

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Albert J. Scott called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. on Friday, May 10, 2013.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, good morning. Let me provide some further instructions. I want you to remain standing for the prayer, but in the meantime, I ask that you be seated until the pastor has done his invocation, and when he signals it's time for prayer, if you would please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. I would appreciate it. At this time you may be seated, and I'm going to ask the Vice Chair of the Commission, Commissioner Thomas, to introduce the pastor today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, it is my esteemed honor to introduce the illustrious pastor of First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Dr. Clarence "Teddy" Williams. He is also an outstanding community leader, and with that, Reverend, would you please come up to the stand.

Reverend Dr. Clarence "Teddy" Williams said, good morning Mr. Chairman and to all of our fine Commissioners. I think I want Commissioner Center to help me 'cause he's always smiling. Looks so happy. Make sure every Commissioner gets one and these three.

[NOTE: Commissioner Center hands the Board, the County Manger, the County Attorney, and the Clerk a stick.]

Commissioner Center said, I'm glad I could be of service.

Reverend Williams said, give everybody one. And this is my inspirational thought, and then we will have the invocation. I always like to challenge folk spiritually. And you got one for yourself? I saw the Sheriff here.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Roy Harris said, he's in the hall on the phone.

Reverend Williams said, everybody has one?

Commissioner Holmes said, yes, sir.

Reverend Williams said, I want you to get it, break it in the center. Two parts.

Commissioner Holmes said, yes.

Reverend Williams said, all right. Now you go collect them.

[NOTE: William Wright collected the stick parts and returned them to Reverend Williams].

Reverend Williams said, can I give orders? I'm just making sure. There's a passage in Psalm 133. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together, and here's the opportune word in unity. And the text goes on to talk about what unity is like. Go ahead and stand right there. Can he stand here, Mister -- can he stand here by me? Can he stand here by me?

Chairman Scott said, he has a responsibility.

Reverend Williams said, all right. He has a responsibility. I need somebody who ain't got no responsibility.

Chairman Scott said, can -- can we -- maybe you can get the Youth Commissioner here. Commissioner.

Reverend Williams said, all right. You stand there and hold that.

Youth Commissioner Greg Mortimer said, stand here?

Reverend Williams said, all right. Yeah. Just stand there. And here’s what I wanted to do in this object lesson. Each one of you broke the stick, and individually that’s how you can be broken. But collectively where there’s unity, it’s going to be hard for anything to break the unity. And in Psalm 133 in verse number 3, first -- the first verse, number 1 says behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, but verse number 3 states for there the Lord commanded the blessing even life forevermore. Wherever unity is, I want to inform you today that God commanded that there will be blessings. I think my challenge for today is to have you to maintain the unity. There is a difference between unity and uniformity. Some of you are wearing your badge. You can dress -- dress alike, but that just mean that you have uniformity, but unity really comes from the heart. And so these sticks represent, and I hope you’re not strong. I checked this out. I tried to do this. I did it with Mr. Jordan. I’ve already practiced this. So I’m hoping you’re not as strong as he. He broke them, so I had to add some more sticks. I started out with six, so I have 12. Get it in the center. This represents this Council. This is my prayer for you all, that you will maintain the unity. When you together it’s going to be hard to break you all. Try to break them there in the center. Yeah.

[NOTE: Youth Commissioner Mortimer tried to break the pile of sticks. One stick started to break.]

Reverend Williams said, all right. That’s good enough. I didn’t say that you can’t, but it’s going to be hard to break you all if there’s unity. So I encourage you to keep your unity because the text says, there the Lord commands blessing. And I want to decree this blessing on this great Board of Commissioners. Let us all stand now for our invocation.

Reverend Dr. Williams gave the invocation as follows:

God, we thank you for this day. We thank you for the blessings of this day. And now, Father, we invoke your presence in this session, in this meeting. I pray that you would guide and direct our Commissioners. Give them insight, and the decisions that they make for our community, for this great county of Chatham, will serve to make life better for us all. And now God I place them in your hand, and I pray for the unity and I pray for this community. Bless like only you can. And we claim these blessings in Jesus name. Amen.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much, pastor.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Scott said, the 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

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
Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
Yusef K. Shabazz, District Five
Lori L. Brady, District Six
Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

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

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, the Vice Chair will introduce the Youth Commission members who are present.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our Youth Commissioner serving today is Mr. Greg Mortimer. He is from Johnson High School. Welcome.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman. And let me congratulate you on beating my alma mater, Savannah High, for the State Championship.

Youth Commissioner Mortimer said, thank you.

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RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Scott said, before we get started on today's calendar, we have one other introduction, and I don't know, I don't think that I've had any part whatsoever in this, but for those of you who've provided Eric Curl with all the leaks and scoops and information that he was so successful that he got promoted. Instead of covering the -- the County where there's virtually nothing going on, he's now been assigned to cover the City where there's always confusion and chaos and everything else going on. And so, as a result of Eric [Curl] getting a promotion, we now have a new reporter assigned so you all have a new responsibility to help somebody else get promoted. And at this time, for those of you who have not met him, I have not personally, but I know he's been assigned here, and he might be hiding in disguise or something, but his name is Marcus Howard. And Marcus [Howard] would you please stand so everybody can see who they're supposed to be giving the scoops to?

[NOTE: Reporter Marcus Howard stood. Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Marcus [Howard.] We -- we look forward to your positive coverage of the County Commission. And if Eric [Curl] didn't instruct you, that's the only coverage you're supposed to have is positive. Thank you.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION FOR SUSAN WEINER ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM.

Chairman Scott said, okay. If we'll look at Item V on the agenda. We have a -- a real honor here today to recognize and to salute one of our long-standing employees who is going into retirement, and that's a proclamation for Susan Weiner on her retirement from the Counter Narcotics Squad. Susan [Weiner] would you come forward and let us embarrass you some. And -- and it's here and I'll -- I'll go out and present it to her.

Commissioner Center said, he's going to come out there.

Commissioner Stone said, he's going to come out there.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager and any members of the Commission who care to join us down here.

Chairman Scott read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, Chatham County is privileged to have employees of high caliber that take great pride in their duties and responsibilities, and in that regard, we commend Susan M. Weiner; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Weiner began her employment with Chatham County on July 16, 1984 with the Chatham County Police Department's Metro Drug Squad, now known as the County Narcotics Team (CNT); and

WHEREAS, she has been a member of CNT since its inception and has consistently performed in an excellent manner, not only did she take care of the day-to-day duties and assigned tasks, she had a sixth sense of anticipating problems and took the necessary steps to resolve them; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her diligence, dedication, and excellent job performance evaluations, which attested to the responsibility and capability of Mrs. Weiner, she received several promotions; and

WHEREAS, while holding the position of Administrative II, the commander, having observed her performance, and the manner in which she handled assigned duties and responsibilities, realized that she was performing above the requirements of her classification and on September 10, 2004, promoted Ms. Weiner to Administrative Assistant III, a position she proudly held until her retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby salute:

SUSAN M. WEINER

upon her retirement and express sincere appreciation for more than twenty-eight years of dedicated service to the citizens of Chatham County and CNT and extend best wishes for a long, happy, healthy retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 10th day of May 2013.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and we wish you the very best. I'm also going to ask our past Chair, since he likes to sit in my chair occasionally, I'm going to ask him to join me since he -- he knows Mrs. Weiner well. I just want to present this to you and tell you we really appreciate your 28 years of service, and we wish you the very best in your retirement. [Applause.]

County Manager Russ Abolt said, Mr. --

Chairman Scott said, and -- and we invite you to have comment.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before Susan [Weiner] makes comments, which I know she is reluctant to do, I want to take but a moment to recognize more specifically what that proclamation means for the citizens of Chatham County. Ms. Weiner was hired by at that time, the current chair for the Chief, Chief St. Lawrence hired her. As the resolution said, she was actively involved in drug enforcement from the inception of her career. She worked with Metro Drug, but -- but then there was a special time. There was a special time when in 1994 the new drug squad came forward, and Susan [Weiner] had the opportunity, occasion, and I believe the blessing as I feel I was blessed with working with Tom Sprague. Tom [Sprague] was a man of special talents that came forward to organize the Counter Narcotics Team at a time when there was no -- there was no way of doing something like that. He brought forward the traditions, the expectations, the procedures of the drug enforcement administration at the international level, and Susan [Weiner] was there to help him. I'm going to introduce Susan [Weiner] in a moment, but I also want to introduce the other person that was on the other side. Susan [Weiner] was Tom's [Sprague] right-hand person. On the left side was Everett Ragan, the current director. So before we ask Susan [Weiner] to make remarks, with the permission of the Chairman, I'd ask Director Ragan to talk about a wonderful employee, Susan Weiner.

CNT Director D. Everett Ragan said, ladies and gentlemen, as Mr. Abolt said, I -- I first began to -- to work with Susan [Weiner] back in 1994 as -- as the first Deputy Commander of CNT and now have the privilege of in 2010 of being reunited with her at the CNT office. I must say that working around a bunch of police officers in an administrative capacity is challenging to -- to anyone. Working around drug agents in a -- in an administrative capacity is especially a challenge because they are especially challenging individuals. Mrs. Weiner has held

the standard of being a professional since she started taking care of me in 1994, and she has taken care of every Commander or Director of CNT since. Without her CNT would not be where it is today. I guarantee you that I could walk into that office now and could have asked Susan would you please give me the roster of the agents on the first day in March of 1994 when CNT was formed, and she would go to one of her filing cabinets and pull out the original sheet of paper with everybody's name on it in 1994. Anything that I ever needed for a bill, budget or whatever, Susan [Weiner] was able to produce it and it was -- every bit of it was accurate and to the -- to the penny. So we're very sad to see her go. We wish her well. She's taken care of a lot of us, and -- and she means a lot to this county, the citizens in this county and to CNT, and we certainly hate to see her go, but we understand. And by the way, she's -- she's a part-time caterer, so we had plenty of good meals at CNT while she was there, which is usually the reason Mr. Liakakis always showed up, to get a piece of fried chicken. But -- but we will miss her, but we wish her well. Susan [Weiner].

Mrs. Susan Weiner said, thank you. It's been a long 28 years, but it's been fun. I've enjoyed working with a lot of people, and I'm glad my family's here. I'm glad my Director's here, and some of my employees, some of my drug agents that I've worked with. I'm going to miss everybody, but I'm not too far away. They can always give me a phone call. [Applause.]

Director Ragan said, and before Susan [Weiner] runs off, we would like to present her with a lamp. Back on the 30th, we had a -- a -- a meal that we didn't require Susan [Weiner] to cook, but a -- a luncheon at the office for her. I will not show pictures. I wanted to show pictures of the -- the Hawaiian outfit, the luau outfit you had on with the grass skirt everything but -- but I thought better of it since this is -- I thought -- I thought better since this is a -- would be on a public channel, so, but we do wish to present you with this nice lamp. And I will caution Ronnie, her husband, that it is very hard, so do not give her any lip or you'll be wearing that on top of your head. So, thank you very much, Susan [Weiner].

Mrs. Weiner said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, may I have comments to Mrs. Weiner?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, I too would like to say thank you for your longevity of service to this County. You certainly has been a person that cannot be matched really, and I appreciate it -- all of the things that you have done throughout the 28 years for Chatham County. May you be blessed and have a happy Mother's day.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz wanted to say something to you, Ms. Weiner.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Ms. Weiner said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, when I first saw this, I -- I thought you were someone else. I got three questions to ask you. Number one, were you ever the Mayor of Savannah?

Chairman Scott said, no.

Commissioner Thomas said, I thought about that too.

Commissioner Shabazz asked, what's your husband's name? And number three, what's your political affiliation? Are you democrat or republican?

Mrs. Weiner said, one, I was called the Mayor of Chatham County.

Chairman Scott said, now you know you don't have to answer those questions.

Mrs. Weiner said, I was going to tell you, I was referred to as the Mayor of Chatham County.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, ma'am.

Mrs. Weiner said, and my husband's Ronald.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

Mrs. Weiner said, and that's it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. Thank you. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, and she lives in Pooler.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. All right. All right.

Chairman Scott said, but she does share that name.

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2. INVITATION TO THE DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR A HISTORIC MARKER COMMEMORATING THE "S.S. JAMES OGLETHORPE AND THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC" AT THE SAVANNAH INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTER. (BOB COFFEY, GENERAL MANAGER, WILL BE PRESENT.)

Chairman Scott said, the -- we have one other item on -- on that particular page, and that's an invitation to the dedication and Bob Coffey is -- is recognized to tell you about this particular invitation.

Mr. Robert Coffey said, thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission. Good morning. I'm Bob Coffey. I'm general manager of the Trade Center on Hutchinson Island. With me is Mr. Michael Jordan, president of Cosmos Mariner Productions and one of Savannah's foremost cinematographers. We are here to issue you an invitation to a marker dedication that will occur on Hutchinson Island on Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:30. What's this marker about? If you drive out of town towards the islands on President's Street, you come to Washington Street. Slow down and look. Don't cause a wreck. If you look to your left at that Washington Street intersection -- intersection you won't see much. There's -- there's some industrial -- it's an industrial area. If you look to your right, you'll see some small, very neatly kept houses that look like they're several decades old but -- but -- but in great shape. To that left if you'd gone down Washington Street in 1942 you would have found Savannah Shipyards which became Southeastern Shipbuilding. If you'd looked to your right in 1942, those same houses would have been brand new, and that is Pine Gardens, which still exists as a thriving neighborhood in -- in east Savannah. That was the site of Savannah's Liberty shipbuilding program. From that shipyard and another in Brunswick, a total of 88 Liberty Ships were constructed and sent forth into the Battle of the Atlantic, which was a struggle to keep the Atlantic shipping lanes open and literally to keep the western allies alive during World War II. The first ship launched from the Savannah ship -- from Southeastern Shipbuilding and built at the hands of all those folks who lived in Pine Gardens and -- and their families in -- in other areas was the James Oglethorpe. The SS James Oglethorpe. The first Liberty ship to be launched from Savannah. James Oglethorpe launched on November 20th, 1942 then proceeded to New York. She was organized into a very, very large convoy making the north Atlantic run. On St. Patrick's Day of 1943, in that convoy, the SS James Oglethorpe was torpedoed and sunk, on St. Patrick's Day 1943. The Battle of the Atlantic went on but the area around the James Oglethorpe sinking in -- in the very beginning, the end of winter of 1943 is seen as the turning point of the Battle of the Atlantic when -- when the sheer weight of shipping, allied shipping built here and -- and elsewhere succeeded in overwhelming the enemy defenses and the tide turned.

Mr. Coffey said, this marker will dedicate -- will commemorate that -- that launching and that Battle, and the -- the people of Pine Gardens and others who were so instrumental in this monumental shipbuilding effort that helped turn the tide of World War II. The Commission is cordially invited to the dedication ceremony on Wednesday, May 22, at 5:30 p.m. at the Trade Center. Refreshments will be served, and I think we'll have you out of there in time to attend the Sports Council's night out at the ballpark on that same evening. I'd like to entertain any questions. Michael [Jordan].

