

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 26, 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 9:40 a.m. on Friday, July 26, 2013.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Scott said, good morning. I-- I will ask that you --that you now be seated, and that after Rabbi Barkan gets through with his message, and he indicates it's time for prayer, he will give you a signal, and if you would at that time, please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. It will be led by Commissioner Brady of the Sixth District. I recognize Commissioner Center for introducing the chaplain of the day.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning everyone, and I want to again commend our Chairman following up on his historic election on his move -- on his actions to include every member of the community in our morning devotions. Rabbi Ruven Barkan has been here in Savannah, in Chatham County for one year. He's the spiritual leader of one of our three synagogues in Savannah, the AA. I pronounce it Agudath Achim, but that's my southern pronunciation. Rabbi Barkan comes to us from Tucson -- Tucson, Arizona through Chicago, Illinois. He's been -- he was ordained at Jewish Theological Seminary and has a masters in Jewish education, and he's in Savannah with his wife, Adina, who is a student at Savannah State University. Thank you, Rabbi.

Chairman Scott said, welcome.

Rabbi Ruven Barkan said, thank you. Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Ms. Gordon, guests, this Monday night, God willing, I'm going to be building on a bridge that has been built for us already when I enter into dialogue with the youth pastor from First African Baptist, Reverend Paul Little, who's going to be first addressing 15 Israeli youth who are coming to join Camp Lighthouse at Pooler Elementary School, which is a camp for kids mainly from the Yamacraw Village and King-Frazier place. It's through Bryan Street Baptist, and it was founded by the Martin de Porres Society, which was founded by Gordon -- George and Yolanda Negron. So this is the bridge that has been built for us, a camp that brings together kids from different backgrounds very intentionally to have a week of just fun, and I've asked Reverend Little to join me in orienting the Israeli kids who don't know about Savannah, and he's going to talk about the strengths and challenges in his community so that the -- the Israeli teens who are going to be counselors at this camp will have a better sensitivity in doing their work. And after he speaks to them, he and I are going to engage in a dialogue on the possibilities and the tensions that exist in the African American community and Jewish communities, and I'm very excited for this -- for this opportunity, and again I see it as a bridge that has already been built for us that we're going to be building upon, God willing.

Rabbi Barkan said, another bridge builder who I look up to in the Jewish tradition is Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel, who joined and built bridges with Dr. Martin Luther King, specifically when he marched with him in Selma, and he asks the question, on what basis do we people of different religious commitments meet one another? First and foremost we meet as human beings who have so much in common, a heart, a face, a voice, the presence of a soul, fears, hope, the ability to trust, a capacity for compassion and understanding, the kinship of being human. My first task in every encounter is to comprehend the personhood of the human being I face, to sense the kinship of being human, solidarity of being.

Rabbi Barkan said, I'm grateful for these leaders, these bridge builders. I'm grateful for having had the opportunity to work in Chicago in an organization called the Interfaith Youth Core which brings together teens from different religious backgrounds and then translates those commitments, those common-shared values and religious commitments to go transform our society. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have been the coordinator of the interfaith part of the camp through Auburn Seminary, which is a Presbyterian camp run out of Auburn

Seminary called Face to Face/Faith to Faith, which brings teens together from regions of conflict throughout the world, four regions of conflict, from Israel, from Northern Ireland, from South Africa, and from here in our own great country, and these teens come together through their religious commitments to talk about their conflicts in their region, and they -- and they go back and learn from the -- after learning from each other's conflicts and different conflicts throughout the world and go back having had this peace encounter, this religious experience to go transform their societies. I'm grateful for the bridges that have been built before me upon which I'm building upon. Let us look for these bridges in our lives, in our great city here in Savannah, and build upon these bridges, reach out across, to another human being and make our society that much stronger. So I'd like everybody to rise. This is a prayer that we do every Saturday morning, our Shabbat morning, at congregation Agudath Achim. It's a prayer for our country.

Rabbi Barkan gave the invocation as follows:

Our God and God of our ancestors, we ask your blessings for our country, for its government, for its leader and advisors, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority. Teach them insights of your Torah that they may administer all affairs of state fairly, that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom may forever abide in our midst. Creator of all flesh, bless all the inhabitants of our country with your spirit. May citizens of all races and creeds forge a common bond in true harmony to banish all hatred and bigotry and to safeguard the ideals and free institutions which are the pride and glory of our country. May this land under your providence be an influence -- an influence for good throughout the world, uniting all people in peace and freedom, and helping them to fulfill the vision of your profit. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they experience war any more. And let us say -- Amen.

Rabbi Barkan said, thank you.

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### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Lori Brady.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Commissioner Brady 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  
                           Yusef K. Shabazz, District Five  
                           Lori L. Brady, District Six  
                           Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Not Present:         Patrick K. Farrell, District Four

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

Chairman Scott said, we do not have any members of the youth council present to introduce, but what we do have, Madam Vice Chair, are the candidates. Can you inform the Commission of --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, -- of their presence?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, ladies and gentle -- gentlemen, we have with us this morning candidates for the 2013-2014 Chatham County Youth Commission that are observing their county government in action this morning, and we're very delighted to have all of them. They're sitting to the --

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- left here.

Chairman Scott said, and on behalf of the Commission we wish you all the very best, and we hope that you all become members of the Chatham County Youth Commission for the 2013-2014 year. Thank you for being with us this morning.

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**V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

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**VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, we have nothing under the Chairman's Item.

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**VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS**

**1. CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION (Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Holmes)**

Chairman Scott said, we have under the Commissioner's Item -- who is going to present the Commissioner Item I have Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Holmes on?

Commissioner Thomas said, Commissioner Holmes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, sir, Mr. Chairman and our body of this great Commission Board. I'm hoping that you all had a idea of what we're talking about when you see the resolution for the Commission of Chatham County. If you all been following elections, and look at the deep pockets that was pouring money into candidates, it have always been a problem trying to -- who is controlling what and who is doing what, and if you look at this resolution, we have a group that is working with us, with the citizens of the City of Savannah and Chatham County. The City have already passed this, and we're looking at it. Hopefully we can pass it this afternoon or this morning, and if you look at it and read it, if you have any question that would be asked about it, I have Ms. Weeks in the audience, if any question need to be asked.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Is -- is there a motion Commissioner Holmes?

Commissioner Holmes said, with that as being said, Mr. Chairman, I ask that this resolution that we're presenting today be passed.

Commissioner Thomas said, I second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Discussion. Discussion. Is there any -- any discussion on the resolution?

Commissioner Brady said, I'm going to ask to say something.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Brady said, and first let me commend Dr. Thomas and Commissioner Holmes for -- for trying to bring this -- this forward, however, I have -- I mean I have to be very candid, I -- I think it -- I think it's very divisive. It think it's -- it's political as far as Democrats and Republicans, and based on -- on those two remarks, it's not a resolution that I can support. Again I -- I understand why it's being brought forward, but I'm unable to support it.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter from the Seventh District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree, and I think most citizens agree that we need election reform throughout the country as far as disclosing donations and stuff like that, and I -- I don't like the fact that some people can get away with using things as shell-type corporations to hide the monies that they donate to people, but, you know, this is a very broad, I guess, suit, that -- that brings in other areas that I don't agree with, so, you know, it's -- people debate this for months and months and years and years and thoroughly go through a process to make a decision such as this, and just by reading the amount -- the little synopsis here that we have today, I can't support it, but I do support the federal government, as well as any government doing some serious reforms because we -- we definitely have many problems, although we're the best government in the world.

Commissioner Holmes said, Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree that the language in this is divisive in nature, and I do not believe in my heart of hearts that this is going to prevent people that are going to do things dishonestly by hiding campaign contributions. I don't think this is going to control it. I think if anything this just brings out the -- the problem, the issue, and makes the situation more divisive. So I'm -- I'm not able to support this.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I appreciate the comments of my fellow Commissioners. I want to explain a little bit about Citizens United case, particularly for our youth in the audience and those listening. Let me back up and first say that the history of this country, there are a number of Supreme Court decisions that have gone down in infamy, from -- from those holding that a person is only three-fourths of a human being or two-thirds of a human being, up until the -- what I consider a great decision that you can see on the wall or at least the newspaper report on the wall of our Civil Rights Museum here in Savannah which said separate and equal is not correct. Just because our Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 doesn't make it right. Citizens United basically said, and you'd have to read the opinion to get it exactly right, is that corporations are human beings, and that corporations have the rights of human beings in political elections, and that corporations can exercise their free speech through political contributions. We don't know where the money came from that went into the corporation to make that political contribution. It could come from a foreign nation that owns stock in a corporation. It could come from an individual. Citizens United takes one more step in hiding from the electorate what goes on in politics.

Commissioner Center said, all of us on this Board, regardless of political party, believe in transparency and openness. Citizens United flies in the face of transparency and openness. It would be better to have -- have the United States Supreme Court uphold a law that anybody who gives a dollar in a political campaign has to disclose who they are, who they gave it to, and how much. It's that simple. Corporations are not human beings. Throughout history corporations are artificial entities that are set up by state legislation in which a state allows people to organize an artificial entity to do business, and those artificial entities have only the rights that are granted to them by the states, and the Supreme Court has gone way beyond states' rights in this political -- in --

in this particular decision. Using the word divisive is -- is probably a good word to use because the vote was 5 to 4, the Supreme Court. That's as divisive as you can get. We cannot by this Commission influence or change a legal ruling in Chatham County courts, in Georgia courts, and certainly not United States courts, but little by little, as ripples from the ocean build into waves, we can make a voice as the City of Savannah did, here in Chatham County by saying we disprove of this decision, and we'd like at the next opportunity for it to be changed, and, therefore, I'm going to support it.

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

Commissioner Holmes said, go ahead.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter and then Commissioner Holmes. I just wanted to make certain that nobody had their hands up who --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. --

Chairman Scott said, -- had not spoken.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I respect the fact that this was brought forward, I just -- I want to warn of the slippery slope that I believe we're getting on with this. The -- the beautiful thing about local government to me is I don't even see why we need to be Democrats and Republicans to get elected on a local level. We don't deal on this level with issues that are divisive and provides the insanity we have in Washington and in the State of Georgia. This brings it right here to us. Next, because as you said, Commissioner Center, because the Supreme Court ruled doesn't make it right. Exactly. You're correct. Abortion. Take a poll, buddy, half probably agrees, half probably don't. You want a resolution here and you want to discuss it, we can do that next meeting. We can -- we can -- we can do another one because some people feel different about certain racial issues that they -- they being the ones that ran and were elected to serve in that capacity that deals with those issues on the federal level, bring it. Let's just -- let's pass a resolution on everything. Let's lay it all on the table. Let's -- let's really, pardon me, but piss each other off with our personal values and play the nasty politics that takes place in Washington, D.C. I have no desire to go play in that game, and I don't like that game being put in front of me here. If I wanted to do that, I would run for that, and there may come a point in time when I want to discuss that. There's plenty of things down in Washington that I disagree with, but -- but, from now on, maybe I'll bring a resolution that we try to over turn it, and I'll make my personal point just to, you know -- there's issue after issue that goes on in Washington, D.C. that I don't agree with, and from this point forward, if this is what we're going to do, hell I'll use this stage and I'll make my point, and we can chip away little by little and change the country as you said.

Chairman Scott said, point -- point -- point of order. Please watch your language.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, excuse me. And that's it.

Chairman Scott said, Commiss-- Commissioner Stone -- not, I'm sorry, Commissioner Holmes, from the Second District.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was just about to make a statement that we don't need to get into this kind of discussion that we just heard just now.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, this brings it.

Commissioner Holmes said, and that's -- that's -- I don't think this is the platform for that, and since I've served on this Board, I've been able to see us -- differences with other's opinion, but not to the level that I heard just now, so with that said, Mr. Chairman, let's proceed with the vote.

Chairman Scott said, you were doing pretty good there until you got to the last step. Is there anybody else want to be heard on this? Let me just say to the youth out there, how we arrive at agendas, this Commission, is that the Chair sets the agenda. Members of the Commission can request that items be placed on the agenda, the Chair will usually reach out to those members of the Commission to discuss their requests, and -- so you've -- you've got members of the Commission that sometimes they request items that deals directly with constituent issues, others with state and national issues, and this is one of them, and when you have more than one Commissioner requesting it, the Chair usually would place it on the agenda. And this is here. We -- we don't want you to leave here thinking that we think that this resolution will somehow change the action of the Supreme

Court that voted 5 to 4 that corporations are people. You have to draw your own conclusions about whether or not that was correct, and I'm sure if it was not discussed in -- in your classes, perhaps it will be in the future.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. -- Mr. Chair, please I'd -- I'd like -- I'll calmly, if I may, just tell you, I did not mean to imply that anyone put it on there for those reasons. I -- I was merely --

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- pointing out unintended consequences. I know no one would -- would try to do anything in that manner, and I'm sorry that I implied that.

Chairman Scott said, all right. You've heard the motion and the discussion. All in favor of the resolution please indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I guess I'll vote.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'd like to vote nothing 'cause I don't know enough about it.

Chairman Scott said, the -- the resolution passes, 5 to 3.

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

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve a Resolution in regards to Citizens United versus Federal Election Commission. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in a 5-3 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Holmes, Center, Shabazz, and Thomas voting yes and Commissioners Stone, Brady and Kicklighter voting no. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present.]



#### RESOLUTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling in Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission rolled back legal restrictions on corporate spending in the electoral process, allowing unlimited corporate spending to influence elections, candidate selection, and policy decisions, thereby threatening the voices of "We the People" and the very foundation of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens decision supersedes state and local efforts to regulate corporate activity in their elections; and

WHEREAS, corporations do not bear the same responsibilities for their actions as do natural persons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Motion, the Chairman and Commissioners of Chatham County hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal and State Legislative Programs SUPPORT for Legislative actions ensuring corporations are not entitled to the entirety of protections of "rights" of human beings, specifically so that the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is no longer a form of constitutionally protected speech, including a constitutional amendment based on the attached language.

#### AMENDMENT

Section 1. Congress shall have power to regulate the raising and spending of money and in kind equivalents with respect to Federal elections, including through setting limits on --

(1) the amount of contributions to candidates for nomination for election to, or for election to, Federal office; and

(2) the amount of expenditures that may be made by, in support of, or in opposition to such candidates.

Section 2. A State shall have power to regulate the raising and spending of money and in kind equivalents with respect to State elections, including through setting limits on --

(1) the amount of contributions to candidates for nomination for election to, or for election to, State office; and

(2) the amount of expenditures that may be made by, in support of, or in opposition to such candidates.

Section 3. Congress shall have power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY, 2013.

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ALBERT J. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN

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JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION

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## **2. 9 AVENUE OF PINES (Commissioner Stone)**

Chairman Scott said, the next item on the agenda, I recognize Commissioner Stone, from the First District, our Commission Pro Tem.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was contacted by the Allens. I'm -- I'm -- are they in the audience? Mr. Chairman, if they're not here, then I don't see any purpose in hearing this item. I -- they said they were going to be here. I don't know why they're not here. So I guess we'll move on. I -- I -- there's no testimony if they're not here.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, I don't see -- no, I don't see them.

Chairman Scott said, well, if --

Commissioner Stone said, if -- if --

Chairman Scott said, we'll just skip that item. If they come in later, we'll go back to it.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you very much.

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

<p>Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*).</p>
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Chairman Scott said, there -- there are no tabled or reconsiderations.

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

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

- 1. TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: TRANSFER \$300,000 FROM THE CARVER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING PROJECT IN THE SALES TAX V FUND.**

Chairman Scott said, we're now on section IX, which is the Individual Action calendar. The first item is to request approval of the following budget amendment and transfers: transfer \$300,000 from the Carver Heights Community Center Project to the County Administrative Building Project in the Sales Tax V Fund.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Yes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz, Fifth District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. We want to transfer \$300,000 from -- Carver -- Carver Heights --

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- Community Center project?

Chairman Scott said, yes. This is not -- this will not impact the renovations and addition that's going on there.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Chairman Scott said, this is funds that just needed to be transferred out as sort of a year-end transaction. We've had that discussion with staff to make certain that it wouldn't have any impact, and the answer to that is no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so will that money be replaced?

Chairman Scott said, if -- if needed. We -- we don't think it will be needed. Commissioner Thomas, unless you had something else, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is -- is that project -- how -- is that project complete?

Chairman Scott said, no, that project --

Commissioner Thomas said, no, it's --

Assistant County Manager Michael Kaigler said, it's -- that project currently is in the design phase, and this is strictly, as the Chairman had indicated, this is a cash flow issue. The budget for Carver Heights will not change. When we are at the point where we will begin construction on Carver Heights, we will have the necessary funding there. This is just cash flow. It doesn't change the budget.

