

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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**

The Deputy Sheriff opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Reverend Scottie Swinney said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning. Let me -- let me introduce to you the Reverend Doctor Swinney. He's senior pastor at St. Phillip AME Church. It's the oldest AME church in the city. It's located on MLK Boulevard, and it's my pleasure to present to you the Reverend Scottie Swinney, senior pastor, St. Phillip AME Church for the invocation. During the invocation you may be seated. When the pastor's indicated it's time for prayer, please stand and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you. You may be seated.

Reverend Swinney said, thank you, Mr. Scott. Good morning.

Board of Commissioners collectively said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Reverend Swinney said, allow me to share with you this very short story. There once was a pastor who had served a community for quite a while, and the word started circulating that the pastor's sermon had gotten dull, lifeless, and needed just a little spice. This word got back to the pastor, and the pastor decided to do something about it. So just before giving the benediction one Sunday, the pastor stood in the back of the church and said, I'm going to announce the sermon for next Sunday, and the sermon's going to be entitled, damned if you do and damned if you don't. That Sunday the attendance was high and the people were eager. They were there. They were willing to hear what the pastor had to say. It was a wonderful opportunity on the part of the pastor to remind everyone that when you are a leader you also embrace criticism; that when you are a leader you are criticized for doing things and also criticized for not doing things. When you are a leader you also embrace criticism. But regardless of what is happening, you are expected to do something. So remember be in church Sunday. The sermon might be, damned if you do and damned if you don't. Let us pray.

Reverend Swinney gave the invocation as follows:

Dear God, we thank you for this day. We thank you for the opportunity to meet together, the opportunity to share ideas together. We ask blessings upon the counsel and blessings upon the work of the counsel. Give them insight. Give them knowledge. Give them the spirit of fairness and the spirit of justice. Have them to know that their work is important and precious in your sight. In your name do we pray. Amen.

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**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Scott 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, the Clerk will call the roll.

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  
 James J. Holmes, District Two  
 Tony Center, District Three  
 Yusef K. Shabazz, District Five  
 Lori L. Brady, District Six  
 Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Not present: Patrick K. Farrell, District Four

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

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

### **1. PRESENTATION BY THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY INDICATORS COALITION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE. TARA JENNINGS, VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS, WILL BE PRESENT.**

Chairman Scott said, thank you. The next item on the agenda is proclamation and special presentation. We have Tara Jennings, vice president of Community Investment will -- is she here to make a presentation for us? Ms. Jennings?

Ms. Tara Jennings said, good morning.

Board members collectively said, good morning.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, good morning.

Ms. Jennings said, I am here on behalf of the United Way of the Coastal Empire, but I'm also here on behalf of the Savannah-Chatham County Indicators Coalition, and I would like to show you a web portal that we have developed. You may recall back at the December meeting that you had you agreed to help sponsor this web portal, and I just want to show you what we've done to date and get any insight or input that you might have and how we can enhance the site from this point forward. I also want to acknowledge one of our sponsor partners. Adam Walker is here a representative of St. Joe/Candler as well and they're a funder with the project.

(NOTE: A demonstration of the website was given.)

Ms. Jennings said, you will notice that the community indicators' web portal currently sits under the United Way of the Coastal Empire website. It is not available -- oh, you want me to use the mike?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Ms. Jennings said, okay. The website is under the United Way website. If you go onto our website right this moment you cannot find it because it's not within the navigation bar, but I will be more than happy to provide you with a link or I believe Ms. Cramer can provide that for you as well. She's been representing the Commissioners at these meetings. This -- I'm just going through the overview page so you can kind of see it and then I'll show you the other pieces to it. You have an overview of the project, you have somewhat of a dashboard there, and then you can actually access all of those, these green subheadings from here or you can go back up to the navigation bar on the far right-hand side. If you go into the community dashboard, there are over 100 indicators within this section and the subheadings are in the green color -- I'm sorry the categories are in the green and there's subcategories within that that are marked in blue. So you have your health, you have -- health has the majority of it at this current time. Some of these are as compared to Georgia counties as noted here, and some of them are compared to US counties as noted separately. Then you have economy, education, environment, government, politics, public safety, social environment and transportation. We are still uploading a few more sets of data, so this is continually changing as we add those sets of data. If you chose to click into one of the indicators, I'm going to do this in just a second, it will actually feed you more information. So for example if I chose child abuse, you'll see here that you can actually see that Chatham County is in the green if you will. The average for all of the Georgia counties is 11.1, Chatham County is at -- this -- I'm sorry, the red actually begins at 16.6, and we're above that as of 2010. You can also see on there why the indicator's important, where do they get it from, and additional information if you want it. You can click on that and it would go back into that. You also have the data in graph form. You can potentially click on the time period, and it would show you that we're going up, which is -- and when it's in red, it's not a good thing. So the child abuse rate is actually increasing in Chatham County.

Ms. Jennings said, the other thing is to the right hand, before you get to the navigation bar, you'll see that there is another indicator there. So some of these indicators are correlated together. The next part under that is the promising practices. If for some reason the community coalition group decided that this is something they wanted to address, we could click on one of those under promising practices of which I'll show you, and there would be an example of what some other communities have done and how they've been successful in that so that we wouldn't have to recreate the wheel. We would just be able to start from that process. Again, you'll see this is evidence-based practice. It tells us what they did, what their goal and their missions were, the results of that, and how long the program has been in existence, as well as contact information, websites and things like that. So again, you're not having to recreate the wheel. A lot of times for us who work in social services, we spend a lot of time researching these things, so to have them readily available for us will be very helpful.

Ms. Jennings said, the disparities dashboard is very similar to an indicators except it's going to look a little bit different in the way in which you see it. It should actually be graphs and charts. The other thing about this page is you'll see at the top is you can actually search for it by a specific title if you wanted to, as well as currently we have census tracks and zip code data for Chatham County. So for example I could choose cancer here, I could choose census track and tell it to search, and it will bring up the data that is specific for that community. The next part is demographics. This information is basically pulled in from the census track, the most recent census track and the estimates of the census track. So this has just been updated within the last 24 or 48 hours I believe, as far as the data is concerned. Again this is useful information to have when we're doing planning, we're doing grant writing, and we're doing some other things in the community. We can also break this down by zip codes so that you can have a zip code comparison as compared to the entire county. And that's just a brief example of what that looks like. So you have zip code 31322 as compared to the county, the entire county.

Ms. Jennings said, the 2020 tracker is something that the federal government actually established in 2010, and although we may not have been asked our opinion on this, you'll see where there is a target that they expect communities to get to and where we are currently. So the current is in the red, the target is in the green. The next box that you'll see is whether we're making progress on that, and the final is if it's a red box we haven't met it yet, and if it's a green dot, we have met it. The next section I'm going to show you is a report that we can be -- we can pull up, and this may be helpful as you have clients, I'm sorry, you know, individuals calling wanting information about their community or about what the problems are, and so I'll just use education as an example, and I'll show you how we can actually pull a report from the data I just showed you that based on a query, and it can be done in a matter of probably less than two minutes if it all works the way it's supposed to. So what you'll see first in the first box is all of the data sets that we -- reference education. The section below are going to be promising practices. And so if I really was looking for something specific, I would highlight that area and move it over and then produce the report from there. So for this, I'm going to take high school graduation, so everything relating to education was pulled out from this as a subset from the entire report that I had showed you earlier. Again you can see a little bit of the information, and if you go to the bottom the promising practices will be there.

Ms. Jennings said, the reports as they're pulled as -- from this query are never the same. Difficulty is that as data comes available the report can change. So we can create these into PDFs, and we can note -- document them for today, and then we can look back and compare them on another date if we would like, and then they would also be held within the report center which is noted a little bit further down. And then I'm going to show you an indicator comparison which is basically where you can compare those, and again it's query. You can click on the boxes and open them up by census track, by county, and for a specific area that you're looking for, and you can compare census track to census track, zip codes to zip codes. When we have additional counties within the system, you'll be able to actually compare county data to other county data. In addition to the promising practices coming up on the side of the indicators, this page that's coming up now is divided within a subcategory, and so depending on what you're looking for, you can actually click on a certain thing such as health and it will actually open up promising practices within that category. So again, you may not necessarily know that the community's in need of that, but you can look to see what some of -- other communities have done and been successful at.

Ms. Jennings said, the report center currently is not active. There's nothing sitting there, but as we have community plans available, as the hospitals get ready to complete their implementation plans, those will be there, and those would be found under the health report. When Step Up does their reporting it would probably be found under the economy report. So that's where we'll have the different community plans placed once their completed. And finally there's a sponsor page and because of alphabetical order, you guys are first. But there's a list of them, and if you click on those links, they'll actually take you back to the website of that sponsor organization. As I said, we are in the process of updating this every day so that's why some of it's changing. We're adding new local data based on a local survey that was completed in the fall of 2012, and we are working with each of those sponsor agencies to upload their implementation plan for the community. But I'll be more than happy to answer any questions. In the meantime over these next couple of 30 days before this site goes live, if there's something that you don't understand or would like to know how to do something or would like it differently, please let us know, and we'll work to make sure that we can try to accommodate.