Mr. Michael Jordan said, ladies and gentlemen, I think that it's so important that we've started to recognize the greatest generation, and I know you've all probably visited the wonderful World War II monument, the -- the two spheres that stand in front of Kevin Barry's Pub on River Street, but many people never know that just a few miles down the river was one of the largest enterprises that Savannah had. I mean you're talking about more than 40,000 people that worked in this yard. The whole community put their heart and soul into this. It was people who were too old to go to war, some who were too young, and in fact members of the shipyard staff joined that ship and crewed that ship, and nine Savannahians lost their lives when she was hit by their torpedoes. So this was something that broke Savannah's heart, but it only emboldened us. We went on to build, as Bob [Coffey] said, 88 more Liberty ships. I mean that's a monumental undertaking. There were six slips. Twenty-four hours a day ships were being built, and as soon as the war was over, it was gone. So this is a rare opportunity for us to remember that the entire community took part in the war effort, what Savannah lost and how it changed Savannah. And if you come you'll be able to see some -- some very rare photos that we've pulled together. Just by pure coincidence there was a New York Daily news crew that sailed on the Oglethorpe from Savannah to New York for her to being her maiden voyage, and we have these pictures of just a slice in the life of the day of the James Oglethorpe, of the radio man working the radio, the second mate taking a sextant reading. Men who would not survive those torpedoes. So it's going to be a -- it will be very brief as Bob [Coffey] said, but it will be a moving ceremony, and I think it begins to help us turn the page and tell this additional richer, deeper story of the role that Chatham County played in World War II. So we hope that we will see you there.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

- 1. PRESENTATION BY DR. CHARLES P. ROBERSON, SR., AND MR. PETER DOLIBER, CHAIRMEN OF THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM YOUTH MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE, TO ANNOUNCE THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM YOUTH SUMMIT ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013, FROM 5:00 - 9:00 P.M. AT THE SAVANNAH CIVIC CENTER. (COMMISSIONER THOMAS.)**

Chairman Scott said, the next item we're going to is VII, Item VIII on the agenda, Commissioner's Item, and I will recognize Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. As we all know, youth engagement in Chatham County is at its highest. Nonetheless, we have put together a team of professionals who are engaged in youth activities and with youth across Chatham County. Very pleased that the Mayor and Council -- Aldermans' have agreed that we would have a County-wide youth engagement to address some of the concerns and needs of this county. And so today I believe we have Dr. Charles P. Roberson, Sr. And Mr. Peter Doliber, Chairman of the Savannah-Chatham Youth Master Planning Steering Committee here with us today, and I'm going to ask them to come forward at this time to tell you -- and also like to recognize Mayor Pro Tem, Van Johnson, and others who are attached to this most critical event which will take place on Monday evening. Thank you all so very much.

Mr. Peter Doliber said, good morning. Thank you Dr. Thomas. Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission. It's a pleasure to be here this morning. Dr. Roberson and I are co-chairing the Savannah-Chatham Youth Master Steering Committee. We're excited about what's coming up on Monday. We want to let you know a little bit about it. This organization represents over 50 -- or this group represents over 50 organizations in Chatham County that are concerned with the welfare of our youth. Dr. Roberson and I both see everyday in our work the impact of being able to work with youth and the challenges that they face every day in our community. And the opportunity to be able to develop a master plan for this county that will address the needs of youth coming from what the youth are telling us they're concerns are, not just from those of us working with them is a very exciting opportunity.

Mr. Doliber said, now Monday evening we are having our start event. We'd like to thank very much the Commission for all of their support that they have placed in the youth and with the Youth Commission and especially Dr. Thomas and her work with the Youth Commission that has allowed us to come forward with this type of a inaugural and very special time. The Youth Steering Committee will kick off its first meeting Monday at 5:00 p.m. The concept is for youth think, youth speak, youth report, and youth plan. Youth think is to get information from the youth. Youth speak is to allow them to talk about their needs and concerns in facilitated groups. Youth report is for them to come back to us, and we're inviting all elected officials within Chatham County and all -- all other interested parties to join us, and then from that information, a youth plan will be designed. And I can tell you that we were hoping for about 300 youth. They all had to register on their own on line, and we were hoping for about 50 parents to attend. Right now, as of this morning we're at 675 youth and over 150 parents and registration is still happening, and we will not turn anyone away at the door. So this -- this is a major event with youth, and I think the first of its kind that we have ever done. This is the first step for developing a master plan for youth in our county. We would love for y'all to come. It starts at 5:00 o'clock with dinner. So you're welcome to come and eat. The youth will be divided into groups as will the adults, and then we'll come back and hear from them as they report back from their groups their interest and their concerns. This is designed to help us to put together our master plan for the county. I thank Alderman Johnson for all of his work and all that he has done to put this together, and we do need your help and your support, and we'd love to see you there Monday night and to be with us and hear from the youth as we help design their future. Any questions?

Chairman Scott said, any questions?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes I have one.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz.

Mr. Doliber said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you -- you -- you -- you went in a order. You said youth talk and youth speak. Can you give me that order again?

Mr. Doliber said, sure. Youth think.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Doliber said, youth speak.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Doliber said, youth report, and then youth plan.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay. And everyone up here is a part -- they represent different organizations or?

Mr. Doliber said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Mr. Doliber said, I didn't -- I had to look behind me. Yes, absolutely we do. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what organizations are those?

Mr. Doliber said, I'm with the West Broad Street YMCA.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Mr. Doliber said, and I'll just move from -- around, everybody say where you're --

Ms. Lakesha Green said, I'm Lakesha Green. I'm with AWOL, All Walks of Life, Incorporated.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Tony Jordan said, Tony Jordan with AWOL also.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Mr. Dwayne Gayard (phonetic) said, Dwayne Gayard (phonetic), Savannah State University.

Mr. Rick Henderson said, Rick Henderson, Savannah State University.

Mr. Van Johnson said, Van Johnson, a little bit of everything.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah, I know. I know.

Commissioner Thomas said, and might I -- might I also add that this -- these are just a representative group. The -- I think we must have had about -- how many?

Mr. Doliber said, we have -- we have over 50 organizations represented.

Commissioner Thomas said, 50 organization in our pre-planning meeting in the Mayor's office earlier, and they will be engaged as well. So it's across the county.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but I -- I -- your words stood out with me about the order that you just said because it -- it made me reflect back on Dr. W. E. B. Dubois.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, when he said that our future depends on how far we're willing to go to educate our youth to think independently. And I think that this is real good. And lastly I'd like to thank Mr. -- I'd like to congratulate Mr. Devon -- Mr. Jordan -- you're Mr. Jordan, right?

Mr. Jordan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, for graduating from Savannah State University. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Doliber?

Mr. Doliber said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, was there a personal invite went out to the other youth development agencies?

Mr. Doliber said, yes, there -- there was. An invitation was put forth through Alderman -- Alderman Johnson --

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Mr. Doliber said, -- to all the -- all the youth organizations and anyone else that wanted to be involved within the county. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Holmes said, excellent. Thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, very good.

Mr. Doliber said, Pastor Roberson.

Reverend Charles Roberson said, good morning Chairman Scott and Commissioners. I just wanted to add one thing to what Peter [Doliber] said. He did a great job lining everything up. The goal is to put together a master plan. So the first step in the master plan is hearing from the stakeholders who are the youth. So what Monday really gives us the opportunity to do is to have 675 young people in our community that are going to be broken up into different groups, and we have facilitators who have been trained to facilitate these groups, and we're going to ask these young people questions. We're going to talk to them about their involvement in the community and what they think the community needs. Also, they're going to contribute greatly to putting together the master plan, and we're going to take all the data that we get from the young people and use it accordingly. So this is a real big deal. Monday night is going to be really significant. We have several things we're going to present to the young people. Judge Stone is going to make a presentation. We have a motivational speaker that we're bringing in. We're going to engage the parents in a separate group that's going to be facilitated. So it's going to be very thorough, and it's really important that we have our elected officials there so that you can hear from the young people as well. So I just want to stress the goal is the master plan, and this is just step one.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much, and we look forward to joining you there.

Mr. Doliber said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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2. MONTGOMERY BOAT RAMP HOURS OF OPERATION. SEE ATTACHED STAFF REPORT. (COMMISSIONER STONE.)

Chairman Scott said, Item 2, I recognize Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is an issue that has been a little bit ongoing with the Montgomery boat ramp, the hours of operation, but in the pre-meeting it has been requested that this be continued for two weeks to give the Commission the opportunity to go out and view the property and see the challenges that this location presents. So I would make the motion then to defer this for two weeks.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second that the item of the Montgomery Street boat ramp -- Montgomery boat ramp be deferred for two weeks. Any discussion? Hearing none -- Commissioner Farrell?

Commissioner Farrell said, Mr. Chairman, should -- for the benefit of the public watching, should we tell them what this -- briefly in just a couple sentences what the issue is that we'll be voting on.

Commissioner Stone said, it's the operation of hours.

Chairman Scott, yes. I would like to if you would, you or Commissioner Stone can extend them an invitation to join us in two weeks.

Commissioner Stone said, right. This is simply to discuss the operation of hours of the Montgomery boat ramp because of some of the problems that have occurred, especially after dark.

Chairman Scott said, and in other words we're going to give folk in the area an opportunity to come down and tell us what they think about what we are proposing and -- in two weeks.

Commissioner Stone said, as well as the Commission the opportunity to go out and to view the site.

Chairman Scott said, yes. All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. It's postponed for two weeks.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to continue the matter of the Montgomery boat ramp hours of operation for two weeks. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: VII-2
AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2013

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Robert W. Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services

ISSUE:

Request Board consideration of a temporary action plan for the Montgomery Boat Ramp off Whitefield Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

At the request of the Assistant County Manager Michael Kaigler, staff addressed the Montgomery Boat Ramp and provided a report to Commissioner Stone dated March 18, 2013.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Montgomery Boat Ramp is an unimproved boat launch into the Vernon River located between two residential lots and is shown on the tax map as platted right-of-way Chatham Street. There is no parking and boaters must back down beginning from Whitefield Avenue. Staff does not have any records on the use of the ramp.
2. The report outlined limitations of the boat ramp and cited safety concerns as follows:
 - a. The width of the ramp is limited to one vehicle which means that only one boater can use the ramp at a time. The boater must stop on Whitefield Avenue and maneuver the vehicle and trailer down the ramp. Since empty trailers cannot be parked on the ramp, it is assumed they park elsewhere and on occasion along Whitefield Avenue. It is staff's opinion that this creates an unsafe situation for both the boater and the public traveling on Whitefield Avenue.
 - b. The end of the ramp is heavily silted so at lower tides it is difficult to launch a boat. The ramp needs to be extended further into the water and sloped at a steeper angle.
 - c. Staff consulted with a representative of the Coastal Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Shawn Jordan. Mr. Jordan advises that "the state boat ramp program would not advocate spending Federal Sportfish funds at the site due to the lack of parking and other long term requirements guaranteeing public access." Therefore, since the project would not be under authority of the Georgia DNR, it is unlikely a Federal Clean Water Act permit can be obtained.
 - d. Any improvements to the Montgomery Boat Ramp without purchasing additional property from the adjacent homeowners would be extremely limited due to the narrow width of the right-of-way.
3. On March 9, 2001, the Board discussed closing the ramp for public use. Instead, the Board moved to temporarily close the ramp.
4. On May 11, 2001, the Board moved to adopt a proposed amendment to the Code of Chatham County that would limit the hours the boat ramp is open for use.
5. On July 25, 2003 the Board moved to approve a permanent adoption of the "Montgomery Boat Ramp" Ordinance that closes the ramp from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

6. The County Attorney advises that to close the boat ramp for public use will require a Public Hearing and subsequent Board action. However, based on previous Board actions, public testimony before the Commission created a reason not to close.
7. In an attempt to answer the unknowns and address the safety concerns, staff has suggested a temporary alternative for 6 months. The temporary alternative would be to include the Montgomery Boat Ramp in the departmental **Rental and Usage of County Recreational Facilities** policy. To use the ramp, a reservation must be made by a boater. The reservation system would require the following:
 - a. Installation of a gate and lock at the entrance with a prominent sign advising the public that a reservation will be required to use the ramp. The sign will post the phone number to contact during normal business hours to make a reservation.
 - b. For a reservation, staff will unlock the gate and close the gate behind the boater thus allowing the boater exclusive use to park the vehicle and trailer on the ramp.
 - c. No fee will be charged to make a reservation.

In six months, staff will report back to the Board and provide a recommendation for further action. This should give ample time to determine the volume of legitimate boating uses, limit the ramp use to posted hours, and eliminate illegal dumping and other illegal activity. If the volume of uses significantly impacts staff resources, staff may come back to the Board prior to the initial six month period.

FUNDING:

Funds are not requested.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Board action is requested to give staff direction.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board consideration of a temporary action plan for the Montgomery Boat Ramp as described in Facts and Findings #7.
2. Board to direct staff to close the boat ramp.
3. Board to take no action and leave boat ramp use as it is.
4. Board to provide staff with other direction.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Scott said, there's nothing on Item VIII. There's nothing been tabled.

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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.)

Chairman Scott said, if you will go to Item IX. I'm not going to go in order, I'm going to start with Item 4 on Item IX. Four on Item IX.

[NOTE: Item 4 was heard at this time.]

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: a) APPROPRIATE \$250,000 FUND BALANCE COMMITTED FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, b) INCREASE REVENUES \$100,000 FROM ENERGY EXCISE TAX, c) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$60,000 FOR ENERGY EXCISE TAX PAYMENTS TO CITIES AND d) DECREASE FUNDING BALANCE APPROPRIATION \$40,000, 2) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TRANSFER \$37,870 FROM CONTINGENCY TO TRANSFER**

OUT TO CIP, 3) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND UTILIZE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM A GEMA GRANT RELATED TO RELOCATION OF THE FLEET SERVICES FACILITY TO INCREASE TRANSFER OUT FUND \$356,595, AND 4) IN THE CIP FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$37,870 TRANSFER IN FROM THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND, b) INCREASE REVENUES \$356,595 TRANSFER IN FROM THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND, c) INCREASE THE LOWER OGEECHEE TRAILS PROJECT \$37,870, and d) INCREASE THE FLEETING BUILDING PROJECT \$356,595.