Commissioner Thomas said, I -- I just want to say that this isn't the first time that this has happened, and I just want those who are in the Carver Heights community to know that I do have my eyes on the money, and I am very much aware that because of what we have done in the past, we were able to, you know, go back to the

original amount of -- that was designated for the project, so, I'm -- I'm very comfortable with what's going on at this point.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: transfer \$300,000 from the Carver Heights Community Center Project to the County Administrative Building Project in the Sales Tax V Fund. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-1 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Center, Brady, Kicklighter and Thomas voting yes and Commissioner Shabazz voting no. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**

**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

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

**ISSUE:**

To request approval to transfer \$300,000 from the Carver Heights Community Center project to the County Administrative Building project in the Sales Tax V Fund.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The County Engineer has requested a \$300,000 transfer from the Carver Heights Community Center project to the County Administrative Building project in the Sales Tax V Fund. This amends the current year budget (cash flow) for the projects and allows both projects to proceed in a timely manner. This amendment does not change the total project budget for each year.

2. The Carver Heights Community Center project is just beginning the design process and will not need a majority of the funds for several months. A progress report for the project from the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Director is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

3. The cash flow adjustment will allow work to proceed on the County Administrative Building project. Award of the construction contract appears on the Purchasing agenda.

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available in the project budgets in Sales Tax V.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**SALES TAX V FUND**

Transfer \$300,000 from the Carver Heights Community Center project to the County Administrative Building project.

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: Read DeHaven

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**2. PRESENTATION BY JOE MARLOWE OF AON HEWITT, THE COUNTY'S HEALTH PLAN CONSULTANT, ON THE RESULTS OF THE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE CLINIC RFP AND PRESENT A RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF A CONTRACT.**

Chairman Scott said, item 2 on the Individual Action calendar, presentation by Joe Marlowe of Aon Hewitt. Michael [Kaigler], is -- are they ready to make a presentation?

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, I --

Chairman Scott said, this is -- this is for the Board of Commission to approve the staff going forward to create a health care clinic for county employees. Mr. Marlowe is a consultant that's been retained by the county to research this issue for us, and we wanted to just make certain that members of the Commission, as well as the public have some indication as to what we're doing in terms of trying to cut health care costs for county employees. Mr. Marlowe, you may proceed.

Mr. Joe Marlowe said, good morning Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. My name is Joe Marlowe. I'm a senior vice president with Aon Hewitt, an employee benefit consulting --

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**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Chairman Scott said, may I -- may I interrupt you a minute, one of the Commissioners have asked that I afford him an opportunity to -- to make an apology, and I want to do this before move on. So at this time if --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I -- I just want to publicly apologize for using bad language. I guess I -- I have used a not so good word once in a discussion before, but I -- I actually threw two of them out there, and I truly am sorry. I showed the ridiculous of -- ridiculousness of Washington in that, and I truly do apologize. That's not the way to conduct business. So -- especially all you Youth Commissioners --

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, don't use that -- that example. So I'm truly sorry.

Commissioner Center said, don't try this at home.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah. Don't try that at home. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, you're welcome.

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**2. PRESENTATION BY JOE MARLOWE OF AON HEWITT, THE COUNTY'S HEALTH PLAN CONSULTANT, ON THE RESULTS OF THE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE CLINIC RFP AND PRESENT A RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF A CONTRACT -- CONT'D.**

Chairman Scott said, now we'll go back to the agenda, Mr. Marlowe.

Mr. Marlowe said, okay. Yes, so I'm Joe Marlowe, I'm a senior vice president with Aon Hewitt, an employee benefit consulting firm, and I'm here to talk about really the culmination of a over a year process in assessing the need for an on-site health clinic to serve your employees and dependents. And if we can move to the agenda. So, I'm going to address first of all what I perceived based upon analysis I've done of your -- you're work force and dependents are very, very pressing health risks, and I think that they underscore the need to engage in some different approaches to try to manage the health of your enrolled population as a way of bending -- what we call bending the -- the trend going forward as a way hopefully of moderating the increase in medical costs that you're going to be spending.

Mr. Marlowe said, but we've just completed a very extensive competitive bid process where we had nine professional management firms submit proposals to manage an on-site clinic, and I'm here to review some of the findings of that, to explain the process, to -- to describe the operating model, how it will actually work, some of the savings and the value proposition associated with that, and then I'm going to actually end with my recommendation, based upon the analysis that's been done that you select the firm, Marathon Health, to actually play that role. I think it's also important to realize that earlier in this process I presented to the Commission the results of a financial feasibility study, and at that point having looked at it, there was a determination that this looked like it was a potentially good thing to do, and we were asked to go out to the market to get proposals from these firms to actually manage the process.

Mr. Marlowe said, next slide. So let me start by telling you why I feel you need to do something different from what's been done in the past to manage your costs, and what I'm showing you here in this slide, and it was in the report that you received, are actual statistics from your group. Based upon biometric screenings, where your employees actually went through a process where they -- they drew blood, they analyzed the blood, they looked at weight and height, and used that as a way of determining the overall health status of your population. And some of the numbers are really quite alarming, and as I said, I base this upon my experience in looking at many, many different employer groups, and I can tell you that your health profile is on the extreme edge. So what you have in your population among your employees, and we had about 1100 or 1200 employees who actually went through this screening, 79 percent of them are either overweight or obese.

Chairman Scott said, let me -- let me just say that that's -- that's 1200 out of 1600, so we had a very large sampling.

Mr. Marlowe said, yes, and -- and that actually was a very, very good size sample, a very high percentage of people participated as you said. So about -- almost 80 percent of them are either overweight or obese. You know there are health implications associated with that. That has a ripple affect on your health care costs. In fact of those 80 percent, 49 percent are obese, so that's a much more severe categorization than the overweight categorization. Forty-four percent of your employees are either diabetic or pre-diabetic, meaning that their blood sugar levels are rising, and they're on the path to becoming diabetes [sic] if they don't moderate their lifestyle in some way. Twenty-seven percent had high cholesterol; 67 percent either have hypertension or have values that are getting high to the point where they could be hypertensive in the future; 59 percent are sedentary, and we know that physical inactivity in and of itself is a -- is a health risk; and 44 percent have heart disease associated with some of these risk factors or an actual diagnosis of heart disease. So if you -- if you step back and look at that, I think you're in a situation where you have many individuals who have risks. Of those who have chronic conditions, these are chronic conditions for the most part, an increasing number will have more than one. So that gets extremely costly going forward. If, for example, you have someone who is obese, diabetic, hypertensive and heart disease, they're going to be generating substantially higher claim costs on an annual basis than others who don't present that kind of risk profile.

Mr. Marlowe said, so like many -- so let's look -- look at the next slide and see what the financial consequences of that are. Now I'm -- I'm citing here, not your specific statistics per se in this main table but I'm actually drawing upon a -- an article that's widely quoted in a -- in a very solid journal called Health Affairs. It's a very prestigious medical journal. It's a peer review journal where they did a three-year analysis of seven employers who had a combined total of 92,000 employees. So this study which was done by a person named Ron Goetzel, who's a very famous health economist, actually from Emory University, analyzed the cost implications of some leading chronic conditions, and -- and I've addressed many of those in the previous slide for your specific group. What he found was that a diabetic on average had average medical costs per year that were 32 percent higher than a non-diabetic, and that amounted to an excess annual amount of \$1653. So -- and someone who had high blood pressure had excess costs of 31 percent higher than someone who does not have high blood pressure and that resulted in an additional \$1378 per year. And you can see the other numbers, obesity excess cost 27 percent equates to over \$1,000 more per person.

Mr. Marlowe said, now, if you actually look at the -- at the last column there, the additional cost per capita, this takes into consideration the individual expenses, the excess expenses on an individual level, and the prevalence of the condition in the population. So we can conclude based on this study, again, this is not specific to your group, but I think it's probably a pretty good depiction of what's going on, based upon this study, for every person in your group, whether they're diabetic or not, that you're paying today about \$104 more than you would otherwise spend if there was no diabetes. For some -- and for blood -- for obesity because the prevalence is so high, the challenge of obesity today is costing you about \$350 more on average for every person in your plan whether they're obese or not. Do you -- do you understand that distinction there? So this is -- this -- and -- and these are costs as we look at them that are going to be with you probably for the lifetime of that person. They're not going to go away because the people who have these conditions are typically going to maintain those

conditions, and they're going to get costly if they're not well managed. So the secret here is to get individuals with these health risks into a cost-management situation where they're able to -- to control their condition better, perhaps reverse it in some cases, and avoid very costly complications. And in the -- in the bottom right-hand part of the slide I show you what the excess costs are. This is for your employees only, so this does not take into consideration the excess costs associated with these conditions for dependents who are under the medical plan as well. This is just your employees, and you can see the amount associated with each of the different conditions.

Mr. Marlowe said, so, bottom line conclusion here, you have high -- a very high risk profile. It's going to continue unless you do something different, and in the next slide, I want to talk about some of the challenges that we're facing that -- that I see happening with your plan and actually the plan of most employer groups around the country as they've tried traditional means to control their medical costs. So the next slide deals with a program called disease management, where typically your health plan is work -- is reaching out to individuals who have chronic conditions to try to engage them in discussions, in coaching, to -- to enable them to better control those conditions. In some -- in some cases it might involve taking medication that they weren't taking. Let's say they have hypertension, to make sure they're taking that medication, or if they have diabetes. In -- in other cases it may be having certain tests to monitor their situation. What we have found from the traditional approaches to disease management is that a very small percentage of the people that you need to work with actually get engaged in the program, and I think for many, many employer groups, they're sitting back thinking well we're offering disease management programs for people who have chronic illness, that will take care of things. It hasn't worked, and I think that's the reality. That's what we have to come to grips with, and that is that if -- if you look at this slide, essentially what it's saying, and this is based on a study that's several years old, but I think the findings are still valid, that you might identify in a particular group 24 percent of the people who have a chronic condition who could be assisted by a disease management program, but those programs typically work by trying to call people at home, to engage them with a nurse, many people don't answer the phone, many people don't want to be bothered because the phone call's coming through during dinner hour, and so when all is said and done, if you look at the far right of this -- of -- of the table here, as --- as this study demonstrated, somewhere between two to three percent of the people you're trying to work with are actually meaningfully engaged. You cannot manage your costs if you're only reaching two to three percent of your high risk people, because this population here, the chronically ill, are probably accounting for 70 percent of the annual medical spent.

Mr. Marlowe said, so we have to do something different, and that's where the on-site health clinic comes into play, and why don't we move to the next slide. So I -- I think the reality is you can't assume that what's been done in the past is going to work. Let's try something a little different. The on-site clinic provides that opportunity. So the basic structure would involve having a nurse practitioner, a full-time nurse practitioner, supported by a registered nurse and a medical assistant, in space secured by the county open probably 40 hours a week. You can determine how you want to -- to schedule those hours to appeal to your different agencies, the work forces that would be making use of that, and you would encourage people to make use of the on-site clinic. You're not going to make it mandatory. It will be totally voluntary. You are not going to be telling people to stop using their primary care physician. The clinic is there to serve for convenience. It's also there to enable those clinicians at the clinic to spend more time with these people, especially the employees and dependents who have the high risks. And I think what we need to think about is when we go to see our own physician, how often our primary care doctors appear to be -- they're time limited, they're hassled, they've got a waiting room full of people, they're really not able to spend the amount of time that people want to have, and so these -- the people working, the clinicians in this on-site clinic would be available to provide that kind of guidance. Do I see a question?

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah, I have a -- when you finish I have a question. I would like to refer to the --

Chairman Scott said, you -- it's not -- you can ask one now if you like if it's something --

Commissioner Thomas said, I would like to ask Mr. Kaigler a question.

Chairman Scott said, carry on.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Kaigler, will this particular presentation here takes the place of -- of the present health plan that we have for Chatham County or is this another plan instead of the plan that we were originally working with?

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, it's -- it's designed to supplement that. It's not going to take the place. We -- we're looking to roll all that into one umbrella. So right now it won't replace that but as --

Commissioner Thomas said, it's not a substitute.

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, not substitute, but we -- we do plan to roll it all in and see how we can work together to make sure that our employees are covered.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right. Another question, so -- what's your name, sir, again?

Mr. Marlowe said, Joe Marlowe.

Commissioner Thomas said, so Mr. Marlowe's group will be taking the lead in this?

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, yes, ma'am. And -- and as I indicated we -- we want to bring all of the services under one umbrella so our employees won't have to go to one place for the screenings, drug testing, those kind of things. We want to bring that under one umbrella.

Commissioner Thomas said, I'm not sure I'm understanding this fully because I thought we were already investigating, you know, this from a local standpoint.

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, yes, we are. And -- and -- and I think the program you're -- you're referring to, the agreement with have with Our Life and -- and the Bradley group, we are continuing with that, but we do anticipate bringing all that under -- under one umbrella. Some of that is being done by Dr. Bradley's group, some is being done by St. -- St. Joe/Candler, and we do anticipate bringing all that under one umbrella. So the clinic will be doing most of that as we go forward.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Will this be another clinic or will this be the clinic that we're now operating under the, you know, for Chatham County?

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, well, see right now we -- we use the services of St. Joe/Candler for our screenings. When we get the clinic up and functional, the screenings will be done at our clinic.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Stone said, may I add something?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. Dr. Thomas, I think that we're trying to make a -- trying to create a totally comprehensive plan here, and what you were referring to, and -- and correct me if I'm wrong Mr. Kaigler, is one component, and what my goal and my hopes for this county is -- in this clinic is -- is early diagnosis.

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, and the only way you can get early diagnosis is through primary care.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

Commissioner Stone said, and monitoring primary care, and -- and that is what -- hopefully we'll eliminate some of our catastrophic claims and get a handle on a lot of the -- the illnesses that, if they're caught early will not manifest to the point of hospitalization or emergency room visits, and in addition to that, to creating a healthier workforce through incentives, not mandates but incentives, and I think that this is -- and I've got all kinds of documentation. This is done -- being done throughout the country. The first one that I became aware of was through the Association of County Commissioners, and that's why Mr. Kaigler, Ms. Fulton and I went down to Camden County to look at their clinic, and I -- I -- I -- I wish that everybody could have experienced the visit that we did in talking to their staff and asking the really hard questions, like, were the employees, you know, apt to making these changes, did -- were they uncomfortable with going to a clinic, were they afraid that all of the other employees would know their business, and they said, bar none, this has been one of the best things they've ever done, and it took their county budget from the red to the black. And -- and in looking at our numbers that I cited earlier in the pre-meeting, we can't afford not to do this. We -- we simply cannot afford to stay on the same trajectory that we're on unless we want to -- to take the tax payers' money to pay huge amounts in our claims and our premiums. So, this is something that we have been working with -- with all entities. Mr. Kaigler's been very comprehensive in who he's involved in all this, and so I'm -- I'm -- I'm just very excited that this is an opportunity for all of us, and actually I'm very proud to say that Chatham Area Transit is now interested in what

we're doing. The -- I've been contacted by the City of Savannah, they're interested in this, so I think that we are well on our way to creating something that will be beneficial to our employees and a money saver to this county. So, I'm -- I'm -- I can't tell you how excited I am about it, and how enthusiastic I am about getting started.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. -- Mr. Chairman, one more comment. I'm not against this at all. I think it is a great plan. It's very comprehensive. I just wanted to know how this and the other concept because I was not aware that you all had gone somewhere. This is the first time I'm hearing it, and had I known that you were going somewhere to visit, I probably would have made myself available to do so. So I'm just hearing a lot of this right now. It's -- that's the reason why I'm questioning it. It's not a bad plan at all. I mean I -- I'm excited about what's being presented, but I just wanted to know how this -- this would come in -- into, you know, into play with what we have been doing before. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, you're welcome, doctor.

Mr. Marlowe said, so I'll --

Chairman Scott said, go ahead and carry on.

Mr. Marlowe said, -- just spend a minute on this slide. I just -- the -- the slide is here to show you that we did a very thorough analysis. We had proposals from nine firms that would actually manage the clinic, so what that means is that you -- you would not as an entity want to be hiring these clinicians and trying to operate this yourselves. You would want to turn to a firm that has the expertise and experience to do that. So we created a request for proposal. I actually had almost 80 questions in that where we really analyzed the capabilities of these different firms. We narrowed the field from nine original proposals to five based upon the response to those questions, then we analyzed in great detail the financials submitted by the five finalists. We selected as part of that process two of them Concentra and Marathon Health as finalists, and at that point Mr. Kaigler and his staff made a visit to a firm operated by each of those finalists. One was the City of Plantation, Florida, where Marathon Health had a clinic in place, and the other was Escambia County in Florida where Concentra had a clinic, and I think it's fair to sort of characterize the findings from those visits that they were particularly impressed, and Tamala [Fulton] was there, particularly impressed by the operations that Marathon Health was offering in Plantation, Florida. Why don't we move on to the next slide then.

Chairman Scott said, we -- we have a question. Commissioner Shabazz.

Mr. Marlowe said, sure.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. You are -- you are a consultant.

Mr. Marlowe said, correct.

Commissioner Shabazz asked, what's -- what does it cost for your services?

