an incident or event.
2. The scrambling scheme employed by the Broadcast Microwave Services, Inc., is company confidential and is not available from any other source.
3. This system will tie in the Chatham County Aviation Unit's FLR system to the first responders for live video feed of the area being surveyed. This will provide line-of-sight transmission to the MEOC from the Aviation assets (Local and State) sending audio and video.
4. In August 2012, we purchased a sending unit and a receiving unit. This request is for a second receiving unit. This will allow staff to receive the signal from both the mobile command truck and the satellite trailer.

**FUNDING:** MGF - Homeland Security SIP  
(2503920 - 54.25001 - 25024262)

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$19,155 purchase of a Digital Microwave Downlink System from Broadcast Microwave Services, Inc., San Diego CA. The pricing is from the General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide equipment necessary to enhance homeland security.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### ITEM E

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$15,900 purchase of one (1) used 2007 Jeep Cherokee 4x4 replacement vehicle for the Engineering Department from Fairway Lincoln in Savannah, GA.

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

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

1. On September 21, 2012, the Board approved the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Engineering Department. The vehicle to be purchased was a Ford 4x4. When the vehicle was delivered to the dealership it did not meet specification since it was a 4x2.
2. Fairway Lincoln offered a used vehicle currently on their lot similar to the Ford 4x4 that was not available.
3. The Fleet Manager and a representative from the Engineering Department selected the proposed vehicle based on utility and value.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$15,900 purchase of one (1) used 2007 Jeep Cherokee 4x4 replacement vehicle for the Engineering Department from Fairway Lincoln in Savannah, GA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$10,370 Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Pinco for the installation of a new structural support system for the new hydro pneumatic tank at the Glen of Robin Hood Water System.

**BACKGROUND:** On October 19, 2013, the Board approved the purchase of a hydro pneumatic tank at the Glen of Robin Hood Water System.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. At the time of the original solicitation it was believed that the existing structural support system could be utilized to support the new tank.
2. Pinco completed the preliminary installation examination of the support structures and soils and found areas of concern.
3. A structural engineer has examined the existing support structures and soils under the tank and has found them to be damaged due to buckling and inadequate to support the new tank.
4. A new support structure must be installed to prevent damage to the new tank and complete failure of the existing support system.
5. Contract History is as follows:

Original Contract Amount (10-19-12)	\$50,500
Change Order No. 1 (Pending)	<u>\$10,370</u>
Revised Contract	\$60,870

6. Staff has reviewed the change order amount provided by Pinco and believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Water and Sewer Fund  
(5054400 - 52.25001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$10,370 Change Order No. 1 to contract with Pinco for the installation of a new structural support system for the new hydro pneumatic tank at the Glen of Robin Hood Water System.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders to recognize changes in scope of services.

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

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

**ITEM G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board to authorize the final payment of \$87,485 for relocation of transmission facilities as per the Relocation Agreement with Georgia Power for the State Route 307/ Dean Forest Road widening project.

**BACKGROUND:** Georgia Power’s existing transmission facilities were in conflict with the S.R. 307/ Dean Forest Road Widening Project and were relocated. Georgia Power had prior rights requiring a Relocation Agreement that was authorized by the Board on July 8, 2011. The agreement stipulated that the County would pay for the actual cost of the utility relocation.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Georgia Power’s estimated cost for moving the transmission facilities was \$296,349. This amount was approved by the Board on July 8, 2011. The actual cost was \$383,834. Georgia Power submitted invoices to document labor, equipment and material costs.
2. The relocation work was completed September 26, 2012.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Dean Forest Road Widening  
(3244220 - 53.12109 - 32451146)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board to authorize the final payment of \$87,485 for relocation of transmission facilities as per the Relocation Agreement with Georgia Power for the State Route 307/ Dean Forest Road widening project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve payment for executed agreements.

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

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

**ITEM H**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$31,000 purchase of one (1) used non-typical replacement vehicle for CNT, from Fairway Lincoln in Savannah, GA, and authorize the disposal of one (1) vehicle to be used as a trade-in.

**BACKGROUND:** CNT has approved funding to replace 13 vehicles through the CIP, Police Merger. These vehicles are no longer suitable for department operation. The trade-in will simplify the purchase of the 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 a vehicle they feel we should consider.
2. Staff checked with local car dealers that normally respond to bids and came back with this proposal. This proposal provides CNT with maximum flexibility.
3. Unit #425, 2007 Ford Crown Victoria, will be used as a trade-in vehicle.
4. The Fleet Manager and a representative from CNT selected the following vehicle based on utility and value.
5. The vehicle selected is from:

Fairway Lincoln	\$33,500
Less trade (Vin #5994)	( \$2,500)
Total Purchase	\$31,000

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$31,000 purchase of one (1) used non-typical replacement vehicle for CNT, from Fairway Lincoln in Savannah, GA, 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 vehicles for law enforcement activities.

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

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

**ITEM I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$13,269 reimbursement to CDI Architects, Inc. (L. R. Kimball), as reimbursement for the LEEDS Certification design review fee for the Chatham County Detention Center (CCDC) Expansion Project.

**BACKGROUND:** The 2008-2014 SPLOST referendum allocated funds in the amount of \$109 million for the design and construction of the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion project. On August 22, 2008, the Board awarded the contract for A/E design services to L. R. Kimball & Associates.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. L. R. Kimball is providing complete architectural/engineering design, permitting and construction administration services for the CCDC Expansion Project. The project was bid in August 2010. The construction contract was awarded to Hunt/Mills, A Joint Venture on December 17, 2010. Construction is ongoing and the project is on schedule.
2. At the October 19, 2007, Commission Meeting, the Board directed that the Detention Center project be LEED Certified.
3. Per the contract with L. R. Kimball, the County pays for all permit fees. The contractor paid these fees and this is a reimbursement.
4. The US Green Building Certificate Institute requires a review fee to accompany the documents that are submitted for the certification process. Kimball submitted the necessary documentation and paid the fee on behalf of the County.
5. The LEED Certification fee is fixed based on the square footage of the project.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Detention Center Expansion project  
(3803355 - 54.13099 - 38060407)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$13,269 reimbursement to CDI Architects, Inc. (L. R. Kimball), as reimbursement for the LEEDS Certification design review fee for the Chatham County Detention Center (CCDC) Expansion Project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent to Board policy to approve reimbursements.

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

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

**ITEM J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board confirmation of a \$51,919 emergency purchase from Dell Marketing, L.P., for computers and monitors for Tax Commissioner offices.

**BACKGROUND:** I.C.S. recommends that older outdated computers, more than 5 years old, be replaced. On April 23, 2010, the Board approved the establishment of a new internal service fund, the Computer Replacement Fund.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. With the passing of House Bill 386, the Tax Commissioner's Office must replace the GRATIS dumb computer terminals currently being used in the various offices. This change is necessary in order to accept credit/debit card payments in a manner where the cost of the transaction can be passed to the customer via convince fee rather than being absorbed from County revenue. The effective date for this change is March 1, 2013
2. Dell Marketing, L.P., has provided the County with all of the computer units due to their quality and life span. The ICS Department has standardized the computers purchased and used in County departments

several years ago. Dell Marketing, L.P., is the current State of Georgia contractor for computer equipment, and the County will purchase this equipment on the State contract.

3. Staff requested emergency approval from the chairman to expedite purchase of the computers. The Chairman concurred (see attached page 13) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.

**FUNDING:** I.C.S. - Computer Replacement Program  
(6051535 - 54.24002)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board confirmation of a \$51,919 emergency purchase from Dell Marketing, L.P., for computers and monitors for Tax Commissioner offices
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to confirm emergency purchases.

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

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

**ITEM K**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$184,737 construction contract to RL Construction Group, Inc., for the CNT Building Addition.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chatham County Counter Narcotics Team has requested to add approximately 1,000 square feet to the existing office building. The telecommunication interception facility will provide work space for the electronic surveillance staff. The building addition is to be a 40' x 26' eave height, single story, stand alone, pre-engineered metal building structure with concrete foundation. A small overhead steel frame canopy will be installed between the new building and the adjacent existing structure.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The new building addition will include a small kitchen area, restrooms and workroom. Site improvements include installation of utilities to service the building including connections to sanitary sewer, water, electrical.
2. This project was properly advertised and seven (7) bids were received and opened on January 8, 2013. The bids are as follows:

**	RL Construction Group, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$184,737
	Garrison Construction Co. Macon, GA	\$194,745
	Dabbs-Williams General Contractors Statesboro, GA	\$236,000
	Pioneer Construction, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$238,980
	Marchese Construction, LLC Pooler, GA	\$240,824
**	Paul S. Akins Co., Inc. Statesboro, GA	\$248,000
**	Collins Construction Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$254,531

\* MBE firm    \*\* WBE firm

3. Staff finds the bid from RL Construction Group to be fair and reasonable and within the project budget.

**FUNDING:** CNT Confiscated Funds (pending approval of allowable use of confiscated funds)  
(2103222 - 54.13011)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approval of a \$184,737 construction contract to RL Construction Group, Inc., for the CNT Building Addition.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM L**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$17,900 purchase of one (1) used 2009 Lincoln MKZ replacement vehicle for the Public Defender’s Office from Fairway Lincoln in Savannah, GA.

**BACKGROUND:** The vehicle being replaced is Unit #393, a 2005 Mercury SUV. This vehicle was involved in an accident, no fault of the County driver, which caused extensive damage to the front end. The damage makes it financially unfeasible to repair.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1. A standing request for “good” used vehicles is in place with local dealers and they are encouraged to let us know when they have a vehicle they feel we should consider.
- 2. Staff checked with local car dealers that normally respond to bids and came back with this proposal.
- 3. The Fleet Manager and a representative from the Public Defender’s Office selected the following vehicle based on utility and value.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Fleet Replacement  
(3501567 - 54.22001 - 3503068A)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approval of a \$17,900 purchase of one (1) used 2009 Lincoln MKZ replacement vehicle for the Public Defender’s Office from Fairway Lincoln in Savannah, GA.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

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

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**XI. FIRST READINGS**

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

- 1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE COMBINED SAVANNAH CHATHAM COUNTY SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE.**

Chairman Scott said, Item XI on the agenda is a First Reader. It’s to request Board approval the addition and corrections to the combined Savannah Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance. This will be before us at the next meeting for a second reading, and at that time, we can move it to the calendar to take whatever action’s necessary.

There are no --

Commissioner Center said, can I ask a question, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, okay. On these speed changes, is this something that the police department -- or maybe the County Manager can answer it, goes by and says we need to have different speeds on these roads? How did this come about?

Chairman Scott said, I'm going to defer this to County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, it's -- it's a joint analysis, comments from the -- the traffic engineer and also the police folk. But as -- as y'all know, without this in the ordinance it is not possible for citations to be issued through the use of radar.

Commissioner Center said, and so periodically you change your speed based on this -- this analysis?

County Manager Abolt said, growth. Many of you are -- represent parts of the county that are still growing, and so, if -- if streets all of the sudden become burdened with more traffic, it's a way of acknowledging it.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and sometimes it's the request of the neighborhoods?

County Manager Abolt said, sometimes it is, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

Chairman Scott said, okay. Item XII, there are no second readers.

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Chairman Scott said, Item XIII is Informational Items. Progress report on the General Fund Contingency Account and M&O and the Special Service Districts. And we just wanted to note that it was 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.)**

Chairman Scott said, and also a list of purchases between the items of \$2,500 and \$9,999. It's attached for your consideration.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: February 8, 2013**

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>
47 pre-employment physicals and screening	Detention Center	GEA-Immediate Care	\$3,350	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
300 access control cards	Sheriff	Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC.	\$2,613	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
30 remote speaker microphones for radios	Sheriff	Savannah Communication & Electronics	\$3,330	• General Fund/M&O -Sheriff - \$1,550 • General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$1,780
Additional watering and services to preserve the turf at the Chatham County Wetland Mitigation Bank	Engineering	Turf Services Unlimited	\$4,301	SPLOST (2003-2008) Openspace/Green way
Mailing of tag renewals for month of December	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$5,162	General Fund/M&O -Tax Commissioner
Grinding wheels and replacement of bed knives for portable grinders	Public Works and Park Services	Johnson Turf Repair	\$4,182	General Fund/M&O -Parks and Recreation
Repair of hood to unit #209 - Public Works truck	Fleet Operations	Roberts Truck Center, Inc.	\$3,400	General Fund/M&O -Fleet Operations
Additional electrical outlets for sign shop/carpenter shop	Public Works and Park Services	Turner Electrical	\$2,973	SPLOST (2003-2008) Public Works Building
Various plumbing supplies	Detention Center	Savannah Winnelson	\$3,286	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Desk design and layout for Pete Liakakis Government Building	Special Projects	Interior Concepts	\$9,850	SPLOST (2008-2014) Courthouse Construction
Removal and replacement of inoperable lift station pump	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$4,000	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
Monthly utility locates	Public Works and Park Services	Utilities Protection Center, Inc.	\$2,685	Water and Sewer
Mailing of tag renewals for month of February	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$5,186	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
One (1) replacement submersible pump	Detention Center	Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc.	\$4,844	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Ten (10) laser jet printers for Detention Center	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$5,390	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Remove and replace pool pak #2 motor	Aquatic Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$3,219	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Replace three (3) actuator motors on pool pak #1	Aquatic Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$4,753	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Purchase and installation of mobile smart board system	CNT	Summit Systems, Inc.	\$4,755	CNT - Confiscated Funds

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## **ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Scott said, and is there anything else for the good of the order from any member of the Commission?

Commissioner Brady said, can I ask a question on the report?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, trying to get my arms around how you set up the contingency funds for the County. I see on 7/1/2012 the adopted budget was -- well it looks like \$283,237, is that -- is that what the County normally budgets for contingency?

County Manager Abolt said, it will depend on your final decision just prior to adopting a budget. Sometimes there'll be a request to move funds around to officially fund some programs. So I -- I cannot say with certainty, but the -- the -- probably the possibility we entered the proposal at about \$300,000 and there was a need to make some shifts. But -- this is the figure in your adopted budget, and then it's adjusted as necessary with the dates indicated on the far left-hand margin.

Commissioner Brady said, and then the last question I have, and this is really for my information to understand it better. So basically in the General Fund M&O Contingency, we've got basically \$39,000 left?

County Manager Abolt said, and -- and you should -- yes, ma'am, that's correct, but you've also shifted some money in to do some other things today. Yes, you have.

Commissioner Brady said, yeah, and I saw that. And then -- and then respectively for the Special Service District, the balance in that contingency is \$82,000?

County Manager Abolt said, correct.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, anything else before we -- before a motion?

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Center said, are you ready for a motion?

Chairman Scott said, no. I want -- I want to talk about the motion first.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Hearing nothing else, what I'm going to -- to need is a motion to recess to go into Executive Session which should proceed no later than 3:00 p.m. and should reconvene at the Trade Center on Tuesday, February the 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., and the reason being we will be in a meeting at the Trade Center going over our proposed budget and hearing from constitutional officers and department heads, and there -- the County Attorney has informed me that it may be necessary at that time to take some -- to have a discussion in Executive Session about pending litigation. And that's the reason that we are having sort of a different amendment, or -- or motion than you normally see as it relates to Executive Session, and I just wanted to clarify that for members of the Commission before the Motion is made and second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, as stated by the Chairman, I make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

County Manager Abolt said, for -- for the intent of litigation and then in the event there is some desire to today look at appointments to boards, I will say personnel and litigation.

Commissioner Kicklighter, I'll amend that motion to include that.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second amends the motion.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes. Those opposed no. The motion carry. We will now proceed to Executive Session. Thank you.

## **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to recess to executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. Said executive session will proceed no later than 3:00 p.m. and will reconvene Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 1:00 at the Trade Center. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

The Board recessed at approximately 11:05 a.m.

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### **ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

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

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### **RECESS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m. on Friday, February 8, 2013.

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**APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.**

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**ALBERT J. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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

\*words have been changed from the verbatim minutes pursuant to a Motion to Amend the Minutes made at the Commission meeting on February 22, 2013.