Chairman Scott said, all right. Let's go back to Item One under Section IX. To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O: appropriate \$250,000 fund balance committed for Emergency Management to the Emergency Management Department, b) increase revenues \$100,000 from Energy Excise Taxes, increase expenditures by \$60,000 for Energy Excise Tax payment to Cities and d) to decrease funding balance appropriation \$40,000; in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$37,870 from Contingency to Transfer Out to CIP, and 3) in the -- in the Multiple Grant Fund utilize funds received from a GEMA Grant related to the relocation of the Fleet Service facility to increase Transfer Out of CIP Funds in the amount of \$356,595, and 3) [sic] in the CIP Fund increase revenues \$37,870 Transfer In from the Special Service District Fund, increase revenues \$356,595 transfer in from the Multiple Grant Fund, increase the Lower Ogeechee Trail project by \$37,870, and increase the Fleet Building project 365 -- \$356,595.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the following budget -- those budget amendments and transfers.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, been properly moved and second that we transfer the necessary funds was just explained. All in favor of the motion -- any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, indicate by voting yes; opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) appropriate \$250,000 fund balance committed for Emergency Management to the Emergency Management Department, b) increase revenues \$100,000 from Energy Excise Tax, c) increase expenditures \$60,000 for Energy Excise Tax payments to Cities and d) decrease funding balance appropriation \$40,000, 2) in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$37,870 from Contingency to Transfer Out to CIP, 3) in the Multiple Grant Fund utilize funds received from a GEMA Grant related to relocation of the Fleet Services facility to increase Transfer Out Fund \$356,595, and 4) in the CIP Fund: a) increase revenues \$37,870 Transfer In from the Special Service District Fund, b) increase revenues \$356,595 transfer in from the Multiple Grant Fund, c) increase the Lower Ogeechee Trails project \$37,870, and d) increase the Fleet Building project \$356,595. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2013

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Assistant County Manager

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) appropriate \$250,000 fund balance committed for Emergency Management to the Emergency Management Department, b) increase revenues \$100,000 from Energy Excise Tax, c) increase expenditures \$60,000 for Energy Excise Tax payments to Cities and d) decrease funding balance appropriation \$40,000, 2) in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$37,870 from Contingency to Transfer Out to CIP, 3) in the Multiple Grant Fund utilize funds received from a GEMA Grant related to relocation of the Fleet Services facility to increase Transfer Out Fund \$356,595, and 4) in the CIP Fund: a) increase revenues \$37,870 Transfer In from the Special Service District Fund, b) increase revenues \$356,595 transfer in from the Multiple Grant Fund, c) increase the Lower Ogeechee Trails project \$37,870, and d) increase the Fleet Building project \$356,595.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board of Commissioners approved the use of \$250,000 from CEMA fund balance for matching funds to fulfill the cost share requirement of a Homeland Security grant at their February 25, 2011 meeting. At the end of fiscal year 2011, these funds lapsed into fund balance so re-appropriation is needed for the grant match. Correspondence and a

resolution are attached (to the original staff memo in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

2. Effective January 1, 2013 the County began receiving Energy Excise Taxes. A budget amendment is needed to recognize the taxes and the payments out to Cities. The County retains approximately 40% of the taxes. A resolution is attached (to the original staff memo in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The Assistant County Manager/Director of Human Resources and Services has requested a Special Service District contingency transfer of \$37,870 to provide funds for a grant for the Lower Ogeechee Trails (Blue Sky Project) and wetlands delineation. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff memo in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
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. The Board of Commissioners approved a transfer of \$1,112,000 from the Multiple Grant to the CIP fund at the February 22, 2013 meeting. A transfer of \$456,595 to the CIP Fund Fleet Building project will move the remaining funds. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff memo in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

The budget amendment will establish funding in the General Fund M&O and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund. Funds are available in the Special Service District and the Multiple Grant Funds for transfers.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$250,000 fund balance committed for Emergency Management.
- b) Increase Energy Excise Tax Revenue \$100,000.
- c) Increase Energy Excise Tax payments to cities \$60,000.
- d) Decrease fund balance appropriation \$40,000.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

Transfer \$37,870 from contingency to Transfer Out to CIP.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

Transfer \$356,595 from the GEMA Pre-Disaster Grant project to Transfer Out to CIP.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

- a) Increase revenues \$37,870 Transfer in from Special Service District Fund.
- b) Increase revenues \$356,595 Transfer In from Multiple Grant Fund.
- c) Increase the Lower Ogeechee Trails project \$37,870.
- d) Increase the Fleet Building project \$356,595.

2. Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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2. **TRANSMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND DETERMINE BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS. BUDGET BOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON FRIDAY. SEE ENCLOSED STAFF REPORT. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SET A WORKSHOP SCHEDULE AT THIS MEETING. FIRST WORKSHOP WILL BE 10:00 A.M., MONDAY THE 13TH OF MAY, IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS. (NOTE: Copies of the proposed budget will be placed in all branch libraries for each public access.)**

Chairman Scott said, Item 2. This is the Transmittal of the 2013/2014 recommended budget and determine budget workshop dates with the County Departments and Elected Officials. Budget books will be distributed today. And you can see enclosed staff report. You are requested to set a workshop schedule at this meeting, and the first workshop that we're recommending will be at 10:00 a.m., Monday the 13th in the County Commission Chamber right here, and we will hear at that time from the Sheriff. And I want to note that copies of the proposed budget will be placed in all the branch libraries for easy public access. It will not be available on line until -- until it's adopted. Okay? Now we do need a motion to -- to finalize those dates. Can we get a motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Now discussion. Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what time will that workshop be with the sheriff?

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

Chairman Scott said, 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Holmes said, 10:00.

Chairman Scott said, 10:00 a.m. on Monday.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and approximately how long?

Chairman Scott said, we guess that it will last a couple of hours, until lunch. That's -- that's the best guess I have. It will take two to three hours.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, is there any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Okay. All right. You have received the budget and the first workshop is now scheduled.

ACTION OF BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve transmittal of the 2013/2014 recommended budget and the scheduling of the first budget workshop for 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 13, 2013. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2013

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

ISSUE:

To transmit the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Recommended Budget and determine budget workshop dates.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2013 the Board approved the fiscal year 2013/2014 Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar. In accordance with the calendar, the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Recommended Budget is presented.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In compliance with State law, the 2013/2014 Recommended Budget shows proposed budgets for all County funds, excluding trust and agency funds. The document will be on file in the Finance Department and in all area public libraries for public viewing.
2. The County Manager's message provides a narrative explanation of current and upcoming challenges as well as a list of accomplishments.
3. The Recommended Budget assumes a one percent increase in the tax digest for both the consolidated digest (M&O) and the unincorporated area (SSD). Once firm digest numbers are received in June, the Recommended Budget will again be reviewed to ensure it is balanced in accordance with State law.

4. The budget calendar indicates that budget workshops will be held between May 13 and May 31, 2013. Specific dates need to be established by the Board of Commissioners.
5. A public hearing on the Recommended Budget will be held on May 24, 2013. The public hearing is open to comments from all citizens and external organizations. Proposed changes to the Revenue Ordinance will also be on the May 24th agenda as a first reading.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The conduct of budget workshops with departments and agencies is consistent with prior year practices.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Determine budget workshop dates.
2. Postpone determination of budget workshop dates.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board set the calendar for budget workshops.

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3. THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT.

Chairman Scott said, all right. The next item, the Third Quarter Financial Report.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, I'll defer to Ms. Cramer. This is something we do every three months, and this is very significant relative to you now embarking on your budget deliberation. Ms. Cramer.

Chairman Scott said, Assistant County Manager Cramer you are recognized.

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, good morning again. We have again our three-month check up on our financial health, and everything's looking pretty good. One of the -- one of the things we do at this time of year is make -- just make sure the budget expenditures are lining up with -- the actual expenditures are lining up with the budget and identify problem areas, and so when we do that, we'll be coming back to you before the end of the year or shortly thereafter to make corrections to those budgets where we see we have some issues, and those budgets -- department budgets are identified in this report. Also our medical claims are running, you know, pretty good, close to budget. Last year we saw in the fourth quarter a big spike up in claims and it caught us off guard a little bit I will tell you. So we are -- we are continuing to monitor that, and I'll take any questions that -- that you may have on the report.

Chairman Scott said, any questions? If not --

County Manager Abolt said, it's information only, sir.

Chairman Scott said, information only. We don't need to take any action on that.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2013

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

ISSUE:

To present the Fiscal Year 2013 Third Quarter Report dated March 31, 2013 to the Board for information.

BACKGROUND:

Financial reporting conveys information concerning the financial position and activities of the County to its citizens and other interested parties. Interim financial reports generally are prepared for use by

professional governmental managers and board members. Such reports monitor levels of year-to-date operations and determine compliance with budgetary limitations.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Third Quarter Report covers various county funds and activities, and presents budget-to-actual comparisons. Adopted and amended fund budgets are shown as well as variance data. Comparative prior year comparative numbers are presented on the General Fund and Special Service District Summary reports.
2. Amended budgets shown herein represent budget transfers approved through March 31, 2013. In some cases, subsequent adjustments have occurred. Year-to-date expenditure and project balances are presented. Open purchase orders and outstanding contractual obligations are not included in the year-to-date expenditure amounts.
3. Notable items include the following:

General Fund M&O

- The General Fund received revenues of \$100.8 million through March 31, 2013 and expended \$116 million. This represented 66.41% and 73.2% of budgeted amounts respectively. Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$15.2 million. Cash balances in the fund were positive at the end of the quarter.
- General property tax collections were \$77 million or 64.47% of annual budget estimates. Property tax revenue was ahead of prior year amounts by \$1.48 million.
- The favorable trend noticed in the first quarter for intangible recording and real estate transfer taxes has continued. These taxes have exceeded prior year collections by \$415,066 through the third quarter.
- Bank business licenses were collected during the third quarter. This revenue restored the Other taxes category to a favorable position.
- Sales and use tax revenue constitutes 7% of the General Fund's overall budget. At the end of the third quarter sales and use tax revenue was on target with budget estimates.
- The penalties and interest on taxes category represents fees imposed on late property tax payments. During the Great Recession, this revenue category has posted significant increases. However, for this fiscal year the revenues are at 61% of budget and are \$562,885 below prior year comparative numbers. The Tax Commissioner's office has instituted a more aggressive tax sale process for delinquent properties, and this has contributed to the reduction.
- Unfavorable budget variances within the charges for services category result from inmate billing accounts. There are time lags associated with prisoner billings. Finance has processed billings for City of Savannah through January 2013 and received payment through November 2012 for Savannah inmate billings. Under the revised LOST agreement, the County will cease municipal inmate billings in April 2013.
- Unusual expenditure variances for the following departments are explained below:
 - Youth Commission -- 95.44% -- The majority of the Youth Commission's activities have concluded related to this "school" year. The department should not exceed budget by year end.
 - Board of Equalization -- 99% -- the appeals process has been completed but this department will be monitored to ensure that it maintains a favorable variance.
 - Fleet Operations -- 81.17% -- The department variance will be reduced through billings to user departments. Staff is working to identify unbilled repairs and charge user departments accordingly. Internal Audit has also been working with this department to identify fuel inventory/billing discrepancies.
 - Debt Service -- 96.39% -- The variance is caused by the time of required debt service payments. There should be no remaining significant expenditures in this category.
 - Transfer to E911 Fund -- 93.33% -- The City of Savannah's 2013 budget increased the County's E911 Fund contributions since E911 fee revenue projections were lowered. This may cause a budget issue for the County. After staff receives the calendar year 2012 SCMPD reconciliation, any cost savings in other SCMPD departments may be used to cover the E911 shortfall.
 - CAT Teleride -- 71.16% -- There have been increased service and fuel costs associated with the County's paratransit program. Based on current trends, an additional \$141,000 will be needed to fund the Teleride program this fiscal year.

Special Service District (SSD)

- Through March 31, 2013, the SSD Fund had received revenues of \$19.7 million, 75% of budgeted amounts. Expenditures of \$20.7 million were recorded or 74.2% of budgeted

amounts. Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1,011,244 and the funds's cash balances were positive.

- General property tax collections were \$11,499,309 or 67.35% of budgeted revenues. When compared to the prior year, property tax collections were slightly ahead by \$322,120.
- Within the Other business taxes category, insurance premium taxes of \$3,896,183 exceeded budget estimates by over \$250,000.
- Business license revenues were \$1,175,268 which exceeds the budget projection. Most licenses are renewed annually at the first of the calendar year.
- Recorder's Court revenues were \$741,660 or 65.46% of budget estimates. The Court is currently utilizing a consultant to look at revenue processing. On the expenditure side of the Court, indigent defense fees have continued to exceed budget. Staff will recommend a departmental budget increase prior to year end to avoid a budget overrun.
- MPC Fees showed a positive trend at 88.78% of budget.
- The Transfer to the E911 Fund is currently at 91% budget. The same challenges and resolution noted for the General Fund apply to this fund.

Multiple Grant Fund

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

Land Disturbing Activities Ordinance (LDAO) Funds

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

Parking Garage Fund

- High fund expenditures are the result of the weekend parking pilot program. There have not been sufficient revenues to support the expanded operating hours.

Capital Projects Funds

- Project accounting schedules are shown herein for all of the County's capital project funds, including the SPLOST funds.
- The County's SPLOST collections reached \$258,816,245 through March 2013. The referendum anticipated total collections of \$445 million; however, actual revenues have not kept pace with the projections and are now approximately 16.5% below initial estimates. County projects have already been adjusted for a 15% overall revenue shortfall. Further project budget reductions will be recommended within the Fiscal Year 2014 Recommended Budget.

Health Insurance Fund

- Medical costs are on pace with budget through the third quarter at 65.51%.
- The Health Insurance Fund reflects health insurance costs for active employees and their spouses and dependents. Retiree claims are shown in the OPEB Trust Fund. Retiree health care claims and administrative costs of \$3.6 million were recorded in the OPEB Trust Fund.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

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4. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A REVISED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND CHATHAM COUNTY WHEREBY THE COUNTY AGREES TO ACT AS A GUARANTOR FOR THE AUTHORITY'S \$7.7 MILLION EXPANDED LINE OF CREDIT.

Chairman Scott said, Board consideration of a revised intergovernmental agreement between the Chatham Area Transit Authority and Chatham County whereby the County agrees to act as guarantor for the Authority's \$7.7

million expand line of credit. That's -- that's what before us. And this particular item will require action. And at this time I'll recognize Assistant County Manager, Linda Cramer.

Assistant County Manager Linda Cramer said, good morning. What we have before you today is a request by Chatham Area Transit to increase the County's guaranteed line of credit for CAT to a total of \$7.7 million. And the way we've done this in the past is there was an intergovernmental agreement between the County and Chatham Area Transit, and that is what we're asking you to approve today, the intergovernmental agreement. I will tell you that before the meeting I received terms from Wells Fargo for the renewal, and one of the items they are requesting is a resolution from the County, and I would imagine it would be similar to what we see in this packet that Chatham Area Transit approved. So I think we're going to have to come back to you next week or two weeks from now to put that resolution in front of you, but as far as today goes, we are requesting that you approve the intergovernmental agreement, which is one step in the process.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Is there any question of Ms. Cramer?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, rather than going through all this today and then going through it in two weeks, I make a motion to table.

Commissioner Center said, not just table, you mean --

Chairman Scott said, I didn't recognize you for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well I have the right to make whatever motion I choose, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, I understand that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but, out of respect for you, I will withdraw that motion.

Chairman Scott said, no, I will recognize you for a motion but right now I want to hear questions.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I withdraw it, sir.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but I have every right to make any motion I want.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I want to start rather than go into detail right now with this amendment to intergovernmental agreement.

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, that's right.

Commissioner Center said, the one correction that has to be made is there's only three members of the Board of Commission on the CAT Board. The one before us has four.

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, yes. Chairman Liakakis was on the Board previously, and I did include him in error since he's no longer on the County Board, so we will -- we will make that change.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, do -- can we ask details about -- about the -- the -- the --

Chairman Scott said, you can ask questions. I'm just -- we hadn't got to the motion phase of it yet.

Commissioner Center said, okay. I -- I can wait till the motion phase to ask detailed questions.

Chairman Scott said, you can. Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I -- as a member of the CAT Board, I would like to say that the intent of this as -- for the members of the Commission that do not know, we are in the process of divorcing ourselves from Veolia and to run Chatham Area Transit through the leadership of Dr. Reese, which will save this county a significant amount of money. But this line of credit is to go ahead and pay what we owe Veolia so that we can operate Chatham Area Transit under Dr. Reese and the organization of the Board members from the County, from the City, and from the membership at large. So I just want to add that in there so that people will understand why this increase of credit is presented to us.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, if the line of credit is increased to pay an outstanding debt I suppose to Veolia, what are the -- what are the plans to repay the 7 point -- what -- what is that total number first?