Chairman Scott said, you -- you can address that with staff after this presentation.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. All right. Well, I have another question.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the finalists that you selected, was there a ballpark figure for --

Mr. Marlowe said, no, that -- that -- here -- here's how the process worked. We had a request for proposal --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Mr. Marlowe said, -- that had 77 questions.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Mr. Marlowe said, we took the responses from each of the nine firms that bid, looked at every single response by question, and -- and created a numeric score for each question. We totaled those up. That made it -- and that enabled us then to say we're going to cut the field from nine to five, and at that point we focused on the five.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Marlowe said, we looked at -- in detail at the financials that they proposed, and based then upon the combined set of answers to the questions and the financials, that's where the determination was made that Marathon Health and Concentra scored the highest among the nine. They became the finalists, and that's what led to the site visits to visit their clinics.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. But the driving force behind any of this is cost.

Mr. Marlowe asked, you mean their cost?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Mr. Marlowe said, well, actually --

Commissioner Shabazz said, what is --

Mr. Marlowe said, -- when it was all said and done, there was not a great difference in cost.

Commissioner Shabazz asked, what is the service going to cost -- what is the service going to cost the county?

Mr. Marlowe said, yeah, so that is laid out in the -- in the report, and actually I have a slide here that's going to show you what that is. Okay?

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Marlowe said, so as far as the operating model, if you were to decide to proceed, and if you went with the recommended Marathon Health as the -- as the firm, you would be paying them a fixed fee per employee per month. So what that means is you'd be paying them approximately \$30 per employee the first year. I think it's \$28. You would also be responsible for the space and the electricity there. You would have to pay \$120,000 or so, that's a -- a very close estimate I think of the start up costs, and then you would be -- you -- for that you would receive the staff, the full-time nurse practitioner, a half-time RN, a medical assistant there to support them, and all the supplies and equipment that are necessary to run the -- the clinic. Yes?

Commissioner Center asked, is that per employee using the clinic or per employee we have -- we have employed?

Mr. Marlowe said, per employee, total employee whether they use it or not. Yep. Yep. And -- and one of the considerations here I think is that initially, in the first year, the clinic would be made available to active employees and pre-65 retirees, and then once you gain the experience from that, you could, at that point, open it up to use by the dependents of -- of those who are enrolled in the medical plan. So the dependents of employees and the retirees years two going forward. Any -- any questions about how that would actually operate? All right. The next slide. So the value proposition, I think we've already talked about some of this so I'm going to pass over a lot of this very quickly. First, left quadrant here, employer of choice. The point here is that for those employers that have had -- that have on-site clinics in place, what we have seen is extremely high satisfaction on the part of their work force. People like the convenience. Many of your -- of your employees do not currently have a primary care physician. This will enable them to receive the kind of primary care that they should be receiving in order to avoid a more serious illness. So it's viewed generally as -- as a very high level, a very high satisfier for employees. If you look to the right, the cost savings, there will be direct savings. Each time a person goes to the clinic rather than to a physician in the community, because you're a self-funded medical plan, you will avoid the cost of that physician office visit to the doctor. Now you're going to be sinking costs into the program to begin with, but you'll be saving for each encounter. You also will be avoiding certain expenses, such as emergency room visits. So people rather than going to the emergency room will be coming to the clinic. They'll be some savings there. You'll save on referrals to -- to specialists, because many people, instead of self-referring to a specialist will come into the clinic and find that the clinician there can take care of that -- that situation rather than incurring the higher costs associated with a specialist. You'll also have -- you can expect to see improvements in productivity. People won't be leaving work to go to a doctor's office visit. If they -- they can get it very quickly and get back to work. Save you several hours there. There's generally a reduction in -- in absence and disability, and then the main issue here, which I want -- really want to reinforce is for you I think the prime opportunity as a group is to improve the health status of your population, and that's why you see, when we talk about the reasons for recommending Marathon Health, they pride themselves on --

Chairman Scott said, would you -- can you move on to slide -- your next slide, please and elaborate on that because that's really the nuts of it right there.

Mr. Marlowe said, slide 8?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Mr. Marlowe said, yes. Yes, so these were some of the savings that I'm talking about, and it's improving the employee health with coaching and prevention, which I really think is a prime opportunity here. Marathon Health has a model where they train their clinicians in engaging the members who come in for visits in a discussion about their health, and they're prepared to spend lots of time with people to help them understand their condition better, to know what they have to do to manage it, and then to monitor -- monitor that over time and make changes going forward. I think for your group that is going to determine really the over all success of your program, your ability to incent your members to come into the clinic, especially those who have these high risks, to engage in this kind of interaction with a trained professional who's schooled in what we call readiness to change, an ability to connect with people who perhaps have poor health -- lifestyles and in the past have ignored it, but to show them through motivational inter -- interviewing that they're able to make changes that they probably otherwise would not be aware of, and then to work with them over time to get them back to a healthier state. Other questions?

Chairman Scott said, now --

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, we -- we don't need to be sold on Marathon. What we need to be sold on is the concept and what we're really doing this for.

Mr. Marlowe said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, and that is to -- and -- and you really outlined it on -- on 8, and that is to avoid claim payments, lower pharmacists costs, reduced utilization of ER's and emergency rooms. Those -- those are really things that's going to ultimately end up in -- in the cost savings, along with -- along with improve employee health and coaching and prevention that will get after hopefully employees' habits, hopefully will do some early -- early intervention, 'cause people just don't go to primary doctors. They go to specialists after they determine that -- after they conclude they've got a specialist problem.

Mr. Marlowe said, right.

Chairman Scott said, and that's what we're really trying to avoid. We don't need to be sold on Marathon.

Mr. Marlowe said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, it's the -- it's -- they -- they were the preferred when you went through the process. We understand that, staff understands it. What we need to be convinced on that this will actually save tax payers money.

Mr. Marlowe said, absolutely.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

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

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone, then Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. Real quickly, and I'll be happy to give anybody a copy of the May issue of City and County magazine. Down in Florida they did a municipal hospital and the savings are all quoted in here, and I think it would be good reading. But the last thing I'd like to do is ask Ms. Cramer to come up and give the statistics of what's been happening with our health insurance costs so that you can see why this is extremely necessary at this point in time. If -- the -- the --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone, I didn't recognize you for that purpose, to invite someone else to the podium.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Just because she --

Chairman Scott said, I thought you had a question of the presenter.

Commissioner Stone said, I did. I just wanted her to -- to give her these figures.

Chairman Scott said, well we -- we can get to that after this, but I --

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, I want to make sure that Commissioner Brady gets her question answered.

Commissioner Stone said, that's fine.

Chairman Scott said, and at the end, we can -- we can then invite --

Commissioner Stone said, I just would like her to --

Chairman Scott said, our Assistant County Manager to come up.

Commissioner Stone said, -- to really give the alarming numbers of -- of where we're going if we don't do something.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and my question is when you look and you haven't hit that slide, but you made a reference, Mr. Chairman, to cost, and is it really going to save the county money, and -- and -- and that's certainly a huge question, and so -- and -- and let me just say this to the staff that I think as -- if we move forward with this concept, then I would hope that there would be a clause in any contract we may sign that says we guarantee this amount of money in savings, because, I mean to me, I mean, obviously it's a no brainer, people get healthy and -- and -- and -- and health care costs go down, but unless there's some form of a guarantee of some percentage of savings, you know, I think that must -- absolutely must be in some form of a contract.

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, we have a number of safeguards along those lines. For the new Commissioners, when we first presented this, we always talked about doing a pilot. We were going to look at the potential of doing this for three years. The Board will be getting quarterly reports, and you'll be able to see the savings. It's our opinion that if after -- at the end of -- 'cause it will take about two years to really get ramped up and get the employees used to this service. It's always been our opinion and our recommendation that at the end of the third -- the beginning of the third year, if we don't see a positive return on our investment, we're going to have to look at doing something else. But as Commissioner Stone and the Commissioners who have been here for a number of years know we're seeing an upward trend in our medical claims, and it's our goal to kind of reduce the increase. We see an increase every year, but we want to reduce that increase and -- and kind of level out that curve. So we -- we hear you loud and clear, and we don't intend to waste tax payers' dollars. We want to be good stewards.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Mr. Marlowe, can you move to slide 11 because I think that's important not just for members of the Commission but also for the public viewing, because that's really the -- the financial.

Mr. Marlowe said, sure. So slide 11 lays out the actual financial proposal from Marathon Health, and you'll see that they're estimating that the implementation fees will be approximately \$120,000. You would pay that to them up front. Then the operating cost we show of 2.9 million, that is over a five-year time frame. So we're looking at starting at a little bit below I think \$500,000 in the first year, and that will grow gradually over time so that the five-year total would be about two -- it would be \$2.9 million in operating costs. Marathon Health is projecting savings of about \$5 million. So the net savings are just shy of \$2 million over the five years. This is all five-year numbers, and the net present value of that is about \$1.6 million. So the return on investment is about 1.6 to 1, which is actually quite a healthy number. If you realize that, and these are not guarantee -- I mean right now, these are estimates, so that's some -- certainly something you have to keep in mind, but as I said at the very beginning, as you think this through, what you have to give consideration to is the fact that your -- your medical costs have increased fairly dramatically in the last several years and most importantly, your health risk profile for your population is quite bad, and if you continue doing what you're doing it's only going to get worse.

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, one of the things that was really impressive to me -- to me and my staff, Marathon was able to produce what they call a cost avoidance report, and what that gives you is that gives you

a report that would demonstrate for the employees who come into the clinic what it would have cost you if you had gone to -- for a regular office visit. So when you look at that and compare it to our budget, I think we intend to see a cost savings.

Chairman Scott said, but the -- the bottom line is that we're proposing to save the tax payers \$2 million over five years in health care costs period.

Mr. Marlowe said, yep.

Chairman Scott said, that's the bottom line.

Mr. Marlowe said, yep.

Commissioner Brady asked, well, and -- may I respond, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, and -- and -- and I understand that part, but I also, you know, it's not something that's going to be mandated, it's going to be volunteer, and -- and if -- if they, you know, it's kind of like, you know, if we build the field will they come kind of stuff. And I'm not saying that we don't need to do something, but I'm going to give you a quick example. I dealt with an energy management contract, which is different than health care, and they gave a -- a -- a -- not an incentive but a guarantee that a certain amount of money would be saved if -- in the event that we signed a -- an energy management contract. So I'm certainly going to be looking for that caveat in any type of contract that we have, because again, it's, you know, if we build it will they come?

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, and -- and we can definitely look at those performance guarantees. To speak to whether the employees will utilize the clinic or not, Commissioner Kicklighter, when we presented this back in December, one of the issues he had was to make sure that we surveyed the work force to make sure that they would use it. We -- we did that. We had a firm come in and do a pretty good survey for us. We're pleased that we had about 45 percent of the people that we sent surveys out to, they responded, which is -- which is pretty good for surveys, and overwhelmingly the workforce said they would use the clinic.

Commissioner Brady said, but that -- that was 45 percent of 500 people who were surveyed, and we have 1100 --

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, -- at least 1100.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, and the other thing too, 40 -- almost 40 percent of our employees work for the Sheriff Department, and the Sheriff has indicated that he's on board and would encourage the usage, but don't say that you're not going to man -- mandate it.

Commissioner Brady said, I know.

Chairman Scott said, there will have to be a carrot on a stick approach. If people don't participate --

Commissioner Brady said, on a volunteer basis.

Chairman Scott said, -- it -- it could be they have to pay some sort of cost effective -- premiums may be higher. We -- we haven't worked that out, but it's up to this Commission. Anyway, Mr. Marlowe, we really appreciate your presentation, and at this time I will fast forward -- or -- or really go back to Ms. Stone's request and -- and ask the Assistant Manager Linda Cramer come forward. Thank you so much for your presentation.

Mr. Marlowe said, okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Mr. Marlowe asked, do you want me to stay here for other questions?

Chairman Scott said, not at the podium, but please be available in the audience.

Mr. Marlowe said, okay. Sure.

Assistant County Manager Linda Cramer said, okay. Good morning. I was asked to put together the annual claim and administrative costs that the county has been paying. Actually this information comes to you every quarter in your quarterly financial report. At -- what I -- what I put together yesterday was a five-year history. In 2008 our claims and admin were about \$13 million. In 2012 we had a really bad year. It went to \$20.1 million for the year. These are the active employees, okay? Currently for FY13, we're looking at about 18 to 19 million. We're still playing around with our year-end numbers. Our retiree claims run around \$5 million. I would say about half of the retiree claims, and these are on top of the actives, okay, about half of those claims are prescription, which is very unusual, but in the retiree population, that is about half of our cost.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner Stone, I think have a follow-up for you.

Commissioner Stone said, actually, no. I -- I was going to make another comment, but that's okay.

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. In the one that we went down to Camden County, what they did, it was incentive-based. Like you said, it was not mandated but incentive-based by points for compliance in a more healthy lifestyle, whether it was primary care, whether it was an exercise program, whether it was non-smoking, and then all of those points added up to a reduction in your premium. So that it is a carrot and stick based program, and I -- certainly we're opened to looking at all kinds of suggestions, but the savings are -- are clearly recognized in all of these programs, and I would encourage anyone also to talk with Bert Tenenbaum at Chatham Steel, and -- and he indicated that they started a program there, and it has been so successful that now he's doing -- he's gone to California to do it for the parent company. So I -- I think this is the right track. It's a pilot program. After three years if the numbers aren't heading in the direction, we certainly have the opportunity to pull out, but I think that this is the intelligent thing to do. Every -- all the information that I've gathered and in talking with Mr. Kaigler and -- and his team, it seems like certainly a right start in trying to save money for this county and for the tax payers of this community. So thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions from the presentation? We do not have a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, I'll make the motion.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, Mr. Chairman, if -- if I may, the process which we -- if the Board approves going --

Chairman Scott said, this is -- this -- the -- the motion should be is to -- to really to approve the staff's recommendation.

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, okay, sir.

Commissioner Stone said, correct.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Is that your motion?

Commissioner Stone said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott asked, is there a second?

Commissioner Holmes said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Now, is there any further discussion so we can --

Commissioner Center said, what --

Chairman Scott said, affect this motion or?

Commissioner Center asked, what exactly is the staff recommendation? Are we -- are we approving a contract?

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Kaigler.

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, what -- what we're asking the Board to do is approve and authorize staff to move forward with implementing the clinic. We would in that be bringing back a -- we would be working with the County Attorney to develop a contract with performance guarantees as Commissioner Brady indicated for the Chairman's signature. We would have to come back to the Board for a lease agreement for the space, and then we'd be coming back to the Board with quarterly reports.

Chairman Scott said, follow up question.

Commissioner Center said, yes, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, from Commissioner Center and then our Vice Chair Commissioner Thomas has a question.

Commissioner Center asked, we're just -- we're just approving your taking the next step. We are not approving any contract if we vote today?

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, we would -- we would be developing a contract, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, okay. And -- and

Chairman Scott said, for them to develop a contract.

Commissioner Center said, okay. And -- and -- right, and I don't want to spoil or upset the bidding process, but, you know, we've had reports every month or every quarter on the jail, and we require a local participation. I haven't seen the bids of Memorial or St. Joseph's/Candler, if they're \$1,000 more or what. You know, I'd like to be able to compare what our locals can do with these before I approve any contract.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner, we -- when -- when they put the request for proposals out, that would have been the time for Memorial and St. Joseph and all those to come forward.

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, they --

Chairman Scott said, and -- and -- they are not in that business, and I don't think they participated in the request for proposal, did they?

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, yes, sir. They -- they submitted proposals and --

Chairman Scott said, I know St. Joseph did, didn't they?

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, and Memorial. They --

Chairman Scott said, they both did?

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, they submitted proposals.

Commissioner Center said, I just saw them listed as -- as two of the nine when -- when --

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, when Mr. --

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, and then we -- we brought back the results of that, and the former Board, we made a recommendation and they narrowed it down to the two finalists that we went and did site visits.

Commissioner Center said, right. And also, and I guess I'd be asking Mr. Hart, we've talked about the carrot and the stick, I mean, can we legally mandate or we -- that you have to stay in certain shape to take advantage, or we just say you're premium's going to be individually higher if you don't meet parameters?

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, you can -- you can do a -- a point system. I mean there's no question about that. You know, it's just a matter of how you want to arrange the points to motivate your people. I mean I saw one of the slides there that talked about diabetes costing \$1600 a year more, smoking around \$500 or \$600. You can take your actual costs and expenditures of the various things you're trying to treat and develop a point system based on that. You know you've got tons of ways to do this, and I know for a fact that Glynn County as Commissioner Stone had said, had -- had done a point system, and I'm familiar with how they did that just by happenstance of dealing with the county attorney down there.

Commissioner Center asked, and we increase the personal cost to the recipient if they don't meet the points?