Chairman Scott said, anybody have any questions or comments to Ms. Jennings? Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how do you -- no, where do you get your data from and how accurate is it?

Ms. Jennings said, that data is actually coming through a contract with Healthy Communities Institute, so they compile the data that's sent in to the federal government or to the state government, and then they basically feed it back out to us in this format.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how accurate is that?

Ms. Jennings said, they have a pretty good success rate. Adam [Walker] do you want to step in on that one?

Mr. Adam Walker said, yes. The Healthy Communities has been working with Catholic Health Care probably for about 10 years now. They're -- they're a great group. They're Harvard professionals that have come together to begin this -- this company, and so what's -- what's ended up happening is they bring all this data from various website, accurate data from various websites to one platform so that any of us in this room, any of us in this community can go to one website, access the data, and we're all looking at the same thing. That's what's really important for the -- for all of us is that we are all on the same page. We know that this is good data. We know that it's been vetted by various places, and it's in one platform easily available for us to look at.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and another question is --

Mr. Walker said, yes, sir?

Commissioner Shabazz asked, how -- how does one become a sponsor?

Mr. Walker said, I'm sorry?

Commissioner Shabazz asked, how does one become a sponsor in this coalition?

Mr. Walker said, we'll we're -- what we're hoping for is that as more and more people see the -- the benefits of this data and being able to access, they will come to us and say we would like to participate. Now that could be through a monetary contribution that they would -- because this system does cost money or they can do an in kind contribution in which maybe they can make, you know, copies of our reports for us annually. So anyone who wants to join is -- is able to come to the table to do that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And this is under the United Way?

Mr. Walker said, this is actually a -- a coalition partnership. We've all come together. Basically the two hospitals, Memorial and St. Joseph's/Candler we are charged by the IRS to complete a community health needs assessment, and basically what that assessment is to do is to say that all of our programs that we offer in the community, all of the in kind contributions that we provide are indeed needed by the -- the community. It's not for a marketing reason or anything like that. So that's kind of how the hospitals got involved, and what we would like to do is -- with all the sponsors that are involved, we would like to do a complete strategic plan for the entire county, including health, economy, social determinants, all those factors.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. Thank you.

Mr. Walker said, you're welcome. Thank you.

Ms. Jennings said, if I can just clarify?

Mr. Walker said, yes.

Ms. Jennings said, because the United Way actually covers all four the impact areas, so education, health, etcetera, we were one of the only ones at the table that had care in all those areas, and we serve a multi-county jurisdiction, and so therefore it was the decision of the group that the project be led by United Way, but it is not done alone. All of those individuals that are noted there have a vote in how we proceed forward.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. One other -- one last thing, one of the reasons why I asked the question was because I saw the child abuse rate in -- in -- according to your data in Chatham County, that was a very alarming number there for Chatham County. It poses serious concern. That's why I wanted to know how accurate was your information.

Ms. Jennings said, I'm not -- we can go back to that if you like, but actually Chatham County is -- is doing fairly well to be honest with you. So we were in the green, which means -- if we were in the yellow or the red we should be concerned. If we're in the green we're actually doing pretty well with that. The other thing that we have to be mindful of is look at the date in which the last data was collected. It may have been from 2010 and we're now in 2013. If you're used to looking at data though, it takes two or three years for some of that to feed up unfortunately because of the system that we have.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Ms. Jennings said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, any other questions or comments? The child abuse data, where does it come from?

Ms. Jennings said, hard to talk in the mike and show you at the same time. I'll go down to the link where it says URL source, and URL data. It comes from the Kids Count Report. You'll notice it says the value is 10.8 cases in 1,000 children.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Ms. Jennings said, okay? Then it has from 2010 Chatham County as compared to other Georgia counties. So the red is 16.6, that means if you are higher than 16.6 you're in this area. The median is right here. Chatham County is at 11.1 so I'm not saying it's great, but it is better than what other counties in the State of Georgia have at the time that this was collected. If you wanted to know specifically where this was found at, you would go to that link, which is going to take you to the Annie E. Casey Foundation and to the Kids Count Data, and then you can drill down even further.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Walker said, Mr. Chairman, I would just add that -- that that's another important feature of this particular system is because at any point in time when you're looking at an indicator, you can see the URL where that information came from. You can go there, you can explore that information further, and you can vet that information to make sure that it is indeed accurate before you report it.

Chairman Scott said, any other questions? None? Thank you so much for your presentation.

Mr. Walker said, thank you.

Ms. Jennings said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

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**VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

No.

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**VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS**

None.

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**VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS**

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

None.

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**ORDER OF THE AGENDA -- CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

Chairman Scott said, and we need to back up to Item Four which is a roll call, and at this time I'll recognize our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas, for the purpose of introducing our Youth Commissioners who are present here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Ms. Simone Green, who is a sophomore attending St. Vincent's Academy, and Ms. Claire Hammond who is a senior attending Savannah Arts, who's with us today and will be participating in our discussion.

Chairman Scott said, thank you all for being here, and we really appreciate your presence, and we hope that -- that you enjoy the meeting and perhaps learn something from it today.

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## **IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION**

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

- 1. TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) in the SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND transfer \$7,260 from Contingency to Special Appropriations to fund an electronic traffic message sign, 2) in the SALES TAX I FUND a) transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway V project to the Hunt Road Bridge project, and b) transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway V project to the Faye Road Bridge project, 3) in the SALES TAX V FUND transfer \$100,000 from the Cloverdale community Center project to the Carver Heights Community Center project, 4) in the MULTIPLE GRANT FUND utilize funds received from a GEMA Grant related to relocation of the Fleet Services facility to increase the Transfer Out to the CIP Fund, \$1,112,000 and 5) in the CIP FUND, a) increase revenues \$1,112,000 Transfer In from the Multiple Grant Fund, b) increase the Fleet Building project, \$1,002,000, and c) increase Contingency \$110,000.**

Chairman Scott said, now if you would, we'll move to Item IX, which is Items for Individual Action. Item IX, Individual Action.

Commissioner Brady asked, Mr. Chairman, is this where I can ask for one to be removed and voted on separately?

Chairman Scott said, not necessarily, but --

Commissioner Brady said, this is my opportunity though.

Chairman Scott said, -- if you so wish, I recognize you for that purpose.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. I would like to remove 2 a) and have it voted on separately, please.

Commissioner Thomas said, 2 what?

Commissioner Brady said, 2 a) --

Chairman Scott said, okay.

County Manager Abolt said, 2 a) and b).

Commissioner Brady said, -- in the Sales Tax I Fund, the transfer from Truman Phase V Parkway.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, this would be under Item I.

Commissioner Thomas said, no, that's item 1.

County Manager Abolt said, no, it's 2 a) and b). Item 2, if I may. Item 2.

Commissioner Brady said, Item 2? Okay. I'm sorry. I'm seeing an a.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, under number 1.

Commissioner Thomas said, under number 1.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Okay. And this is to request approval for the following budget amendments and transfer with the exception of the transfer of funds from the Truman Parkway to the two bridges that's outlined in the request. Everything else will be voted on as -- as it's presented. Everybody's clear on that?

Commissioner Stone said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, okay. In the Special Service District Fund transfer \$7,260 from Contingency to Special Appropriations to fund an electronic traffic message sign, 2) in the Sales Tax I Fund a transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway -- this is what we're in reference to that will be voted on separately, V project to the Hunt Road Bridge project, and b) transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway V project to the Faye Road Bridge project. That item will be voted on separate. When you cast your vote you will be voting for everything else except for those items.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, do you require a motion?

Chairman Scott said, not -- not yet.

Commissioner Stone said, not yet.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, in the Sales Tax transfer \$100,000 from the Cloverdale Community Center project to the Carver Heights Community project, 4) in the Multiple Grant Fund utilize funds received from GEMA Grant related to relocation of the Fleet Services facility to increase the Transfer Out of the CIP Fund of \$1,112,000 and 5) in the CIP Fund, increase revenues of \$1,112,000 Transferred In from the Multiple Grant Funds, increase the Fleet Building project by \$1,002,000, and c) to increase Contingency by \$110,000. Now all in favor -- we will now entertain a motion for that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, yes?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'd like to make a motion to approve with the understanding that items 2 a) and 2 b) have been removed from this section.

Commissioner Stone 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, opposed no. Please record your vote. Okay. Motion carries. Now we will take up Item 2 in the Sales Tax I Fund transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway V project to the Hunt Road Bridge project, and b) transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway V project to the Faye Road Bridge project. We need a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, I make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. All in favor of the motion --

Commissioner Stone said, she had -- she had discussion.

Chairman Scott said, any discussion? Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, I asked for this to be removed, and I don't want to beat a dead horse 'cause we spoke about this in pre-meeting, but I am very, very reluctant to divert \$1,000,000 essentially out of the Truman Phase V Parkway project. I understand the seriousness of the condition of the two bridges, but I -- I want some form of a commitment that in fact if the Truman Phase V Parkway comes in and we need \$1,000,000, that there's going to be \$1,000,000 to finish this project. I mean the project is not to be complete until December 2013, and quite frankly and very candidly, I think we're going to have a parking lot on Abercorn and a parking lot on White Bluff Road, and I'm very concerned about moving \$1,000,000 out of that project.