Commissioner Stone said, it's 7 --

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, it's 7.7 million.

Commissioner Holmes said, 7.7.

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, there is currently a \$1.7 million credit line that we back.

Chairman Scott said, \$6 million.

Assistant county Manager Cramer said, and they have 1.5 million out on that line, so we're adding 6 million.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. What -- what are the -- let me make this a two-part question. What are the plans to repay the county and with what revenue source? And number two, as a history from the inception of the original line of credit, has that -- how often has the original line of credit been paid to zero and then restarted?

Chairman Scott said, well, let me -- we've got three members -- well four members of the CAT Board here and we also have the executive director, and we also have the Chairman of the CAT Board, and I think that question ought to be answered by the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Commissioner Stone said, right.

Chairman Scott said, so at this time I will ask the Chair of the Transit Area authority if he could respond to Commissioner Farrell's question. Or -- and you may very well call on Dr. Reed [sic] if you need -- if you need him, Mr. Chairman.

Chatham Area Transit Authority Board Chairman Pete Liakakis said, good morning everyone.

Board collectively said, god morning.

CAT Board Chairman Liakakis said, I'm glad to be here this morning on behalf of the Chatham Area Transit Authority which is really important to our community. Just briefly we had 17,000 people who did not have transportation in the census in the year 2000. Now in the 2010 census we've got 22,000 people in our community that do not have transportation. They don't -- they don't have a friend or relative most of them or a neighbor that would transport them. And it's so important to have this bus system for numerous reasons, and one of them, of course, is for the people in the community that don't have this transportation is that they have to go -- use the bus system to go get food. They have to use the bus system for medical assistant [sic]. They have to use the bus system to and from work, and these are some of the things, but we got a lot for business people in our community and others, blue collar workers and all that use the bus system because it is saving them money. It is taking a lot of congestion off the road and all. But any -- just quickly to tell you that the \$6 million increase that we are asking for is to help operate the system, and we will pay -- the way that the director has set up with the Veolia, they have agreed that we would pay \$3 million down and then we would pay them the rest of the money in increments. And I'm going to let him speak in just a moment, and he can tell you about how setting this particular project up so that we can pay in a very short period of time the line of credit that we are requesting today. But it is very, very important that we help the people in our community because if we have to reduce the service of our bus system it will be very negative to a few thousand people in our community or even more because not having this bus system.

CAT Board Chairman Liakakis said, and what Chad Reese, our executive director, has done in the 30 months that he's been here, he's put a lot of positive things on board. Our ridership has increased, and we can see many other positive things that have come on. For one of the quick examples is reducing the claims for workman's compensation. We only have a few now, and the training that he has put in. He has a great support of the bus drivers, the other workers in the bus system, and we can see a lot of positive things happen. But this is critical that we get this increase of the \$6 million for that. And if you look at the history, you can see all of the monies that were borrowed from Wells Fargo that it has been paid back. The County in the guaranty in that has never had to put any money into that, you know, to pay that loan. So now, what I'd like to do is call on what we feel that we've got the best executive director and the best bus system now because of all the good things that executive director, Dr. Chad Reese.

Chatham Area Transit Authority Executive Director Dr. Chad Reese said, thank you Chairman Liakakis. Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, if you'd allow me briefly, I've put together a small presentation I can run through quickly just to show you where we're at. The what, when, why and how and hopefully to answer a number of questions you may have, and then I'll be happy to entertain any after that. Quickly about Chatham Area Transit we offer a -- a -- yes, sir, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott asked, will -- will your presentation answer --

Dr. Reese said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott asked, -- his questions?

Dr. Reese said, we offer family services, fixed route services, paratransit services, ferry operation. We are looking at the opportunity of partnering with the City on the street car program and expansion wheel chair taxi program. Where we're at and what we're doing in terms of a transit system and a transit agency, in the past 30 months we've had 25 months of increased ridership. More importantly or equally important, we've had an aggregate increase in ridership over the past two years of more than 20 percent. 2012 was a record ridership -- record ridership for public transit in this community across all modes in our 141 history -- 141-year history of providing transit services in this community. We average over 13,000 passengers a day, and the important thing is that on Wednesdays, our peak day, we carry in excess of 15,000 people a day on Wednesdays. We carry around 8,000 people a day on Saturday, about 4,000 on Sunday. Daily we're carrying about 400 disabled people as part of our paratransit systems for medical services.

Dr. Reese said, one of the things that's interesting to note. We talk about public transit in this community, we're undertaking a -- a five-year strategic plan and our initial surveys have come back as we were putting the plan together, one of the things that's of note in 2005, the last time we did a five-year plan, 95 percent of the people who used public transit in this community were transit dependent or did not have any other options other than trans -- then -- then the use of public transportation. The interesting thing now is 8 -- that number is 81 percent. Equally as important 19 percent of the people who use public transit have the financial means, the automobiles, and the resources to drive their own car but they're choosing to use public transportation as a mode of tran -- as a mode of mobility in this community. All the research indicates that number will continue to grow.

Dr. Reese said, some of major initiatives of why we're at -- what's going on, as Commissioner Stone said that the Board has recently made the decision to return to local control of the public transit system, and the Board will direct the activities of the transit system. In 2011 we under -- we inherited a system that had \$53 million in un -- unmet infrastructure needs. We've been successful in the past two years in securing nearly \$30 million in federal funds, which still leaves us a deficit of about \$23 million in un -- unmet infrastructure needs. What we're looking at going into 2015 that number's projected to be 29,000 [sic], unless we're able to secure additional revenues to meet that number. Major projects, the downtown interlocal center, renovation of the operation center, the Hutchinson Island ferry boat landing, all of these major construction projects are causing a drain on our cashflow as we see fit now. Rolling stock buses, 46 -- 46 of our buses are currently beyond their useful life in terms of where we are as a public transit system.

Dr. Reese said, so we're here to talk about the line of credit. We're looking and we're asking for the county's support for a \$6 million increase in our current line of credit. The current one is 1.7. We've had a line of credit in place since 2000 -- 2002. Why we have cashflow issues associated with -- with operating capital, as we divorce ourselves from Veolia Transportation and return to a self-managed, self-directed, we'll need cash in order to make payroll, take care of current liabilities, the purchase of fuel, so on and so forth, as well as the cashflow for construction projects. We have a wealth of construction projects, and the way construction projects work is they're reimbursed 80 percent from the federal government, however, the construction company bills us, we have to pay that invoice, and then we turn around and submit that invoice to the federal government for reimbursement. So we're running 45, 60 and sometimes 90 days in -- in arrears to receiving those funds back on the construction projects. And then we have a past due obligation to Veolia, which is our true debt that 's in effect there that as part of this divorce agreement, we have to pay off the existing debt that's owed to Veolia.

Dr. Reese said, how are we going to do this? It's how -- well -- or how did we get to this situation? Well we faced a reduction in federal assistance and elimination of the earmark program. To give you an example, we have survived in this community in public transit off of the earmark program. Well in -- in the last budget year, budget cycle, earmarks were done away with. The amount of money that the federal government put into public transportation has not gone down, it's actually increased because it's paid for by National Transportation Trust Fund. However, what we receive in Georgia and what we receive in Chatham County, we are considered a donor. So we donate in more than we receive back. One of the reasons we donate in and don't receive back as much is because we don't participate in the earmark program, all the funds are allocated through the administration which has a negative financial impact upon us. The elimination of state assistance, the reduction in local millage, and increased operating costs, fuel, insurance, labor, ecterca.

Dr. Reese said, so what have we been able to do over the past couple years is we've worked with the federal government two years for influx of cash through what was called JARC funds to run operations. So we received an extra million dollars over the past two years to fund operations. Well going forward, those million dollars in revenues are no longer available because of the earmark program is no longer available. We also took advantage of a one-time use from the federal government to convert capital assistance to operating assistance to offset the increased costs in fuel which we've done to the tune of about a half a million dollars a year over the past couple of years. That's an option that's no longer available. So the -- the real question is how do we go about repaying the line of credit. We're coming to the county asking them as a guaranty to ensure the line of credit on behalf of Chatham Area Transit. We've programmed into our recommended budget, which will be going back to the Board in two weeks for approval -- approval or comments, but we've programmed for the repayment of the \$6 million line of credit over a two-year period. Equally as important over a three-year period we've programmed for the elimination of the line of credit over all the entire 7.7 million. We've taken a balance and committed approach, and what I mean balanced, we've looked at both cost reductions and revenue increase, and it is a committed approach, which means that if we have to make tough decisions, we're prepared to make whatever decisions we have to make to ensure that the transit system in this community is sustainable.

Dr. Reese said, we'll continue to seek alternative sources of revenue. One of the things that's important about the transit system is that all funding is relational. So a reduction in local funding also triggers a reduction of other levels of funding. So, \$1 reduction in local translates to further reductions in other sources of revenue. What I mean by that is the federal government just announced two weeks ago \$10 billion available for transportation -- service transportation programs; another \$447 million that's available for street car projects; another \$10 million available for emergency preparedness, so on and so forth. Well in order for us to apply for those funds, we have to have the 20 percent local match in order to even submit an application. So while there is a wealth of funds out there, the ability to secure the \$23 million in unmet infrastructure needs requires a 20 percent local match. So what we have and what we're facing at CAT is the continuation of whether it's state, local, or somehow, how do we meet the federal funds that are coming -- that we're asking for. We need the financial resources to continue funding transit operation. We'll look to repay the line of credit as programmed, establishment of an operating reserve over the next three to five years, and build a reserve for capital expenditures that will allow CAT to leverage additional federal funds.

Chairman Scott said, we're running a little bit --

Dr. Reese said, I'm -- I'm finished. I can entertain -- so the way we look at repayment of the line of credit is that we've taken a revenue increase, cost reduction approach to doing so, and we've done it in a very conservative manner.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell has a follow-up to his original question.

Commissioner Farrell said, the original question was how do you plan on paying this back? That's -- that's -- that's a nice bullet point, cost reduction and revenue increase, how exactly -- I want to bore down a little here, how exactly if we increase the line of credit, where is this revenue increase going to come from?

Dr. Reese said, in our recommended budget we are recommending a millage increase to the Board.

Commissioner Farrell said, to what extent?

Dr. Reese said, we are recommended a millage rate of -- millage rate increase of .381, which equates to about 85 cents a month on a \$100,000 home, or about \$10 a year, and that number moves up based upon the value of the home. \$200,000 home, \$1.70, but that's one of the ways we're looking, as well as cost reductions.

Commissioner Farrell said, and my second question that hasn't been addressed yet was since we've had the 1.7 million, how many times has the -- because you reference cash flow multiple times, so I anticipate that there's times when you need it and then times where it disappears. How many times per year has it gone to zero?

Dr. Reese said, it has not gone to zero since 2007, 2008. As a matter of fact, we've increased it up to that amount. So in 2002 it began at \$1 million, and we would withdraw 250,000 to 500,000, but over the past decade the number has increased, and so the past four to five years, we get a line of credit to pay off the line of credit.

Commissioner Farrell said, so you're using credit to --

Dr. Reese said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- pay your bills.

Dr. Reese said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. That's troubling to me. Financially troubling. So how often -- how close to zero have you gotten in -- since 2007?

Dr. Reese said, well technically speaking we go to zero every year because we get a new line to pay it off. So -- but the reality of it is we have not paid it off since 2007. It's only grown. It is true debt. And I think that was one of my first budget processes when I came to the -- came to the Authority, it was one of the first recognitions is that I'm not sure people recognize that the Transit Authority had debt at that time.

Commissioner Farrell said, well --

Dr. Reese said, and the debt had just been rolling over.

Commissioner Farrell said, it's very troubling for me looking back to 2007 on 1.7 and never truly getting to zero without borrowing money to pay off the last note, and then to increase it, I'm -- I'm -- I'm reluctant to move forward with such a large increase on the line of credit for -- for -- for concern that the same pattern will evolve, that, you know, you max it out -- the credit card, and you just borrow to just kind of keep it below the -- the minimum. I -- I don't know that there's a -- and then you're also assuming that there's a millage increase which is a leap of faith at this point until it's actually voted on. So. I've got my concerns about that.

Dr. Reese said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, I have a lot of questions, but I'm going to try and go through. Ms. Cramer said we can't do anything for two weeks. How would that affect you if we did postpone this decision for two weeks?

Dr. Reese said, by postponing the decisions two weeks, it places us in a very tough financial situation given that our transition with Veolia occurs next week, and we have to be able to fund operations going forward. So it would be a very tough two weeks for us.

Commissioner Center said, tough two weeks. You also said you had to go back to your Board for approval, when would that be?

Dr. Reese said, on the 21st.

Commissioner Center said, okay. That's today -- that's 11 days.

Dr. Reese said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, all right. You have a five-year plan and a -- you said on this I read --

Dr. Reese said, two years -- a five-year strategic plan which also has a five-year financial plan. We've put together a two-year program to repayment -- for repayment of the increase in line of credit and a three-year program to eliminate the line of credit. To pay off the credit card for once and for all.

Commissioner Center said, all right. So you've got a two-year plan to repay 6.7 million.

Dr. Reese said, 6 million.

Commissioner Center said, 6 million, yet this note that you would -- this line of credit only goes through December 31, 2014. That's less than the two years, isn't it?

Dr. Reese said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, so what happens if the bank says pay us now and you got -- you're in -- in your two-year plan?

Dr. Reese said, we -- we programmed in our two-year plan -- we programmed in our two-year plan to pay down 6 million by the close of 2014.

Commissioner Center said, okay. And in essence and -- and piggy back on what Commissioner Farrell asked you, what I'm hearing you're saying, can you guarantee this line of credit now and one of the ways we want to raise revenues to pay it back, will you raise taxes in your next budget?

Dr. Reese said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, is that what I'm hearing?

Dr. Reese said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, and if we said no to raising taxes, what would that do to the line of credit?

Dr. Reese said, equally important is what it would do to the service.

Commissioner Center said, tell me both. What would it do to the service and to paying back the line of credit.

Dr. Reese said, here is what I'm saying. It's -- two years ago I came in, we kicked the can down the road. We didn't make the tough decisions. Last year all the hopes rode on that TSPLOST was passing, and so what I'm recommending to my Board, and I can't recommend to my Board in good conscience that we continue to kick the can down the road. We have to have a system that lives within its means. Now what that system would look like would be devastating to the community.

Commissioner Center said, I'm with you Doctor. Let me -- let me explain to you. Philosophically I believe in public transportation for a lot of reasons. It's not just helping the citizens, but I believe there should be less cars, individual cars on the road, less for the pollution, I -- I think it's good for a community, and I've seen it. I think we need public transportation. There's no doubt in my mind that the community -- that the public transportation is not going to make a profit. The community is going to have to subsidize it to what level. And I think we have to be honest with the community and say we're going to subsidize public transportation and this is what it's going to take us. But, you know, financially, you ask me -- everybody comes to this -- this Commission, and I'm new to it, so I'm new to the process, and they're all asking for money. Guarantee this, guarantee that, and every time

we do that we're taking a chance. And if we guarantee this and don't raise taxes and you default, we'll have to raise taxes anyway to pay it. Is that correct?

Dr. Reese said, or we'll -- we'll reduce services.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Dr. Reese said, I mean that's the -- the gist of it is we're going to cut costs, increase revenue or a combination of both.