County Attorney Hart said, well, what you -- the better way to do it is -- or the way that has the -- the -- the situation where it can be less susceptible to being challenged, is to set a premium rate and give a discount if you do this, a discount if you do that. In other words, if are not in that diabetic category you get so many points that -- however the point system works, interpret it as a lower premium rate. On the other hand, you can do it that way, but most people have found that the carrot works better than the stick for the most part. I've got two private employers that -- in my private practice, that have these clinics, and they have been very successful in the participation part, because, you know, you get a sinus infection, you don't want to go sit in a doctor's office for an hour and a half to get a -- a -- a prescription for Erythromycin. You just go into this clinic, you walk in, they -- they verify that that's what you need and prescribe it for you, and you go back to work. So participation of these that private groups have been putting in, the -- the convenience of it sort of drives itself. At least that's the experience -- my limited experience of these two -- two situation.

Commissioner Center said, we can apply it to retirees also, not just --

County Attorney Hart said, well, we're going to start -- I understand we're going to start out and keep it with immediate employers [sic], you know, you got to walk before you can run, but it will be made available once we get the hang of this thing as I understand it -- or that's if y'all decide to extend it to that. That, you know, you --you have the final decision -- decision on that, but if we're spending 50 percent of our money on prescription fees, then a readily available generic program ought to have some pretty substantial impact on your health cost.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- are you okay? Okay. Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Brady said, so if we -- let me say this, I think this is a -- a great idea. Concept is great, but to me not being on the County Commission when it started, there seems to be so many unknowns to it. So if I vote to approve moving forward today, I still would have an opportunity to say no based on how these contracts come in and what they say. Is that accurate?

County Attorney Hart said, correct. The Board has to make the final decision of the contracts, and, you know, this is a situation where the base of the contract would probably be fairly straight forward, but -- and then the devil's in the details --

Commissioner Brady said, exactly.

County Attorney Hart said, and the matrix, and so.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott asked, you have one?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz from the Fifth District has a question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I want to go back to that question that I asked about cost. First of all I'd like to say that I think this is an excellent program, the gesture, the clinic, because like the gentleman that stood before us he was -- one of the items on his presentation was sedentary lifestyle, that's the lifestyle of inactivity, and

we live in a society where there's a -- it's just a cure all society where we go to the doctor when we get sick, you know, and we all know that an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure. But I wanted to ask a

question about the cost and how you selected these individuals that's going to conduct this clinic. I want to ask the question of is -- was there some type of cost, a benchmark on what they would charge for this?

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, yes, sir. I'll ask Joe [Marlowe] to come back to the mike to -- to speak to that, but we did look at costs. Each proposal sent in financial information, and we had Aon Hewitt analyze that financial information to see what vendor would be the best for us in our particular situation.

Mr. Marlowe said, yes, sir. As I explained the process, we had nine bids, including several from the local providers. We analyzed all nine of those in detail. From that pool of nine, five sort of came out as having the best experience, the best service capability, and they then became the semi-finalists. At that point then we analyzed the financials that they submitted. The -- the financials looked at proposed utilization, staffing, savings, and -- and based upon the combined response to all the questions that we asked and the financials, we ended up with Concentra and Marathon Health as the two finalists. They really stood apart from everybody else in terms of capability, coupled with the financial proposal. When all was said and done the amount of -- of financial saving -- difference, the difference in the cost between Marathon and Concentra is not great in the overall scheme of things. However, the -- the capability of Marathon Health and it's focus on improving the health of the work force is really what separated them, combined with very positive feedback we got from Mr. Kaigler and his team in the site visit that they did to the City of Plantation in Florida.

County Attorney Hart said, Commissioner Shabazz, in looking at the proposal, your cost is what -- what in some markets, I don't know if it -- fits here is called a captated fee. You pay a fee per person per month. So if your utilization is low, the cost is fairly high. But if you utilize the service, as your utilization increase, the cost of the service continues to go down, and if you get great participation, and --you've got sometimes the situation where the contract provider no longer is making money out of the deal because of the utilization. So to some extent although we're giving that up on the front end, we have the potential to get it on the back end and they take the down side risk on that. So it's not a bad -- it's a pretty -- pretty smart program that these people have come up with.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Marlowe said, can -- can I --

Commissioner Shabazz said, what -- what --

Mr. Marlowe said, oh, I'm sorry.

Chairman Scott said, there's another question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, one -- one -- one last question, I -- I heard my colleague Commissioner Brady ask about guarantees, how can we guarantee that we will get savings, you know?

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, we definitely will --

Commissioner Shabazz said, but -- but -- but --

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, -- will work that into the contract so the contract that we bring back to this Board will have those guarantees in there.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but in addition to that, I -- I want -- I want to ask is there some type of aggressive approach that we will use to kind of sensitize the employees or the county staff -- I meant county employees to go for this program?

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, I think a -- a lot of that is going to be dictated by cost. When you talk about the carrot and the stick approach, right now the employees only pay about 15 percent of their medical costs. I can envision a scenario where if you don't do -- or take the -- the responsibility to manage your health, that percentage could be higher, and if you do the right thing, then you would have -- you pay a lower percentage. There -- there's a -- there's a number of ways that you manage that, and we have been taking baby steps towards that. As time progresses and -- and costs continues to escalate, I see us recommending to this Commission more aggressive steps in order to get those -- that budget under control.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. Thank you.

Mr. Marlowe asked, may I make a statement, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, only -- only if you think it's going to really add to this discussion.

Mr. Marlowe said, well, I -- I actually think it will.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'm satisfied myself.

Mr. Marlowe said, I do think it will. There's been a lot of talk about incentives, so one of the main incentives that's going to bring people into the clinic is the fact that there would be no co-payment. So now people under their plan have a deductible that they have to satisfy, and they have to pay a co-payment every time they go to a doctor's office, and certainly to an emergency room and so forth. If there's no cost, that's going to make it much more accessible especially to individuals today who are not getting care that they need because they don't want to spend the money.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. We're still in the discussion phase. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Staff looks like you got a conditional green light.

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, yes, sir.

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

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of staff's recommendation to move forward with the on-site health clinic. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

[NOTE: Aon Hewitt's Summary Findings and Recommendations are attached to the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.]

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**3. ADOPTION OF YEAR 2013 MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AND THE COUNTY OF CHATHAM PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.**

**IN ADDITION, FORM PT-35 COUNTY MILLAGE RATE CERTIFICATION AND FORM PT-32.1 COMPUTATION OF MILLAGE RATE ROLLBACK AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES FOR TAX YEAR 2013 MUST BE CERTIFIED AND SUBMITTED TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR DIGEST APPROVAL FOR THE TAX YEAR 2013.**

Chairman Scott said, Item 3, and this is the adoption of year 2013, millage levy resolution for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and for Chatham County pursuant to the advertising -- advertisement having been published in accordance with Georgia law 48-5-32.1. In addition Forms PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT-32.1 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and percentage increase in property taxes for year 2013 must be certified and submitted to Georgia's Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2013. And --

Commissioner Brady said, I --

Chairman Scott asked, is there anybody here from the School Board?

Assistant County Manger Kaigler said, yes, Mr. Chairman, we have Mr. Larry Jackson. Mr. Jackson is the budget director for the Board of Education.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Jackson, you know, this motion doesn't --

Mr. Larry Jackson said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning. This motion doesn't state what your millage rate is, and we have the audience out there listening, so for -- for that purpose can you start by stating what the millage rate that you're proposing that the County Commission approve?

Mr. Jackson said, what we're proposing for the FY14 school year is a millage rate increase of 1.25 mills above what our millage rate was for the FY13 school year, sir.

Chairman Scott said, and that's -- would be a total millage of?

Mr. Jackson said, if I'm not mistaken that would be a total millage of 15.61, if I'm not mistaken.

Commissioner Brady said, 15.881.

Mr. Jackson said, 15. --

Chairman Scott said, 881.

Mr. Jackson said, 881. I'm sorry.

Chairman Scott said, all right. Is there --

Commissioner Brady asked, I'm -- can I make a motion? Is it appropriate at this time?

Chairman Scott said, yes, go ahead.

Commissioner Brady said, I move that we approve and adopt the 2013 millage levy resolution for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and Chatham County.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, and the Board of Education?

Commissioner Brady said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, for the Board of Education for the City of Savannah and Chatham County. That's what they're called.

Chairman Scott asked, is there a second?

Commissioner Thomas said, I did. Second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Hearing discussion. Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I've been very frustrated by this law that states that we have to approve this. I haven't seen your budget. I made reference that I would like a copy. I didn't officially ask, but I -- I talked to the Chairman of the School Board. Look at a budget, you know, to kind of see, and I don't have anything, and so I'm not going to vote in favor of this. I'm sorry. I -- I don't feel good about approving something that I haven't even read the first document.

Mr. Jackson said, if I can address --

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Mr. Jackson said, -- Mr. Chairman? We placed a copy of our preliminary budget on the -- on our public website that was available for view the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, and we have ran -- there have been a number of newspaper articles that appeared in the paper throughout the process indicating what our budget amount is, also indicating the

difficulties and obstacles that the current budget year has faced upon the local school system. Unfortunately because of the slow recovery of the economy, and the lack of financial support from our state who requires a lot on local school districts but they are not stepping up to provide the resources to support school districts, the state is placing a lot of that responsibility on local school districts, on local tax payers to provide that basic education that's required. But if you did not receive a copy, we'd be happy to get you copies of the budget, but again, like I said, we have copies on our public website, and they are located in the public libraries.

Chairman Scott said, I think Commissioner Holmes of the Second District has a question and Commissioner Center of the Third District, and our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas of the Eighth District have questions. In that order.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman, not really a -- a question, I just noticed that -- how quickly Commissioner Brady approved the School Board. I don't know Mr. Johnson [sic], did you plant her over here for that purpose or what?

Mr. Jackson said, no, but we're happy -- we're excited for her in -- in her new role, but she understands the -- the obstacles that we face, and really, a lot of the frustrations that we have with our state government when it comes to public education.

Commissioner Holmes said, job well done.

Mr. Jackson said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I just -- I wanted to point out that there is a Georgia Supreme Court case from 1975 that mandates that this Commission approve whatever tax request the Board of Education makes. Many of the public think that y'all are a taxing authority. Y'all have total authority over running the schools, you recommend a tax, and we are required by the State Supreme Court to approve what you recommend, and I just want to make sure that everybody watching this Commission understands that. If we don't vote on it, we'd be taken to Court and the Judge says you vote on it or you be our guest at one of our new facilities for a while.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Thomas and then Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I don't have a question, I -- I -- I have a statement. I don't believe that this is the first time that we have voted on the School Board millage.

Chairman Scott said, first for some of us.

Commissioner Thomas said, well, first for some of you. First for some of you, but what I'm saying, it's not the first for this Commission, and this has been an ongoing process since I've been up here, and I think my fellow Commissioner Center said it very well. We are mandated.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good -- good morning.

Mr. Jackson said, yes, sir. Good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the School Board, the actual School Board and the President of the School Board, didn't they -- they vote on -- didn't they vote to increase this millage?

Mr. Jackson said, yes, sir. Yes, sir. After months of debate, and like I say, it wasn't a pretty process. I can probably attest, and I'm sure Commissioner Brady can too, probably I've been an employee of the School District for probably over 20 years, and I believe this is the first time that we have imposed or requested such a drastic change or any increase of such upon the citizens of Chatham County.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah. And -- and --

Commissioner Thomas said, that's true.

Commissioner Shabazz asked, also, how did that vote -- how -- how many voted in favor of that?

Mr. Jackson said, the vote ended up 5 to 4.

Commissioner Shabazz said, 5 to 4.

Mr. Jackson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so it -- it -- it passed.

Mr. Jackson said, barely.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Mr. Jackson said, barely.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so -- so --

Mr. Jackson said, like I say, it wasn't a popular decision, but the Board in general understand where we are. We're at the end of the road as far as balancing a budget. Most school districts across the state are pretty much in the same boat. It's going to take school districts a little longer to recover than most other types of governments, so we have -- we still have some rocky roads in front of us, and this gets us through FY14, but next year we're going to have to -- hopefully things will be better in the economy, hopefully the tax digest -- digest will grow a little bit, maybe the state will have some favor, and allot the additional funds to the districts, but we still have some rocky roads in front of us.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'd like to just thank you all for the wonderful work that you're doing with the school system as well, and in building the new schools and all this stuff. It's -- it's -- I'm excited about the future for our Chatham County Schools.

Mr. Jackson said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. Thank you.

Mr. Jackson said, and unfortunately that's why the Board president and some of the School Board members could not be here this morning --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Mr. Jackson said, because they have a ground breaking going on right now.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and that leads to another thing. Why would a school board schedule a ground breaking on an official meeting of the County Commission? I think that's unthoughtful on the part of the school system, and I know that you're not the elected officials, but you're the only conduit that we have here.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

Mr. Jackson said, yes, sir. Unfortunately the --

Chairman Scott said, and now my staff don't want to schedule ground breaking because of School Board and City Council meetings. Somebody's got their priorities wrong.

Mr. Jackson said, yes, sir. I'll relay that to our School Board. I think their thought was, as was mentioned earlier, this had been normally a routine formality pretty much, but I --

Chairman Scott said, you just -- you just --

Mr. Jackson said, -- relay that message to them, sir.

Chairman Scott said, you just said that it wasn't routine because this is the first time you've done it, by your own words.

Mr. Jackson said, no, I'm talking about the vote.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, in several years.

Mr. Jackson said, adoption of the millage rate.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mr. Jackson said, that -- that's pretty much a routine item.

Chairman Scott said, well, you know, I'm of the opinion that a 1975 court decision, there's probably nobody left on that Court that made that decision, and it's like the Supreme Court of the United States, they often reverse themselves. So even at the advice of counsel who suggest to you that there is proven law or whatever you -- a court case that's -- you know, it would -- it would be interesting to -- to test it again. I'm -- I'm not recommending that to members of the Commission, but we don't live in usual times anymore I don't think as it comes to tax payers' willingness to support anything. But anyway, we -- we thank you for your time.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman? I just want to say I -- I went to Virginia Heard when they first opened, so I'm sad that I couldn't make your ground breaking today.

Mr. Jackson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion? If not, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. You tell them that they got a reluctant passage.

Mr. Jackson said, yes, sir.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve and adopt the 2013 millage levy resolution for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and Chatham County. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in a 6-1 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Holmes, Center, Shabazz, Brady and Thomas voting yes and Commissioner Stone voting no. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-3**

**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

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

**ISSUE:**

Adoption of year 2013 millage levy resolution for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham pursuant to advertisement having been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2013 must be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for the tax year 2013.

**BACKGROUND:**

A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the State of Georgia Department of Revenue, and is scheduled for delivery by the Tax Assessor's Office during the week of July 28, 2013.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. At is June 26, 2013 meeting, the Board of Public Education adopted a resolution for the millage levy for tax levy 2013.
2. The recommended millage rates for tax year 2013 are as follows:
  - (a) General Fund, 15.881 mills. This is a net increase of 1.250 mills from the previous year.
  - (b) G. O. Box Debt, 0.00 mills. This is equal to the current millage rate.
3. The aggregate millage rate is 15.881 mills. This is a net increase of 1.250 mills from the 2012 aggregate millage rate.
4. The 5-year history of levy was advertised as required by State Law and incorporated the recommended rates. A Copy is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
5. The County Attorney has issued an opinion on the duty of the Board of Commissioners to levy the tax as recommended by the Board of Education. A copy is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt the year 2013 levy resolution for the Board of Public Education pursuant to advertisement having been published and the Millage Rates as follows:
  - (a) General Fund, 15.881 mills.
  - (b) G.O. Bond Debt, 0.00 mills.
  - (c) An aggregate millage rate of 15.881 mills.
  - (d) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Georgia Department of Revenue Form Pt 35.
2. Modify the tax levy resolution.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

State law requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue (Ga. Code 48-5-302). Georgia law 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1 further specifies method of publication of ad valorem tax rate.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven



STATE OF GEORGIA )

COUNTY OF CHATHAM )

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
IN RE: TAX LEVY YEAR 2013

IT IS ORDERED that the tax of Fifteen Dollars and Eighty-Eight and One Tenth cents per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) (rate of 15.881 mills) be levied and assessed on all taxable property in Chatham County, Georgia, in the year 2013 to pay for the support and maintenance of Public Education in Chatham County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chairman be authorized to execute the documentation for submission of the 2013 Tax Digest to the State of Georgia Department of Revenue in accordance with this resolution.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said taxes be collected by the Tax Commissioner of the County or his successor in office.

APPROVED THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2013.