Commissioner Stone said, and --

Chairman Scott asked, anything else Commissioner?

Commissioner Brady said, I mean, --

County Manager Abolt asked, can I respond?

Commissioner Brady asked, can -- can you respond in reference to the --

County Manager Abolt said, my -- my remarks would be as the County Engineer we feel the risk is worth it. We feel the project will be done the way it's designed, and in effect the bridges now are immediate, and it's a reasonable risk to take the money out of the project now to in effect replace those two bridges.

Chairman Scott said, so, Mr. Manager, what you're saying is that you're ensuring Commissioner Brady --

County Manager Abolt said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, -- that funds will be available to complete the Truman Parkway?

County Manager Abolt said, we understand the priority.

Chairman Scott said, yes. Any further questions?

Commissioner Stone said, I have a comment.

Commissioner Brady said, no, I -- I appreciate the commitment from him that the \$1,000,000 will be there.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone and Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think what Ms. Brady's bringing up is two different -- Commissioner Brady, two different issues. The -- we don't have a choice with these two bridges. The State has come and said that they are unsafe. As far as a parking lot with the Truman, I agree with her, but that really doesn't have anything to do with this money. That's a design project, and that's the way it's designed whether the money's there or not [sic] there. But I understand your concerns and I respect your concerns about the money not being there, but when the State comes in and says these roads are not fit for usage, then -- then we have to do something about it. So I just -- I wanted -- I wanted to say that those to me were two separate issues. One is a design project that we don't have any control over with how the State has designed -- designed the Truman Phase V, and whether the money's there or not there -- is -- is not there, that design is going to be the way it's going to be, whether we agree with it or not. But this is not an anomaly, we have, if -- if I'm correct, Mr. Manager, we have done this before, and in this particular situation, the State has come in and said that these bridges are not safe for the residents on Burnside Island. Thank you.

County Manager Abolt said, the answer's yes. The answer's yes.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center and then Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And Mr. Abolt I just -- more clear understanding for me, the current budget for Truman Parkway's 25 million. When we transfer this, the proposed budget will be 24 million, and you feel confident we'll be able to do what we have to do within that 24 million?

County Manager Abolt said, if Mr. Bungard tells me yes, I feel confident, and he's told me yes.

Commissioner Center asked, he has told you yes?

County Manager Abolt said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to try to please both these wonderful Commissioners here today, and I'm going to support this motion to approve, but I am also on record, in writing, that if -- when the time rolls around, if more monies are needed for the Parkway, I will vote to move the money from another SPLOST project over to that. So.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you're welcome.

Chairman Scott said, any -- any further?

Commissioner Center said, Ms. Hammond.

Chairman Scott said, I see that. Any further? All right. We have a question from our Youth Commissioner, Ms. Hammond.

Youth Commissioner Claire Hammond said, hi. My name is Claire Hammond. I go to Savannah Arts Academy, and I'm a Chatham County Youth Commissioner, and I was wondering how do they -- what criteria do they use to deem the bridges unsafe?

Chairman Scott said, I will let -- I will let the Manager respond --

County Manager Abolt said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and he may respond to the County Engineer if he like.

County Manager Abolt said, I -- well, I'll try, sir, as a non-engineer. We have the services of the State of Georgia visiting our County every two years, and they travel all the roadways and look at all the bridges, and they looked at the -- the superstructure and what is -- how the bridges is resting on, and they're saying, you got to replace this. And it's a service they do for us, but we do respond, and we do so with priority. It -- those bridges are in serious condition and they could in effect eventually not be usable.

Youth Commissioner Hammond said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and GDOT is the Georgia Department of Transportation, and they actually perform that services for all 159 counties in the State. That they go travel throughout the county and they -- it's on a -- a, you know, they see us every two years, but they may be some place today inspecting bridges in another county. And then they give you a written report of the deficiencies, and then if you don't correct it, they do have the authority to close the road. Hearing no further discussion, it's been properly moved and second. All in favor that we transfer the \$1 million in the Truman Parkway to repair the two bridges as outlined in the motion please indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$7,260 from Contingency to Special Appropriations to fund an electronic traffic message sign, 3) in the Sales Tax V Fund transfer \$100,000 from the Cloverdale community Center project to the Carver Heights Community Center project, 4) in the Multiple Grant Fund utilize funds received from a GEMA Grant related to relocation of the Fleet Services facility to increase the Transfer Out to the CIP Fund, \$1,112,000 and 5) in the CIP FUND, a) increase revenues \$1,112,000 Transfer In from the Multiple Grant Fund, b) increase the Fleet Building project, \$1,002,000, and c) increase Contingency \$110,000. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Stone moved to approve in the Sales Tax I Fund a) transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway V project to the Hunt Road Bridge project, and b) transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway V project to the Faye Road Bridge project. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-1 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Center, Shabazz, Kicklighter and Thomas voting yes and Commissioner Brady voting no. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**

**AGENDA DATE: February 22, 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 Special Service District Fund transfer \$7,260 from Contingency to Special Appropriations to fund an electronic traffic message sign, 2) in the Sales Tax I Fund a) transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway V project to the Hunt Road Bridge project, and b) transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway V project to the Faye Road Bridge project, 3) in the Sales Tax V Fund transfer \$100,000 from the Cloverdale Community Center project to the Carver Heights Community Center project, 4) in the Multiple Grant Fund utilize funds received from a GEMA Grant related to relocation of the Fleet Services facility to increase the Transfer Out to the CIP Fund, \$1,112,000 and 5) in the CIP Fund, a) increase revenues \$1,112,000 Transfer In from the Multiple Grant Fund, b) increase the Fleet Building project, \$1,002,000, and c) increase Contingency \$110,000.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The City of Tybee Island has asked Chatham County to participate in the funding of an electronic traffic message sign on Highway 80. The County is being asked to provide \$7,260, one-third of the cost. A transfer from the Special Service District Contingency will provide the funding. Correspondence is attached.
2. The County Engineer has requested a \$1,000,000 transfer from the Truman Parkway V project to the Hunt Road Bridge project, \$500,000 and the Faye Road Bridge project, \$500,000 in the Sales Tax I Fund. Correspondence is attached.
3. The County Engineer has requested a \$100,000 transfer from the Cloverdale Community Center project to the Carver Heights Community Center project in the Sales Tax V Fund.

Correspondence is attached.

4. Revenue from the GEMA Pre-Disaster Grant has been received and recorded in the Multiple Grant Fund. Since the purpose of the grant was to relocate the Fleet Services facility from a flood-prone area, the grant funds will be used for capital projects related to Fleet Services. A transfer of \$1,112,000 to the CIP Fund - Fleet Building project will provide \$926,000 for fuel site relocation, \$76,000 for fuel management software and replenish CIP Fund Contingency \$110,000 for funds advanced to the Fleet Building project on December 7, 2012. Correspondence and a resolution are attached.

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available in the Special Service District, the Sales Tax I, the Sales Tax V and the Multiple Grant Funds for the transfers. The budget amendment will establish funding in the Capital Improvement Program Fund.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND**

Transfer \$7,260 from Contingency to Special Appropriations to fund an electronic traffic message sign on Highway 80.

**SALES TAX I FUND**

- a) Transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway V project to the Hunt Road Bridge project.
- b) Transfer \$500,000 from the Truman Parkway V project to the Faye Road Bridge project.

**SALES TAX V FUND**

Transfer \$100,000 from the Cloverdale Community Center project to the Carver Heights Community Center project.

**MULTIPLE GRANT FUND**

Transfer \$1,112,000 from the GEMA Pre-Disaster Grant project to Transfer Out to CIP.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

- a) Increase revenues \$1,112,000 transfer in from Multiple Grant Fund.
- b) Increase the Fleet Building project \$926,000 for fuel site relocation and \$76,000 for fuel management software.
- c) Increase Contingency \$110,000.

2. Amend or deny the request.

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

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

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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**2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF 2014 BUDGET GOALS.**

Chairman Scott said, Item 2, the request the Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2014 Commission goals.

Commissioner Holmes said, so move for approval.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, moved and second. Any discussion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the motion was to approve Item Number 2?

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, were -- were you -- is the motion to approve it as is or revised Commission goals as shown on Attachment 1?

County Manager Russ Abolt said, staff report says Attach -- Alternate 1, so you'd have to modify it to include your comments. Yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, all the revision -- the revised items was -- thought that was a pretty nice addition, two -- two additions to it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so I would love to see the motion to approve amended to include to approve the revised Commission Goals as shown on attachment 1.

Chairman Scott said, is that -- is that in the form of a substitute motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, I would ask them to amend, whoever made the motion, to amend it.

Commissioner Holmes said, I second that. Nobody made the motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh, I thought somebody made the motion and a second.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I think Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Holmes said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, I seconded it, but as I understood, we were moving to approve this entire Attachment 1, so maybe I didn't understand.

Chairman Scott said, yes. It's in -- it's my understanding entirely.

Commissioner Center said, so are we not already moved to do what Commissioner Kicklighter asked us to do?

County Manager Abolt said, I'll need clarification from Ms. Cramer. I -- I -- I believe you're right, after I read Attachment 1, is -- is the entire page, page two.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

County Manager Abolt, so unless you feel -- and I apologize for that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well it's titled the second part. It's two distinctive things.

County Manager Abolt said, yeah. Yeah, and --

Chairman Scott said, well, for the purpose of anybody who may have any doubt.

County Manager Abolt said, Ms. Cramer?

Assistant County Manager Linda Cramer said, yes, sir.

Country Manager Abolt said, explain Attachment 1.

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, okay. Attachment 1, the -- the alternative one states adopt the revised Commission goals as shown on Attachment 1, and that's the recommendation to adopt alternative 1. So if you just make a motion to approve, you're adopting the revised Commission goals.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Ms. Cramer for keeping me straight.

Commissioner Thomas said, that answers the question.

Chairman Scott said, okay. It's been properly moved and second. Any further discussion? All in favor please indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Okay. The motion carries.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the 2014 Budget Goals. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-2****AGENDA DATE: February 22, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager

**FROM:** Linda B. Cramer, Assistant County Manager

**ISSUE:**

To request Board approval for the Fiscal Year 2014 Commission goals.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Board of Commissioners held a budget workshop on February 12, 2013. Commission goals were reviewed at the workshop, and an addition to the current list of goals was proposed.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Prior Commissions have approved the Current commission goals list as shown on Attachment I to provide direction during the budget process.
2. During the workshop Commissioner Kicklighter proposed an additional goal - to fund essential services first and consider other programs as funding becomes available. This goal has been added and is shown under the Revised Commission Goals on Attachment I.
3. During the workshop Commissioner Center asked if the goals were prioritized. Past Commissioners have not formally prioritized their stated goals although some Commissioners have stated that "public safety is number 1."

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt the Revised Commission Goals as shown on Attachment I,
2. Affirm the Current commission Goals as shown on Attachment I, or
3. Provide other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The goals adopted by the Board of Commissioners are used in formulating the proposed budget and providing direction to the organization.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Alternative 1 is recommended.

PREPARED BY: Read DeHaven

ATTACHMENT I

**CURRENT COMMISSION GOALS**

- To provide all citizens the best place to live, work and play;
- By protecting everyone's public safety
  - By providing outstanding recreational services and facilities community-wide
  - By stimulating economic growth through cooperative practices
  - By establishing and maintaining effective management of the County's resources
  - By developing and maintaining road and drainage infrastructure, and
  - By pursuing State legislation supportive of the County's goals and objectives.

**REVISED COMMISSION GOALS**

- To provide all citizens the best place to live, work and play:
- By protecting everyone's public safety
  - By providing outstanding recreational services and facilities community-wide
  - By stimulating economic growth through cooperative practices
  - By establishing and maintaining effective management of the County's resources
  - *By funding essential services first and considering other programs as funding becomes available*
  - By developing and maintaining road and drainage infrastructure, and
  - By pursuing State legislation supportive of the County's goals and objectives.

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### 3. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN ORALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Scott said, next we will have a report from the CNT.

Director D. Everett Ragan said, good morning, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Director Ragan said, and good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. January was a fairly good month for us. We picked up and started 103 investigations, closed out 42 of them already. Quantity of drugs seized, you can see in the chart. I -- I need to make one comment, and it's in reference to when we seize a quantity of drugs. If we have a major case going, and we're making probable cause buys, which generally mean multiple ounces of cocaine, you won't see those on this report until we get finished with that investigation. So I can tell you that we bought a lot more cocaine in January than we're actually reflecting on this report simply because of --

Chairman Scott said, for the Youth -- for the --

Director Ragan said, -- the nature of the investigations.

Chairman Scott said, excuse me a second. For the Youth Commissioners, the CNT is the Chatham County Narcotics Team, is what those initials stand for.

Director Ragan said, right.

Chairman Scott said, carry on.

Director Ragan said, thank you, sir. Recovered six firearms in January, 36 arrests, felony arrests, picked up four cases that we adopted. Adoption cases are basically if Georgia State Patrol stops somebody with a quantity of drugs, then we'll pick those up. If any of the local police departments stop somebody with a quantity of drugs, they -- they call us out, and we'll -- we assume those investigations. We received 36 -- excuse me, no, drug complaints, and again with the Chatham -- with the Metro Savannah's new hotline coming in, we're actually getting -- we got three complaints, I think, from them for this. Hours expended to date, in the precincts and the municipalities you see -- you will also see that we spent a -- a good bit of administrative hours in case administration. With the major case we had in November, now it's time that we have to get all the discovery ready and everything else with the attorneys. We're actually in three courts with that major case. We're in South Carolina state courts, our court system, and in the federal court system. So we're spending a lot of time in courts and getting those documents ready. A couple good cases we had, one on Whitaker Street. We had been working this for a while. A good example of a mid-level to street level dealer. Almost three ounces actually in cocaine. Convicted felon, guns and cash out of that house, and indoor marijuana growth. We had two houses, substantial indoor plants that we had on those. Any questions?

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. In your last report we talked about monies confiscated and how's it being used, and I just -- you may not know this but I happen to see a news report during the week. There's a bill in Atlanta that's going to change the ability of sheriffs to confiscate property and money seized in a -- in a drug sting. Are you familiar with that?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, how will that impact you?

Director Ragan said, it's House Bill 1. It -- there's a group of -- that are going around and -- and addressing what they feel are individual rights and police overstepping bounds on seizing assets, and, now this -- one representative has proposed a bill on House Bill 1 that will change the rules. I'm familiar that the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Prosecuting Attorney's Council, and Georgia Sheriff's Association are fighting that. It's in subcommittee now. I requested that, through Mr. Abolt that our -- our lobbyist also get involved in that fight. It makes it harder for us to seize the assets, and it'll bring things into play like Clerk's office and stuff that -- that really have not been in play yet. The way it is right now is if we make a seizure, the individual has rights to lay claim the property, and it goes in front of a judge, and the judge makes a determination if we have -- if we had the probable cause to actually seize those assets. They just want to make us jump through more hoops and make it more difficult for the individuals to keep the property. Now you can take -- you can take dope from dopers, and they'll get right back in the dope game, you take their money, you take their property, and that really hurts them, and that's what really -- it really is a tool for us to dismantle the larger organizations by taking their assets.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz has a question for you.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have two questions. What do you do with the money that you confiscate from them?

Director Ragan said, the money that we seize is held by Chatham County. We spend it under the guidelines of the state and federal government. We spend it for equipment, for training, anything that we can use for law enforcement purposes, we can spend it for that to further investigations. We cannot at any time spend it for salaries. We do not spend it for -- federal government says we can spend it for overtime, state government says we can't. So we can use it to supplement a budget that we get but we cannot use it to supplant any of our budgets. So if you give us money to purchase vehicles with this year, then we -- I have to buy -- you have to keep that same budget for purchasing vehicles, and we can't go out and spend our money on seized assets to purchase vehicles if you cut our budget. So, it's -- it's used to supplement not supplant at all.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what about community -- can you spend it on community development?

Director Ragan said, no, sir. The only thing -- I think the only thing actually in the community we can spend on, we can spend on paraphernalia, pamphlets, that kind of stuff for -- for DARE, for drug awareness in the school, and there is some aspects of victim witness we can -- we can spend money for for out of the federal -- out of our federal monies

Commissioner Shabazz said, how about drug rehabilitation?

Director Ragan said, no, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And how much to the date -- to this date do we -- how much money have you confiscated?

Director Ragan said, in our coffers -- in our coffers now then we're waiting on things in the wings, that is -- money that is not already earmarked for projects, it's hard on the state 'cause we spend quite a bit of that. I've still got a little over 200,000 -- we still have a little over 200,000 in the federal that's not been earmarked for projects, and 147,000 one part of the state, and then about -- probably a little over 200,000 in the other one that just has not been earmarked.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so --

Director Ragan said, and -- and in order for us to spend the money, we do a staff report through Mr. Abolt, it goes to purchasing, goes to the County Attorney. All the money is handled through the finance department. We don't -- we don't write those checks. It's handled through -- so when you see a project that we're building that as we were -- transfer money out of confiscated assets on our -- our new construction, our new title three room, then it comes before the Board and you vote on this for -- for spending. We -- I can't go in and write a check. It's -- it's up to the Board to make the approval on the money.

County Manager Abolt said, you have control of it.