Commissioner Center said, okay. And -- and I'm hearing that you need this \$6 million not just -- the -- the original documents we have talk about cash flow problems, payment problems, but you need a good bulk of it to pay an obligation --

Dr. Reese said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- to Veolia.

Dr. Reese said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, I don't want to take all day. I've got a bunch of questions, and a lot of our fellow Commissioners have too. There's no motion on the floor so I'm -- I'm going to defer to you. I mean I have a lot if you want me to keep going through them or wait and let other Commissioners ask questions first.

Chairman Scott said, well some of your questions may be answered with their questions.

Commissioner Center said, okay. I -- I --

Chairman Scott said, I'd like to afford everybody an opportunity who wants to ask questions.

Commissioner Center said, yeah. I'll hold off for right now, and if they don't want to answer mine I'll come back. Is that okay?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sitting here again today, and I'm listening at some of the questions and the concerns, and I can see that from some of my new colleagues. However, let me take us back to several years ago when those of you who were on this Commission just like I was sat here and put this organization in the position that it is in today and yet you're still complaining about what we need to do. It is time for us to come together regardless of what took place then, what might happen in the future, we need to come together and decide whether we're going to have public transit -- transportation or we're not going to have public transportation. Some people said to me, and -- and -- and several people have said to me, well it's only for the poor. Transportation is not just for the poor. Transportation is for everybody, and some of us need to get out of the cars. I ride the buses all the time even though I drive. However, the bottom line is that when you put yourself in the position that the CAT agency has been placed in several years ago, it is hard to climb the ladder back as it should have been. You know that in your own situation. So what I'm saying is --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Thomas, you are --

Commissioner Thomas said, -- let us look at -- let us look at what --

Chairman Scott said, can you -- can you explain to the Commission what you meant when you said put them in the position several years ago.

Commissioner Thomas said, they rolled the -- they rolled the --

Commissioner Center said, millage rate.

Commissioner Thomas said, the -- the --

County Manager Abolt said, the millage back.

Commissioner Thomas said, the millage, that's what I'm trying to say.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I -- ask that because I thought --

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah, they rolled the millage way back. I pleaded back then, don't do it, it's going to put this agency in a bind, but the majority of the Commissioners revolted and that's what happened. And now we are trying to pull ourselves back up. That's the point I'm trying to also get us to -- to understand. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady then Commissioner Kicklighter. Commissioner Holmes in that order.

Commissioner Brady said, well --

Chairman Scott said, then Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Brady said, how much money is owed to Veolia?

Dr. Reese said, it's about \$5 million.

Commissioner Brady said, so CAT currently owes the management folks \$5 million. And what -- what does that cover?

Dr. Reese said, that covers --

Commissioner Brady said, their last payment?

Dr. Reese said, all of the operations. That would be the last payment that's due to them, and so we structured a three-payment increment which would give them 50 percent within thirty days after the close-out of services and then one-quarter after that and then one-quarter after that. And would leave us enough funding operation -- operation capital funding to fund our continued operation of the transit system.

Commissioner Brady said, when -- when the Authority relieved Veolia or told Veolia that we wanted to make different arrangements, was it due to the performance of the management company?

Dr. Reese said, no. It was a financial decision.

Commissioner Brady said, and -- so basically out of the 6 plus million dollars in addition to the credit line, 5 million of it's going to them? Talk to me about -- in the facts and findings from the county it says the Authority was unable to pay down the credit line during calendar 2012. This is due to persistent cash flow issues at the Authority. Why are y'all having so many cash flow issues?

Dr. Reese said, because we had increase in costs, yet the budget has been flat, and the reality of it is for the past two years, or actually over the past four years, there was never enough money -- never enough revenue to cover the costs. So that required us to go out and find additional lines of revenue. Particularly we've been successful in doing that with the federal government. However, one of the challenges we've faced is the federal government has decided those avenues by which you receive those discretionary funds have to go a new route, so that limits our ability to -- to acquire new federal funds beyond what we're federally apportioned in the formula to receive.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and -- and I want the record to show that I do support public transportation. I do have many issues and questions in relationship to the cash flow problems, the fact that the line of credit's never been paid -- paid off. This is just -- it's almost -- I feel like I'm robbing Peter to pay Paul. There's going to be a -- a -- a millage increase that will have to take place to do this. We've got all these other issues that we are supporting. Memorial Medical Center University Hospital we're -- we're guaranteeing that, and we've got the hotel coming down the line on -- in another nine months. So I -- what I had hoped was is that you would come here today because I think that there's going to have to be a combination. This is just Lori Brady, a combination of -- of really looking at where the services are needed, where we have empty buses riding up and down town, where we have buses full, and having some type of organizational process that says, you know what, we're going to have to reduce some ridership in maybe some areas in combination with what you're coming to us for.

Dr. Reese said, and we've already done that, and we're prepared in the budget year to reduce costs by another \$533,000. So when I say that we've brought a balanced approach, we are cutting nearly \$1 million in costs over the past two years. In the face of increased fuel costs, increased labor costs, increased insurance costs, all those costs have increased, yet we have maintained a flat budget, and the way we've maintained flat budgets -- a flat budget is by reduction of services. We have 40 percent of our routes that are beyond capacity during the peak hours. So we're -- we're continuing to look at that. And as I say, we've had over 20 percent increase in ridership.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Commissioner Kicklighter then Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, then Shabazz, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Currently are we reimbursed 100 percent for the marine services?

Dr. Reese said, no, we're not.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. When that service was originally started, I believe the agreement, or I was under the understanding that that agreement was with the Trade Center Board and that they would reimburse us 100 percent.

Dr. Reese said, let me make one -- one small modification. CAT does not pay any funds into it. The Trade Center reimburses us, and then we use our avenues by which to go to the Federal Transit Administration or the Federal Highway Administration to receive additional funds.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Dr. Reese said, so that cost is a cost-neutral.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, cost -- there is no cost for that?

Dr. Reese said, no cost.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. That -- that's what I was wondering there.

CAT Board Chairman Liakakis said, see and one of the things too --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, do we --

CAT Board Chairman Liakakis said, -- that wasn't mentioned --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I have all the questions Mr. -- former Mr. Chairman.

CAT Board Chairman Liakakis said, excuse me.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, half of the shuttle fee, the free shuttle downtown, do we still pay half for the free shuttle?

Dr. Reese said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and how much is that approximately a year?

Dr. Reese said, that is about half a million dollars a year.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Dr. Reese said, and it's programmed to be reduced as part of our budget process.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so if we could save right off the bat \$500,000 by not paying half for a free shuttle, okay? Next question, as --

Dr. Reese said, but -- but again --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, next question, as --

Dr. Reese said, -- but again, Commissioner Kicklighter understand, all funds are relational. So if you do reduce half a million dollars, you also have to reduce the funds that are in relation to that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Question I guess as the Commissioner on here with the -- that's served the second longest amount of time. Dr. Thomas is correct. I sat on that Board back with her when the -- when the millage was rolled back, but I'm wondering -- I believe I sat, but I may not have, on a Commission that was chaired by Chairman Liakakis that actually increased taxes too. Did -- did that not happen?

Dr. Reese said, it did happen. And --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, twice, right?

Dr. Reese said, it occurred once.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, once.

Dr. Reese said, and if I may present. At that meeting, I presented the Board three options. The option was no increase, a modest increase to offset the reduction in deficit, and the option to fix the transit system and --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh, I know. I know.

Dr. Reese said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but if you're going to use an excuse of one thing, if one group lowered it, if the other group couple, few years later raised it, then that's a moot point. Don't blame the ones that cut it because the other ones raised it, maybe they should have raised it a little bit more. So, you know. I -- I sat here through both of those Commissions, so I just wanted to make that point. Another one I want -- I just want to see if I understand everything correct. From reading through the staff report, it's my understanding, and correct me if I'm wrong, that -- that you're saying in order to be able to pay it back, that either this Board will have to raise taxes or your wording is in there is that you would have to increase the service district, which I'm under the understanding would -- would -- would take the State of Georgia actually changing the -- my mind blank, but they would have to change the structure of CAT.

Dr. Reese said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and thus far they would -- if that were to happen, they would force the cities in this county that opted out of the CAT service and paying the CAT tax. So option two forces the cities into having a service and a tax that they opted out of years ago. Is that correct?

Dr. Reese said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. So. We can either raise the taxes or force a bunch of people to pay taxes that their city leadership opted out of. Okay. Pretty much sums up my questions. Thank you.

CAT Board Chairman Liakakis said, one of the things I wanted to mention --

Commissioner Thomas said, excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

CAT Board Chairman Liakakis said, -- is that Veolia --

Commissioner Thomas said, excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

CAT Board Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead.

Commissioner Thomas said, Commissioner Holmes was next. We'll come back to you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you Dr. Priscilla Thomas. Let me -- just let me talk to the people sitting in here listening to us this morning and to our Board members, and especially to the public. Chatham County owe to its citizen the best transportation system we can provide. Sometime financially is not put you to a level where you can do what you want to do. So you make differences in how you decide what you do. How do you use this penny versus how do you use this nickel? We know that a nickel is much greater than a penny. I can say and hear this, since I've been working with CAT Board, I can see CAT Board as moving outward and forward in a totally different manner other than what it used to be. Why the difference is because it's under better leadership. Better and sound decision is being made. So with this Board help, I would ask that you look at the transition and look at what is on the radar for the future of transportation in Chatham County, and if you look at it from bottom up to where it was to where it's at now, there ain't no doubt in my mind that you see nothing but a positive thing being done. So with that being said, I would like to ask for the question of this being approved, and I motion that we approve this today.

Chairman Scott said, you're not -- you're not recognized for a motion --

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, -- at this time. Yeah. As soon as we hear from Commissioner Shabazz, we'll be ready for motions.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Good morning.

Dr. Reese said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Dr. Reese, who is -- who is -- Veolia?

Dr. Reese said, yes, sir. Veolia Transportation.

Commissioner Shabazz said, who -- how do they tie in with this?

Dr. Reese said, they are the current operators of the system until next week. There was a delegated management agreement in place that was entered into about three years ago. The Board has decided to exit that agreement at their convenience primarily due to financial concerns.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Are you employed by --

Dr. Reese said, no, sir. I'm employed by the Authority. I used to be employed by Veolia.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Dr. Reese said, I'm employed by the Authority.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and that's -- that -- that company is based out of where?

Dr. Reese said, North America is Chicago, worldwide is in Paris.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. The 20 percent matching funds, we have to have 20 percent local?

Dr. Reese said, yes, sir. And -- and the 20 percent local is technically the way the -- the federal regulations read is that the federal government provides 80 percent, and you have to receive 20 percent from a local source. Traditionally what occurred is that the local government provided 10 percent, the state provided 10 percent to make up for the 80 -- the 100 percent that we receive in those funds. The state backed out of their commitment to the 10 percent, and so now that leaves 20 percent on the local in order for us to move projects forward.

Commissioner Shabazz said, was this transit authority ever designed to be a revenue generator? A source of revenue to bring in funds? Or why was it even --

Dr. Reese said, the -- there is --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Dr. Reese said, this misconception out there about public transportation.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Dr. Reese said, there is only one public transportation system in the world that makes money.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Dr. Reese said, and that's Bogata, Columbia.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Dr. Reese said, every other transit system in the country, in the world is subsidized.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Dr. Reese said, the issue becomes to what level of subsidy because public transit is viewed as part of the community infrastructure just like your power lines, just like your library.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Dr. Reese said, your parks and recreation, your schools.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Dr. Reese said, so it's a part of the infrastructure of our community.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Dr. Reese said, so one of the most successful ones that we think of in this country is New York City, which is about 47 percent of the cost to cover -- recover through it. So the idea that public transportation covers it -- its cost is almost like the idea that roads cover their cost.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Dr. Reese said, or the airport covers its cost. No form of transportation covers its cost. It's all subsidized.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir. Well, Dr. Reese, you -- you appear to be a very competent person, and I commend you for your -- your service and work with the tran -- the transit authority.

Dr. Reese said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any other member of the Commission that wish to be recognized before we open it up for a motion?

CAT Board Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. Chairman, could I just make a statement quickly? One of the things that's going to help us in this operation of the trans -- bus system is that some months we were paying for a management fee and some other services that they were charging us a \$1,200,000 a month, is what they were charging us. And then what they did was they -- they came up and gave us, you know, a presentation that they wanted us to pay them an extra \$300,000 for interest where they had been putting some money into this. Now when we cut out that Veolia, we'll be using that money for -- where they were making a large amount of money on management fees. So that will help out for the operation also in addition to the other -- for example, it's twice a year now that we receive funds from the Tax Commissioner out of the taxes. But that three -- .381 on that as was mentioned is only 70 -- I mean 85 cent a month, you know, to the citizens over there, and we can -- and when this -- when the Commissioner [sic] proceeding -- that was before this one, when we came in that we were millions of dollars in arrears, and we had to increase it .67, more than this. We went out to the public and explained how needed it was, and we got it approved. It was approved like that. But this is a -- a -- vital services for our people in the community that don't have transportation. And, you know, we do have some obligation, especially for people that need this to be able to exist. As I mentioned before -- to be able to go -- a ride to get food, to, you know, go to a grocery store, to be able to get medical attention, to be able to go to a job and all, and when we cut the services, what does that do to those people, you know? They look to, you know, whoever, whether it's the county or whatever that they are -- services have been reduced and they can't have this transportation. And so having, you know, 22,000 people in our county as the census showed us, we need to make sure that we're able to help our citizens, and this is a critical thing that our citizens that ride the bus need this in our community. It's not like buying a vehicle, at, you know, just getting a vehicle. It's something that's vital so that those people can exist and have, you know, some type of fair life.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, Mr. Chairman. Very quickly I just want to make sure the Commission has all the options on the table. One of the things you -- you could do rather than postponing anything --

Chairman Scott said, Dr. Reese, we don't have further questions.

County Attorney Hart said, -- postponing anything would be to -- if -- if somebody made a motion in favor, just make a motion in favor to adopt the intergovernmental agreement and authorize staff to enter into a resolution that is consistent with the intergovernmental agreement and the CAT resolution, and then we could go ahead and prepare that and get it signed, if there's -- you know, if the -- if the motion is made and it's voted favorably. Just -- doesn't need to be a two-step process.

Chairman Scott said, what counsel has advised us that -- that there's not a need to postpone it if we want to move forward today because we can simply authorize that we adopt the intergovernmental agreement and resolution as prepared by staff.

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir. We -- we have a resolution -- resolution prepared on behalf of -- of CAT. We would modify that to make it consistent with the intergovernmental agreement and the motion would be made in that form.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman? I'm sorry you got to make it simple enough for a trial lawyer to understand. I don't know what you just said.

County Attorney Hart said, okay. What I'm saying is that if someone wanted to make a motion in favor of the -- of the line of credit, rather than having to come back in two -- and -- and if that were voted on favorably, rather than coming back and revising the issue again in two weeks, you could make it a motion in favor to adopt the resolution consistent with --

Chairman Scott said, the intergovernmental agreement.

County Attorney Hart said, -- the intergovernmental agreement.

Commissioner Center said, but we're still approving an increase in the line of credit with an affirmative vote?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir. Yes, and you would direct staff to -- to prepare such --

Commissioner Center said, I understand. We -- we either bite the bullet now or we face it later.

Commissioner Holmes said, exactly.