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Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

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Janice E. Bocook  
County Clerk

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#### **4. PRESENTATION OF DESIGN OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER BY ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GROUP, INC.**

Chairman Scott said, Item 4, we have a presentation of design of the emergency center, Architect Design Group. Is --

Mr. Clayton Scott said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I'm Clayton Scott, the director of Chatham Emergency Management Agency. As you know, as we've discussed before, we have two emergency operation centers, a primary and an alternate, neither of which is capable of withstanding a major hurricane. In 2011 y'all approved a -- the CEMA in going forward to acquire an architectural group to design an emergency operations center at Hunter Army Airfield. Architectural Design Group was selected through competitive bidding, and in conjunction with local architectural group, Scott Barnard with Thomas and Hutton, Hunter Saussy, and a number of other mechanical and structural engineering groups have developed a plan that we'd like to show you today. There is no decision required. We'd just like to show you what -- what we've done. We have met and Architectural Design Group have met with over 50 agencies, local, municipal, state, to discuss the parameters of what we're doing, what their needs are, and what our needs are in this facility. This project, by the way, has been paid for principally by Federal Department of Homeland Security grant, however, it has also taken money out of -- out of SPLOST funds and out of the CEMA fund balance. With that I'd like to introduce Mr. Ian Reeves, who is the principal for Architectural Design Group.

Mr. Ian Reeves said, thank you. Thank you all for having us here this morning. We appreciate the opportunity to bring you all up to speed with where we are in the design process. As Clayton indicated, this is a very technologically sophisticated type of structure.

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. Chairman, we don't have a quorum. We can't proceed any further.

Commissioner Stone said, no, we don't.

Chairman Scott said, this -- this doesn't require a vote. This is simply a presentation.

County Attorney Hart said, you can take it for information, but you cannot take any action on anything.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mr. Reeves said, we're not -- we won't be asking for any --

Chairman Scott said, carry on.

Mr. Reeves said, -- action. We just wanted to provide an update. So. This type of structure --

Chairman Scott said, I think it's be -- the result of my failing to call a bathroom break, but carry on.

Mr. Reeves said, oh, I'm sorry. Would you like me to wait?

Chairman Scott said, no.

Mr. Reeves said, okay. All right. As this was partially funded through Federal Homeland Security funding, we are -- the design incorporates and includes all aspects of the FEMA 361 guidelines for protection of the contents and the personnel within the -- within the structure. So without boring you with the great detail, there are a number of codes that are implemented to protect and make sure that during or after a man-made or natural disaster this building will remain survivable and serve the community at large. So what that means is that it has 100 percent redundancies in back up power, water, air conditioning, everything that would be required in case every critical utility went down. This facility would continue to operate for a minimum of 72 hours. So where -- where we are with the process -- where we are in the process is currently the design is just under 56,000 square feet, of which there is over 10,000 square feet of future shell space allocated as if traffic management, the maritime operations or the 9-1-1 communications dispatch center would be co-located under this hurricane hardened structure. Likewise the county has its back up data center located within the structure to ensure that the county would never be down data wise with their technology systems.

Mr. Reeves said, current site development costs, we've utilized a local cost estimating firm that actually has reached out to the local subcontractor trades and the information that we've gotten back was that the building and site development and technology package would come in at around \$18.745 million. That puts us at a \$335 per square foot overall package. Our firm specializes in designing these types of buildings on a national basis. We would estimate on -- regularly that \$325 to \$400 a square foot is where these facilities are, so we are at the low end of that being at the \$335 per square foot.

Mr. Reeves said, here's a site plan. The project is located just right inside the Montgomery Street gate at the Hunter Army Airfield base. It would be the first piece of property on the right as you would enter next to the Tuttle Health Clinic. You can see the -- the building itself is coated in the reddish color. We have an -- number 5, the parking along the street way would be for public parking. The remainder of the parking is secured staff parking with site water retention areas, as well as a protected, enclosed emergency generator and H-V-A-C system, central energy plant. And then the building layout itself, the first floor is made up of the CEMA headquarters, which is the pink quadrant on the bottom left with the public entry. The green is the media relations. The yellow is actually the emergency operations and incident command center, and then all the gray areas are the supporting areas and the brown right above CEMA's offices is your county-wide back up data center.

Mr. Reeves said, the second floor is made up of space allocated for the 9-1-1 communications and dispatch center, maritime ops, and traffic management, and again additional support space. So it's a very efficient lay out. It affords the county with a great deal of growth within this hurricane-hardened structure. And then what we've also provided for you are some of the renderings of the exterior and the interiors that we've worked through with the design guidelines and all the staff at H -- at Hunter Army Airfield. So it was in -- the design is in keeping and has been approved by the base. These are the front elevations and the side -- whoop -- these are the side elevations, and then you can see in the back where we have the long bar, we have a series of support spaces as well as their mobile command vehicle storage, other emergency response vehicles, all in a protected environment, and then if you go to --

Commissioner Shabazz said, the -- the west -- excuse me.

Mr. Reeves said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the west elevation is the front or the north elevation is the front? Which elevation is the front and which elevation is the back?

Mr. Reeves said, the front is going to be the south elevation.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Reeves said, right -- on the one above, that's the front entry, where we have the nice, long canopy connecting the walkways getting visitors into the building, and then the east elevation is going --

Chairman Scott said, I thought you said this was hurricane hardened.

Mr. Reeves said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, you think that canopy will survive?

Mr. Reeves said, the canopy can be blown away. The building itself is concrete, tilt wall. The infrastructure, everything is protected, but we have to have these canopies per the base.

Chairman Scott said, tell us about the -- how hard when you say hurricane hardened.

Mr. Reeves said, category 5.

Chairman Scott said, category 5.

Mr. Reeves said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so -- so -- so --

Chairman Scott said, and a category 5 is what wind?

Mr. Reeves said, it starts at 156 miles per hour.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. That's what I wanted to know.

Mr. Reeves said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so that -- it will withstand that wind velocity of hundred and what?

Mr. Reeves said, a minimum is -- a category 5 is a minimum of 156 sustained winds for three-second gusts, but this design -- this design is significantly higher than that.

Commissioner Shabazz asked, what is it?

Mr. Reeves said, it's 225 miles per hour.

Commissioner Shabazz said, 225.

Mr. Reeves said, yes, sir. It will probably be the only county facility designed at this level.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and so it's built out of concrete and steel.

Mr. Reeves said, yes, sir. Solid concrete, structural roof deck. All the walls are tested in Miami, Dade County, in a missile laboratory where they shoot two by fours out of a cannon at it to make sure that they will not break or be deemed vulnerable. So the entire building envelope, walls, doors, windows, louvers, are all tested and designed and engineered for the 225 miles per hour.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and it's a metal roof or what? Shank?

Mr. Reeves said, yeah. The nice -- the nice part about that is it will never lose operational capacity. So even with the redundancies in the critical infrastructure, we have the power supplies, we have fuel supplies. They will be operational during a major hurricane and afterwards. So the continuity of the government operations could be transferred to this facility. We have rooms there for the County Chairman's office, the County Commission's office. They have a situational room included within the building program to utilize if you need to hunker down and be able to continue making informed decisions and helping people understand what

evacuation routes, what rescue areas are going to be available, shelters are going to be available, what roads are going to be closed the soonest. That's where this -- those kind of decisions would be from -- within this structure.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I wanted to ask about the roof. The roof is that --

Chairman Scott said, one more question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- metal?

Mr. Reeves said, yes, sir, but it is a metal roof with -- we have a -- a flat, concrete structural roof deck, so the actual roof, the pitched roofs, again, if they were to be compromised, we still have a full comprise -- concrete envelope. The box of the building will not be jeopardized.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions? Carry on.

Mr. Reeves said, okay. And then we just wanted to show you some more renderings of what the -- the building's going to look like. It does, to meet with Hunter Army Airfield's compliance with the design, we have to have this type of perimeter security fencing. It's -- okay you can see that. So the whole perimeter has that and then this is just a rendering that we put together to show you the interior of the emergency operations incident command center, where we've got all emergency service functions outlined, all the work groups, series of breakout rooms for those groups to go back and discuss the issues that they're having to deal with at hand, and then pull together their responses and disseminate that into the public. And that's our brief update for you this morning.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady has a question.

Mr. Reeves said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, well I understand -- I understand this is a presentation on -- on -- on the architecture of -- of this CEMA location, but what I want the public to understand, and this is partly a comment and question to the staff is -- is that, how is this funded, just the design, and then how will the facility be funded?

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, I think Clayton [Scott] may have eluded to that, but we had some SPLOST funding --

Chairman Scott said, Clayton is going to speak to it.

Mr. Scott asked, we had -- for -- for this project, ma'am?

Commissioner Brady said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Scott said, for this project it was Department of Homeland Security grant that provided for this, as well as some of the CEMA funds in our fund balance, and --

Chairman Scott said, that's for the architecture.

Mr. Scott said, -- some of our SPLOST funds. For -- for -- that was for the --

Commissioner Brady said, design.

Mr. Scott said, -- design of it. For future -- for the actual construction of the building, we're looking toward SPLOST funds, and of course, we'll go for any federal grant we could -- we could get. We -- we look at those every day.

Commissioner Brady said, but the SPLOST funds would be something that would need to be on the ballot in November.

Mr. Scott said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any other questions? If not, Commissioner Shabazz has a follow-up question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, this structure will be in place for if -- if -- if a -- if a -- if a natural disaster happen here, hurricane happen here, and they have a mandatory evacuation, this will be for those who are here, who choose to stay here?

Mr. Scott said, it wouldn't be for all of them. It would be for the emergency operations staff.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's what I'm asking.

Mr. Scott said, the critical work force staff that we have as well, like fire departments, police departments, that have separate sites that --that are designed -- like the airport for example, they're -- there are areas below the airport, the baggage make up areas that -- that a number of these agencies will go to. This is where the operational coordination staff would be that will coordinate the recovery to the -- the hurricane.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay. Is there a place right now?

Mr. Scott said, no, sir, not that we could --

Commissioner Shabazz said, we have nothing right now?

Mr. Scott said, -- not that we can withstand beyond a category 2 storm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, we don't have anything that would be able to withstand anything more so that the intent would be to move west, out -- out of the county.

Mr. Scott said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, in essence.

Mr. Scott said, our -- our plan is for the emergency operations element to go to Statesboro. We've got the mobile command post now that was provided by federal grant that we can take with us, but we can't -- can't operate the recovery of the county in those facilities.

Chairman Scott said, okay. No further questions. Thank you so much, Clayton for --

Mr. Scott said, yes, sir. Thank you

Chairman Scott said, -- informing the Commissioners, as well as the public on your activities.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it was a nice presentation.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

For information only.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
**FROM:** Clayton Scott, Director, CEMA

**ISSUE:**

Design Presentation of the Emergency Operations Center by Architectural Design Group, Inc.

**BACKGROUND:**

December 14, 2010, CEMA was awarded a \$1 million grant for design of a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The grant was awarded to cover several pre-construction activities such as environmental assessments, topographical surveying, geotechnical surveying, architectural and engineering fees, energy modeling, and permitting. Architectural Design Group was selected as the lead architect for the design. The design is ready for presentation.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Eight County Departments and 14 other Local, State and Federal Partners have been involved in the Design.
2. The Design is for a five acre site on Hunter Army Airfield.
3. The Design accounts for wind loads to withstand a category 5 hurricane.
4. Redundant measures have been designed for all systems.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Allow time for Architects Design Group, Inc. to present the EOC Design.
2. Do not allow time for Architects Design Group, Inc. to present the EOC Design.

**FUNDING:**

A \$1million grant was awarded through the Department of Homeland Security's Port Security Grant Program. The grant required a 25% match. Federal funds of \$750,000 were matched with local funds of \$250,000 to satisfy the grant requirement.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to support sustainable infrastructure and Continuity of Operations and Government. The design of this EOC facility satisfies the first step in construction of a facility to support the County's resilience and operational survivability of critical mission essential functions.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Support Alternative #1.

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**5. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.**

Chairman Scott said, Item 5, we are now going to hear our monthly report from the Chatham County CNT by Director Ragan.

CNT Director D. Everette Ragan said, good morning Mr. Chairman. Good morning Commissioners. Looking at our monthly report for the month of June, and I'll keep it fairly brief this morning, we initiated 44 investigations, we closed out two. We had a couple of agency assists that we did on some -- some training, first with the community camp, we spoke to children and counselors about drugs, and South College, the -- the pharmacy tech graduates we spoke to them about our -- our brand necessary program and some -- some things that they've asked us to come back and -- they asked us to come back as far as prescriptions drugs and -- and the dangers in over prescribing and -- and looking at that and identifying some of our local meth heads that come in and buy the Sudafed and the type of drugs to make methamphetamines. So, they've asked us to come back every -- every semester to help train the pharmacy students.

Director Ragan said, so far year to date we've seized a little over \$1 million in illegal -- illegal narcotics. Recovered eight weapons this month, and we've arrested 22 people for the month. Again we adopted four cases, all of them from Savannah-Chatham, and we -- you see the arrests that we made in the Commission Districts again, and you see the graphs outlining the number of hours we've spent in the precincts and in the municipalities, and -- and then again, we see the number of hours we spent inside the city limits of Savannah. A couple of cases just to talk about. These are not cases that have recently been in the headlines that -- that we've dealt with, however, we did have the one case where received a call from a local transport, freight agency, if you want to say, and they had a suspicious package. We got a search warrant for it. It was going to a house

in Ellabell, contained 20 pounds of marijuana inside it. Same company had another package with the same address going to a place in Ellabell that the Bulloch County drug unit was looking at. We got our heads together, we made the delivery, recovered 48 pounds of marijuana that was going to a house up in -- in Bryan County. Made that arrest. And we got a call some patrol officers were at a house, and we got a call of suspicious activity, and under [sic] covered a home-grown marijuana hydroponic plant in the basement of the house. So we made an arrest on that and recovered marijuana and other drugs at that point in time.

Director Ragan said, just like to touch briefly on the headline arrests we've had for the past week in reference to -- be our follow-up in a -- one of our wire tap cases from last year where a county employee was arrested. Significant in the event that this past case that we did, that particular case we -- not only were we after the -- the drug dealers, however, the females involved with these drug dealers who were -- who'd go out and rent cars for them, get homes in their names and supplant -- makes them more difficult for us to locate where the trap houses are, where they keep the money, who -- and where they keep the drugs. When we developed that -- that investigation, all the girlfriends have been charged in that, they're -- so we -- we -- we went after everybody, and -- and with the county employee we came across her and worked it very, very closely with the District Attorney's office and -- to -- to make sure we were correct in what we were doing and right and a substantial case has been made in -- in reference to that investigation. So. Any questions? Thank you very much.

Commissioner Thomas said, good job.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

[NOTE: The CNT June Monthly Report is attached to the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.]

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## **X. ACTION CALENDAR**

<p>The Board can entertain one motion to adopt the below-listed calendar. Such motion would mean adoption of staff's recommendation. Any Board Member may choose to pull an item from the calendar and it would be considered separately.</p>
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Chairman Scott said, we're now on -- on page 6, Item X, which is our Action Calendar. Unless somebody has a desire to take something off the action calendar, I will entertain a motion at this time.

Commissioner Brady said, I so move, Mr. Chairman, we approve 1 through 10.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Brady said, actually 1 through 9, I'm sorry.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. We do have a quorum, all in -- all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Thomas said, we're getting smaller and smaller.

Chairman Scott said, motion carries. The action calendar has been approved.

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

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 9 and under Item 9, Items A through K. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Kicklighter 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 JULY 12, 2013, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 2013, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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**2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 4, 2013 THROUGH JULY 17, 2013.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period July 4, 2013 through July 17, 2013, in the amount of \$8,143,229. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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**3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND COURT REPORTER FOR COURT REPORTING SERVICES.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for approval of an agreement between Chatham County and the Court Reporter for court reporting services. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**

**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

**FROM:** R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

**ISSUE:**

Request Board approval of Agreement between Chatham County and Court Reporter for court reporting services.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County Attorney's Office was asked whether the County needs to have a contract with the new court reporter for Superior and State Courts. O.C.G.A. § 15-14-1 provides the judges of Superior Court have the power to appoint the court reporter and he or she serve at their pleasure. The court reporter must



and between **CHATHAM COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia ("County") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Court Reporting Contractor").

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the County is in need of court reporting services and the Contractor is willing and able to provide this service; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties intend that Contractor's services will be performed in her capacity as an independent contractor under the Fair Labor Standards Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties intend that Contractor's services will be provided on an as needed basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties intend that this Agreement shall be a firm, fixed price agreement in an amount as outlined in the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises, the County and Contractor agree as follows:

**Nature of Services**

Contractor understands and agrees that her services shall be performed in her capacity as a contract employee. Such contractual relationship does not entitle Contractor to status of "employee" for the purposes of the Chatham County Personnel Ordinance or entitlement to any County benefits to include health care and retirement.

Contractor shall perform all tasks as directed by the Court or Court Administrator and shall at all times abide by the Code of Professional Ethics of Court Reporters and all guidelines for professional conduct in court reporting which is outlined in the attached Exhibit "A" (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file), and shall further abide by regulations outlined in the attached Exhibit "B".

Contractor shall provide said services in accordance with Exhibit A and shall be paid in accordance with the "Compensation Chart for Court Reporting Services" attached hereto as Exhibit C (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**Term and Hours of Agreement**

The Contractor shall provide pre-approved hours of labor each week on a month-to-month basis, not to exceed twelve months from the date of execution of this Agreement. The total hours of services provided by Contractor shall not exceed those assigned by the Court Reporter Manager of Superior Court Administrator. Such contract shall automatically renew for an additional 12 month period unless written notice to terminate the contract is provided 15 days in advance of the renewal date.

**Payment Terms**

The contract value is defined in the attached Exhibit "C" as "Compensation Chart for Court Reporting Services". The first payment will be delivered one month after the contract work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Chatham County Superior Court Administrator or the Court Reporter Manager. All future payments shall be made in accordance with the Exhibit.

**Administrator of Agreement**

This Agreement shall be administered by the Superior Court Administrator.

**Work Specification**

The services provided by Contractor will be in connection with the official court reporting duties to all courts of record in Chatham County and shall include all those duties outlined by the Court Reporter Manager and those attached in Exhibit A. Moreover, Contractor agrees and specifically warrants that Contractor shall hold all necessary degrees, certificates and/or training necessary to the performance of her duties in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-14-1, et al.

Contractor shall be responsible for providing all equipment and supplies necessary to carry out the duties as a court reporter. Contractor shall be responsible for the performance and execution of contractual services with the result of said services being satisfactory to the Court and/or Court Administrator.

**Termination**

This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time and without notice. Should termination occur, the balance of any funds remaining under this Agreement shall be held by the County and Contractor shall only be entitled to that amount for which services have already been rendered.

The failure of Contractor to complete assigned tasks without the consent of the Court Reporter Manager shall be grounds to terminate this Agreement. The County shall withhold any unpaid portion of the contract price.

**Georgia Law**

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with Georgia law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, the day and year first above written.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Witness

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Bocook  
Clerk of Commission  
[SEAL]

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Witness

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor, Court Reporter

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Notary Public

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CITY TO ALLOW STORAGE OF GARDEN CITY RECORDS IN THE CHATHAM COUNTY RECORDS CENTER.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Chatham County and the Mayor and Council of Garden City to allow storage of Garden City records in the Chatham County Records Center. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

**FROM:** R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

**ISSUE:**

Request Board approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Chatham County and the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia.

**BACKGROUND:**

This agreement allows storage of boxes for Garden City in the Chatham County Records Center. Chatham County has agreed to store said records at a rate of \$.60 per box, per month.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1. This agreement allows storage of boxes containing Garden City records in the Chatham County Records Center.



sanction, blockage, embargo, labor dispute, strike, lockout or interruption or failure of electricity or telephone service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and Garden City have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by the proper officers and so attested with the corporate seals affixed and set forth in duplicate originals.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tennyson Holder, Mayor

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Notary Public

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles  
City Clerk  
[SEAL]

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Witness

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Notary Public

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Bocook  
Clerk of Commission  
[SEAL]

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- 5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FOR SALARY AND ASSOCIATED BENEFITS FOR CHATHAM COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PERSONNEL AND BAMBOO FARM AND COASTAL GARDENS PERSONNEL. THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval of a contract with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension for salary and associated benefits for Chatham County Cooperative Extension personnel and Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens Personnel. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**

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

**ISSUE:**  
To request Board approval of a contract with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The contract is for salary and associated benefits for Chatham County Cooperative Extension personnel and Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens personnel.
2. The contract period is from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
3. This request is made for continuation of services rendered by the Chatham County Cooperative Extension at 124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA and the Bamboo Farms and Coastal Gardens at #2 Canebrake Road, Savannah, GA.

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available in the Cooperative Extension (1009812-52.39001) and Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens (1009814-52.39001) budgets.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign.
2. Provide other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

This is a continuation of existing contracts to maintain a cooperative partnership with the University of Georgia and Chatham County Cooperative Extension for delivery of Extension and Bamboo Farm programs and services.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND  
UGA, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, COASTAL GEORGIA BOTANICAL GARDENS

JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013

26-31-RE360-400

Personnel: Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens Extension Staff

51110	Monthly Payroll		\$ 49,157
51120	Salaried Payroll		\$ 24,282
51120	Salaries Payroll (1.45% only)		\$ 10,450
51130	Hourly Payroll (1.45% only)		\$ 11,134
51910	Hospital		\$ 20,074
51920	Life		\$ 210
51940	FICA OASDI (Soc. Sec.)	6.2%	\$ 4,553
51942	FICA-HI (Medicare)	1.45%	\$ 1,378
51950	TRS	12.28%	\$ 9,018
*Salary & Benefits Total			\$130,256

\*The University of Georgia will **bill the county monthly** for the **actual salary and benefits** cost for employees at the UGA Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens. Chatham County request a final invoice in 30 days after end date.

Bill to the following name and address:

Name: County Finance Department  
Address: P. O. Box 9297  
City, State, Zip: Savannah, GA 31412

Name of Contract: Read DeHaven  
Email Address: [jrdehave@chathamcounty.org](mailto:jrdehave@chathamcounty.org)

Telephone Number: 912-652-7917  
Fax Number: 912-652-7835

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Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Date

CHATHAM COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014

26-31-RE360-406

Personnel: Chatham County Extension Staff

51110	Monthly Payroll		\$ 59,518
51120	Salaried Payroll		\$ 30,122
51120	Salaries Payroll (1.45% only)		\$ 5,225
51910	Hospital		\$ 23,141
51920	Life		\$ 200
51940	FICA OASDI (Soc. Sec.)	6.2%	\$ 5,558
51942	FICA-HI (Medicare)	1.45%	\$ 1,376
51950	TRS	12.28%	\$ 11,008
*Salary & Benefits Total			\$136,148

\*The University of Georgia will **bill the county monthly** for the **actual salary/benefits cost** for Chatham County Extension employees. Chatham County request a final invoice in 30 days after end date.

Bill to the following name and address:

Name: County Finance Department  
Address: P. O. Box 9297  
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Name of Contract: Read DeHaven  
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Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Date

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**6. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT FOR PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES SERVICE AGREEMENT. BOARD APPROVED AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY AT BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2013.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board confirmation of a contract for promoting Safe and Stable Families Service Agreement. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**

**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

**FROM:** Sheryl Jones, Violence Intervention Program Coordinator

**ISSUE:**

To request confirmation of the *Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program Service Contract Agreement* award to fund a full-time Intervention Specialist and Service Coordination and Case Management for the Violence Intervention Program.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Violence Intervention Program applied and was funded for **\$104,800.00** which includes full-time salary plus benefits for The Intervention Specialist, staff travel and training, supplies, contractor fees, and client transportation to receive services.
2. The grant requires a 25% cash match of **\$26,200.00**, which is already in place through the Violence Intervention Program's current budget. **No additional funds from the County are required.**
3. The grant will run October 1, 20213 to September 30, 2014.
4. PSSF Contracts are Purchase of Service agreements and not a grant. Distribution of funds is based on reimbursement for direct services provided and reported.

**FUNDING:**

1. No additional County funds are required. The 25% match of **\$26,200.00** is currently available through the Violence Intervention Program's current budget. Please reference Violence Intervention current budget funding #2179951.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board confirms the contract for the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program Service Contract Agreement Award.
2. That the Board not approve the application for the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program Service Contract Agreement Award.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

No additional funds from Chatham County are required. The 25% cash match will come from the 5% Local Victim Service funds. Funds for the Violence Intervention Program are set to end December 31, 2013. The Violence Intervention Program is seeking additional revenue to continue funding for this program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approves Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Sheryl Jones

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### AUTHORIZATION/RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project/Program Title: Violence Intervention Program

Contract Period: October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014

Project/Program Amount

Federal Award	\$	78,600.00
Request		
Match Commitment	\$	26,200.00
Total Cost of Services	\$	104,800.00

Individual authorized to act on behalf of Public Entity: Albert Scott, Chairman, County commissioners  
 (Name and title of individual to sign contract)

CHATHAM COUNTY agrees to enter into a written contract with the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services for the provision of services as described in the FFY2014 Promoting Safe and Stable Families proposal.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature



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Name and Title

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Date Commission Expires

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- 7. **REQUEST TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT FUNDRAISER AT BETHESDA ACADEMY, LOCATED AT 9520 FERGUSON AVENUE. PETITIONER: TERRI O’NEAL FOR HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 18, 2013.  
[DISTRICT 1]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval of a request to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor) for a special event fundraiser at Bethesda Academy, located at 9520 Ferguson Avenue. Petitioner: Terri O’Neal for Historic Savannah Foundation. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-7**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 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 Historic Savannah Foundation**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Terri O’Neil** has filed a Special Event Application for a fundraiser at Bethesda Academy, 9520 Ferguson 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 beverage 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 Bethesda Academy.
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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**8. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2013. PETITIONER: SCOTT W. SMITH, D/B/A PIN POINT HERITAGE MUSEUM, LOCATED AT 9924 PIN POINT AVENUE. [DISTRICT 1.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2013. Petitioner: Scott W. Smith, d/b/a Pin Point Heritage Museum, located at 9924 Pin Point Avenue. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-8**

**AGENDA DATE: July 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 for 2013. Petitioner: **Scott W. Smith, d/b/a Pin Point Heritage Museum**, located at **9924 Pin Point Avenue, Savannah, GA 31401**.

**BACKGROUND:**

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.

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

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Willie Lovett, Chief of Police

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**9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD BIDS AS FOLLOWS: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear).**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Annual software support contract for the Tax Commissioner's office	I.C.S.	Manatron (Sole Source)	\$54,544	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
B. Summary Change Order to the construction contract for the Ogeechee Farms Phase III Drainage Improvements at the Ridgeland Road and Yemassee Road project	Engineering	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc.	\$27,612	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Ogeechee Farms project
C. <i>Deductive</i> Summary Change Order to the construction contract for the Tara Manor Drainage Improvements project	Engineering	Seascape Excavation	(\$15,800)	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Drainage, Queensbury Drainage
D. Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract for the CNT building addition	Building and Safety	RL Construction Group, Inc.	\$6,050	CNT Confiscated Funds
E. Annual renewal for maintenance and support for all hardware and software for the Cisco network equipment	I.C.S.	Cisco	\$54,036	General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
F. Renewal of Mosquito Control aircraft liability and physical damage coverage for a one (1) year term	Risk Management	ACE (Westchester Fire Insurance Company)	\$32,240	Risk Management Internal Service Fund
G. Professional engineering services contract for drainage improvements for the Gateway / Henderson Canal Drainage Improvements project	Engineering	Thomas and Hutton	\$80,000	SPLOST (2008-2013) - Gateway/Henderson Drainage project
H. Renovations for Human Resources Offices at 123 Abercorn Street	Special Projects	Pioneer Construction, Inc. (MBE)	\$655,888	SPLOST (2008-2014) - County Administrative Building
I. Controllers and hydraulic convertors for the irrigation system at the Henderson Golf Course	Parks and Recreation	Jerry Pate Turf (Sole Source)	\$17,053	CIP - Recreation
J. Annual contract for four (4) one (1) year renewals to provide Insurance and FEMA/GEMA Claim Management Services in the event of a natural disaster	Risk Management	Adjusters International	Varies depending on services required	Reserve for Catastrophic Claims Internal Service Fund - 619
K. Upgrade the repeater and installation of Bio-Directional Antennas for the Detention Center Expansion project	I.C.S.	•Motorola Solutions, Inc. •Savannah Communications (State of Georgia contract)	\$236,025	CIP - Chatham County Detention Center Expansion project

**AGENDA ITEM: X-9 A thru K**

**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

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

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS**

**ITEM A**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$54,544 sole source annual software support contract from Manatron for the Tax Commissioner's office.

**BACKGROUND:** VisiCraft Systems/Manatron Property Tax Collection program is used for property tax billing, collection and disbursement. The annual support contract provides user support, operating support, upgrades and new program releases.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Manatron of Chicago, IL, is the only company permitted to make changes or updates to their proprietary software, thereby qualifying these agreements to fall under a sole-source procurement.

2. This annual support software contract reflects a 1% increase over the cost of the agreement for last fiscal year. The increase includes enhancements that have been requested to existing programs.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$54,544 to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$54,544 sole source annual software support contract from Manatron for the Tax Commissioner's office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to strive for the most efficient and effective means of service delivery.

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

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
NICK BATEY

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

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$27,612 Summary Change Order No.2, to the construction contract with Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc., for the Ogeechee Farms Phase III Drainage Improvements at the Ridgeland Road and Yemassee Road project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Ogeechee Farms Phase III Drainage Improvements at Ridgeland Road and Yemassee Road project is part of the 1998-2003 SPLOST Drainage Program. On December 16, 2011, the Board awarded a construction contract to Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc., to address the limited drainage capacity of the existing culverts within the system.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Board awarded a construction contract as a unit price contract to Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. The project was completed in June 2013. This Summary Change Order adjusts the contract amount to reflect the actual quantities of materials provided in lieu of the calculated quantities listed within the bid sheet of the construction contract.
2. During construction, staff identified a section of the maintenance road failing near the construction area causing the road to become inaccessible. The section of roadway was outside the project limits and not included in the original scope. Staff negotiated a cost to repair the damage. This Summary Change Order contains an additional line item for crusher run to repair the roadway.
3. Contract History:

Original Contract (12-16-11)	\$ 358,495
Change Order No. 1 (6-22-12)	\$ 21,090
Summary Change Order No. 2 (pending)	<u>\$ 27,612</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 407,197

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Ogeechee Farms project  
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280097)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$27,612 Summary Change Order No. 2, to the construction contract

with Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc., for the Ogeechee Farms Phase III Drainage Improvements at the Ridgeland Road and Yemassee Road project.

2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$15,800 *deductive* Summary Change Order to the construction contract with Seascope Excavation for the Tara Manor Drainage Improvements project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Tara Manor Drainage Improvements project is part of the 2003-2008 SPLOST Drainage Program. On December 21, 2012, the Board awarded a construction contract to Seascope Excavation to address the limited drainage capacity of the existing drainage system from Ferguson Heights Subdivision to Lake Elmhurst.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project was completed in July 2013. This *deductive* Summary Change Order adjusts the contract amount to reflect the actual quantities of materials provided in lieu of the calculated quantities listed within the bid sheet of the construction contract.
2. During construction, staff identified a section of the project failing due to erosion within the channel. The section of roadway was within the project limits. Staff negotiated a cost to repair the damage using larger stone within the channel. This Summary Change Order contains an additional line item for Type III Stone to repair the section.
3. During construction, staff recommended a modification to an existing headwall. The plans called for removal of the headwall to extend the pipe system. Staff recommended the modification to lessen the disturbed area and save an existing fence located on an adjacent property. This Summary Change Order contains an additional line item for the modification to the existing headwall.

4. Contract History:	
Original Contract (12-21-12)	\$ 93,770.30
Deductive Summary Change Order No. 1 (pending)	<u>\$- 15,800.00</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 78,570.30

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$15,800 *deductive* Summary Change Order to the construction contract with Seascope Excavation for the Tara Manor Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$6,050 Change Order No. 2, to the construction contract with RL Construction Group, Inc., for the CNT building addition.

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. This change order is for replacing the R19 batt insulation with the installation of R19 foam spray insulation. The cost difference for using the R19 spray foam insulation in lieu of the R19 batt insulation is \$2,650. Also part of this change order is providing and installing additional electrical/communication boxes for smart board and television outlets, a receptacle above ceiling for network switch and camera, and the installation of wood blocking to accommodate the smart board and the five (5) television locations below the new outlets and communications boxes. The cost for this work is \$3,400. That makes the total cost of this change order \$6,050.
  
2. Contract history:
 

Original Contract (2-8-13)	\$184,737
Change Order No. 1 (7-12-13)	14,520
Change Order No. 2 (pending)	<u>6,050</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$205,307
  
3. Staff finds the cost from RL Construction Group to be fair and reasonable and within the project budget.

**FUNDING:** CNT Confiscated Funds  
(2103222 - 54.13011)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$6,050 Change Order No. 2, to the construction contract with RL Construction Group, Inc., for the CNT building addition.
  
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 recommend approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$54,036 annual renewal for Cisco Smartnet maintenance and support for all hardware and software for the Cisco network equipment from Cisco for the I.C.S. Department.

**BACKGROUND:** The entire County network operates on a Cisco Network and this support is essential to ensure functioning network operations. This maintenance provides hardware and software support, upgrades and replacements for one (1) year for our Cisco equipment. The support is supplied directly from Cisco but through Entre Solutions, a local authorized Cisco Partner. This contract provides 24 x 7 tech support 365 days a year. It gives advance hardware replacement for any equipment 24 x 7, advanced software configuration, interoperability and upgrade questions via tech support and hardware and software information.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The price offered by Cisco Systems thru Entre Solutions, a local MBE firm, is based on a 3 year agreement at \$54,036 per year. This price is down from \$75,276 due to the replacement of many older Cisco network switches.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$54,036 for Smartnet maintenance on all the Cisco equipment to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$54,036 annual renewal for Cisco Smartnet maintenance and support for all hardware and software for the Cisco network equipment from Cisco for the I.C.S. Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$32,240 insurance quotation from ACE (Westchester Fire Insurance Company) for the renewal of Mosquito Control aircraft liability and hull (physical damage) coverage for a one (1) year term of July 11, 2013 – July 11, 2014.