Director Ragan said, yes. The Board has control of it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that was my next question.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Director Ragan said, yes. But we spend it on things like -- with so many officers of different -- different agencies, we all want to make sure they're safe, so we've got -- we've got a purchase order out now for \$96,000 in a level three bullet-proof vest 'cause when my agents go through the doors. I want to make sure they're safe when they go through the doors. We do it on our bullet-proof vests. We do it on training, specialized training come in. Even though I have a training budget, anything specialized that I want to come in, I can go to seized assets and get it where it will not cost tax payers any money. Computers, the reason I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- we're -- we're buying new computers. Ours are five or six years old. We're buying new computers. I come to the Board, you approve the money, we get new -- new computers, it doesn't cost the taxpayers money. We use drug money for that.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter has a question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir?

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I was wondering could we possibly use confiscated funds to provide trained drug dogs to each one of the officers at each one of the high schools? One drug dog per high school? That would have a major impact on the drug usage, and the kids trying to sneak it into the schools.

Director Ragan said, I will defer that to Mr. Hart, 'cause I always send -- we always send our questions to him to make sure we get --

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, yeah. I'm going to have to -- that's a -- that's a good question, and it ought to be on a bar exam because I got to -- I got to think about that one. Most of our dogs would be sworn police officers believe it or not, and if they're a sworn police officer and we're spending money on a sworn police officer, it might fall into salaries, which could create -- which we cannot do. On the other hand, you might look at the dog as a piece of capital equipment. It's -- it's something we need to think about a little bit.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, and I -- I -- I think it would be important for us to know, because I -- I believe that -- that we could provide a trained drug and weapon sniffing dog to each -- 'cause each high school has one officer, and it would deter weapons and drugs from being brought in our high schools, and -- and I think that would be a major step for our community.

County Attorney Hart said, one thing you have to remember when you're using a specialized dog like that, they become attached to their handler. So you don't just put a substitute police officer in there to handle that dog.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, you got to have a commitment out of the police officer to that dog because that dog's not going to listen to another police officer.

Director Ragan said, and as far as the -- as far as the recurring cost for the -- for the -- for the dog and building the pen to house the dog, that kind of stuff, I'm not so sure we can do that, but again --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think the Board of Education could pay for the re-occurring cost, but if we --

Director Ragan said, I always -- I punt to Mr. Hart because I don't -- we don't -- we don't get it without a legal opinion.

Chairman Scott said, anything else, Commissioner Kicklighter?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, if not, Commissioner Brady has a question.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, actually, I -- I really just have a comment in reference to hours expended in municipalities year to date.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, most of your time is spent in the City of Savannah.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, and it is correct that Chatham County fully funds CNT.

Director Ragan said, 100 percent.

Commissioner Brady said, just want the record to show.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, yes.

Director Ragan said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions? You -- in reference to Commissioner Shabazz' line of questions, when you spoke of being able to use funds for DARE and other projects, you could use it for some educational purposes.

Director Ragan said, drug educational purposes for school, yes, I would think so. Yes.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Director Ragan said, again, I refer to Mr. Hart 'cause he -- he'll have to give me that opinion on -- but -- it does specify DARE materials and that type of thing, pamphlets, leaflets, I can -- I can purchase and buy.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. As long as it's somehow associated with training --

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, -- as it relates to drugs.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, thank you.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

For information only.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: February 22, 2013**

**Chatham~Savannah  
 Counter Narcotics Team  
 January, 2013**

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS	
Investigations Initiated During the month	103
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	42

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	3.20 Grams	\$320.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	113.30 Grams	\$11,330.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	.10 Grams	\$10.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	1,084.19 Ounces	\$151,787.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	1,013 Grams	\$253,250.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	1 D/U	\$25.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	183 D/U	\$5,490.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$.00
Synthetic (Steroids)	\$10.00 per ml *	0 ml	\$.00

1999\*Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

\*\* Source: Established regional average price

\*\*\*Source: IAW National Drug Standards – One marijuana plant equals 2 pounds of processed marijuana

DRUGS SEIZED—YEAR TO DATE		
Drug Type	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	3.20 Grams	\$320.00
Crack Cocaine	113.30 Grams	\$11,330.00
Methamphetamine	.10 Grams	\$10.00
Marijuana	1,084.19 Ounces	\$151,787.00
Heroin	1,013 Grams	\$253,250.00
Ecstasy	1 D/U	\$25.00
Misc. Pills	183 D/U	\$5,490.00
Hallucinogens	0 Grams	\$.00
Synthetic (Steroids)	0 m/l	\$.00

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	3.70 Grams	\$370.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	85.70 Grams	\$8,570.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0 Grams	\$.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	2.34 Ounces	\$328.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	0 D/U	\$.00

Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	5 D/U	\$15000
Hallucinogens	\$10 Dosage Unit	0 D/U	\$0.00

Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

\*\* Source: Established regional average price

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

PERSONS ARRESTED	
Felony*	11
Felony Sales/Trafficking	22
Misdemeanor	1
Felony Non-Drug**	2
Total Arrests	36
Year To Date Totals	<b>36</b>

\*Felony includes Manufacturing Methamphetamine or Marijuana

\*\*Non-drug related offenses include firearms violations, Obstruction, Simple Battery, etc.

ADOPTION CASES FROM OTHER AGENCIES		
DATE	AGENCY	OFFENSE
1/31/13	GEORGIA STATE PATROL	POSS OF MARIJUANA W/INTENT TO DIST
1/31/13	GEORGIA STATE PATROL	POSS OF MARIJUANA W/INTENT TO DIST
1/31/13	SCMPD	POSS OF MARIJUANA W/INTENT TO DIST
1/31/13	SCMPD	POSS OF MARIJUANA W/INTENT TO DIST

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	0	0
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	3	3
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	0	0
Crime Stopper Complaints	33	31
<b>DRUG COMPLAINTS—YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>

### DRUG INVESTIGATIONS HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – All Precincts	1,749
Municipalities	629
(Unincorporated Chatham County—138 hours)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,378</b>

Administrative Hours	640
Case Administration	821
Pharmaceutical Diversions	480
Central Intelligence	480
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	30
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	22
Training	416
Court Hours	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,904</b>

**Total Hours Worked** 5,282

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On January 18, 2013, CNT agents executed a search warrant in the 1700 block of Whitaker Street. Agents seized 2 ½ ounces of powder and crack cocaine (trafficking amount). The cocaine was all found in various containers with hidden compartments throughout the residence. Also seized were 2 firearms and over \$7,000.00. The suspect is a convicted felon and was charged with the firearms offense and with trafficking in cocaine.
2. On January 16, 2013, CNT agents concluded an investigation after executing 2 search warrants on the east side of Savannah. One suspect was responsible for growing marijuana at both of these residences. Seized were more than 30 marijuana plants varying in size and maturity, an elaborate lighting system, and temperature gauges. One marijuana plant can produce more than a pound of marijuana and this seizure had the potential value of \$30,000.00. The suspect was charged with the manufacturing of marijuana and the possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

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## X. ACTION CALENDAR

<p>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.</p>
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Chairman Scott said, okay. We are now on Commissioner Center's favorite part of the calendar.

Commissioner Center said, the action calendar.

Chairman Scott said, Item X, the Action Calendar. I will entertain a motion that the calendar be approved in its entirety unless some member of the Commission have an item that they would like to single out for --

Commissioner Center said, I would --

Chairman Scott said, -- separate consideration.

Commissioner Center said, I would like to single out approval of the minutes for separate consideration.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, then I move that we approve the Action Calendar except for number 1.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, okay. It's been properly moved and second that the items listed on the Action Calendar be approved with the exception of the minutes. Hearing the motion, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Motion carries.

### ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Brady moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 2 through 7 and under Item 7, Items A through F. Commissioners Kicklighter and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Center moved to approve Item 1 as amended. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

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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 FEBRUARY 8, 2013, AS MAILED.**

Chairman Scott said, Item 1 on the Action Calendar, approval of the minutes, I recognize Commissioner Center for.

Commissioner Center said, thank -- thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have distributed this to all the Commissioners, a printout of amendments to the minutes that I would like. I have a copy for the media if they want it or I can read them out loud. However you prefer it. And I -- I would -- I would ask if --

Chairman Scott said, do all the Members of the Commission have a copy of --

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, -- Commissioner Center's amendment to the minutes? Corrections? Okay.

Commissioner Center said, and I would ask if you would ask for unanimous approval because if it's not unanimous, I don't want to upset anyone.

Chairman Scott said, you need to make a motion first.

Commissioner Center, I -- I move that the -- that the minutes be amended as I suggested in this printout.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, approved as amended is what -- was that the motion?

Commissioner Center said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, with -- with these amendments, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, and I seconded it.

Chairman Scott said, it's been second. Any discussion? Hearing none, you'll now vote on approving the minutes as amended. All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The minutes have been approved.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2013, as mailed. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

**AMENDMENTS TO MINUTES**

**PAGE ONE:**

- On the second line of the second paragraph, change Commissioner [sic] to Chairman.
- On the fourth line change "and -- and" to "and Chairman Scott,".
- Also on the fourth line, change "Chatham County" to a possessive "Chatham County's" and then add "embracing diversity."
- At the end of that line, remove "And" and start that sentence with the next word "One".
- On the sixth line add ", was" after "came on".
- In the next paragraph, change "represent" to "present".
- On the fifth line insert "who" between "you don't".
- In the next paragraph (fourth paragraph), third line, change "study" to "studied".
- In the middle of the third line, remove the second "ordination".
- In the fifth line after "Kenya", change "to" to "through".

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- Within the last large paragraph, on the second line add "just" between "not a".
- On the third line, add "problem" after "Chatham".

TONY CENTER  
Commissioner, District 3

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**2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 31, 2013 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2013.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period January 31, 2013 through February 14, 2013, in the amount of \$3,338,146. Commissioners Kicklighter and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

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**3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK OF THE COMMISSION TO EXECUTE A SIDEWALK EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WAFFLE HOUSE FOR MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC PEDESTRIAN SIDEWALK ADJACENT TO THE EAST PRESIDENT STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY.  
[DISTRICT 3.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved the Board to authorize the Chairman and Clerk of the Commission to execute a Sidewalk Easement Agreement with Waffle House for maintenance of a public pedestrian sidewalk adjacent to the East President Street right-of-way. Commissioners Kicklighter and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**

**AGENDA DATE: February 22, 2013**

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

**ISSUE:**

To authorize the Chairman and Clerk of the Commission to execute a Sidewalk Easement Agreement with Waffle House for maintenance of a public pedestrian sidewalk adjacent to the East President Street right-of-way.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Waffle House is in the process of obtaining a Land Disturbance Permit for a new store on President Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Wahlstrom Road. The property must be subdivided to allow for the stand-alone Waffle House development. Each development must construct a public use sidewalk in accordance with the Chatham County subdivision regulations prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy (along the President Street and Wahlstrom Road frontage). Sidewalks are typically located within County rights-of-way. The County provides maintenance and holds liability for sidewalks.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Waffle House sidewalk will be built on private property due to the lack of available area between the existing edge of pavement and right-of-way.
2. The easement will be recorded when the property is subdivided.
3. By executing the Sidewalk Easement Agreement, Waffle House agrees to assume liability for the sidewalk and the County agrees to provide maintenance for the sidewalk in lieu of dedicating additional right-of-way to the County for sidewalk installation.
4. The County Attorney reviewed and approved the agreement as to legal form.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To authorize the Chairman and Clerk of the Commission to execute a Sidewalk Easement Agreement with Waffle House for maintenance of a public pedestrian sidewalk adjacent to the East President Street right-of-way.
2. To not approve the Agreement.

**FUNDING:**

No funds required.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board must approve easement agreements.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board approves Alternative #1.  
District 3

Prepared by: Chris Rains, P.E.

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO NAME MOSQUITO CONTROL FACILITY  
THE THOMAS OSCAR FULTZ, JR., MOSQUITO CONTROL COMPLEX.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the name of the Mosquito Control Facility the Thomas Oscar Fultz, Jr. Mosquito Control Complex. Commissioners Kicklighter and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

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**5. REQUEST BOARD FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR  
POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES FOR 2013. PETITIONER:  
HRISTINA ARNAUDOVA, D/B/A TROY MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT,  
LOCATED AT 346B JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD.  
[DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved the Board for approval of transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales for 2013. Petitioner: Hristina Arnaudova d/b/a Troy Mediterranean Restaurant located at 346B Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31410. Commissioners Kicklighter and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**

**AGENDA DATE: February 22, 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 transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales for 2013. Petitioner: **Hristina Arnaudova d/b/a Troy Mediterranean Restaurant**, located at **346B Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31410.**

**BACKGROUND:**

Hristina Arnaudova requests approval of a transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales in connection with the existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site 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 4**

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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- 6. REQUEST BOARD FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES FOR 2013. PETITIONER: GEORGE S. MAUST, JR., D/B/A WILLIAM A. REED MEMORIAL POST 660, LOCATED AT 5115 OGEECHEE ROAD. [DISTRICT 5.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved the Board for approval of a beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales for 2013. Petitioner George S. Maust, Jr., d/b/a William A. Reed Memorial Post 660 located at 5115 Ogeechee Road, Savannah, Georgia. Commissioners Kicklighter and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**

**AGENDA DATE: February 22, 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 transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales for 2013. Petitioner: **George S. Maust, Jr., d/b/a William A. Reed Memorial Post 660**, located at **5115 Ogeechee Road, Savannah, Georgia.**

**BACKGROUND:**

George S. Maust, Jr. requests approval of transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales in connection with the existing VFW Club. 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 5**

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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- 7. 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 Brady 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 Kicklighter and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Professional services agreement for a psychologist at the CCDC with renewal options of four (4) additional one (1) year terms	Detention Center	Annashae Custom Staffing Connections	\$63 per hour	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
B. Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract to provide delinquent tax sales preparation services for the Tax Commissioner	Tax Commissioner	Government Tax Solutions	Varies by service	Delinquent taxpayer or tax sale
C. Three (3) month lease agreement for the temporary mobile kitchens for the CCDC Expansion project	Detention Center	Mobile Kitchens USA, Inc.	\$123,085	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Detention Center Expansion project
D. Construction contract for the Hunt Drive and Faye Drive Bridge Replacement projects	Engineering	Rogers Bridge Company, Inc.	\$2,484,556	•SPLOST (1985-1993) - Hunt Drive Bridge (pending Board approval of transfer)  •SPLOST (1985-1993) - Faye Drive Bridge (pending Board approval of transfer)
E. Replacement cab for a Public Works excavator	Fleet	CCS Equipment Sales	\$11,525	General Fund/M&O - Flee Operations
F. Annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide property insurance appraisal services	Risk Management	Specialty Property Appraisals, LLC	\$12,200	Risk Management - Premium Insurance/Surety Bond

**AGENDA ITEM: X-7 A thru F**  
**AGENDA DATE: February 22, 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 an annual professional services agreement with renewal options of four (4) additional one (1) year terms, with Annashae Custom Staffing Connections of Cleveland, OH, for a professional psychologist for the Chatham County Detention Center.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chatham County Detention Center has a requirement to have a part time mental health consultant under contract.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. A request for proposals was advertised and one proposal received on January 28, 2013, from Annashae Custom Staffing Connections of Cleveland, Ohio.
2. The psychologist will work a minimum of 20 hours per week and be paid at a rate of \$63.00 per hour.
3. The psychologist will function as an independent contractor providing psychologist duties to the Chatham County Detention Center and is not entitled to County benefits or privileges.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Detention Center  
(1003326 - 52.11001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of an annual professional services agreement with renewal options of four (4) additional one (1) year terms, with Annashae Custom Staffing Connections of Cleveland, OH, for a professional psychologist for the Chatham County Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts for services necessary for the inmate population.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with Government Tax Solutions to provide delinquent tax sales preparation services for Chatham County Tax Commissioner.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 17, 2010, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Government Tax Solutions.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Governmental Tax Solutions has recently provided a notification of price increases due to the escalating costs in postage, printing and title research.
2. The vendor has performed satisfactory and staff believes the price increase on the services listed below to be fair and reasonable.
3. New prices for tax sale preparation of the delinquent real and personal property taxes will be as follows:

**Phase One Production:** The current fee is **\$45.00** per parcel/collection for delinquent fifa accounts with a balance of \$50.00 or greater. The new fee will be **\$50.00** per parcel.

**Phase Two Production:** The current fee is a maximum of **\$150.00** per parcel/collection. The new fee will be **\$160.00** per parcel.

**FUNDING:** Paid by delinquent taxpayer or from proceeds from a tax sale.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with Government Tax Solutions to provide delinquent tax sales preparation services for Chatham County Tax Commissioner.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders due to price increases.

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

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

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$123,085 three (3) month lease agreement with Mobile Kitchens USA, Inc., of Anaheim, CA, in association with the temporary mobile kitchens for the Chatham County Detention Center (CCDC) Expansion project.

**BACKGROUND:** The CCDC needs to lease temporary kitchen facilities for a period of three (3) months while the existing kitchen is renovated. Specific kitchen equipment including kettle, skillets, prep table, sinks and storage areas as well as refrigerator and freezer facilities has been requested by CCDC staff based on an established menu that is to be provided to the inmates. Chatham County is to provide permitting and utility design and installation as per the terms of the RFP No. 12-0132-3 and associated Addendum 1.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. CCDC's existing kitchen is to be renovated as part of the Expansion project and cannot be used for approximately three (3) months starting around May 1, 2013.
2. Staff issued an RFP for the leasing of the temporary mobile kitchen facilities and received two (2) responses. The cost and evaluation points awarded are listed below:

Kitchen Corps  
Chesapeake, VA (85 points)/ \$ 227,500

Mobile Kitchens USA, Inc.  
Anaheim, CA (95 points)/ \$ 123,085

The price includes delivery and installation of all requested trailers, kitchen equipment, refrigerators, freezers, walks and ramps, in order to produce approximately 4,000 to 5,000 per day.

3. Providing outside catering for approximately 4,000 to 5,000 meals per day is not practical based on security, logistics and health department issues.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$123,085 three (3) month lease agreement with Mobile Kitchens USA, Inc., of Anaheim, CA, in association with the temporary mobile kitchens for the Chatham County Detention Center (CCDC) Expansion project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve the temporary leasing of equipment and facilities necessary to the operation of the Chatham County Detention Center during the expansion and renovation process.

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

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

**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$2,484,556 construction contract to Rogers Bridge Company, Inc., to construct the Hunt Drive and Faye Drive Bridge Replacement projects.

**BACKGROUND:** The projects involve removal and replacement of the existing, deteriorated Hunt Drive bridge and Faye Drive bridge on Burnside Island. The 2010 GDOT bridge inspection reports indicate both bridges are structurally deficient and require posting. When a bridge is posted, the weights of vehicles allowed to travel across the bridge are reduced.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. This project was properly advertised and three (3) bids were received and opened on January 29, 2013. The bid results are as follows:

Rogers Bridge Company, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$2,484,556
The Industrial Company Savannah, GA	\$2,751,745
Scott Bridge Company, Inc. Opelika, AL	\$3,014,476

2. It is estimated that construction will begin within approximately 45 days. The contractor will have 600 days to complete construction of both bridges.
3. The contractor is required to complete the Hunt Drive bridge replacement before beginning replacement of the Faye Drive bridge. The bridge posting prohibits the contractor from moving heavy equipment across the Hunt Drive bridge.
4. Construction of the new structures will be staged to accommodate traffic during construction. The existing bridges will be reduced to a single lane and traffic will be controlled with the use of temporary traffic signals.
5. There will be times during construction that complete lane closures will be required. The contractor is required to give the County 48 hours notice prior to implementing a lane closure. The closure will be limited to the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm so as not to affect school bus traffic.

**FUNDING:** •SPLOST (1985-1993) - Hunt Drive Bridge (\$1,247,903)  
(3204220 - 52.12003 - 32057052) (pending Board approval of transfer)

•SPLOST (1985-1993) - Faye Drive Bridge (\$1,236,653)  
(3204220 - 52.12003 - 32057042) (pending Board approval of transfer)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$2,484,556 construction contract to Rogers Bridge Company, Inc., to construct the Hunt Drive and Faye Drive Bridge Replacement projects.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$11,525 purchase of a replacement cab for a Public Works excavator from CCS Equipment Sales.

**BACKGROUND:** The Public Works 1999 Linkbelt Excavator (Unit #84) was damaged in an accident while performing drainage work. The accident occurred when the canal bank collapsed and the excavator slid into the canal.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Due to the extensive damage and limited availability of repair parts, replacement of the cab is more economically feasible.
2. Staff contacted several vendors and concluded there are no other sources available to provide quotes for a replacement cab based on the year and model required as well as the condition of the replacement.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations  
(1001567 - 52.22100)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$11,525 purchase of a new replacement cab for a Public Works excavator from CCS Equipment Sales.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve repairs of equipment necessary for day to day operations associated with drainage maintenance.

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

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

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$12,200 annual contract with renewal options of four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Specialty Property Appraisals, LLC, of Miami, FL, to provide property insurance appraisal services for Chatham County Risk Manager.

**BACKGROUND:** Due to underwriting restrictions, annual property appraisals are important to verify asset values and maximize recoveries should property suffer an insurable loss.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Property Insurance Appraisal Services was publicly advertised and four (4) proposals were received on January 11, 2013. The firms that responded to the RFP were Specialty Property Appraisal of Miami, FL; American Appraisal or Southfield, MI; AssetWorks of Southampton, PA; and CBIZ of Atlanta, GA.
2. Based on the comprehensive proposals presented, the evaluation committee determined interviews were not necessary. Proposals were scored based on qualification, responsiveness and fees.
3. Each firm was required to state an annual fee for the initial evaluation and a cost for annual updates for years two (2) through five (5). Fees are as follows:

Specialty Property Appraisal, LLC	\$12,200	\$1,750 (years 2-5)
American Appraisal Associated, Inc.	\$18,050	\$1,805 (years 2-5)
CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC	\$19,740	\$1,600 (years 2-5)
AssetWorks Appraisal	\$34,775	\$1,200 (years 2-5)

4. Based on the methodology for recommendation of contract award stated in the RFP, staff recommends award to the highest scored firm. Scoring/fee matrix is attached on page 8.

**FUNDING:** Risk Management – Premium Insurance/Surety Bond  
(6259922 - 52.11001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$12,200 annual contract with renewal options of four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Specialty Property Appraisals, LLC, of Miami, FL, to provide property insurance appraisal services for Chatham County Risk Manager.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to annually appraise building, contents and electronic data processing equipment to satisfy insurance to value requirements.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

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.

Chairman Scott said, we have no First Readers.

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## **XII. SECOND READINGS**

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

Chairman Scott said, Second Readers. Request the Board approve the addition and corrections to the combined Savannah Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, move for approval.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Any discussion?

Commissioner Holmes said, none.

Chairman Scott said, hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The ordinance is approved.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the addition and corrections to the combined Savannah Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~**

**AGENDA DATE: ~~February 8, 2013~~**

**AGENDA ITEM: **XII-1****

**AGENDA DATE: February 22, 2013**

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

### **ISSUE:**

The Board approve the additions and corrections to the combined Savannah Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Savannah and Chatham County maintain a combined Speed Zone Ordinance that lists the road, their lengths and their associated speed limits that the Savannah Chatham County Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) enforces with the use of radar pursuant to Georgia Code Title 40, Chapter 14, Article 2. Any change to the road system or in driving patterns of the public may require the ordinance to be revised to incorporate these changes and/or additions to the existing speed zones.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Board last updated the combined Savannah Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance on May 13, 2011.
2. The list of new roads and amendments to existing roads to be included in this update are attached.
3. Upon approval, the updated list will be forwarded to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for review. GDOT will revise the ordinance to incorporate the changes and send the final, updated ordinance to both Savannah and Chatham County for adoption by the City Council and Board of Commissioners.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The Board approve the proposed changes to the Savannah Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance.
2. The Board not approve the changes.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The SCMPD can only enforce speed limits listed on the approved Speed Zone Ordinance pursuant to Georgia Code Title 40, Chapter 14, Article 2.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt Alternative No. 1.  
District: All

**PREPARED BY:** Nathaniel Panther, P.E.

**Existing Roads Requiring Revisions**

Road Name	From	To	Distance (miles)	Speed Limit (mph)
Basin Road	Canebrake Road	Cul-de-sac	0.90	35
Basin Road	SR25/US17	Cul-de-sac	0.50	25
President Street	0.1 miles W. Of Kayton Canal	CSX RR Crossing	0.25	40
President Street	Pennsylvania Avenue	0.1 miles W. Of Kayton Canal	.50	45
Islands Expressway	Pennsylvania Avenue	Elba Island Rd/Runaway Point Rd	1.00	45
Islands Expressway	Elba Island Rd/Runaway Point Rd	Sr 26/US 80	2.70	50
Ferguson Avenue	Diamond Causeway	Tara Manor Drive	2.00	40
Ferguson Avenue	Tara Manor Drive	Abraham Drive	0.10	35
Ferguson Avenue	Abraham Drive	Skidaway Road	0.25	25
Little Neck Road	Bush Drive	South City of Savannah Limits	1.55	50
Little Neck Road	SR 26/US 17	Bush Road	5.00	45

**New Roads to add to the Permit**

Mosswood Drive	Burton Road	Cul-de-sac	0.50	25
Moor Hen Landing	Cul-de-sac	Cul-de-sac	0.50	25
Enclave Boulevard	Enclave Way	Moor Hen Landing	0.70	25
Pine Ridge Drive	Whitefield Avenue	Cul-de-sac	0.40	25
Kim Street	Dead End	Dead End	0.60	25
Bradley Boulevard	SR 25/US 17	City of Savannah Limits	0.20	25

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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 on your calendar is Informational Items. And you can see your attachments, but you've got your Progress Report on the General Fund.

**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, list of purchases between the items of dollar amount of 2,500 and 9,999.

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

Chairman Scott said, yes, you may.

Commissioner Center said, I guess it would be the County Manager. On the -- and I don't know the page number, but this is the item, the reworking of drawings for the drainage right-of-way for the Pipemakers Canal, \$5500 to Thomas and Hutton Engineering. When Garden City had its neighborhood meeting a little more than a week ago and we attended, there was a different engineering company represented out there. Do we have different companies working on that?

County Manager Abolt said, I'm going to defer to Mr. Bungard. Mr. Bungard?

County Engineer Al Bungard said, yes, sir. We have -- Thomas and Hutton did for us the right-of-way plans for the section of Pipemakers Canal upstream of 95 up into Bloomingdale.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and the two individuals who were out there, they were not Thomas and Hutton. Do you --

County Engineer Bungard said, no. They were Moffatt Nichols. They were our consultant for doing the hydrologic analysis for the canal widening and the potential for a -- a pump station.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2**

**AGENDA DATE: February 22, 2013**

List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$9,999  
That Do Not Require Board Approval

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
Five (5) removable bollards	Engineering	Traffic Guard Direct, Inc.	\$2,545	SPLOST (2003-2008) Openspace/Greenway
Reworking of drawings for drainage right-of-way	Engineering	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company (Sole Source)	\$5,500	SPLOST (1998-2003) Pipemakers Canal
Moveable wall system	Magistrate Court	VIP Printing & Office Supply (WBE)	\$8,213	General Fund/M&O - Magistrate Court
Ten (10) laptops for Detention Center	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$5,405	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Tips, hammers, bolts and lock nuts for grinder	Public Works and Park Services	Grinder Wear Parts, Inc.	\$3,370	Solid Waste Restricted

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Site preparation for the Chief David Gellatly West Chatham Police Precinct	Engineering	T Clearing	\$7,000	SPLOST (2008-2014) Police Precinct
Wall systems for Pete Liakakis Government Building	Special Projects	National Office Systems	\$9,998	SPLOST (2008-2014) Courthouse Construction
One (1) ice machine	Aquatic Center	H.W. Hudgins Company, Inc.	\$3,444	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
One (1) submersible sewage pump	Detention Center	Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc.	\$4,844	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Parts for sewer vacuum truck	Fleet Operations	Adams Equipment Company, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$3,676	Inventory Account
8" insulation valve for Wilmington Canal drainage improvement project	Engineering	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	\$2,690	SPLOST (1998-2003) Wilmington Canal
Preventative maintenance agreement for audio visual equipment in multiple courtrooms	Court Administrator	Stage Front Presentation Systems (WBE)	\$4,953	General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator
Groundwater sampling at former fueling station site	Fleet Operations	Enviropro Services, LLC.	\$2,700	CIP - Fleet Operations
Preparation of plat for proposed fueling station	Fleet Operations	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company	\$2,500	CIP - Fleet Operations
Ten (10) IP telephones for Detention Center	I.C.S.	Mitel Business Systems, Inc.	\$3,169	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Knockdown charges for former Public Works modular units	Public Works and Park Services	Williams Scotsman, Inc.	\$3,815	•General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation - \$953 •SSD-Public Works - \$1909 •Solid Waste Management - \$953
Replacement parts for lock system	Detention Center	Corrections Product Company (Sole Source)	\$3,105	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Conference and break room furniture for Pete Liakakis Government Building	Public Defender	VIP Printing & Office Supply (WBE)	\$3,815	General Fund/M&O - Public Defender
One (1) Dell server for Tax Commissioner	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$7,525	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner

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### 3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

#### ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS**

**AGENDA DATE: February 22, 2013**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A.G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County road projects.

BACKGROUND: Funding priorities for projects using Federal aid are established in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). For awarded construction contracts, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates.

#### FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Estimated completion December 2013.
2. Diamond Causeway. Construction by GDOT of a high level bridge over Skidaway Narrows to replace the bascule bridge will be delayed pending GDOT decision on how to resolve problems with installing mid-span bridge beams. Estimated completion of September 2013 will be delayed.
3. Whitefield Avenue. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Estimated completion September 2013.
4. Bay Street Widening. Project put on hold in 2010 pending another Assessment of Effects (AOE) to historic properties. Notice to Proceed for ROW acquisitions scheduled for February 2013.
5. Jimmy Deloach Parkway Phase 2 and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design ongoing. PFPR (Preliminary Field Plan Review) for Phase 2 is scheduled for February 5, 2013. ROW acquisitions expected to begin summer 2013.
6. SR 307 Widening from US 17 to I-16. Construction underway. Estimated completion in October 2013.
7. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Design is underway on a high level bridge to replace the bascule bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway on Islands Expressway. ROW plans expected by summer 2013.
8. Local Roads.
  - a. Hunt Road and Faye Road Bridge Replacements. Estimate beginning construction within 45 days, pending Board approval of contract award.
  - b. Ridgewood Avenue, Beechwood Avenue and Elmhurst Avenue. Construction underway. Estimated completion March 2013.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE**

**AGENDA DATE: February 22, 2013**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A. G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County drainage projects.

BACKGROUND: For awarded construction contracts, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates. For projects pending environmental permits, start dates are best estimates. Project scopes include varying degrees of canal widening, bank stabilization, bridges and culverts.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal. The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Construction of improvements upstream of Dean Forest Road to the west side of the airport is underway with completion scheduled for August 2014. Design of improvements west of I-95 is underway. A meeting with citizens was held on February 12, 2013 in Garden City to discuss canal access behind Briarwood Drive. The meeting included discussion of the pump station plan.
2. Pipemakers Pump Station. The project was identified in the 2003-2008 SPLOST as a part of capital improvements to the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Basin. Preliminary design work on the pump station determined that a master pump station for the Pipemakers Canal is not warranted. Smaller pump stations to address localized problems will be less expensive to build and will result in lower annual operation and maintenance costs. Staff presented this preliminary design to officials of Garden City and Pooler.
3. Queensbury Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide maintenance access in the area south of Montgomery Cross Road and west of Ferguson Avenue (includes Tara Manor, Ennis Mobile Home Park-Elmhurst Court, and the Forest City Gun Club.) On December 21, 2012, the Board approved a contract to construct drainage improvements from Tara Manor to Lakeview Subdivision. Construction is anticipated to begin in February 2013 and last until August 2013.
4. Wilmington Park Canal. The Wilmington Park Canal extends from North Cromwell Road to the Wilmington River (about 1.4 miles). The project includes bank stabilization, culvert replacements and storm sewer upgrades. Construction work to replace four undersized culverts along the canal is underway with completion scheduled for August 2013. Clarendon Road is now open to traffic and is the detour route for the Winchester Road closure. A project to improve drainage from the southern portion of Ashley Road is under design. The existing outfall from this area is undersized and not accessible due to a lack of drainage easements.
5. Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide access for maintenance for the Remington Canal from Ferguson Road to the outfall at Moon River. The outfall passes through the Winterberry private development. Design work is underway.
6. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the canal. Design of improvements along the Marshall Branch Canal is underway and include construction of maintenance access and culvert replacements.
7. Whippoorwill Road Drainage. The project will relocate and improve a canal tidegate structure to a location that can be accessed for maintenance. The existing structure is undersized and was damaged by previous storm events. A project for construction of improvements is underway and expected to be complete by June 2013.
8. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work, permitting, and acquisitions are underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road.
9. Henderson/Gateway. Drainage is provided by the Little Neck Canal and the Henderson Branch Canal (combined length 2 miles). Staff is negotiating a scope of work and fee for design and permitting of the improvements. The Board will be presented a recommendation for award of a professional services contract agreement upon conclusion of this effort.
10. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. Phase I replaced an undersized storm drain pipe at Beaulieu Avenue was completed in January 2010. Phase II will replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch. Acquisitions of required easements are complete. Final design work and permitting are underway.
11. Lehigh-Shipyard Lane Area. The project will relieve roadside drainage issues causing nuisance flooding in the Lehigh Avenue and Shipyard Lane area. Construction began in November 2012 with completion scheduled for May 2013. A portion of Shipyard Road was temporarily closed due to utility relocations. The roadway is anticipated to re-open March 5, 2013.

12. LaRoche Culvert. The project will replace a drainage culvert located under LaRoche Avenue north of Lansing Avenue. The culvert replacement is in response to a deteriorating brick arch culvert with several cracks. Bids opened in April 2012 exceeded project budget and were rejected. The design is being modified to lower construction costs.

13. Little Hurst Canal. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance along the canal. A design scope of work is under development.

14. Wymberley Area. The project will address inadequate neighborhood drainage including roadside ditches, culverts and rear yard areas not accessible for maintenance of public systems. Parts of a conceptual plan developed in 2012 were determined to be infeasible. Improvements identified as feasible are under design.

15. Cottonvale Road Drainage. The project will relieve drainage and maintenance access issues causing nuisance flooding in the Cottonvale Road area. Acquisition of a required easement is complete. Final design plans are underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.  
Districts: All

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## **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE -- COMMISSIONER STONE**

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you Mr. Chairman. Real briefly I mentioned this to the County Manager, but I would like for the citizens of the District that I represent to be aware that I have made the request for the Whitefield Avenue widening project for the streets that people have to now cut over a lane with all the barricades for those streets please to be denoted. We've had two accidents this week because it's -- it's very ambiguous as to where these cut-throughs are, and it's very difficult to see with all the barricades, especially at night. And fortunately the accidents that occurred I believe were situations where people were slowing down quickly trying to decide where their turn-off would be, and they were rear-ended. So I do not want to wait until a serious accident occurs, but it is a nightmare out there right now with the barricades and the cut-through streets that people have to cross over to get to where they're going. It's not marked, and it's very dangerous.

County Manager Abolt said, I've also had a similar request from Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Scott said, anything else? Anything from the members of the Youth Commission? If not at this time we need to entertain a motion for executive session.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, I move we go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been moved and second that -- all in favor of the motion -- any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Okay. The regular meeting of the Commission is adjourned. We will now go into executive session.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to recess to executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. Commissioners Shabazz and Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

The Board recessed at approximately 10:30 a.m.

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**ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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**APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MARCH, 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**