Chairman Scott said, all right. At this time we will entertain a motion. If anybody has a motion.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. -- no Mr. Chairman, I move that we -- we increase the line of credit. I don't know how Mr. Hart just did it, but let me say this. I did a lot of research on this in the last week and calling, and I have the greatest -- I've never met the man before, I've seen him, but I did my private research. I have the greatest faith in Dr. Reese. I think if anybody's on the job who can do it to pay this off and get it right and put us on the

best financial footing, it's Dr. Reese. So I want the public to know I have great faith in him even though I've never met him before today.

Commissioner Thomas said, I'll second.

Commissioner Center said, but I think -- I don't want to kick -- kick the can down the road. I want the public to know where I stand and what I'm going to do.

Chairman Scott said, is that a motion?

Commissioner Center said, and I move that we increase the line of credit as requested.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, let's -- let's make sure that you understand the motion. It's been moved that we --

Commissioner Center said, actually that we guarantee up to \$7.7 million.

Chairman Scott said, we move that we adopt the intergovernmental agreement between the Chatham Area Transit Authority and Chatham County and the necessary resolutions to perfect the agreement.

County Attorney Hart said, line of credit.

Chairman Scott said, line of credit.

Commissioner Center said, that's how I move it.

Chairman Scott said, it's been moved. Is there a second?

Commissioner Thomas said, I second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been moved by Commissioner Center, second by Commissioner Thomas. Any discussion?

Commissioner Farrell said, one last question.

Chairman Scott said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, Mr. County Manager?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, if this is approved today and history repeats itself and the CAT Board has difficulty in ever bringing it to zero, where's the money coming from to -- for this \$7.7 million, hypothetically if it doesn't get paid back by CAT?

County Manager Abolt said, Chatham County.

Commissioner Farrell said, where does the money from in the budget?

County Manager Abolt said, it would require either a -- well let -- let me be very basic. I don't mean to avoid. The issue here is you've got a CAT Board that has recommended a tax increase. You must realize that only you can approve a tax increase. Right now you must look at approving a tax increase in June to cover what you're talking about right now based on the recommendation of the CAT Board. Their strategy to balance is based on revenue increase and only you can do it. So as you approve this motion as we say in the staff report, you must then realize though you're not kicking the can down the road, you would have a fiduciary responsibility in June to in effect act on that millage increase.

Commissioner Farrell said, so basically a vote today is a vote for a millage increase in the near future?

County Manager Abolt said, I can -- I would not advise you to vote on it today to approve without the expectation you'd have to vote for a millage increase in June.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Manager.

Chairman Scott said, let me -- let me make it very, very clear is that if you vote for this motion they have two options on the table to repay it. The Chairman of the Transit Authority, Pete Liakakis, has indicated that he's going to request the Commission to increase CAT's -- CAT's millage rate. If that fails, CAT would be forced to cut services, whatever's necessary to bring it within balance. It was indicated that that would be drastic service reduction. Those are really the options.

County Attorney Hart said, there's also the debt to Veolia under the pull-out agreement that's got to be addressed.

Chairman Scott said, yes. Yes. It has to be paid one way or the other.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so the CAT Board is (inaudible.)

Chairman Scott said, Any further discussion? Yes it is. Any further discussion? Hearing none. Everybody understands the motion? All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Everybody voted. The motion carries by the vote of 6-3. All right. We will move to --

CAT Board Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. We appreciate that, and I know the people that desperately need this appreciate it also. And we're going to work the hardest you've ever seen to do and make sure everything goes positive.

Chairman Scott said, we expect great things from you in your new capacity, Mr. Chairman.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Chatham Area Transit Authority and Chatham County and the necessary resolution with regard to said agreement. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in a 6-3 vote. Chairman Scott, Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Center, Shabazz, and Thomas voted yes. Commissioners Farrell, Brady and Kicklighter voted no.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2013

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

ISSUE:

Board consideration of a revised intergovernmental agreement between Chatham Area Transit Authority and Chatham County whereby the County agrees to act as guarantor for the Authority's \$7.7 million expanded line of credit.

BACKGROUND:

On August 24, 2007, CAT established a line of credit with Wachovia Bank to facilitate cash flow needs. At that time the County and CAT entered into an intergovernmental agreement whereby the County would act as Guarantor for CAT's credit line. The line of credit and related agreement have been renewed several times since - October 5, 2007, November 7, 2008, October 8, 2010, December 2, 2011, and December 18, 2012. At its February 19, 2013 meeting, the CAT Board approved an increase to the credit line of \$6 million. Since the County acts as guarantor for the Authority's credit line, the County will need to approve a revised intergovernmental agreement with CAT.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Chatham Area Transit Authority has an existing line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank that expires on December 31, 2013. The Authority has currently drawn down \$1.5 million of the available \$1.7 million line of credit. The line of credit is backed by a guaranty of Chatham County via an intergovernmental agreement between CAT and Chatham County.
2. At its February 19, 2013 meeting, the CAT Board approved a \$6 million increase to the credit line. Since the County guarantees this debt, the intergovernmental agreement between the County and the Authority will require revision.
3. The Authority was unable to pay down the credit line during the calendar 2012. This is due to persistent cash flow issues at the Authority. The Authority's most recent cash flow projections shows a deficit operating cash balance of over \$4 million by June 30, 2013, if all Authority obligations are paid. These obligations include the monthly payments to Veolia for its delegated management services. The last payment to Veolia was for the month of October 2012.
4. The Authority's current financial structure does not create sufficient cash flow to repay the current or expanded credit line. Veolia staff has indicated that repayment of the \$7.7 million would be made over a two year period (fiscal years 2014 and 2015). In order to provide cash flow for repayment of the credit line, the Authority's budget for fiscal year 2014 will require reduced service levels and/or higher property tax revenues. Higher property

tax revenues require either a millage rate increase in June 2013, which will need approval from the Board of Commissioners, or a change in the transit district boundaries.

5. Wells Fargo has not yet given terms for the expanded credit line, and is waiting on the County's commitment prior to finalizing the agreement. These terms will be provided to Board when received.
6. CAT is requesting that the Board approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Authority and the County to expand the line of credit. A copy of the Authority's Resolution Authorizing and Approving Application and establishment of Line of Credit in the Principal Amount of \$7,700,000 is attached.

FUNDING:

Funding to repay the credit line will need to be developed during the Chatham Area Transit Authority's fiscal 2014 budget process. The County has not established a funding source related to default of the note.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the intergovernmental agreement whereby the County agrees to act as guarantor of the Transit Authority's \$7.7 million line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., or
2. Provide staff with other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board consideration.

STATE OF GEORGIA *
COUNTY OF CHATHAM *

AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 2013, by and among **CHATHAM COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as "County," and **CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**, hereinafter referred to as "CAT":

WITNESSETH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2007, the parties entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement for purposes described therein, such Intergovernmental Agreement having been amended by Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement dated and agreed to on October 5, 2007; November 7, 2008; October 22, 2010; December 2, 2011; and December 21, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the parties are not desirous to revise such Intergovernmental Agreement, as heretofore amended;

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

1. The foregoing Intergovernmental Agreement between the parties dated August 24, 2007, as amended last on December 21, 2012, is hereby further amended to increase the credit line to \$7,700,000 and extend the effective date and term of same through December 31, 2014.
2. Upon approval of the governing body of CAT and the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, the CAT staff may execute, enter into, and obtain a continuing line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., not to exceed \$7,700,000, upon such terms and conditions as approved by the CAT Board.
3. The CAT Board agrees that it will provide specific instructions as to the amount, time, interest and terms which CAT will negotiate with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
4. The Board of Commissioners of the County shall, at all times, be informed as to the status of said credit line.
5. The Board of Commissioners of the County agrees that Chatham County shall continue as Guarantors of the indebtedness of CAT to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. pursuant to such line of credit, and should for any reason CAT default upon any term or condition of the line of credit, the **County shall continue to guarantee the performance of all obligations** under the terms and conditions of the line of credit to CAT from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused their presents to be executed by their duly authorized officers and their seals affixed, this _____ day of _____, 2013.

CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

By: _____
Chairman, Pete Liakakis

Attest: _____
(SEAL)

Witness

Notary Public
(SEAL)

CHATHAM COUNTY

By: _____
Chairman, Albert J. Scott

Attest: _____
Janice Bocoock, Clerk
(SEAL)

Witness

Notary Public
(SEAL)

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Scott said, we'll move to the Action Calendar then.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, I would move --

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, okay. I would move for approval of the action calendar with the exception of Item 6 P as in Paul and S as in Sally. I'd like those removed till after -- until after we talk with the Sheriff on Monday.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Moved by Commissioner Center, second by Commissioner Kicklighter. Hearing the motion, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of approving the Action Calendar please indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, question.

Chairman Scott said, you have a question?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. On Item 3, how long has this been going on?

Chairman Scott said, what -- what are you in reference to the request for dispense of alcoholic beverages?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, special events. Well anytime that you want to do this you have to get what -- a limited duration permit.

County Manager Abolt said, yes -- yes, sir. What -- what this is, and you've received more than one of these in the last -- well since you've become Commissioners, if there's a one time event, in this case, it's on Friday, according to this the 22nd -- 21st of June from noon until 11:00 and Saturday the 22nd from noon until 11:00 and Sunday from the 23rd -- on the 23rd of June from noon till 4:00. It is a limited dispenser -- dispensing of alcohol. They must come to you for these one time events. In this case it's a one-time event over three days, and that's what you'd be approving if you pass the recommendation.

Chairman Scott said, and you may also recall at the last meeting we approved one for the Kiwanis Club out on Skidaway Island for one day.

County Manager Abolt said, exactly, sir.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, typically we're -- we're doing it for charitable organizations that, you know, want to put on a fundraiser or something along those lines.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. It's -- it's for a charitable organization. But how often do they do this?

County Manager Abolt said, I don't -- I -- sir, I do not know the answer to that question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, may I?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I don't have the best memory on earth, but I don't recall seeing Red Gate on here many times in the past.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may Red -- Red Gate's just the site. I -- I -- this is for something called a music and arts festival charity fundraiser. I never heard of it before.

Chairman Scott said, but now there -- there can be different organizations coming up requesting this for Red Gate facility.

County Attorney Hart said, that's correct.

County Manager Abolt said, yes. It's just -- it's just a venue. It's just a place.

Chairman Scott said, this is only the second time that I've seen Red Gate come up. I've never seen this.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it just posed a flag because it's in my District.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and I wanted to know the history of it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and have there ever been any incidents because anytime you have alcohol, you can -- it's -- it's a potential for something to go wrong there.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further discussion? Well we're in the motion phase, but we do have somebody in the audience who wants to speak to us, and I'll recognize him. Would you please identify yourself and the organizations that you're with, please?

Mr. Daniel Robertson, Jr., said, sure Mr. Chairman. My name is Daniel Robertson, Jr., and I'm with Live Wire Sounds, Incorporated. We are the people putting on the event at Red Gate Farms.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Robertson said, so I just wanted to approach so if you had any questions I could answer them.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how often?

Mr. Robertson said, this is the first event we've -- we're doing out there.

Chairman Scott said, first time you've used the Red Gate Farm for this event?

Mr. Robertson said, correct.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, will you have security?

Mr. Robertson said, oh yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, who?

Mr. Robertson said, we are working with the County Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Shabazz said, County Sheriff.

Mr. Robertson said, and then local firemen will be security, and then we'll have added security on the premises that will be hired security.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. All right.

Mr. Daniel Robertson, Sr., said, it's also a fundraiser for the Survivor Glam Squad which is for the benefit of female survivors of cancer to raise their self-esteem. It's a music and arts festival. There's 25 bands booked. First time Savannah's ever hosted such an event. We intend for this to be a reoccurring event. Your -- your question about the special events permit for alcohol is every six months you can apply for a special events permit. It's only for beer. It's more for a convenience than anything else. And the possible fundraising for the charity.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Robertson, Sr. said, we'll have food. It's going to be a camping event. It's family oriented. We're going to have the blow up toys, where they jump up and down and have a good time, and it -- it's something that takes place in Bear Creek -- or down in Florida on a reoccurring basis four times a year, We hosted Music in Savannah in the city limits at Live Wire Music Hall for a number of years, and we -- we've expanded to do larger shows and are bringing talent to Savannah that no one else was doing. So, that's -- the purpose of the event is to increase the national recognition of Savannah for music venues and to have it reoccurring similar to the Savannah Music Festival, the Stop Over Festival. Any number of events that draw people to Savannah.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah. What -- what -- what percentage of the charity's -- what -- what --

Mr. Robertson, Sr., said, the permit itself requires 80 percent of the funds that come from the sales, distribution of alcohol, to go to the charity, so that's what -- you segregate those expenses if they apply.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions? If not, there's a motion. All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Approve of the action calendar.

Commissioner Center said, has one not voted?

Chairman Scott said, everyone has voted. The motion carries. All right, we go to Item XI, which is some First Readers.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well we've got Item 6-S and 6-P.

Chairman Scott said, those are on hold.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh, you tabled them?

Commissioner Center said, the motion was to remove --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Center said, -- pass everything but those two.

Chairman Scott said, until after the discussion --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, in the past when they said remove, we addressed them then. So I'm sorry.

Chairman Scott said, no, they were -- the motion was to address them after -- at the next meeting after we have a chance to --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- have the hearing with the Sheriff on Monday.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. That was the motion. So those items are on hold till the next meeting. Okay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 6 and under Item 6, Items A through V with the exceptions of Items 6P and 6S, which were removed until the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

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

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- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2013, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 2013, as mailed. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 18, 2013 THROUGH MAY 1, 2013.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period April 18, 2013 through May 1, 2013, in the amount of \$7,953,186. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

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3. REQUEST TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AT RED GATE FARMS, LOCATED AT 128 RED GATE FARMS TRAIL. PETITIONER: DANIEL STEWART ROBERTSON, JR. FOR LIVE WIRE SOUNDS, INC. [DISTRICT 5.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the request to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event at Red Gate Farms located at 128 Red Gate Farms Trail. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: April 26, 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:

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Live Wire Sounds, Inc.**, through applicant **Daniel Stewart Robertson, Jr.**, has filed a Special Event Application for a music and art festival charity fundraiser at Red Gate Farms (128 Red Gate Farms Trail). The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer) at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event at Red Gate Farms.
2. Deny Permit.
3. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Alcoholic Beverages Code prohibits the sale, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages during a special event without a permit and approval of the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative #1.

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4. **REQUEST TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AT PIN POINT HERITAGE MUSEUM, LOCATED AT 9924 PIN POINT AVENUE. PETITIONER: SCOTT W. SMITH FOR THE COASTAL HERITAGE SOCIETY. [DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the request to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event at Pin Point Heritage Museum located at 9924 Pint Point Avenue. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: April 26, 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:

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **The Coastal Heritage Society**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Scott W. Smith**, has filed a Special Event Application for a cocktail reception at the Pin Point Heritage Museum (9924 Pin Point Avenue). The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor) at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event at Red Gate Farms.
2. Deny Permit.
3. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Alcoholic Beverages Code prohibits the sale, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages during a special event without a permit and approval of the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative #1.