**BACKGROUND:** Mosquito Control purchases liability and hull insurance to protect highly valued aircraft, the public, and non-employee passengers in the event of an accident. Mosquito Control insures three (3) helicopters and one (1) fixed-wing aircraft with replacement value of \$1.925 million.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The current carrier, ACE/Westchester, is offering a renewal quotation of \$32,240 which includes a “No Claims Bonus” of \$2,760. The “No Claims Bonus” is based on prior year hull premiums.
2. Two (2) other carriers provided quotations, but both were rejected based on non-competitive pricing and coverage.
3. War and Terrorism coverage were offered but declined.

**FUNDING:** Risk Management Internal Service Fund  
(6259922 - 52.31021)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Request Board approval of the \$32,240 insurance quotation from ACE (Westchester Fire Insurance Company) for the renewal of Mosquito Control aircraft liability and hull (physical damage) coverage for a one (1) year term of July 11, 2013 – July 11, 2014.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide liability and hull coverage to protect highly valued assets.

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

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

#### ITEM G

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$80,000 professional engineering services contract with Thomas and Hutton (T&H) for drainage improvements for the Gateway/Henderson Canal Drainage Improvements project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Gateway/Henderson watershed consists of approximately 700 acres located in the northeast quadrant of State Route 204 and Interstate 95. During heavy rain events, roadways flood causing temporary road closures. This project will attempt to identify problem areas within the system, design improvements to help alleviate these areas, and construct maintenance roads for areas that are inaccessible.

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

1. The proposal process was utilized to select a professional engineering consultant to design improvements at this location. The process involves three steps. During step 1, an evaluation committee accepts, evaluates, and scores all proposals based on qualifications of the firm and technical requirements of the project. This step provides a "short list" of firms that represent the best of all proposals. In Step 2, the evaluation committee interviews and scores the firms on the "short list". During step 3, staff negotiates fees and schedules with the highest rated firm. If a negotiated fee cannot be reached with the highest ranked firm, staff then enters negotiations with the second ranked firm.
2. The project was properly advertised. The solicitation was written to encourage both local and out-of-area consultants to submit qualifications.
3. Three proposals were received. The proposals were scored by the evaluation committee according to factors ranging from the firm's qualifications and experience to the firm's understanding of the unique issues associated with this project. Two firms made the "short list" by ranking substantially higher and were selected for interviews. After adding the proposal scores to the interview score, Thomas & Hutton had highest overall score was selected for establishing a final scope of work and negotiation of cost.
4. The negotiated contract scope of work provides for engineering surveys, environmental permitting, and a preliminary engineering design. Staff believes that the negotiated cost is fair and reasonable for the level of effort required to complete the scope of work.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2013) - Gateway/Henderson Drainage project  
(3244220 - 52.12003 - 32480623)

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$80,000 professional engineering services contract with Thomas and Hutton (T&H) for drainage improvements for the Gateway/Henderson Canal Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to award professional engineering services contracts to the firm who submitted the highest scoring proposal.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### ITEM H

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$655,888 construction contract to Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the construction/renovation for the Human Resources Office at 123 Abercorn Street.

**BACKGROUND:** The current facility located at 123 Abercorn Street is to be renovated to become the new Chatham County Human Resources Office. The design/engineering for this renovation was done by Lott + Barber Architects.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project is for the selective demolition and renovation of the existing basement, first floor and second floor comprising 11,155 SF of renovation to create the new office area for the Chatham County Human Resources Department.
2. The work includes all new plumbing fixtures, repairs and modifications to the existing HVAC, all new lighting and telecommunications and modifications to existing power. Complete accessibility upgrades throughout to include a new elevator, wheelchair lift, two new accessible toilet spaces and hardware upgrades. Site work is limited to replacement of existing landscaping with new drought tolerant material design.
3. This project was properly advertised and four bids were received and opened on June 12, 2013. The bids are as follows:

**	Pioneer Construction, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$655,888
	Talbot Construction, Inc. Suwanee, GA	\$722,611
*	Collins Construction Services, Inc. Statesboro, GA	\$754,500
*	Paul S. Akins Company, Inc. Statesboro, GA	\$826,000

\*\*MBE

\* WBE firm

4. Staff believes the bid received from Pioneer Construction, Inc., is fair and reasonable and within the project budget.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - County Administrative Building  
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32460650)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$655,888 construction contract to Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the construction/renovation for the Human Resources Office at 123 Abercorn Street.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
READ DEHAVEN

**ITEM I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a sole source \$17,053 purchase of new controllers and hydraulic convertors for the irrigation system from Jerry Pate Turf of Pensacola, FL, at the Henderson Golf Course.

**BACKGROUND:** Henderson Golf Course is a County owned public golf course. The golf course is managed by a private management group. There have been no improvements to the irrigation system controllers since the property was built in 1996.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Pate Turf is the authorized regional distributor of the OSMAC Control System, which is the existing control system at Henderson Golf Course and therefore the system must be purchased through Jerry Pate Turf.
2. This equipment is necessary to ensure that the irrigation system is in proper working order to ensure that the greens and fairways are kept in good condition for the golf members.
3. Staff believes that the cost from Jerry Pate Turf is fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Recreation  
(3506100 - 54.12006 - 35030967)

**ALTERNATIVE:**

1. Board approval of a sole source \$17,053 purchase of new controllers and hydraulic convertors for the irrigation system from Jerry Pate Turf of Pensacola, FL, at the Henderson Golf Course.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide necessary equipment to maintain daily operations at County facilities.

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

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

**ITEM J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of an annual contract with four (4) renewals to Adjusters International to provide Insurance and FEMA/GEMA Claim Management Services in the event of an insurance claim event due to a declared or undeclared natural disaster.

**BACKGROUND:** Financial assistance for recovery from man-made or natural disaster comes from two main sources: (1) commercial insurance and/or (2) public assistance grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency which is administered with the assistance of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA).

Because FEMA/GEMA considers insurance to be the primary recovery vehicle, with Federal and State funding serving a secondary role, the County has sought the continuing services of one organization that can provide a 'total solution' to maximize insurance and public assistance recoveries.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Request for Bids was publicly advertised and two (2) bids were received.
2. The lowest bid received was from Tidal Basin. Although they had strong FEMA and GEMA experience, their experience with insurance claim adjusting did not meet the requirements of the RFP.
3. Adjusters International provided evidence of extensive experience with managing public assistance grants through FEMA/GEMA, but also provided evidence of an equally strong background in coordinating insurance reimbursements with public assistance to maximize total recovery dollars. Adjusters International's hourly rates are as follows:

Senior Consultant	\$255.00/hour
Consultant	\$185.00/hour
Administrative	\$ 75.00/hour

Adjusters International receives a percentage of insurance claims recovered when claims are paid in lieu of the hourly rate for the processing of insurance claims.

4. Based on the bids received, Adjusters International provides a combination of insurance and public assistance experience that was closer to the 'total solution' requested in the bid.

**FUNDING:** Reserve for Catastrophic Claims Internal Service Fund – 619  
(6199100 - 57.30101)

In the event of a declared disaster, direct administrative costs are eligible for reimbursement from Federal and State public assistance.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of an annual contract with four (4) renewals to Adjusters International to provide Insurance and FEMA/GEMA Claim Management Services in the event of an insurance claim event due to a declared or undeclared natural disaster.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** Based on the complexity of coordinating insurance and public assistance, utilizing an experienced public adjuster on an as needed basis will assist the County in maximizing recoveries.

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

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

**ITEM K**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$236,025 purchase from the State of Georgia contract, to upgrade the repeater and provide installation of Bio-Directional Antennas (BDA) from Motorola Solutions, Inc., and Savannah Communications for the Detention Center Expansion project.

**BACKGROUND:** The tower used at the Sheriff's complex maintains and utilizes a repeater. This repeater receives a signal and then re-transmits it at a higher power level and has the ability to direct the signal onto the other side of an obstruction and allows the signal to be received at further distances.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The repeater is approximately 15 years old and is outdated. Per a federal mandate, it must be upgraded to P25 standards (developed by Homeland Security) to ensure radios made by various manufacturers have the ability to communicate.
2. Due to the heavy steel and concrete construction necessary in a correctional facility, areas with radio reception voids were created. These voids can only be addressed through the installation of BDA's to amplify the radio transmissions within the complex, thus eliminating the voids.
3. Without this equipment, the health and safety of facility staff and the inmate population is at risk. The radios are a lifeline for all security and civilian staff working in the corrections complex in the presence of inmates.
4. Motorola Solutions, Inc., will upgrade the 800Mhz repeater for \$32,387. Savannah Communications will provide and install the Bio-Directional Antennas for \$203,638.
5. Staff believes the cost \$236,025 for the upgrade to the repeater and Bio-Directional Antennas to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project  
(3803355 - 54.25001 - 38060407)

**ALTERNATIVE:**

1. Board approval of a \$236,025 purchase from the State of Georgia contract, to upgrade the repeater and provide installation of Bio-Directional Antennas (BDA) from Motorola Solutions, Inc., and Savannah Communications for the Detention Center Expansion project.

- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
READ DEHAVEN

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. **AMENDMENT TO THE REVENUE ORDINANCE TO REFLECT THE NEW PERMIT CONSTRUCTION VALUATION SQUARE FOOTAGE ASSESSMENT RATE FOR RESIDENTIAL CARPORTS, DETACHED GARAGES AND OTHER ACCESSORY STRUCTURES THAT DO NOT CONTAIN ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING OR HEATING OR AIR-CONDITIONING.**

Chairman Scott said, we do have a number of First Readers. The first -- and we're on page nine now. The first to Amend -- is an amendment to the Revenue Ordinance to reflect a new permit construction valuation square footage assessment rate for residential carports, detached garages and other accessory structures that do not contain electrical, plumbing or heating or air-conditioning. And you'll hear more about this on the Second Reading, but this is a request by staff to get us in line with the surrounding municipalities in terms of fees for these type structures.

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- 2. **THE PETITIONER, SHOSHANNA WALKER IS REQUESTING TO REZONE PROPERTY AT 2225 NORWOOD AVENUE AND 2123 RIDGEWOOD ROAD FROM AN R-1/EO CLASSIFICATION TO A B-N/EO CLASSIFICATION. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THE REQUEST TO REZONE THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 2123 RIDGEWOOD ROAD FROM AN R-1/EO CLASSIFICATION TO A B-N/EO CLASSIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO REZONE THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 225 NORWOOD AVENUE FROM AN R-1/EO CLASSIFICATION TO A B-N/EO CLASSIFICATION. MPC FILE NO. Z-130605-00042-1 [DISTRICT 1.]**

Chairman Scott said, the second item, the petitioner, Shoshanna Walker is requesting to rezone property at 2225 Norwood Avenue and 2123 Norwood [sic] Road from R-1 to EO classification to B-N/EO classification. The Planning Commission has recommended -- is recommending denial of the request and to rezone the property identified as 25 -- 2225 Norwood Avenue.

Commissioner Brady said, no.

Chairman Scott said, and R-1/EO classification to B-N/EO classification. MPC file number Z-13 -- 130605-0042-1 [sic]. District 1. This is a first reading. We will hear from staff and everyone else concerned with this on the Second Reading.

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- 3. THE PETITIONER IS REQUESTING THAT THE FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY (2225 NORWOOD AVENUE AND 2123 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE) BE CHANGED FROM CIVIC/INSTITUTIONAL TO COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THE REQUEST OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE TRI-CENTENNIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 2123 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE (PIN 1-0377-12-002) FROM CIVIC/INSTITUTIONAL TO COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD AND APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATE CATEGORY OF RESIDENTIAL - SUBURBAN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. STAFF FURTHER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE REQUESTING TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 2225 NORWOOD AVENUE (PIN 1-0377-11-002B) FROM CIVIC/INSTITUTIONAL TO COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. MPC FILE NO. Z-130610-00043-1 [DISTRICT 1.]**

Chairman Scott said, the third item in terms of First Readers, petitioner is requesting that future land use category for the subject property at 2225 Norwood Avenue and 2123 Ridgewood Avenue be changed from civic/institutional and commercial neighborhood. The Planning Commission recommends denial of the request and amendment to the Tri-Centennial Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map to change the future land use category of the property identified at 2123 Ridgewood Avenue, PIN 10 -- 1-0377-12-002 from civic/institutional to commercial neighborhood and approval of an alternative category of residential-suburban single family residence. Staff further recommends approval of the request to change the future land use category of the property identified at 2225 Norwood Avenue, PIN number 1-0377-11-002B from civic/institutional to commercial neighborhood. MPC File Number Z-130610-00043-1, District 1. If you're wondering what property this is, this is where the old Southside Fire Department used to be. In that area, and -- and we'll hear more about it on the second reading.

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- 4. A REVISED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF CHATHAM COUNTY (AMEND AND REPEAL SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 21, ENTITLED "HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION," ARTICLE II, §§ 21-203, 21-204 AND 21-205).**

Chairman Scott said, the fourth First Reader is to revise an ordinance regulating the discharge of weapons in the unincorporated area of Chatham County and amend and repeal section of Chapter 21 entitled Health and Safety and Sanitation, Article II, 21-203, 21-204, and 21-205. You may re --

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. Chairman, I met with Commissioner Farrell and Mr. Kicklighter after the last Commission meeting. When we drafted the original ordinance, we did not know how many feet we needed, whether it was 15 -- the current ordinance is 1500 feet, and they had a discussion about it, and I believe the two of them felt like 900 might be an appropriate number, but that is something that this Commission is going to have to, you know, before we enact and come up --

Chairman Scott said, on the Second Reading, we'll have to come up with --

County Attorney Hart said, -- put a number in there.

Chairman Scott said, yes. Those are your First Readers.

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## **XII. SECOND READINGS**

- 1. TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE RE: AMENDMENT TO SEC. 2 DEFINITIONS; SEC. 4-5.1 C&R DISTRICTS USE SCHEDULE; SEC. 4-5.2 B&I USE SCHEDULE; SEC. 4-6.611a. 1, CULTURAL FACILITIES; SEC. 4-6.613(e)(3)b. CULTURAL FACILITIES; SEC. 4-8d.(1)b. MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. MPC FILE NO. Z-130523-00038-1.**

Chairman Scott said, and now we do have a Second Reader. And -- and I think I have somebody here from MPC to talk about it, but this is the Text Amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, reference Amendment to Section 2 Definition; Section 4-5.1 CR District Use Schedule; Section 4-5.1 [sic] B& -- B&I; Cultural Facility. The MPC recommended approval, and now we will hear from the MPC.

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission. Marcus Lotson from the Metropolitan Planning Commission. This is essentially a staff generated text amendment proposal. The purpose of it is just sort of a clean up of the zoning ordinance to amend some definition sections and use schedules. Currently in the zoning ordinance public and private schools are not defined and they're not in the same -- they're not under the same category either. We believe that it -- it's necessary going forward to establish a definition for public and private schools, essentially meaning K through 12 with pre-K also as an accessory use. We ran into this problem in the City of Savannah where there had been a determination that a private school could potentially mean something other than a K through 12 school, therefore, you might end up with say for example a massage school or a tennis school within a residential district. We don't want that obviously. Therefore, we're recommending that the attached definition be added to the Zoning Ordinance and that the use schedule changes be made so that public and private schools will be defined as K through 12.

Chairman Scott said, any questions? Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Brady said, I make a motion we approve.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Marcus, you did a wonderful job, everybody agreed with you.

Mr. Lotson said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Let's -- the -- technically we've not put this on our calendar. I think we need to take another vote on it to make sure that we approve it.

Commissioner Stone said, the --

Chairman Scott said, second reader, and that's the text amendment. So I'll entertain a motion at this time that we approve it.

Commissioner Brady said, I thought that's what we just did.

Chairman Scott said, I think we added it to the calendar.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Well I'll --

Commissioner Brady said, I'll make a motion we approve.

Commissioner Stone said, I second.

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

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

- a. Commissioner Brady moved to add the item to the Commission Agenda. Commissioners Stone and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]
- b. Commissioner Brady moved to approve the Text Amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance Re: Amendment to Sec. 2 Definitions; Sec. 4-5.1 C&r Districts Use Schedule; Sec. 4-5.2 B&I Use Schedule; Sec. 4-6.611a. 1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.613(e)(3)b. Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-8d.(1)b. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: XI-1**

**AGENDA DATE: July 12, 2013**

**AGENDA ITEM: XII-1**

**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**



## **CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

#### **LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:**

**Text Amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance**

**Re: Amendment to Sec. 2 Definitions; Sec. 4-5.1 C & R Districts Use Schedule; Sec. 4-5.2 B & I Use Schedule; Sec. 4-6.611.a.1. Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.612.a.1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.613(e)(3)b. Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-8.d.(1)b.**

**The MPC recommends approval. File No. Z-130523-00038-1**

#### **ISSUE:**

MPC Staff is requesting an amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 2 Definitions, Sec. 4-5.1 C & R Districts, Use Schedule; Sec. 4-5.2 B & I Use Schedule; Sec. 4-6.611.a.1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.612.a.1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.61(e)(3)b. Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-8.d.(1)b. The purpose of this amendment is as follows:

- Add the use, "School, public or private (K-12)" to the two use schedules referenced;
- Remove the use "Private Schools";
- Remove "public schools" from the definition of the use "Public use";
- Change "public and private schools" to "School, public or private (K-12)" in the PUD-IS, PUD-IS-B, PUD-MXU and PUD-CC descriptions of Cultural Facilities; and
- Add a definition for "School, public or private (K-12)".

**BACKGROUND:**

1. The Chatham County Zoning Ordinance currently permits public and private schools as distinct uses and in different zoning districts in the Conservation and Residential (C & R) Districts Use Schedule and Business & Industrial (B & I) Districts Use Schedule. Public schools are allowed under the use "Public use" which requires use approval from the County Commission whereas private schools are allowed several zoning districts (some with site plan approval from the Planning Commission if over three (3) acres and others with Zoning Board of Appeals use approval for sites less than 10 acres).
2. Neither public nor private schools are defined in the Zoning Ordinance, but have always been interpreted as schools for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**FINDINGS:**

1. It is unknown why public and private schools are listed as distinct uses in the use schedules for the C&R and B&I Districts. Staff is proposing to remove public schools from the definition of "Public use" and its description in the use tables as part of the proposed use consolidation.
2. The school uses already appear together as "public and private schools" under the "Cultural Facilities" use in the PUD-IS, PUD-IS-B, PUD-MXU and PUD-CC districts. The reason for inconsistency most likely is that the PUD districts were added to the zoning ordinance more recently than all of the other zoning districts and the references to the various school uses were not updated at the same time.
3. In combining the public and private school uses, the name of the use is proposed to be updated to "School, public or private (K-12)". How schools are allowed in the zoning districts will also be more consistent. Where permitted in the C&R districts, it is proposed that the use be located on a street classified as a collector or greater. Where permitted in the B&I districts, it is proposed that the use be allowed by right, with no use conditions.
4. A definition of the use is also proposed that will ensure that the use is always interpreted to apply to schools for grades K-12 and will also clearly allow pre-kindergarten (pre-k) classes as an accessory use.

**ALTERNATIVE:**

1. Approve the request.
2. Approve an alternate request.
3. Deny the request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The purpose of the proposed text amendments to various sections of the Zoning Ordinance is to ensure consistency in the manner in which public and private schools are allowed by combining those school types into one use and by defining the use. Consistency in terminology and defining the use as proposed will also prevent commercial schools from locating in single-family residential zoning districts.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Commission recommends **approval** of the following text amendments to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 2 Definitions, Sec. 4-5.1 C & R Districts, Use Schedule; Sec. 4-5.2 B & I Use Schedule; Sec. 4-6.611.a.1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.612.a.1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.61(e)(3)b. Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-8.d.(1)b:

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director  
Development Services

JUNE 4, 2013

Gregori Anderson, Director  
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

[proposed new language is shown in **bold**, removed language is shown in ~~strikethrough~~]

**ENACT**

Sec. 2 Definitions

Sec. 2-49 Public use. Buildings structures and use of land owned, operated and maintained by a government unit or government agency, including but not restricted to **public schools**, fire stations, recreation sites and facilities and water treatment utilities.

**Sec. 2-61A School, public or private (K-12). A facility approved by the state to provide formal primary or secondary education (i.e., kindergarten through twelfth grade). Pre-kindergarten instruction is permitted as an accessory use.**

Sec. 4-5.1 C & R Districts Use Schedule

List of Uses	C-A	C-M	R-A	R-A-1	R-MH	R-MH-I	R-I	R-I-A	R-I-B	R-I-C	R-2	R-2-A	R-3
(14) Public Use Buildings, structures, and uses of land owned, operated and maintained by a government agency or government unit <b>including public schools</b> , provided, that application for a public use shall be referred to and approved by the Commissioners of Chatham County	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(21) <del>Private schools</del> <b>School, public or private (K-12)</b>			<b>B1</b>	<b>BI</b>	<b>BI</b>		<b>BI</b>						
<b><u>Any new such use shall be located on a street classified as a collector or arterial as identified on the Street Classification Maps in Sec. 4-6 as of [insert adoption date].</u></b>													

Sec. 4-5.2 B & I Districts Use Schedule

List of Uses	A-T	B	B-1	B-2	B-C	B-N	B-N-1	I-H	I-L	PLT	IP	M	PSC	RB-I	T-B	W-I
(14) Public Use a. Buildings, structures, and uses of land by a government agency or government unit including <b>public schools</b> , provided that application for such use shall be referred to and approved by the Commissioners of Chatham County b. Including, not limited to, <b>schools</b> , fire and police stations, parks and recreation facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(21) <del>Private schools</del> <b>School, public or private (K-12)</b>	<b>B2</b> <b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>B1</b> <b>X</b>	<b>B1</b> <b>X</b>	<b>B2</b> <b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>B2</b> <b>X</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

Sec. 4-6.611.a.1

(1) Cultural facilities. Art galleries, museums, legitimate theaters, libraries, churches, public ~~and private schools~~, **schools, public or private (K-12)**, and other uses similar in character to those listed.

Sec. 4-6.612.a.1

(1) Cultural facilities. Art galleries, museums, legitimate theaters, libraries, churches, public ~~and private schools~~, **schools, public or private (K-12)**, And other uses similar in character to those listed.

Sec. 4-6.613(e)(3)b. Cultural Facilities;

b. Cultural facilities. Art galleries, museums, legitimate theaters, libraries, churches, public ~~and private schools~~, **schools, public or private (K-12)**, teaching of music, voice and dance, and child care facilities.

Sec. 4-8.d.(1)b.

- b. Cultural facilities. Art galleries, museums, legitimate theaters, libraries, churches, public ~~and private schools~~, **schools, public or private (K-12)**, teaching of music, voice and dance, and child care facilities.



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

*"Planning the Future – Respecting the Past"*

----- M E M O R A N D U M -----

**DATE:** JUNE 4, 2013

**TO:** CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION

**FROM:** METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

**SUBJECT:** MPC RECOMMENDATION

**PETITION REFERENCED:**

Text Amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance  
 Sec. 2 Definitions, Sec. 4-5.1 C & R Districts, Use Schedule; Sec. 4-5.2 B & I Use Schedule; Sec. 4-6.611.a.1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.612.a.1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.61(e)(3)b. Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-8.d.(1)b.  
 MPC File No. Z-130523-0038-1

**MPC ACTION:**

**Approval** of the requested text amendments to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 2 Definitions, Sec. 4-5.1 C & R Districts, Use Schedule; Sec. 4-5.2 B & I Use Schedule; Sec. 4-6.611.a.1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.612.a.1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.61(e)(3)b. Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-8.d.(1)b.

**MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**Approval** of the requested text amendments to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 2 Definitions, Sec. 4-5.1 C & R Districts, Use Schedule; Sec. 4-5.2 B & I Use Schedule; Sec. 4-6.611.a.1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.612.a.1, Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-6.61(e)(3)b. Cultural Facilities; Sec. 4-8.d.(1)b.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 7 + Chairman  
 Adam Ragsdale, Vice-Chairman  
 Russ Abolt  
 Ellis Cook  
 Stephanie Cutter  
 Timothy Mackey

Murray Marshall  
 Tanya Milton  
 James Blackburn

**VOTING FOR MOTION**

Adam Ragsdale  
 Murray Marshall  
 Russ Abolt  
 Tanya Milton  
 Ellis Cook

**VOTING AGAINST MOTION**

None

**\*ABSENT OR \*\*FAILING TO VOTE**

\*Shedrick Coleman  
 \*Ben Farmer  
 \*Stephen Lufburrow  
 \*Lacy Manigault  
 \*Susan Myers

James Blackburn  
Stephanie Cutter  
Timothy Mackey

\*Joseph Welch

FOR APPROVAL: 8

FOR DENIAL: 1

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson  
Executive Director

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, next is XII, which is informational items, and all this is included in your packet for consideration. If there's any questions about any of it, if you want to ask staff, we'll entertain those.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

A status report was attached as information.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

A status report was attached as information.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
15 retirement awards	Human Resources and Services	Standard Chair of Gardner, Inc.	\$2,970	General Fund/M&O - Human Resources and Services
70 recycling waste receptacles for Detention Center expansion project	Detention Center	Grainger	\$5,981	CIP-Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
Office furniture	Finance	VIP Printing & Office Supply	\$4,925	General Fund/M&O - Finance
One (1) narcotic detection canine	Sheriff's	Southern Coast K-9, Inc.	\$7,000	General Fund - purchase from CNT Escrow
Main breaker repair on dehumidifier repair of deck lights	Aquatic Center	Godbee & Rimes Electrical Contractors, Inc.	\$2,593	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Baseball/softball officials for May 22 - June 14	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Umpires Association	\$3,908	General Fund/M&O - Park Services

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Wetland delineation as part of Benton Boulevard Extension project	Engineering	Sligh Environmental Consultants	\$4,000	SPLOST (2003-2008) Benton Boulevard Extension
Repair to engine on unit #291 - Public Works dump truck	Fleet Operations	Freightliner of Savannah, Inc.	\$6,073	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Bankruptcy consultation	Tam Commissioner	Gannam, Gnann & Steinmetz LLC	\$4,125	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Annual website hosting	Tax Commissioner	Binary Bus., Ltd	\$4,500	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Annual alarm monitoring	Tax Commissioner	Tyco Integrated Security	\$5,857	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Support service and licensing agreement renewal for TaxSpeak phone interactive system	Tax Commissioner	Call Processing Systems, Inc.	\$8,700	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Tax sale advertisements for month of July	Tax Commissioner	Morris Publishing Group	\$5,510	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
As-built drawings for parking area improvements	Engineering	James M. Anderson & Associates	\$2,500	SPLOST (2003-2008) Bell's Landing Boat Ramp
Annual license and maintenance agreement for false alarm tracking software	I.C.S.	AOT Public Safety Corporation	\$4,978	SSD-Finance

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### 3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

#### ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS**

**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

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

#### FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Estimated completion March 2014. Last piles for bridges across the Vernon River were finished in June 2013.
2. Diamond Causeway. Construction ongoing. Estimated open to traffic date is unknown at this time.

3. Whitefield Avenue. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Estimated completion September 2013.
4. Bay Street Widening. Environmental re-evaluation approved February 28, 2013. Notice to Proceed issued by GDOT for right of way acquisition on May 9, 2013.
5. Jimmy Deloach Parkway Phase 2 and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design ongoing. PFPR (Preliminary Field Plan Review) for Phase 2 held on February 5, 2013. ROW authorization expected fiscal year 2014.
6. SR 307 Widening from US 17 to I-16. Construction underway. Estimated completion in December 2013. New signal at US 17/SR 307 commenced operations April 16, 2013.
7. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Design is underway on a high level bridge to replace the bascule bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway on Islands Expressway. ROW plans expected by fiscal year 2014.
8. Local Roads.
  - a. Hunt Drive and Faye Road Bridge Replacements. Notice to Proceed with construction issued May 1, 2013. Construction underway.
  - b. Paving on Ridgewood Avenue and Beechwood Avenue is complete. Construction continues on Elmhurst Avenue. Estimated completion August 2013.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE**

**AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2013**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal. The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Construction of improvements upstream of Dean Forest Road to the west side of the airport is underway with completion scheduled for August 2014.
2. Pipemakers Pump Station. The project was identified in the 2003-2008 SPLOST as a part of capital improvements to the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Basin. Preliminary design work on the pump station determined that a master pump station for the Pipemakers Canal is not warranted. According to the consultant, smaller pump stations can address localized problems. Staff is continuing discussion with the municipalities of Garden City, Pooler and Bloomingdale regarding future actions.
3. Wilmington Park Canal. The Wilmington Park Canal extends from North Cromwell Road to the Wilmington River (about 1.4 miles). The project includes bank stabilization, culvert replacements and storm sewer upgrades. Construction work to replace four undersized culverts along the canal is underway with completion scheduled for August 2013. Paving of the crossings on Clarendon Road and Winchester Road is scheduled for July 2013.

4. Ashley Road Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve a drainage system from the Ashley Road cul-de-sac along Wilmington Island Road to the Wilmington River. Design work and permitting are underway.
5. Gateway-Henderson Drainage Improvements. The project will improve portions of the drainage system in the northeast quadrant of I-95 and SR 204. The project includes construction of maintenance access and drainage improvements. A design contract is pending Board approval.
6. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work, permitting, and acquisitions are underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road.
7. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the canal. Design of improvements along the Marshall Branch Canal is underway and includes construction of maintenance access and culvert replacements.
8. Cottonvale Road Drainage. The project will relieve drainage and maintenance access issues causing nuisance flooding in the Cottonvale Road area. Acquisition of a required easement is complete. Final design is underway.
9. LaRoche Culvert. The project will replace a drainage culvert located under LaRoche Avenue north of Lansing Avenue. The culvert replacement is in response to a deteriorating brick arch culvert with several cracks. Bids opened in April 2012 exceeded project budget and all bids were rejected. The design was modified to lower construction costs. The project will be rebid.
10. Queensbury Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide maintenance access in the area south of Montgomery Cross Road and west of Ferguson Avenue. Drainage improvements from Tara Manor to Lakeview Subdivision are complete.
11. Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide access for maintenance for the Remington Canal from Ferguson Road to the outfall at Moon River. The outfall passes through the Winterberry private development. Design work is underway.
12. Wymberley Area. The project will address inadequate neighborhood drainage including roadside ditches, culverts and rear yard areas not accessible for maintenance of public systems. Conceptual plans developed in 2012 were determined to be infeasible. Other improvements are under consideration.
13. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. A project to replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch is underway. Acquisitions of required easements are complete. Final design work and permitting are underway are underway.
14. Lehigh-Shipyard Lane Area. The project will relieve roadside drainage issues causing nuisance flooding in the Lehigh Avenue and Shipyard Lane area. Shipyard Road is now open to traffic. A portion of Lehigh Avenue remains closed. Staff anticipates the construction to be completed by August 2013.
15. Little Hurst Canal. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance along the canal. A design scope of work is under development.
16. Hampton Place Drainage Improvements. The project will improve the drainage system within Hampton Place Subdivision on Quacco Road by routing a portion of the stormwater into an existing canal located on the west side of Quacco Road. Acquisition of a required easement and design work is underway.
17. Willow Lakes Drainage Improvements. The project will relieve internal drainage issues within the Willow Lakes subdivision. The project will increase the storage capacity of the pond by lowering the existing water elevation. A design scope of work is under development.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Scott said, if not, we do not have anything we need to go into executive session for, so we do not need a motion for that.

County Attorney Hart said, unless you're doing appointments. That's the only thing I could think of.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. And we do have a resignation from the Zoning Appeals Board that will be effective, I think August the 9<sup>th</sup>, so we will fill that vacancy at our next meeting.

Commissioner Stone said, and we -- Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, I -- I have a question. I thought that we were going to make some appointments to some of our Boards. We -- we didn't -- we did not do it last time because it wasn't on the agenda. So.

Chairman Scott said, I didn't -- Madam Clerk, did we have any resumes from anybody for any appointments to any vacancies?

Commissioner Stone said, I do.

Clerk said, I sent resumes out the other day in your mail.

Commissioner Thomas said, can't hear you.

Chairman Scott said, they're in my mail today?

Clerk said, yes. In your mail Tuesday or Wednesday.

Chairman Scott said, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Clerk said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I didn't see it.

Commissioner Holmes said, Tuesday.

Clerk said, Tuesday.

Commissioner Stone said, and -- and --

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I submitted a resume I think it was at the last meeting or the meeting -- meeting before because there's a vacancy at the MPC that needs to be filled.

Chairman Scott said, okay. So if -- if the Clerk will make those resumes available, we will meet briefly in executive session to review the resumes and -- and requests. So we'll entertain a motion at this point for that purpose.

Commissioner Stone said, I'll make the motion, Mr. Chairman, that we go into executive session for the appointments.

Chairman Scott said, really it's personnel --

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, is it personnel?

Chairman Scott said, personnel matters.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, second, is there a second?

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. All right. We'll go into executive session in ten minutes. Commission meeting stand adjourned.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to recess to executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 11:45 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 Stone moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Center, Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

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2. **APPOINTMENTS:**

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the appointment of James Overton to serve on the Metropolitan Planning Commission with his term to expire December 31, 2016. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Center, Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

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**COASTAL REGIONAL MPO (CORE):**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the appointment of Robert Tulley to serve on the Coastal Regional MPO. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Center, Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EMS):**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the appointment of Benjie Cowart to serve on the Emergency Medical Service Advisory Committee. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Center, Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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

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

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