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5. **REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2013. PETITIONER: MARGARITA BOURKE, d/b/a CAFÉ 138, LOCATED AT 138 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD, 31410. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the request for new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2013. Petitioner: Margarita Bourke, d/b/a Café 138, located at 138 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, 31410. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: April 26, 2013

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

ISSUE:
 Request for new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2013. Petitioner: **Margarita Bourke d/b/a Café 138**, located at **138 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Savannah, GA 31410**.

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

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. The applicant 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 Inspector 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.

 Gregor S. Anderson, CBO

 Chief Willie Lovett

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6. 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 Center moved for approval to award bids as follows with the exception of Items P and S, which were removed until the next Commission meeting: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.) Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Amend the Official Payments agreement to provide electronic billing capability for County water and sewer bills	Water & Sewer	Official Payments	\$5,660 per year	Water & Sewer
B. Change Order No. 4 to the construction services contract for the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion	Engineering	Hunt/Mills, A Joint Venture	\$64,599	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Detention Center Expansion

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
C. Annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide fire extinguisher services to various County facilities	Facilities Maintenance	Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, Inc.	\$19,408	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various
D. Extend on a "month-by-month" basis, the annual lease of approximately 517 square feet of office space in the Courthouse Annex	Finance	First Judicial Administrative District	Revenue Generating	N/A
E. Renewal of an Enterprise software license agreement for Chatham County	I.C.S.	CDW-G	\$203,598	•General Fund/M & O - I.C.S. •Computer Replacement Fund - I.C.S.
F. Five (5) workstations for the Chatham County Detention Center expansion	Detention Center	McWaters, Inc., of Savannah, GA	\$12,184	CIP - Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
G. Confirmation of an emergency purchase of a sewer chewer cartridge, to prevent sewage back up at the Detention Center	Detention Center	Carolina Pump Works, LLC	\$11,320	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
H. Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract to provide various uniform accessories for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department	Detention Center	KEEPERS	Various	General Fund M/O - Detention Center
I. State of Georgia contract purchase for five (5) hand held mobile and portable digital radios for the Detention Center	I.C.S.	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	\$30,911	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
J. Printing, inserting, and mailing the 2013 first installment tax bills for the Tax Commissioner's Office	Tax Commissioner	Diversified Companies, LLC (Sole Source)	\$14,307	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
K. Renewal for Zortec software support and updates for the I.C.S. Department	I.C.S.	Zortec International Corp.	\$10,000	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
L. Renewal of an annual software maintenance agreement for the NetBackUp system software	I.C.S.	System Management Planning, Inc. (SMP)	\$21,551	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
M. State of Georgia contract purchase of 35 laptop computers for CEMA	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing	\$37,632	General Fund/M&O - CEMA
N. Professional engineering services contract for post-design construction services during the Hunt Drive Bridge Replacement project	Engineering	Reynolds, Smith & Hills (Sole Source)	Not to exceed \$15,000	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Hunt Drive Bridge
O. Annual software maintenance agreement for the Assessor's office	I.C.S.	ACS Government Systems, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$58,740	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
P. Two (2) inmate transport buses	Fleet	Alliance Bus Group, Inc.	\$159,948	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Q. Equipment for mobile kitchen and plated kitchen	Detention Center	Cook's Direct	\$26,376	CIP - Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
R. Chairs and sofas for the Administrative offices of the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion	Detention Center	Mason, Inc.	\$18,914	CIP - Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
S. State of Georgia contract purchase of 15 new vehicles for the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center	•Sheriff's Office •Detention Center	Hardy Chevrolet	\$382,427	•General Fund/M&O - Detention Center •General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
T. Replacement of two (2) drive and two (2) idler axles for an amphibious long reach excavator	Mosquito Control	Wlico Manufacturing, LLC	\$19,095	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control

AGENDA ITEM: X-11 A thru V

AGENDA DATE: May 10, 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 to amend the agreement with Official Payments to provide additional services to allow electronic billing capability for County water and sewer bills. It is anticipated that these services will cost the County approximately \$5,660 per year (28,300 bills x .20). To the extent that customers choose electronic billing, the cost will be offset by the cost of postage incurred by the County for mailing bills.

BACKGROUND: On March 8, 2013, the Board approved a contract with Official Payments which will allow the County to accept on-line payments for water and sewer bills and recreational fees. Official Payments charges a 2.5% convenience fee or a minimum of \$3.95 to the customer paying the tax bill with a credit or debit card. The per transaction charge to the customer for electronic checks will be \$1.95. There is no additional fee to the County for the transaction.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Electronic billing has become a very common, cost effective way to present bills to customers. Customers can opt in to receive their bills electronically. Customers will still have the option of continuing to receive their bills via regular mail.
2. As part of their eBill pilot program, Official Payments has offered incentive pricing to the County to participate.
3. Electronic billing is supportive of the County's green initiatives.
4. The agreement will have the same term as the original contract unless terminated by either party no later than 60 days prior to the renewal term.

FUNDING: Water & Sewer
(5054400 - 53.11010)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to amend the agreement with Official Payments to provide additional services to allow electronic billing capability for County water and sewer bills. It is anticipated that these services will cost the County around \$5,660 per year (28,300 bills x .20). To the extent that customers choose electronic billing, the cost will be offset by the cost of postage incurred by the County for mailing bills.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve agreements which result in greater efficiencies and convenience to taxpayers.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$64,599 Change Order No. 4 to the construction services contract with Hunt/Mills, A Joint Venture for the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion.

BACKGROUND: The Board approved a construction contract with Hunt/Mills, A Joint Venture on December 17, 2010, to construct approximately 396,000 square feet of new construction and renovation. Change Order No. 4 compensates the contractor for work not included in the scope of the original construction documents.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In an effort to keep construction costs down, the project scope focused mainly on new construction. Existing construction was kept in place as much as possible with minor modifications made as necessary. The contract required the existing administration parking lot to be kept as is and overlaid with a layer of asphalt. The sub-base of the parking lot, however, has deteriorated over time. To top the failed subgrade with asphalt would not be a prudent use of funds and would result in an unacceptable product. The cost for this work includes removal of the existing base, cut, fill and compaction (\$49,639).
2. The main electronic room renovated behind the existing Central Control houses the primary Layer 3 Security switch and other expensive electronic equipment that run the security (cameras, sliders etc) of the Detention Center. The large amount of heat generated by the equipment may result in failure of the equipment housed in the room. To avoid this, a split air conditioning unit is to be installed (\$14,960).
3. Contract history:

Original Contract (12/17/10)	\$70,734,000
Change Order 1 (8/12/11)	\$ 267,214
Change Order 2 (1/13/12)	\$ 90,288
Change Order 3 (4/13/12)	\$ 196,634
Change Order 4 (pending)	<u>\$ 64,599</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$71,352,735

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Detention Center Expansion
(3803355 - 54.13009 - 38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$64,599 Change Order No. 4 to the construction services contract with Hunt/Mills, A Joint Venture for the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders necessary for the completion of construction projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$19,408 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, Inc., to provide annual and semiannual fire extinguisher services to various County facilities.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County currently has approximately 473 portable fire extinguishers requiring ongoing service and maintenance. The County also has approximately four (4) halon/clean agent fire suppression systems that will require semiannual and annual service and maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In addition to service and maintenance, each fire extinguisher will require an annual inspection, hydrostatic testing and recharging.
2. All service to fire extinguishers and halon/clean agent suppression systems are required to be maintained in accordance with National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), Code Chapter 10 latest applicable version and the latest applicable version of the NFPA for halon/clean agent suppression systems service and maintenance.
3. The project was properly advertised and two (2) bids were received on April 18, 2013. The bid responses are as follows:

Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$19,408
Hendrix Fire Protection Statesboro, GA	\$26,777

4. Staff reviewed the bid and references submitted by Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, Inc. The references were found to be favorable and the bid price appears to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$19,408 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, Inc., to provide annual and semiannual fire extinguisher services to various County facilities.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts that will provide safe facilities and to follow mandated safety procedures and policies for fire safety in County facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval to extend on a "month-by-month" basis, the annual revenue generating lease of approximately 517 square feet of office space in the Courthouse Annex to the First Judicial Administrative district at a monthly cost of \$893 or \$10,716 annually.

BACKGROUND: On July 23, 2001, the Board approved an annual revenue generating lease agreement with the Judicial Council of Georgia (AOC) First Judicial Administrative District to rent approximately 517 square feet of office space located in the Chatham County Courthouse Annex.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Article IV of the existing lease agreement grants to the Tenant the option to extend its occupancy on a year-to-year basis for one consecutive year.
2. The First Judicial Administrative District desires to exercise this option and continue its occupancy for a three (3) month period beginning May 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2013, under the same terms, conditions, covenants, agreements, and provisions at the existing rental rate of \$893 per month. Contract renewal letter for Lease No. 5935 is attached.
3. If necessary, the First Judicial Administrative District further requests the Board grant an extension on a month-by-month basis, beyond June 30, 2013, for use of said space at the same terms, conditions, covenants, and agreements as set forth above, but not to extend beyond June 30, 2014, without prior approval of the Board.

FUNDING: Revenue Generating

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approve extension on a "month-to-month" basis, the annual revenue generating lease of approximately 517 square feet of office space in the Courthouse Annex to the First Judicial Administrative district at a monthly cost of \$893 or \$10,716 annually.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board practice to provide essential office space at a reasonable cost to the Judicial Council of Georgia (AOC) pending completion of renovations to the Courthouse Annex.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$203,598 renewal of an Enterprise software license agreement with CDW-G for Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: This Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft Corporation through CDW-G, for licensing of software will be used on each Chatham County workstation. These licenses are required to run various software applications throughout the Chatham County network.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Enterprise Agreement provides software upgrades and software support for Windows, Exchange, SharePoint, and SMS servers during the life of the agreement. CDW-G is the state contract vendor for Microsoft Enterprise software.
2. Staff believes the State of Georgia contract pricing of \$203,598 is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: •General Fund/M & O - I.C.S. (\$73,598)
(1001535 - 52.22001)
•Computer Replacement Fund - I.C.S (\$130,000)
(6051535 - 53.11010)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$203,598 renewal of an Enterprise software license agreement with CDW-G for Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary support for applications use for job productivity.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$12,184 purchase for five (5) Compatico Workstations from McWaters, Inc., of Savannah, GA, for the Chatham County Detention Center expansion.

BACKGROUND: On July 6, 2012, the Board approved the purchased of 12 workstations for the Detention Center from McWaters, Inc.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Detention Center Telecom offices has a requirement for five (5) additional workstations.
2. The pricing for the additional workstations is comparable with the cost of those previously purchased. The workstation should be compatible with existing workstations so that the systems can be easily re-configured.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$12,184 for workstations to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$12,184 purchase for five (5) Compatico Workstations from McWaters, Inc., of Savannah, GA, for the Chatham County Detention Center expansion.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of furniture necessary to the operation of the Chatham County Detention Center.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of a \$11,320 emergency purchase from Carolina Pump Works, LLC, for the replacement of the sewer chewer cartridge to prevent sewage back up.

BACKGROUND: It has been determined that the component that grinds the sewage is in need of replacement. The grinding teeth and housing are worn to the point that it is allowing large particles to pass through and into the lift station. The lift station is unable to process this sewage therefore causing it to backup.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Request for Quotes were obtained and are listed as follows:

Carolina Pump Works (CPW) Port Royal, SC	\$ 11,320
Grundfos Thomasville, GA	\$ 12,185
Pumps South, LLC Leesburg, GA	\$ 12,750

2. Staff requested emergency approval from the Chairman so that the repairs could be completed to avoid a system backup. He concurred (see attached page 22) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at the May 10, 2013, scheduled meeting.

3. Carolina Pump Works, LLC, met all specifications. Staff believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of a \$11,320 emergency purchase from Carolina Pump Works, LLC, for the replacement of the sewer chewer cartridge to prevent sewage back up.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with KEEPERS to provide various uniform accessories for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: On February 10, 2012, the board approved the award of an annual contract with automatic renewals options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to KEEPERS.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. KEEPERS has recently provided a notification of price changes associated with the manufacturer imposed price increases due to the escalating costs in labor and raw materials, and has raised the price of windbreaker jacket. KEEPERS has provided documentation to support the manufacturer's price increase.
2. Staff believes that KEEPERS request for the County to contractually recognize the manufacturer price increase on the windbreaker jackets to be fair and reasonable. The next lowest price bidder for the windbreaker was still higher than the new price.
3. New price will be as follows:

Item: Description	Old Price	New Price
17. Windbreaker Jacket, (Snap-N-Wear)	\$ 19.49	\$ 36.49

FUNDING: General Fund M/O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 53.17001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with KEEPERS to provide various uniform accessories for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders for documented material price increases when they are initiated by the manufacturer.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$30,911 purchase from the State of Georgia contract of five (5) hand held mobile and portable digital radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: The Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department upgraded their radio system from analog technology to digital technology. The County continues the migration towards total compatibility with the upgraded technology with various purchases throughout the year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Motorola is the manufacturer of these radios in which must be compatible with law enforcement locally and statewide. Motorola Solutions, Inc., is on the State of Georgia contract.
2. Communications between agencies is mandatory from a public safety standpoint.
3. Staff believes the cost \$30,911 for the five (5) hand held mobile and portable digital radios to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$30,911 purchase from the State of Georgia contract of five (5) hand held mobile and portable digital radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for equipment necessary for law enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of \$14,307 sole source for printing, inserting, and mailing the 2013 first installment tax bills with Diversified Companies, LLC, for the Tax Commissioner's office.

BACKGROUND: The process involves programming as well as the actual labor of printing, inserting and mailing tax bills.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Diversified Companies is capable of this programming, but also receives support from Manatron, the vendor for Chatham County's tax collection software, due to their close physical proximity.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$14,307 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
(1001545 - 52.11001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of \$14,307 sole source for printing, inserting, and mailing the 2013 first installment tax bills with Diversified Companies, LLC, for the Tax Commissioner's office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for the using departments for the mailing of tax bills.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$10,000 renewal for System Z software support and updates from Zortec International Corp., for the I.C.S. department.

BACKGROUND: System Z software has been in use by the numerous County offices for many years.

The use of the County's Judicial Information Management System (JIMS) is written in System Z format and is the application that all the courts use.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. System Z support has not increased over the years. It has remained at \$10,000.
2. I.C.S. programmers, system analysts and support staff are knowledgeable in System Z application support and programming.
3. System Z is a legacy application system used by numerous departments and is proprietary with has many custom defined features within the programming by department.
4. I.C.S. believes the renewal cost of this software and maintenance agreement to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$10,000 renewal for System Z software support and updates from Zortec International Corp., for the I.C.S. department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary maintenance for hardware and software for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$21,551 renewal of an annual software maintenance agreement from SMP, System Management Planning, Inc., for the NetBackUp system software maintenance.

BACKGROUND: The renewal of existing software licenses & support of our network backup system through System Management Planning, Inc., is essential to our Enterprise environment.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. NetBackUp allows for fast recovery of critical applications, database and servers.
2. It also provides a single platform to manage, protect, and recover data across storage tiers, locations, and operating systems.
3. Its integrated data protection and recovery for virtual environment, critical applications, data bases, and servers are vital to the productivity throughout the County network.
4. NetBackUp software maintenance is required for system upgrades and technical support.
5. I.C.S. believes the renewal cost of this software maintenance agreement to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$21,551 renewal of an annual software maintenance from SMP, System Management Planning, Inc., for the NetBackUp system software maintenance.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary maintenance for hardware and software for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$37,632 purchase from the State of Georgia contract of 35 Dell Latitude E6530 laptop computers from Dell Marketing for CEMA.

BACKGROUND: The I.C.S. Department has determined that the laptops used in the EOC are outdated, out of warranty and should be replaced. Due to technological advancements and age, these laptops are no longer adequate to support functionality and user base. It is best practice of ICS to replace equipment that meets the criteria on the County's PC/Laptop Replacement Plan.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. State Purchasing awarded this contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
2. These laptops systems are essential for our partners to utilize when they are working in the EOC. The laptops are used to access the WebEOC (Crisis Management Software), Word/Excel/PowerPoint, Security Cameras, Hazardous Material database software, Hurricane Tracking Software and various other software and videos for training, exercises and real events.
3. CEMA and ICS have always purchased the maximum warranty offered for the equipment and these laptops have been kept going past warranty expirations for the last two and half (2 ½) to four (4) years.
4. Staff believes the cost of \$37,632 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - CEMA
(1003920 - 54.24003)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$37,632 purchase from the State of Georgia contract of 35 Dell Latitude E6530 laptop computers from Dell Marketing for CEMA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a not to exceed \$15,000 sole source professional engineering services contract with Reynolds, Smith & Hills (RS&H) for post-design construction services during the Hunt Drive Bridge Replacement project.

BACKGROUND: RS&H is the engineer of record for the Hunt Drive Bridge replacement project. This contract will allow RS&H to provide timely post-design construction services during the replacement of the Hunt Drive bridge on Burnside Island.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded a construction contract to replace the Hunt Drive bridge to Rogers Bridge Company on February 22, 2013.
2. Staff issued Notice to Proceed to Rogers Bridge Company on May 1, 2013.

3. This contract will allow RS&H to provide post-design construction services for construction plan revisions, to respond to requests for information regarding the construction plans or contract specifications from staff or the contractor and to perform the 7-day soil erosion and sedimentation control site inspection.
4. Approval of this contract will help minimize construction delays by allowing for timely revisions to the construction plans, as needed, without having to procure additional engineering services during construction.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1985-1993) - Hunt Drive Bridge
(3204220 - 52.12003 - 32057057)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a not to exceed \$15,000 sole source professional engineering services contract with Reynolds, Smith & Hills (RS&H) for post-design construction services during the Hunt Drive Bridge Replacement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$58,740 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for the Assessor's office.

BACKGROUND: This is the maintenance agreement for our annual CAMA software Marshall & Swift cost table maintenance support. This is required to ensure the smooth, continuous operation of our appraisal and assessment software. This software is necessary to generate values, assessments, the digest and all the necessary reports required by the Department of Revenue for digest submission. Maintenance provides for assistance with any problems associated with the software.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The sole source provider, ACS Government Systems, Inc., is the only company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$58,740 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Assessor
(1001550 - 52.13011)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$58,740 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for the Assessor's office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$159,948 contract to Alliance Bus Group, Inc., to provide two (2) inmate transport buses for the Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: Currently, inmates are transported between the Detention Center and the Courthouse by the use of passenger vans and marked units (sedans). Each vehicle requires the manpower of two (2) deputies, one (1) driver and one (1) as a guard. On an average day, four (4) vans may be used along with two (2) marked units. Providing transport in this manner impacts vehicle and manpower costs. The majority of the vans being used at this time have reached, or are quickly approaching the time for replacement. With the purchase of these two (2) buses, we will be able to retire four (4) of the outdated 13 passenger vans.

Each day, the number of vehicles necessary for transport is based on the number of inmates scheduled for court, inmate gender, and various segregation orders. The inmate population must be segregated during transport for the following; male and female separation, gang affiliated inmates, separations due to essential medical obligations and special security requirements.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. These customized buses will have several important features; (1) the capacity to handle 22-23 passengers each, (2) the ability to reconfigure the space based on the segregation needs of the day, (3) the increased capacity reduces the daily vehicle costs, and (4) the reduction in the number of officers needed daily.
2. Proposals were solicited and two (2) proposals were received on April 25, 2013. Proposals were received from the following:
 - Alliance Bus Group, Inc.
College Park, GA
 - National Bus Sales ————— Non-responsive
Marietta, GA
3. National Bus Sales was deemed non-responsive due to the fact they did not acknowledge revised specifications issued by addendum, which were critical to the usefulness of the vehicles.
4. The savings due to the reduction of vehicles will positively impact our vehicle maintenance, fuel and manpower costs. The reduction in manpower needed for transport increases the number of officers available to better serve the security of our facility.
5. Staff has negotiated a final scope of services and fee with Alliance Bus Group, Inc., Staff believes the fee proposed by Alliance Bus Group, Inc., to be fair and reasonable and within budget.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O Detention Center
(1003326 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$159,948 contract to Alliance Bus Group, Inc., to provide two (2) inmate transport buses for the Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve vehicle purchases necessary for the operation of the Detention Center.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$26,376 purchase of equipment for the mobile kitchen and plated kitchen from Cooks Direct of Warrenville, IL, for the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Detention Center has a requirement for equipment for the mobile kitchen and the plated kitchen.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were solicited on the Chatham County website and four (4) vendors responded on May 1, 2013. The responses are as follows:
 - * Culinary Depot

Monsey, NY	\$ 19,451.88
* Fortress Service, LLC Crehm Ridge, NJ	\$ 22,718.42
Cooks Direct, Inc. Warrenville, IL	\$ 26,375.74
Business Services Longboat Key, FL	\$ 41,455.18

* Did not bid on all items

2. Culinary Depot and Fortress Service, LLC, were not awarded the bid due to the fact that several line items were not quoted on and therefore were not low bidders.
3. Staff believes the pricing by Cooks Direct, to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
(3803355 - 54.25001 - 038060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$26,376 purchase of equipment for the mobile kitchen and plated kitchen from Cooks Direct of Warrenville, IL, for the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases necessary for the operation of the Chatham County Detention Center.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM R

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$18,914 purchase of office chairs and sofas from Mason, Inc., of Savannah, GA, for Building B in the Chatham County Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: On April 11, 2013, the Board approved the purchase of office chairs and sofas for the Detention Center from Mason, Inc.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Detention Center has a requirement for ten (10) additional conference room chairs and eighteen (18) side chairs for the Sheriff's conference room.
2. The pricing for the additional chairs and sofas is comparable with the cost of those previously purchased to match the existing conference room chairs.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$ 18,914 for the chairs and sofas to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Chatham County Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
(3803355 - 54.25001 - 38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$18,914 purchase of office chairs and sofas from Mason, Inc., of Savannah, GA, for Building B in the Chatham County Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of furniture necessary for the operation of the Chatham County Detention Center.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM S

ISSUE: ~~Request Board approval of a \$382,427 purchase from the State of Georgia contract for 15 Chevrolet Tahoes for the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center.~~

BACKGROUND: ~~In an effort to reduce the overall financial request for FY 2013/2014, the Sheriff has proposed using funds available within the current FY 2012/2013 budget. Due to various reasons, significant savings have been realized in the areas of health care and food costs. Additional savings have been realized within the utilities account because of the milder weather experienced for the past nine months. With these budget savings, these vehicles can be purchased now, thus reducing the need within the 13/14 budget. We will continue the trend of purchasing 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe police package vehicles.~~

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. ~~These vehicles will be purchased through the State contract with Hardy Chevrolet at \$25,495.16 per vehicle utilizing the 3.5% discount for payment within 20 days.~~
2. ~~The local vendor was contacted and declined to match the contract price.~~

FUNDING: ~~•General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 54.22001) \$254,951.60 - 10 vehicles
•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
(1003300 - 54.22001) \$127,475.80 - 5 vehicles~~

ALTERNATIVES:

1. ~~Board approval of a \$382,427 purchase from the State of Georgia contract for 15 Chevrolet Tahoes for the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center.~~
2. ~~Provide staff other direction.~~

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM T

ISSUE: Request Board approval of \$19,095 for the replacement of two (2) drive and two (2) idler axles for an amphibious long reach excavator from Wilco Manufacturing, LLC, for Mosquito Control.

BACKGROUND: Mosquito Control operates two (2) amphibious long reach excavators in the Dredge Material Containment Areas (DMCA) along the Savannah River. These machines are used to dewater the containment areas by mechanical means in order to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in more than 5,000 spoil acres. The two (2) drive and two idler axles on the John Deere LCD 200 long reach excavator have reached the end of their useful lives and must be replaced to continue using this excavator.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County owns and operates two (2) amphibious long reach excavators that are used to construct drainage ditches that dewater the dredge spoil sites along the Savannah River. Dewatering is a method of mechanical mosquito control that works by eliminating the aquatic habitat necessary for mosquito development.
2. By using mechanical means to control mosquitoes in the DMCA's Mosquito Control staff are avoiding or minimizing the use of chemical pesticides, thereby extending the useful life of these products by preventing or delaying the development of pesticide resistance.
3. Chatham County is reimbursed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for mosquito control operations, including ditching, necessitated by harbor maintenance activities along the Savannah River. In federal fiscal year 2011/2012, ditching alone comprised 94% of the reimbursable expenses allowed by the USACE. The annual reimbursement total is currently \$300,000.
4. The requested drive and idler axles for the John Deere long reach amphibious excavator will

replace the worn original equipment for this 2008 model which has been used for more than 4,000 hours.

- 5. Wilco Manufacturing, LLC, is the original manufacturer of the undercarriage and the sole source provider of the drive and idler axles.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of \$19,095 for the replacement of two (2) drive and two (2) idler axles for an amphibious long reach excavator from Wilco Manufacturing, LLC, for Mosquito Control.
- 2. Postpone the purchase, operating the excavator at a higher maintenance cost with reduced productivity due to frequent required repair.
- 3. Provide staff other direction.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
(1005144 - 53.17009)

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to support safe, cost effective, and environmentally responsible operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

- 1. **THE PETITIONER TERRY COLEMAN, AGENT FOR COUNTY LIFE PROPERTIES, LLC IS REQUESTING TO REZONE THE SITE FROM AN 4-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE) TO AN R-M-H-1 (RESIDENTIAL/MANUFACTURED MOBILE HOME PARK) ZONING CLASSIFICATION.
THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
FILE NO. 130222-00008-1**

Chairman Scott said, First Readers. The Petitioner, Terry Coleman, agent for County Life Properties, LLC is requesting to rezone a site from an R-A (residential-agriculture) to an R-M (residential/manufactured mobile home park) zoning classification. The MPC recommend approval. And the file number.

County Manager Abolt said, that's okay, sir. You don't have to read the number.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. File number 1302200008-1.

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- 2. **MPC STAFF IS REQUESTING THAT SECTION 8-3b.2. LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF A BUILDING OR A LAND BY NON-CONFORMING USES OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE BE AMENDED.
MPC FILE NO. Z-120910-00045-1**

Chairman Scott said, second item. MPC Staff is requesting that Section 8-3b.2 limitation on the use of a building or a land by non-conforming uses of the County -- of -- of -- of the Chatham County Zoning Board Ordinance be amended. You see the MP [sic] file number there. That's first reader.

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3. **TO ADOPT THE COMBINED SAVANNAH/CHATHAM COUNTY SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE THAT WAS UPDATED TO INCLUDE CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONAL ROADS HAS ACCEPTED FOR OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE.**

Chairman Scott said, the third first reader is to adopt the combined Savannah/Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance that was updated to include corrections and additional roads the county has accepted for ownership and maintenance.

Chairman Scott said, those are your first readers. No action is needed.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION BOARD ORDINANCE TO ADD MEMBERS AND ALLOW ONLY MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL COMMUNITY TO REMAIN AS VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CRIMINAL INFORMATION BOARD. (NOTE: Awaiting written verification from the City of Savannah on financial situation. Also, the Clerk of Superior Court requests matter be tabled in order to provide additional information.)**

Chairman Scott said, now if you'll go to Item XII. We have a second reader. Amendment to the Chatham County Criminal Justice Information Board. This item was brought up to you last time to add a member and to allow only members of the Judicial Community to remain as voting members. This was something that was asked by the Clerk of Superior Court, and he's asked that this item be tabled so the Board at this time can take whatever action it wishes or it can -- I recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time I'll make a motion to table.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, second. Discussion? I'll recognize Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, is this the same issue with a representative from the city being on this board?

Chairman Scott said, that's correct. But not a representative from the county.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so is it possible to have a representative from the county on this board as well?

Chairman Scott said, it's possible if you -- this Commission can provide a substitute amendment or change it or anything else.

Commissioner Center said, it says one County Commissioner.

County Manager Abolt said, a County Commissioner is a member of the board at present. I believe that's Commissioner Stone.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, but a non-voting member.

Commissioner Center said, no. A non-voting member would be our IT person.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, but our County Commissioner would be a voting member according to the way this is set up.

County Manager Abolt said, that's correct, sir.

County Attorney Hart said, that's correct.

Chairman Scott said, there's a motion to table. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion to table indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion is tabled.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to table this item. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, Item XIII, is information items.

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

Chairman Scott said, we've got the progress report on the General Fund Contingency Account M&O and the Special Service District, and we've got them attached.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

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

Chairman Scott said, the second is a list of purchasing items between \$2500 and \$9,999. It's attached. No question of staff for those right now. They're -- they're just given to you as information items.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2

AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2013

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Mailing of tag renewals for month of May	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$6,009	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
One (1) pump for hydraulic system in unit #89-excavator	Fleet Operations	ASC Construction Equipment USA, Inc.	\$2,973	Inventory Account
80 tons of asphalt hot mix	Public Works and Park Services	APAC	\$4,640	SSD-Public Works
15 wet/dry vacuums with floor mount squeegees	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company	\$7,425	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) laptop for Sheriff's Dept.	I.C.S.	Dell USA	\$2,834	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's
One (1) pool pak controller	Aquatic Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$2,971	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Quarterly maintenance for uninterrupted power sources	Detention Center	Cummins Power South, LLC	\$2,636	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Out-of-state prisoner transport for month of April	Detention Center	U.S. Prisoner Transport	\$3,999	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
200 tons of aggregate base course stone	Public Works and Park Services	Aggregates USA, LLC	\$4,400	SSD-Public Works
One (1) audio/video system for interview room	Sheriff's	Georgia Sound Communications	\$7,400	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Department
Ten (10) printers for Detention Center	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$5,450	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
One (1) document scanner for Tax Assessor	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$2,813	General Fund/M&O - Tax Assessor
One (1) server for camera system at Public Works Facility	I.C.S.	Dell USA	\$6,569	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Public Works Building
Supply and install 6000 gallon gasoline tank for temporary fuel site	Fleet Operations	Meco Inc.	\$4,200	CIP - Fleet Operations
80 tons of asphalt hot mix	Public Works and Park Services	Carroll & Carroll Inc.	\$4,720	SSD-Public Works
Server software and maintenance agreements	I.C.S.	DLT Solutions, Inc.	\$3,062	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Various plumbing parts	Detention Center	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	\$4,106	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Out-of-state prisoner transport for month of May	Detention Center	U.S. Prisoner Transport	\$3,999	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, and now we will entertain a motion to recess into executive session.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, I move we recess to executive session for the purpose of litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Scott said, hearing the motion. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. We will now move to executive session.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to recess to executive session to discuss personnel, litigation and land acquisition. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not vote; Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 11:25 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 Kicklighter moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

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2. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF JOAN HARDY.

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. Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF MAY, 2013.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION