

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 9:34 a.m. on Friday, September 13, 2013.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. I will ask that you be seated until such time that the Imam has made his remarks and indicate it's time for prayer, and at that time will you please stand and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Commissioner Center of the Third District, and our devotional leader today will be introduced by Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, you may be seated.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. It is my great honor and pleasure to introduce our presentation -- presenter for the Invocation this morning, and that will -- that's something that I concede to be a great honor, and this is Imam Maajid Faheem Ali, a Masjid Jihad here in Savannah, Georgia, and whom in my estimation is a very wise brother. And I look at him as -- as though he's a father figure to me, and I present Maajid Faheem Ali, Imam Masjid Jihad. Thank you.

Maajid F. Ali, Imam Masjid Jihad, Inc. said, God's peace be upon all of you. Good morning.

Board of Commissioners collectively said, good morning.

Imam Ali said, Mr. Chairman and the Board of Commissioners, and of course, the Chatham County Youth Commission, on behalf of the Muslim community that I represent and myself, we extend our gratitude to Almighty God and our appreciation to each of you for providing us with this opportunity to address such a distinguished group of leaders. We are humbled that through divine intervention this occasion has occurred, and therefore, we do not take lightly this matter. Sixteen days ago, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, our nation recognized and honored the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the civil rights movement's march on Washington, D.C. with its subsequent summit of Dr. Martin Luther King's [sic], Jr.'s historic and socially prophetic *I Have a Dream* speech. Though the speech itself was only a little more than 17 minutes, nevertheless, its impact upon our national conscience by indicting the immorality of racism and segregation has left an indelible imprint upon us in our efforts of national reconciliation and national social revolution as we seek, become and to be self-actualized into the vision enunciated by Dr. King's speech, namely the referencing of our cherished document, the Declaration of Independence, with its noble creed acknowledging our common human equality, therefore, our common human dignity. Moreover, Dr. King's emphasis given to the abstractness of character development being of greater significance than the concreteness of skin color.

Reflecting upon these timeless ideals mentioned in Dr. King's speech I am reminded of the guidance provided to Muslims in our sacred scriptural text the Quran, specifically, -- translated very generally into the English language, oh mankind, oh people, most surely we created all of you from a male and from a female, and we made all of you into nations, races and tribes so that you will know each other. Verily the most honor of you in God's site in he -- is he who has the excellence of character development. Obviously it is not homogeneity, i.e., everyone being the same, rather it is heterogeneity, i.e. our diversity, our pruality and the audacity of accepting and thereafter embracing to be different, if you will, that is consistent with the will and the plan of our Almighty Creator. Hence, it is neither one's skin color nor one's socioeconomic status, neither one's gender nor one's nationality and ethnicity that determines one attaining to human personhood. Instead, it's the excellence of

human character that Almighty God establishes as being the requirement for achieving human personhood. Therefore, as leaders let us ascend and transcend all barriers, obstacles and walls of isolationism and separatism that will divide and thereafter polarize us against our common humanity. And we now pray.

Maajid Ali gave the invocation as follows:

With Almighty God's name, the merciful Benefactor, the merciful Redeemer. It is our supplication to you that you would provide your providence upon our Chairman and our respective County Commissioners as they fulfill their responsibilities of stewards, (inaudible) or trustees of the -- of the holistic interests of the citizens and residents of Chatham County. Help each member of this august body to embrace their trustee designation with a sober and intelligent awareness of the gravity of each political decision of each meeting, and how it is that those decisions will resonate beyond our county's geographical lines to ultimately touch upon the lives of residents in the global community of mankind in one degree or another. Bless them oh God respectively therefore with circumspect vision that is hindsight, insight and foresight as they navigate the potential volatility of matters of economic development and reconciling matters of economic development with quality of life concerns. As our Chairman and Commissioners judicially deliberate upon each agenda item that we -- that will be brought before them, oh merciful Creator, help them to engage the principal of consensus building that will provide them respectively with the moral integrity to decide on the basis of that which can realistically be transformed into ethical ordinances that will preserve and protect the spiritual, social and cultural efface which have preserved the cosmopolitan values of our county's sacred traditions. And in striking the metaphorical balance between economic development on the one hand and quality of life concerns on the other, we employ your intervention, Almighty God, to assist this honorable body with negotiating the building of bridges between our county and it's municipalities that will serve to create an all inclusive live among Chatham Countians -- among Chatham Countians. Between the educated and those lacking in educational opportunities; between the wealthy and those who are legally and honorably making efforts to competitively obtain wealth; between our faith-based communities and those who have become hopeless because of dysfunctional families, disappointments and a general sense of cynicism, we your servants implore you our Creator for all of the above oh you who are the most merciful of those who show mercy, and we say Amen, Amen, and Amen.

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

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

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### **IV. ROLL CALL** (Introduction of Youth Commission members present)

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present:                 Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
                               Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One  
                               James J. Holmes, District Two  
                               Tony Center, District Three  
                               Patrick K. Farrell, District Four  
                               Yusef K. Shabazz, District Five  
                               Lori L. Brady, District Six  
                               Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Also present:           R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
                               Janice Bocoock, County Clerk

Not present:            Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight

R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

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Chairman Scott said, Dr. Priscilla Thomas asked to be excused. May I have a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second that Dr. Priscilla Thomas be excused from today's proceeding. All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Dr. Thomas is excused. Please continue the call of the roll.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to excuse Commissioner Priscilla Thomas from today's Commission Meeting. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone, can you introduce the Youth Commissioners who are present here today, please?

Commissioner Stone said, you want me to introduce them?

Chairman Scott said, yes. The --

Commissioner Stone said, oh, I'm sorry. Marissa Karp, who I've had the pleasure of getting to know over the last few months, and she is the Chairman and representing Savannah Country Day School. And I'm looking, Sabrina [sic] Jones, and she is from -- I can't read it without my glasses.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Saint Vincent's.

Chairman Scott said, Sabrina Jones.

Commissioner Stone said, and y'all are going to have to read the one on the end 'cause my eyes just aren't that good.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Hollis Brown, secretary, Savannah Arts Academy.

Commissioner Stone said, and, ladies, y'all are welcome here today, and it's a privilege to have you here. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair usually undertakes that task, but she's not here today, so I asked the Pro Tem to do it.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Center said, did you report that I'm present I just walked out?

Commissioner Farrell said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, and I said to them that you were here.

Commissioner Center said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, oh, you're welcome.

Commissioner Center said, I wanted to congratulate the Imam.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, now everybody knows that Commissioner Stone does not smile out in the audience if she can't see you.

Chairman Scott said, audience, please take note.

Commissioner Brady said, I tried to offer mine.

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

### **1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 23, 2013 AS CHATHAM COUNTY WALK GEORGIA COMMUNITY. JACKIE OGDEN, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIRECTOR WILL BE RECEIVING.**

Chairman Scott said, okay. It -- Item V on the agenda is a proclamation declaring September 1<sup>st</sup> through November 23<sup>rd</sup> as Chatham County Walk Georgia Community, and we have Jackie Ogden of the Cooperative Extension Director will -- is she here? Jackie?

Ms. Jackie Ogden said, good morning, Mr. Chairman. Good morning Commission, and I'm joined by my fellow colleagues from the Chatham County Cooperative Extension.

Commissioner Brady said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Are y'all walking?

Ms. Ogden said, we're walking. Three teams -- we have three competitive teams.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Well, great. It's a -- it's a pleasure to have you here today, and we have declared September 1<sup>st</sup> through November 23<sup>rd</sup> as Chatham County Walk Georgia Community, and we urge people of this community to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of the special program which gives people the chance to get active together and on their own as part of Chatham County Walk Georgia, and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our County and the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension. I hereby declare September 1<sup>st</sup> through November 23<sup>rd</sup> as Chatham County Walk Georgia Community period. And on behalf of the entire Chatham County Commission, I present this resolution to you -- this proclamation. [Applause.]

The proclamation read as follows:



**WHEREAS**, Walk Georgia is a 12-week physical activity program provided by University of Georgia Cooperative Extension; and

**WHEREAS**, Walk Georgia can provide the support Chatham County needs to get moving; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of Walk Georgia are to help people become fit, develop the habit of regular physical activity, get support from others interested in moving more, and have fun; and

**WHEREAS**, physical activity has proven health benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, people in Chatham County may participate as individuals or teams of four to electronically chart a course as they “walk” Georgia.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 1 - November 23, 2013 as:

**CHATHAM COUNTY WALK GEORGIA COMMUNITY**

and urge the people of this community to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this special program which gives people the chance to get active together and on their own as part of Chatham County Walk Georgia, and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our county and the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.

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Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Chatham County Commission

**ATTEST:**

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Gail F. Gordon, Administrative  
Assistant to the Chairman

Ms. Ogden said, thank you so much.

Chairman Scott said, would you like to make a few comments?

Ms. Ogden said, we will be glad to. I'd like to introduce our Chatham County Extension staff that works hard each and every day to serve the citizens of Chatham County. Ms. Trish West, our 4-H agent, who does a phenomenal job. Trish, would you like to introduce your staff?

Ms. Trish West said, yes. I have Ms. Temberly Mitchell with us. She's with a grant through the Juvenile Justice Department.

Ms. Temberly Mitchell said, hi. How are you?

Ms. Ogden said, Ms. Lisa Jordan, who directs our expanded food and nutrition program, that is a phenomenal program here in the county with a long history of over 40 years providing service. Ms. Jordan.

Ms. Lisa Jordan said, that doesn't mean I've provided 40 years of service, okay? I have two staff members with me. I have Wanda Delyons, that's been here in the county for about nine years. We also have Judy Owens, and we have a bilingual staff member, Carmen Martinez, that's not here right now. We're part of a federal funded nutrition program that benefits the county, and we're glad to be here.

Ms. Ogden said, and then providing our administrative support and program assistance support so that we can go and do those various programs we do throughout the community is Ms. Tonia Rudrow. Tonia.

Ms. Tonia Rudrow said, good morning.

Ms. Ogden said, and also helping in our administrative and leadership role is Ms. Susie Owens -- Susie Edwards, excuse me Susie. Susie Edwards our county secretary who does phenomenal service. And we want to let all of you know, as well as the citizens of Chatham County that Walk Georgia is there to get people moving and to live better, and we encourage individuals to go to walkgeorgia.org, sign up as an individual or as in a team of four, and this is a wonderful program that can be administered in our schools, in our community, in our homes, and more importantly to contribute to better health for all Chatham County residents. Thank you to the Commission for always embracing these programs and especially Walk Georgia to have a healthier Chatham County. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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## 2. RECOGNITION OF LT. BRENDA BOULWARE ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chairman Scott said, now we would like to present a proclamation to a -- what I consider very special because I consider anybody who dedicate their lives to law enforcement to protect and secure our ability to engage in the activities that we wish in a safe manner is deserving of special recognition, and at this time I would like to ask Lieutenant Brenda Boulware if she would come up and be recognized by this Commission, and I would certainly invite any member of the Commission who wish to join me in this presentation of this proclamation to Ms. Boulware upon her retirement.

Chairman Scott said, did you think you were ever going to make it?

Lieutenant Brenda Boulware said, I didn't know it was a lifetime thing.

Chairman Scott said, I won't -- I won't read this entire proclamation, just to give you a little background, when I asked her if she ever thought she would make it, she actually started her career with the Chatham County Police Department back in '76, and you do the math. I'm not going to do it. And -- and then she's worked for the combined department. So when -- when you think about all the things that she's encountered in her career in law enforcement and to keep the faith and to continue to serve, it's a pleasure that we acknowledge and recognize, this proclamation for Lieutenant Boulware on behalf of the entire County Commission and on behalf of all of the citizens of Chatham County and all seven municipalities and our one township. Thank you for your dedication, and upon your retirement we wish you the very best for whatever endeavors you take. Please come visit.

Lieutenant Boulware said, oh, I will. Thank you. [Applause.]

The proclamation read as follows:



**WHEREAS**, it is befitting that special recognition be given to dedicated professional law enforcement officers who place their lives in jeopardy to protect the lives and property of citizens and the well-being of our pets and animals; today grateful appreciation is being shown to Lieutenant Brenda Boulware; and

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Boulware began her career with Chatham County as a Bailiff in the Sheriff Department's Special Program on November 2, 1976 and became a member of the then Chatham County Police Department on March 31, 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, after becoming a Lieutenant, she was applauded for her ability to deal with the general public tactfully and courteously and interact with other law enforcement and/or animal control staff to establish and maintain effective working relationships;

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Boulware posses the ability to intervene, calm situations and find alternative ways of resolving animal complaints. Her role in Animal Control has made her a champion among her peers, pet owners and pet lovers. She ensured that care was provided for injured, stray, abused, unwanted or ill animals while making certain of the safety of our citizens. With assistance, her

dream of the Animal Control Rainbow Bridge Memorial Garden became a reality.

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

**LIEUTENANT BRENDA BOULWARE**

upon her retirement and wish her the best in all her endeavors as she enters the realm of retirement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.

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Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Chatham County Commission

**ATTEST:**

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Gail F. Gordon, Administrative  
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, I'm going to call on the County Manager for some additional remarks.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, Mr. -- Mr. Chairman --

Chairman Scott said, and I would also like to -- when the County Manager gets through I would like to invite Chief Lovett to make some comments.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, ladies and gentlemen, members of the Youth Commission. This -- this is a very special moment. It is recognizing an employee, yes, but it also recognizes what I refer to as the first generation of women in law enforcement, and for -- for those younger members of the Youth Commission who happen to be female, I want to let you know what a pioneer Brenda Boulware and others were at the time when it was not common for women to be in law enforcement, and she served so well in - in such a way where in effect I cannot imagine even as a father of four daughters, how parents would say go forth and be a police officer. Obviously it's glamorized today and it's been accepted, and that's cool, but it would not have been accepted without the courage of people like Lieutenant Boulware. That means so much, but it goes even one step further. We have Chief Lovett today, which I know he appreciates very much Lieutenant Boulware, but -- but before Chief Lovett we had Tom Sprague who was Chief of Police, and I know that those in the room like Commissioner Stone remember that when Tom Sprague asked Lieutenant Boulware to take over Animal Control it wasn't like it is now. We have a beautiful facility because of the leadership of the County Commission and Lieutenant Boulware. But when Lieutenant Boulware was asked by Tom Sprague to take it over, it was a hovel. It was a series of trailers and shacks infested with roaches, and still the woman came forward and said yes, I will take this special mission, and her legacy is not only the building but the tradition of animal care hopefully in the finest way possible. Lieutenant Boulware is a champion of animal welfare but first and foremost she's a law enforcement officer just as the Chairman said.

County Manager Abolt said, I'm going to make a presentation now of something that the Chief may hand me here please. This -- this is the traditional lamp that we give, but to recognize that Lieutenant Boulware has been so special in a variety of areas, we've got some special bling on it, and the bling represents what she did in -- in the end of her career when she worked so well with animals. So I want to introduce Lieutenant Boulware and then I also want to acknowledge Mr. Kaigler, who will present the 35-year pin.

Assistant County Manager Michael Kaigler said, Brenda, normal -- normally we -- we do this in November at our employee recognition reception, but since you won't be with us, and you'll be really enjoying your -- enjoying your retirement, I wanted to take this opportunity to formally present your -- your 35-year pin.

Lieutenant Boulware said, thank you.

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, and -- and recognize that you have over 35 years of law enforcement

experience with Chatham County, and we really wish you a happy retirement.

Lieutenant Boulware said, thank you very much. [Applause.]

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Lieutenant Boulware said, it's been a privilege and an honor to serve Chatham County and this Commission. It was said that I started with the County police, but actually I started with -- some of you might not remember Carl Griffin. I started out with Sheriff Carl Griffin and then left there and went to the county police and worked for Chief St. Lawrence, and then of course we merged. So, it's been all my adult life that I have been involved in law enforcement, and I've actually -- there's been some good times and bad times. I'm not going to stand up here and say it hasn't all been rosy, but it has been a privilege and an honor to work for this Commission. Thank you so much for what you've done for the animals. That, I've discovered, is my passion. I never knew that until they asked me -- when Chief Tom Sprague asked me to -- to take over that position, and I had to think about it, and then I accepted the challenge, and it was -- I discovered that I really have a passion for the animals and -- and to reduce the euthanasia rates and -- and love the new facility. I'm so glad I was a part of that, being on the ground floor. I remember the Commission, Ms. Helen Stone and I remember Mr. Kicklighter coming over and y'all taking a tour of the facility and -- and finally y'all -- y'all agreed to fund it, and y'all have a facility that is absolutely second to none. Thank you for the privilege and the honor of serving y'all. Thank you Chief.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter is recognized.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Lieutenant, I just wanted to say thank you. I was going to say that about that tour. You're -- as far as influencing me, you were 90 percent of what showed me we that needed the new facility. You took me through and showed me how the facility basically provided, because the facility itself wasn't in the shape it needed to be, it was inhumane treatment of the animals during their life, and the way we had to put them to death was inhumane at that time, and I, you know, thank you. You definitely -- your passion has shown all these years, and -- and I appreciate you very much, and I just wanted to tell you. Thank you.

Lieutenant Boulware said, thank you so much.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Brady said, uh-oh. There we go. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I -- I want to tell you personally that you have to be a special person to do what you do with animals. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart that you've tried to save animals and you've taken care of them. I'm an animal lover and just thank you. Thank you. Thank you, and I hope you enjoy your retirement.

Lieutenant Boulware said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. Years ago when I went out to the animal shelter, I think Mr. Abolt explained it to you, but until you went there you wouldn't understand. It was an embarrassment to this County, and I didn't like to go there. I can't imagine having to show up at work there every day. No air conditioning, cats stacked in cages with fans, dogs -- multiple dogs in runs that -- it was very difficult to clean because of the drainage system, and this lady stuck with it, and now we have a facility that I'm very proud of, this County's very proud of, and this Commission took action. So, you were there through the good and the bad, and I thank you for all the time that you put into this and for what you've done for all of these animals. Thank you.

Lieutenant Boulware said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Chief, you want to take a parting goodbye or?

Chief Willie Lovett said, I will, but I'll do that when I get up there to do the presentation in just a little bit.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you so much.

County Manager Abolt said, Brenda, you want to get your sister?

Lieutenant Boulware said, oh, let me -- let -- Linda, please come here. This is my twin sister, Linda. I'm sorry.

Linda worked for the District Attorney for 29 years.

Ms. Linda Smith said, 30.

Lieutenant Boulware said, she's always correcting me. She's older. She'll tell everybody she's older than me. She's seven minutes older than I am.

Ms. Smith said, and proud of it.

Lieutenant Boulware said, but, we've both been -- spent our entire adult life working for Chatham County, and y'all have given me a nice retirement, thank you. All right. So -- but I wanted to introduce my twin sister, Linda Smith. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Thank you so much.

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### **3. PRESENTATION OF \$10,000 CHECK FROM COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY WELLNESS PROGRAM BY ED WILSON.**

Chairman Scott said, is Mr. Ed Wilson here? At this time I'd like to recognize Mr. Ed Wilson for a presentation, and -- Mr. Manager, somebody's got to receive this check.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir, and Ms. Cramer can do that 'cause we're going to deposit it, but I believe that Ms. -- Ms. Fulton is going to -- our wellness coordinator will take the check, and she'll go up on the third floor, and it will get in the bank in moments.

Chairman Scott said, but I recognize Mr. Wilson for any comments you may want to make.

Mr. Eddie Wilson said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Youth -- Youth Commissioners, thank you for your current leadership and -- and future leadership. It's an honor and a privilege to be here today with Colonial Life, myself, Eddie Wilson; my father, Ed Wilson, who began his service with the benefits here at Chatham County in 1991. So it's been quite an honor to work with your employees and with your human resources team for all these years. For the second year in a row, we're -- we're honored to be able to present a check for \$10,000 to help further advance the wellness program that Ms. Fulton so ably leads on behalf of your employees, and -- and we thank you for the opportunity to -- to be a small part of what she's doing for your -- for your people. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

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### **4. PRESENTATION OF THREE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATORS TO CHATHAM COUNTY BY THE CORY JOSEPH WILSON FIREBALL 40 MEMORIAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.**

Chairman Scott said, now we will have a very special presentation, and I think you may have already received something on your desk when we're talking about the Fireball 40 with -- with the -- the Wilson -- Mr. Cory Wilson.

Mr. Mike Miller said, Mike Miller.

Chairman Scott said, Mike Miller, but I'm -- I'm saying for -- in behalf of the Cory Joe Wilson. Mr. Miller, you're recognized, and the entire family.

Mr. Miller said, well, thanks very much Mr. Chairman and County Commissioners. I'm Mike Miller, and I'm representing the Wilson Family and the group of us who have put on the Cory Joseph Wilson Fireball 40 Memorial Baseball Tournament, and we want to do two things. We want to first of all thank the County Commissioners and -- and staff and -- for your role in this. As Chairman Scott said, we've presented each of y'all with a commemorative baseball and hope that you'll keep that and -- and -- as a memory for this, and -- and --

so we want to first of all say thank you. We -- we came here several months ago asking for the county to donate Scott Stell Park, waive the fees associated with that for our charity baseball tournament. You graciously agreed to do that. We appreciate that very much. We appreciate very much the staff who was so helpful in putting on this tournament, and I just want to mention a couple of names. Bob Fritts is going to follow me and mention some other names, but Vicki Blumberg, Mark Burgess, Bob Robertson, are -- are three names I want to specifically mention.

Mr. Miller said, and I just want to tell you briefly about the success of the tournament. And, we -- we had our first meeting May the 28<sup>th</sup> to talk about this, a small group. The vision that I had was to have a baseball tournament. I hoped to raise maybe \$5,000 and do something productive with that money. We knew that there was a scholarship fund for Cory at Georgia Southern. At that time I didn't even realize there was this great cause out there that Lisa and Kenny were so passionate about with the AEDs and -- and didn't realize how generous the Commission and the community at large was going to be. So, we had somewhere between 125 and 150 coaches and players participate. We had somewhere in the neighborhood of 300 volunteers. We had countless sponsors, donations, volunteers, and -- and -- and just the community at large. Media was very supportive. I'm going to miss some people to thank, but -- but I just wanted to mention a few of those, and at the end of it, we have raised net over \$20,000 that we are putting back into the purchase of AEDs and some -- the remainder of that to go the -- to Cory's scholarship fund at Georgia Southern. So, as we talked about initially when we asked for the fields to be donated and -- and we said the first AED was going to be donated to the county, we're going to do that today, but we're going to do that plus, and I'll let the Wilsons tell you about that, and I'm going to turn it over to Bob Fritts real quickly just to -- just to give some further thanks. So, thank y'all very much for what you did, and we want to thank the community at large. I'll say one more thing, we're going to have a special thank you to everybody that we could possibly thank in the paper on Sunday, so I'd encourage you to look for that and -- and thanks for your role in this. We appreciate it very much. Bob [Fritts.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Mr. Bob Fritts said, thank you Commission. I'm Bob Fritts. I had a very honored position in our tournament to be the chief of the umpires and to coordinate the -- the umpires and the games, and I will tell you that the games were very successful, and the winning team is the memory of Cory, and -- and I think the Wilsons will continue that a little bit. But I did want to tell you as a member of our Chatham County Coaches Advisory Board, Mr. Holmes often comes and sits on that -- those meetings, we often talk about the improvements of the fields and the facilities, and I can tell you without a shadow of a doubt the -- the Stell Park field was in perfect condition, and that goes with a lot of work on the staff, and I just wanted to point out that started with Mr. Drewry who happened to show up at the tournament, and -- and he made sure that everything was as perfect as it can be. Ms. Blumberg, Vicki Blumberg, Lorenzo Bryant, and of course, Mike mentioned, Mike Burgess and -- and Bob Robinson, and the fields were just great and everything ran as smoothly as it could run, and we just appreciate all the county did to make that happen. And I know that sometimes those folks don't get the -- the gratitude that they -- they would normally get, but I just want to reiterate that they did a great job, and I -- I -- I congratulate them and the -- the -- the county for a great job. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Kenny Wilson said, hey. I'm Kenny Wilson. I'm Cory's father, and I met y'all several months ago when we were first asking for the support for the tournament, and I just wanted to tell y'all how much we appreciated your support on it. I can tell you no family should ever have to go through something like what we've been through. It's been extremely tough for me and my wife and my daughter, who's not here today. She's actually in classes up at Georgia Southern, and one of the -- one of the classes that she has is in the business building where Cory had passed away, where we had already donated a AED for that particular building, and -- and I think because of that Georgia Southern had also -- matter of fact, I saw an article in the paper where they had already purchased I think an additional 56 AEDs to scatter around the campus up there. So we're -- we're sort of on a mission with our -- with our AEDs, but -- but it's just -- it's been tough, but with the support of our family and our friends, our close friends, and the community support, and also the support of -- the support of you guys, it's been -- it's been -- it's been a successful tournament, and we just -- we wanted to thank y'all for your help on that.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Wilson? Just, be -- because this is being broadcast on our community access channel.

Mr. Wilson said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, in the event that folk were not tuned in at the last meeting, would you please just, if -- if you don't mind, just take just a minute and -- and just tell them about Cory J. Wilson and how you got started on this

because some of them may not understand the story of what we're doing here today. If you would.

Mr. Wilson said, Cory, he -- he -- he was born in '91. He started playing baseball at the age of 4. Loved the game of baseball. He ate it. He slept it. He played as hard as -- as you -- you didn't -- if you just glanced at the team after a game was over, you didn't have to look around for numbers or whatever to see who Cory was. He would be the dirtiest, the sweatiest, the nastiest. I mean he would be covered from head to toe in -- in dirt, and -- and that's just how he played. I mean he played 110 percent, probably more than that. I mean he just -- he gave it everything he had when he was playing, and he -- he was just -- he liked the outdoors. He -- he could joke with you and be your best friend before the game, but when that game started, he was out for blood. I mean he just -- he -- he just loved the game that much, and that's what -- that's what inspired us to -- to use the baseball tournament to honor his memory. He just -- he was just a -- a good -- he was an outdoors man. He was the kindest guy that you would ever want to meet. Had a little redneck in him. I guess it came from his dad a little bit, but he was just -- he was just a good kid, and had a lot of friends, and I think that showed, you know, through the support of the baseball tournament as far as how many -- how many teams showed up, and how many guys took it upon themselves to start their own -- you know, to put together their own team with some of his former players, some of his buddies, some of his KA buddies, and he was just -- he was -- he was just a good kid, and we -- we miss him a lot.

Chairman Scott said, Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. Lisa Wilson said, thank you for having us here today. To expand just a little bit on what Kenny said for those who may not have known the full scope of Cory's story. Cory collapsed in class at Georgia Southern on January the 17<sup>th</sup>, and he died in class at Georgia Southern. He was the victim of a fatal cardiac arrhythmia, and although CPR was started when Cory collapsed, there was no automated external defibrillator available, and unfortunately CPR was not enough to save his life. So our mission through Cory's memory has become to put these AEDs -- our first goal was in the county baseball fields, and we are expanding that and will expand on that a bit more as we speak, but the tournament itself was a gift to our entire family. Through the eyes and the actions of the players and the coaches and the volunteers and the guys that I call in the dugout, which was the team that put it all together, we were able to spend a weekend with just a little bit of Cory through a lot of his friends, and that is a gift that we will never, ever forget, and we are so appreciative of the fact that that happened. We are, as we told you, going to make a presentation today. Our initial goal was to present one AED for a county field, and we are so incredibly proud that through the amazing and generous support of Chatham County and the surrounding counties, we will be donating five new AEDs today to the county and wall units. [Applause.]

Ms. Wilson said, each AED will be mounted in a wall unit. There will be an AED placed at Scott Stell field, at Ambuc field, at the field where Cory holds the record -- I had to add that, I am his mom, for the longest ball out of the park, Brooks field, and we are also extending our donation to Memorial Stadium and to the Jennifer Ross Soccer Field, as part of our family has spent time on those fields as well. We are indebted to this community for everything you have done, and we cannot say thank you enough. At this time Mr. Drewry is going to come forward and talk a little bit about the county AED program, how the AEDs will be mounted, when they will be mounted, how they will be maintained, and the educational part that will go along with that. Thank you again and watch for us next year. I promise you, we will be back.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Before -- before Mr. Drewry come, I want to see if any of the members of the Commission have any questions or comments to the Wilsons. I recognize Commissioner Lori Brady of the Sixth District.

Commissioner Brady said, I am so sorry for your tragic loss, but what I want you to know is and -- and I hope I don't cry, is that Cory's looking down on you right now, and he is so proud of everything that you have done, and just know that every day, that you are good folks. We appreciate everything you've done, but Cory's looking down, and he's proud to have you as his parents and his grandparents and friends.

Mrs. Wilson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Second District.

Commissioner Holmes said, congratulations on your successful of your tournament. The Wilsons, I remember coming on board as a Commissioner, and I -- I did some study and research and across this country recreation usually be the last people think about on the county government, but thank God that this Commission, along with our staff, we started to push recreation to the top, and I want to say thank you for using Stell Park as your site for your first tournament and for the future. Now what I must say to you is the only regret that I've had being a coach, that I didn't have the opportunity of coaching Cory. Congratulations.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to --

Chairman Scott said, Seventh District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- tell y'all that when I was 17, my brother was 23, and was murdered, and I've watched my parents, and to keep any child's memory alive, every action you take, I know tears a piece of you away. Being here today tears a -- it -- it weighed on you for a week when you knew you were coming here. I've watched my parents go through it. I want to echo what my Commissioner here said, your son would be so proud of y'all. Y'all -- y'all are truly -- I know from watching my own family, your strength is amazing. I know it hurts. Your child would be so proud of you, and I just commend you. Y'all -- y'all are wonderful people, and you're -- you're doing a wonderful job for your child to this day. He might not be here, but y'all are awesome parents, and I thank y'all for what you've done.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. We'll recognize our star employee, Mr. Robert Drewry.

Mr. Robert Drewry said, good morning. Robert Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services. First of all, on behalf of Chatham County, and particularly, the Public Works and Park Services Department, we do accept the AEDs with gracious attitude, and I'm just humbled by the experience that we've been through this. We will be mounting those within probably the next 30 days or less, and I will have staff -- all my recreation staff is going to be trained on how to use the AEDs, and beneath each one of the AEDs we will be -- commit to putting a plaque up dedicating those AEDs in the memory of Cory Joseph Wilson and today's date. So again, I thank you very much, and I hope to see this tournament every year.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much. [Applause.]

Mrs. Wilson said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, County Manager?

Chairman Scott said, recognize Commissioner Farrell, Fourth District.

Commissioner Farrell said, Mr. Abolt?

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, when we are working with our coaches in our different leagues, perhaps we should work in a little bit of information for each of the coaches, and at least a flyer of some sort to let them know where these devices are located on the particular fields that they may playing on, and some information on how to use it and to encourage them to -- to let their staffs and their volunteers to understand it, because having a great piece of equipment and not knowing how to use it in -- in -- in the -- in the snap of a -- in a flash, may not have the best desired result.

County Manager Abolt said, be glad to, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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## **5. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE 2013-2014 CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION.**

Chairman Scott said, now, at this time, you know, we have a lot of star employees, and -- and at this time we're going to swear in the 2013-2014 Chatham County Youth Commission, and I'm going to recognize Van Johnson, some of you may know him as Alderman Van Johnson, but for county purposes he's Van Johnson, and he's one of our star employees. Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Van Johnson said, thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, Commissioners Stone, Brady, gentlemen, for those of us who are old enough to remember exactly where we were and what we were doing during this very week twelve years ago, we remember that it was during an extraordinary time in our nation's history. From our vantage point we were able to witness ordinary people who stepped up to do extraordinary things. We were able to see those in our public safety and military take their oaths to heart as they gave the very best of their service and lives in the protection of others. We were able to -- to definitely and safely say that on that day and the days since that heroes are not born, they are made. They are not born, they are nurtured. They are not born, they meticulously cultivated. It is with that thought in mind that I present to you the leaders of today and the leaders - the heroes of tomorrow, the 2013-2014 Chatham County Youth Commission.

Mr. Johnson said, this is our 21<sup>st</sup> edition of this program that is recognized across the country. That is the only program in the country formally recognized by the National Association of Counties and the National League of Cities, the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association. Your colleagues from across the country have paid you the ultimate compliment by replicating your program and giving you the credit for leadership in youth development. A day after our news media talked about some of the gang issues that we're having in our county, I would like to present to you this morning a gang of good guys, a gang of leaders, a gang of scholars, a gang of community servants. This organization exists because of you, because of your patronage, because of your benevolence, because of your encouragement, and because of your support. These young people dedicated their entire summer to learning about their county and their community. They have committed over 100 hours of their summer attending missions, completing assignments, performing random acts of kindness across the county, and wearing these dreaded white t-shirts. It is important to mention particularly with the previous presentation that all of our Youth Commissioners are CPR and AED certified.

Mr. Johnson said, we must thank Dr. Priscilla Thomas for her vision and continued support, and her presence is here even in her absence. We thank Mr. Russ Abolt and Mr. Mike Kaigler who have been with the program since its inception, and I thank the many department heads and community partners who allowed us to make this summer a memorable one for our young people, and in our audience we have Sheriff Al St. Lawrence and Chief Lovett who both dedicated time and resources to this effort. And I'm also dedicated -- assisted by a dedicated staff who gives of their time and effort. Some are with me, Ms. Sandra Smalls, Ms. Debra Allen, Ms. Marilyn Rodriguez, Ms. Ophelia Brown, Ms. Leigh Herald, Ms. Takiyah Martin, Ms. Linda Polite, and of course the always present but not seen, Pete Nichols. Last but not least, I would particularly like to thank the parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles and loved ones of these young people who have supported us in this endeavor, but even today absconded from their places of employment to join us today. Will all of our parents, grandparents, godparents, and loved ones please stand and be recognized. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, that's kind of a weak handshake -- that's -- that's kind of weak for your parents. [Louder applause from the Youth Commission members.]

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Chairman, if you would come down to offer -- well, let me call the names, and then we'll have you come down and offer the oath of office to these young people. Our chair this year is a senior at Savannah Country Day. She's serving her third term, Marissa Karp. Our Vice Chair is a senior at St. Vincent's Academy, Ms. Sabria Jones. Our secretary is a senior serving her second term, from Savannah Arts Academy, Ms. Hollis Brown. Our parliamentarian is in his second term. He's a senior at Jenkins High School, Mr. Kentrel Johnson. Our executive members Ms. Kristen Conley is a junior at Bible Baptist, she's in her second term. Mr. Xavier Cooper at Savannah Arts Academy is a junior. He's in his second term. Ms. Simone Greene at St. Vincent's Academy. She's a junior and she's in her second term. Mr. Mohammad Abdallah, Woodville Tompkins. He's a sophomore in his first term. Mr. Lamar Ballard at Island High School. He's a senior and he's in his third term. Ms. Brenna Bazemore at Bible Baptist. She's a sophomore. She's in her first term. Ms. Ariel Bland at New Hampstead. She's a sophomore, and she's in her first term. Ms. Justice Bosco at Windsor Forest. She's a senior and this is her second term. Mr. Carlton Brown from Benedictine. He's a senior in his second term. Ms. Martayshia Brown from New Hampstead. She's a junior and this is her first term. Ms. Shakayla Bush from Groves High School is a sophomore. This is her first term. Ms. Shaneen Carter, St. Vincent's Academy. She's a senior. This is her first term. Ms. Asia Coles, Woodville Tompkins. She's a junior. This is her second term. Ms. Destiny Craig-Mojica, Savannah Early College. She's a junior. This is her first term. Ms. Kennedi Cunningham, Woodville Tompkins. She's a sophomore and this is her first term. Ms. Ariuna Dorsey, St. Vincent's Academy. She's a senior. This is her first term. Mr. James Flowers, Johnson High

School. He's a senior. This is his third term. Mr. Jesse Green, Beach High School. He's a junior. This is his first term. Ms. Monica Green, Johnson High School. She is a junior and this is her first term. Ms. Malena Hall Beach high School. She's a junior. This is her first term. Mr. JeQuan Hatcher, Benedictine. He's a junior. This is his first term. Ms. Jamillah Hilliard, Savannah Christian. She's a sophomore. This is her first term. Mr. Christopher Howard, Jenkins High School. He's a senior, and this is his third term. Mr. Chance Jackson, Benedictine. He's a junior. This is his first term. Ms. Gabrielle James, Savannah Arts Academy. She's a junior. This is her first term. Mr. Sean Lewis, Bethesda Academy. He's a sophomore. This is his first term. Ms. Trinity Mason, Islands High School. She's a sophomore. This is her first term. Mr. Darel McGee, Woodville Tompkins. He's a sophomore. This is his first term. Ms. Denire Mesa, Windsor Forest. She's a sophomore. This is her first term. Ms. Lindsey Mitchell, Windsor Forest. She's a sophomore. This is her first term. Ms. Kayla Oates, Savannah High School. She's a junior. This is her first term. Mr. Ryan Pochecho, Savannah Early College. He's a junior. This is his first term. Ms. Kendyl Parker, Savannah Christian. She's a junior. This is her first term. Ms. Keona Payne, Windsor Forest. She is a junior. This is her first term. Mr. Dionte' Samuels, Savannah Early College. He's a senior. This is his third term. Ms. Lyric Smith, Johnson High School. She's a senior. This is her first term. Ms. Kayla Smokes, St. Vincent's Academy. She's a junior. This is her second term. Ms. Tanardjah Washington, Savannah Early College. She's a junior. This is her first term. Mr. Nathan West, Bethesda Academy. He's a sophomore. This is his first term. And, Mr. Cordell Woods, Benedictine. He's a sophomore. This is his first term. Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, can I ask the members of the Youth Commission to please stand. I want you to -- it's I, and I want you to repeat your name. Raise your right hand.

Chairman Scott administered the following oath: I, (Youth Commission members stated their names), a citizen of the State of Georgia and the United States and a member of the Chatham County Youth Commission do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Georgia, that I will honestly and faithfully perform the duties assigned to me, and that I will at all times abide by and conform to the laws, ordinance, and rules and regulations approved by the Chatham County Commission. So help me God.

Chairman Scott said, thank you and you will all need to sign this loyalty oath, and I welcome you to the Youth Commission 2013-2014. [Applause.]

Ms. Marissa Karp said, good morning.

Board members collectively said, good morning.

Ms. Karp said, on behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, I would like to say thank you for your presence today and for your continued support throughout the past 20 years. It means a lot to the Chatham County Youth Commission and myself and the rest of the youth in our community that our local government is willing to put in the time and the attention -- to pay attention to what we are doing in Chatham County. Also I'd like to thank Dr. Thomas, though she is not here today, for not only having the vision to start this organization but for continuing to rally support from you and from the rest of the citizens of Chatham County. We look forward to working with you this year to become an even more positive force and role model for the rest of the youth in our county. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, if -- if and an interesting note that Kyle Burnsed right there with the blue shirt on actually was a Youth Commissioner 11 years ago. So I feel quite old. But if -- if you would mind excusing these young people because I'm sure as you know, they have to get back to school. And I'm sure their parents have to get back to work.

Chairman Scott said, but -- but before they can be excused, I would recognize members of the Commission if they wish to make any comments. Commissioner Shabazz from the Fifth District, then Commissioner Center from the Second -- Third District, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good -- good morning. Good morning.

Youth Commission collectively said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I would like to say to you all congratulations, and also I would like to say that your education is your passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. I would also like to say that you can't rest on being young because you're getting older every day, and the idea that you're future -- your destiny -- you're the inventor of your own future and destiny, and that rests on -- it rests on your shoulder.

And I would also like to say to Mr. Van Johnson and my fellow Commissioner, Dr. Priscilla Thomas, is that it's good because good or great leaders are not interested in maintaining followers, but they are interested in producing other leaders, and we have to go far enough to train and nurture other leaders to think independently because it's going to take that for your future. Thank you very much and congratulations.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center from the Third District.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too want to congratulate all of you on being sworn in and for taking the time and effort to do what you do. Give a special shout out. I think I saw one fellow Savannah High blue jacket called out, so let me give a shout out to my blue jacket, but I also want to especially congratulate the parents, the godparents, the grandparents and friends, what a great job you've done with these children. You need to be very proud, and I congratulate you and thank you also.

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner Farrell from the Fourth District.

Commissioner Farrell said, yes, I'd -- I'd like to congratulate each and every one of you for stepping up and volunteering to be a part of this organization above your regular curriculum and your athletic commitments and that sort of thing. It -- it shows a lot that you're willing to -- to -- to take on extra responsibilities, and I'm sure you'll get a lot out of the organization but, of course, a lot is expected for you to be put in the organization, and I want to have a -- a special recognition for the four Benedictine Cadets that are representing Benedictine Military School. Way to go guys. [Applause.] Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner Kicklighter from the Seventh District would like to make some comments.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well as a graduate of Benedictine, I'm proud of that, and then a westsider, we had Tompkins, Groves. We had New Hampstead, so I'm proud to have all of those, and -- anyhow, I just want to say each one of you -- to each one of you, you're all impressive people. The amount of work you've put in just to get like to this point is -- is really impressive at any age to want something that bad to go after it. I know you're -- you have to leave your functions at school and haul it over here to Van at certain times, and if you're not, you -- you might not make the cut. So the dedication y'all have shown just to get to this point is really impressive, and I know that Van and Dr. Thomas continues to like challenge and work with y'all, and, you know, it's easy to see why this program itself is so productive because, you know, if you make it in, you're -- you're an impressive young adult right off the bat. So, congrats to all of you and just keep it up.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you all, and I know that you're looking forward to leaving and getting back to class, so you are hereby excused. [Applause.]

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Commissioner Farrell said, are we taking a break?

Commissioner Center said, we have to vote on that.

Commissioner Brady said, are we taking a break?

Commissioner Center said, we don't have a quorum right now.

Chairman Scott said, now the Commission will stand at ease waiting a quorum.

[NOTE: The Commission Meeting was recessed at 10:35. The Meeting resumed at 10:38 whereupon the following transpired:]

Chairman Scott said, all right. The Commission will come to order.

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

### **1. COUNTY SPLOST INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.**

Chairman Scott said, on -- on page three under Item --

Commissioner Center said, are we back?

Chairman Scott said, yes, we're back.

Commissioner Center said, you entertaining a motion?

Chairman Scott said, under Item VI, we have a Chairman Items, which is a County SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement. The Commission authorized me to negotiate and to sign an agreement with the City of Savannah. The Intergovernmental Agreement what it sets in place a six-year SPLOST versus a five-year SPLOST. In the absence of an Intergovernmental Agreement we could only collect SPLOST taxes for five years, and the City of Savannah and -- and Chatham County, which represents the majority of the citizens of the County has entered into this agreement to allow the voters to vote on a six-year SPLOST, and what I would ask today, I would like to entertain a motion that we ratify that agreement.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, I move that we ratify the previously resolved Intergovernmental Agreement that you have now signed with the City of Savannah.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

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

Commissioner Center moved to ratify the SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Savannah. Commissioners Brady and Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Stone and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

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

### **2. MARSH BLUFF (COMMISSIONER CENTER.)**

Chairman Scott said, the next item on the agenda was a Commissioner Item which was Marsh Bluff, and I recognize Commissioner Center who wishes to postpone this but I'll --

Commissioner Center said, yes, I'd like to postpone that. The residents of Marsh Bluff had conflicts and requested if they could come to an October meeting, and we'll work that out. Thank you for taking that off.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Is there no objections to that coming off? Hearing none, it's off.

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

<p>Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*).</p>
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- \* 1. **NOTE: ACTION ON SECOND READING WAS POSTPONED AT BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2013. 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, we have one tabled item. If there's any desire to remove it off the table? If not, it will remain. Hearing none.

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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 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: (a) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$36,750 FROM ENERGY EXCISE TAX, (b) TRANSFER \$6,000 FROM BAMBOO FARM TO COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, (c) TRANSFER \$16,000 FROM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TO FLEET OPERATIONS, (d) INCREASE REVENUES \$250,000 FROM REIMBURSEMENTS, (e) INCREASE REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES \$250,000, AND (f) APPROPRIATE \$361,550 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO THE PANEL OF ATTORNEY'S BUDGET; 2) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND: (a) TRANSFER UP TO \$125,000 FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO THE CIP FUND, AND (b) APPROPRIATE \$381,000 FROM FUND BALANCE TO TRANSFER OUT TO THE CIP FUND FOR SCMPD VEHICLES; AND 3) IN THE CIP FUND: (a) INCREASE REVENUES UP TO 4506,000 TRANSFER IN FROM SD, (b) INCREASE THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT UP TO \$125,000, and (c) INCREASE THE SCMPD FLEET PROJECT \$381,000; FISCAL YEAR 2014: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O TRANSFER \$10,600 FROM SALARIES TO OTHER LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE COUNTY MANAGER'S BUDGET, 2) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$7,000 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE SHERIFF, AND 3) AMEND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SERIES 1999 REVENUE BOND FUND TO APPROPRIATE \$18,900 FUND BALANCE.**

Chairman Scott said, now we've got Item IX, page five, Items for Individual Action. Under number one here's a list of items: to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer for fiscal year 2013 in the General Funds M&O increase revenue and expenditures \$36,750 from Energy Excise Tax, transfer \$6,000 from the Bamboo Farm to Cooperative Extension, transfer \$16,000 from Facilities Maintenance to Fleet Operations, and increase revenues \$250,000 from Reimbursements, increase Reimbursable Expense \$250,000, and (f) appropriate \$361,550 Unassigned Fund Balance to the Panel of Attorney's Budget. In the Special Service District Fund: transfer up to \$125,000 from the Public Works Budget Transfer Out to the CIP Fund, (b) and to approve \$381,000 from the Fund Balance to Transfer Out to the CIP Fund for the Savannah Metro Police Department Vehicles; and 3) in the CIP Fund: increase the revenue up to \$506,000 Transfer In to SSD, in -- increase the Public Works Project up to \$125,000, increase the SCMPD Fleet Project \$381,000; Fiscal Year '14 and increase the General Fund M&O Transfer of \$10,600 from Salaries to Other Line Items Within the County Manager's Budget, in the Multiple Grant Fund Increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant award from Homeland Security to the Sheriff Department, and amend the Capital Improvement Series 999 [sic] Revenue Bond Fund to appropriate \$18,900 Fund Balance. Hearing the request, is there an action? A motion?

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman? I make a motion we approve.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer in fiscal year 2013 in the General Fund M&O increase revenues and expenditures \$36,750 from Energy Excise Tax, (b) transfer \$6,000 from Bamboo Farm to Cooperative Extension, (c) transfer \$16,000 from Facilities Maintenance to Fleet Operations, (d) increase revenues \$250,000 from Reimbursements, (e) increase Reimbursable Expenses \$250,000, and (f) appropriate \$361,550 Unassigned Fund Balance to the Panel of Attorney's Budget; 2) in the Special Service District Fund: (a) transfer up to \$125,000 from the Public Works Budget to Transfer out to the CIP Fund, and (B) appropriate \$381,000 from Fund Balance to Transfer out to the CIP Fund for SCMPD Vehicles; and 3) in the CIP Fund: (a) increase revenues up to \$506,000 Transfer in from SSD, (b) increase the Public Works Project up to \$125,000, and (c) Increase the SCMPD Fleet Project \$381,000; Fiscal Year 2014: 1) in the General Fund M&o Transfer \$10,600 from Salaries to Other Line Items Within the County Manager's Budget, 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund Increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant award from Homeland Security to the Sheriff, and 3) amend the Capital Improvement Series 1999 Revenue Bond Fund to Appropriate \$18,900 Fund Balance. Commissioners Kicklighter and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Stone was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

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

**ISSUE:**

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers in fiscal year 2013 in the General Fund M&O increase revenues and expenditures \$36,750 from Energy Excise Tax, (b) transfer \$6,000 from Bamboo Farm to Cooperative Extension, (c) transfer \$16,000 from Facilities Maintenance to Fleet Operations, (d) increase revenues \$250,000 from Reimbursements, (e) increase Reimbursable Expenses \$250,000, and (f) appropriate \$361,550 Unassigned Fund Balance to the Panel of Attorney's Budget; 2) in the Special Service District Fund: (a) transfer up to \$125,000 from the Public Works Budget to Transfer out to the CIP Fund, and (B) appropriate \$381,000 from Fund Balance to Transfer out to the CIP Fund for SCMPD Vehicles; and 3) in the CIP Fund: (a) increase revenues up to \$506,000 Transfer in from SSD, (b) increase the Public Works Project up to \$125,000, and (c) Increase the SCMPD Fleet Project \$381,000; Fiscal Year 2014: 1) in the General Fund M&o Transfer \$10,600 from Salaries to Other Line Items Within the County Manager's Budget, 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund Increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant award from Homeland Security to the Sheriff, and 3) amend the Capital Improvement Series 1999 Revenue Bond Fund to Appropriate \$18,900 Fund Balance

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Energy Excise Taxes collected have exceeded the budget. A budget amendment of \$36,750 is needed to recognize the taxes and the payments to municipalities. A resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. Due to the estimated year and accruals, the contractual payments to the University of Georgia for the Cooperative Extension Service exceed the current budget. A transfer of \$6,000 from the Bamboo Farm to the Cooperative Extension Service will eliminate the budget variance and avoid a State audit finding.
3. Fleet Operations expenditures exceed the budget. A transfer of \$16,000 from Facilities Maintenance will cover the overage and avoid an audit finding.
4. The General Fund M&O receives reimbursement from CEMA for expenses incurred. The collections for FY2013 have exceeded the budget due to payment of a grant match. A

resolution to amend the General Fund for the additional revenue and expenses (\$250,000) is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

5. The County needs to accrue funds in the fiscal year 2013 audit for pending indigent defense cases. Cases totaling \$361,550 have been identified. An appropriation of \$136,550 unassigned fund balance is requested. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
6. The Public Works Department operating budget for FY2013 has a sizeable favorable balance. The Public Works Department has various equipment needs. A transfer of up to \$125,000 from the Public Works operating budget to CIP fund is requested.
7. The Sheriff has received a \$7,000 grant award from the Department of Homeland Security. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
8. Funding for calendar 2014 M&O police vehicles is \$381,000 short. An appropriation of SSD Fund Balance to the CIP Fund Police Fleet project will cover the shortfall.
9. A transfer of \$10,600 from salaries to other line items in the County Manager's budget is requested.
10. Funds are needed to purchase a LED message board for the Aquatic Center. An amendment to the Capital Improvement - Series 1999 Revenue Bond Fund to appropriate fund balance will provide the necessary funds. A resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O, the Special Service District and the CIP Funds for the transfers. The budget amendments will establish funding in the General Fund M&O, the Special Service District, the Multiple Grant and the Capital Improvement - Series 1999 Revenue Bond Funds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**GENERAL FUND M&O FY2013**

- a) Increase Energy Excise Tax Revenue \$36,750.
- b) Increase Energy Excise Tax payments to municipalities \$36,750.
- c) Transfer \$6,000 from the Bamboo Farm to Cooperative Extension.
- d) Transfer \$16,000 from Facilities Maintenance to Fleet Operations.
- e) Increase revenues \$250,000 CEMA reimbursements.
- f) Increase reimbursable expenditures \$250,000.
- g) Appropriate \$361,550 unassigned fund balance to the Panel of Attorney's budget.

**SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND FY2013**

- a) Transfer up to \$125,000 from Public Works to Transfer Out to CIP.
- b) Appropriate \$381,000 fund balance to Transfer Out to the CIP Fund.

**CIP FUND FY2013**

- a) Increase revenues up to \$506,000 Transfer In from SSD.
- b) Increase the Public Works project up to \$125,000.
- c) Increase the SCMPD Police Vehicles project \$381,000.

**GENERAL FUND M&O FY2014**

Transfer \$10,600 from salaries to other line items within the County Manager's budget.

**MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FY2014**

Increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 Department of Homeland Security grant award for the Sheriff.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - SERIES 1999 REVENUE BOND FUND FY2014**

Appropriate \$18,900 fund balance to the CIP Bond/Recreation 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: Estelle Brown

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- 2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL (a) USE OF BALANCE FUNDS FROM SPLOST 5 DETENTION CENTER PROJECT FOR DETENTION CENTER PROJECT PHASE 2. (b) USE OF SPLOST 4 FUNDS ALLOCATED TO WORK RELEASE PROJECT TO BE USED TO CONSTRUCT A WORK RELEASE WINGS IN UNIT 5. (c) NEGOTIATE DESIGN FEES (SOLE SOURCE) WITH THE CURRENT ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN FIRM L. R. Kimball. ALSO AFFORDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID MORE CONTRACTS AIMED AT LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE DETENTION CENTER PROJECT.**

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 under Individual Action. I recognize Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was a request that we approve the use of balance funds from SPLOST 5 Detention Center project for Detention Center Project Phase 2 and to use SPLOST 4 funds allocated to work release project to be used to construct a work release wings in unit 5, and (c) negotiate design fees with the current architectural/engineering design firm, L. R. Kimball. I would move that we -- we approve (c) negotiating the design fees and hold off on (a) and (b) for -- it's -- it's a lot of money they're asking about spending, and I'd like to have more discussions --

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Center said, -- with my fellow Commissioners and study on that. So I move only that we approve (c) negotiate design fees.

Chairman Scott said, it's been moved by Commissioner Center from the Second, seconded by Commissioner Farrell from the Fourth. The motion is that under Item 2, we approve subsection (c) and only (c). Everybody understand the motion? Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved for approval to negotiate design fees with the current architectural and engineering design firm L. R. Kimball. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Stone was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

**FROM:** Sheriff Al St. Lawrence

**ISSUE:**

Request Board approval (a) use of balance funds from SPLOST 5 Detention Center Project for Detention Center Project Phase 2.(b) use of SPLOST 4 funds allocated to Work Release Project to be used to construct a Work Release Wings in Unit 5.(c) negotiate design fees (sole source) with the current

architectural and engineering design firm L.R. Kimball. Also affords the opportunity to bid more contracts aimed at local participation in the Detention Center project.

**BACKGROUND:**

The current project (funded through SPLOST 5) focused primarily on increasing inmate capacity. This project's expected completion is October 2013. Detention Center needs not addressed during phase one construction are to be addressed in the proposed phase two project with the balance funds.

Work Release Center funds were approved in SPLOST 4. However, to reduce future operational staffing needs incorporating the work release program into existing Unit 5 would save construction and staffing costs.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Current balance of funds available (SPLOST 5) is \$14,706,595, a total 1,823,688 million will be set aside to complete current project, \$250,000 to be allocated to other county projects, leaving a balance of \$12,632,907 leaving a balance to be transferred for Detention Center Project Phase 2.
2. The Detention Center Project, Phase 2, shall include (a) replacement of entire roof over existing complex (b) repurposing of Unit 5 for Armory/CERT (Corrections Emergency Response Team), Internal Affairs, Dispatch (c) repurposing of existing Gym for a Corrections Multi Purpose Room that will serve as assembly area for departmental and corrections staff training and inmate programs (d) replacement of some existing metal compromised exterior doors and windows (e) repurposing of current K-9 building to serve as administrative area for work release center requires relocation of K-9 function to south west area of site (f) paving of complex perimeter road. None of the items identified were in the first/current project.
3. SPLOST 4 allocated \$4,000,000 for the Work Release Center \$1,750,000 will be set aside for other county projects leaving a balance of \$2,250,000 to be used for the Work Release and project New Hope in Existing Unit 5.
4. It is anticipated that when Phase 2 is complete, there will be approximately \$2 million left over to be allocated to other county projects. All remaining contingency funds left over from the current project that is not needed for Phase 2 will be allocated to other County projects.
5. Using the current design firm, L.R. Kimball, is necessary to create continuity and consistency between Phase 1 and Phase 2. Staff has begun negotiations with L.R. Kimball to develop a scope and fee proposal for the design work needed to solicit bids for Phase 2. This should also serve to enhance local participation.

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available (a) within the SPLOST 5 project budget for the Jail Expansion: Dept#: 3803355; Project #:38060407 for Project 2 (b) in SPLOST 4 for the Work Release Center Dept. # 3234980 Project # 32360737.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

It is consistent with Board Policy to approve funding for construction projects.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board acceptance and approval of staff recommendations.
2. Board Deny Acceptance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board approval of Alternative #1.

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**3. LOCAL PARTICIPATION UPDATE FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY DETENTION**

**CENTER PROJECT. HUNT/MILLS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PRESENT.**

Chairman Scott said, the next item on the agenda is local participation update for the Chatham County Detention Center project. We will now hear from representatives from Hunt/Mills.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Brady, gentlemen, this is Mr. Mike Savidakis, who's been with us now throughout the project, and we're bringing you an update on where we are construction wise, as well as participation by local and minority contractors.

Mr. Michael Savidakis said, good morning Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. I'm here to report on the local participation and the progress of the construction at the Chatham County Detention Center from -- through the period of July of 2013. The project is nearing completion after some two and a half years. The work's approximately 98 percent complete. Despite some impacts due to some unforeseen conditions in the kitchen and the renovated areas, which is where we've been working for the last couple months, we plan on completing the project within the next month in early October. As we -- as we look at the -- the remaining two percent of contract scope on the project, the resource demand, as I've reported in the past is decreased for most of the trades. We're in limited areas working in the -- in the secure areas of the existing facility, and that's just a fact of the construction at this point in time with the remaining work. However, the reality as it relates to the local labor throughout the project, as -- as we all know, the project's been challenged with some qualifications issues with the labor market; however, we've remained diligent in enforcing the quality control, the accountability and what's expected and required by us with our contract with Chatham County.

Mr. Savidakis said, through the project Hunt/Mills has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate good faith efforts to increase local participation where practically possible. We also were pioneering -- we pioneered the model for work force development which is important. Pioneering -- partnering, I'm sorry, with Chatham County to improve the long-term mission of -- of enhancing the skills and the qualifications for the citizens of Chatham County as we pursue other employment opportunities. We've helped to mentor the workforce, teaming them up with skilled trades, develop their -- develop their skills in -- in many of the trades, and I want to say that we appreciate and commend the leadership of the Board in supporting that, and as we carry this legacy and you carry that legacy forward for the benefit of these citizens and the future projects in Chatham County that Hunt Construction Group and our partners, we hope to be a part of in the future. The key to that is -- is expecting that -- that everyone involved continues to take pride in using these means and methods that I've -- I've talked about and applying those skills on future projects.

Mr. Savidakis said, as we get into the local participation data, the business participation, our -- our requirement was 66 percent. We are currently at 72 percent through the month of July. The -- since February of 2012 the -- the local labor participation has remained at an average of 62 percent. The last few months it's been in the 54, 57, and 59 percent range, and again, that is due to the -- the resource demand on the project. As it relates to the MSA, in -- in the tri-county area, that average is -- is up higher at -- at that 71 percent. It actually peaked at 77 percent in -- in July. As I've reported in -- in the past updates, the -- by trade and -- and with each month there's been consistencies and fluctuations in the -- in the local participation depending on the -- on the various trades. The trades that have the highest percentage of work performed through -- through July we're happy to continue to report that those percentages range in the -- in the 82 to 100 percent range for mechanical plumbing, the labor, the masonry, insulation, painting, HVAC controls, duct work, and -- and things of that source. We also had a -- a -- an out of town resinous flooring contractor that has relocated -- have relocated here and -- and the -- the mission for them was to increase local participation not just bring their base people up here but to -- to grow that, and they -- actually in the month of May they peaked at 57 percent. So when they came in with -- with no resources, they -- they -- I believe that they have made -- made good marks on -- on -- on making every attempt to increase that local participation, and their work is about two weeks from completing by the way. There are some other contractors that had minimal hours with only a few workers on site, but structural steel was up to 70 percent in the month of June, the sealing work, and -- and one that was in the low -- low 50 percent range in past months, the glass trade was at 100 percent in May and in June.

Mr. Savidakis said, as it relates to payment and -- and cost issues, all payments have been made to the subs for payments that we have received to date by Chatham County. As -- as I've stated in previously -- previous reports with the economic conditions that we're still faced with and the challenges associated with how they can affect operating capital on some businesses, Hunt/Mills continues to process joint check payments as necessary so we don't strain the cash flow for the local subcontractors and -- and the vendors. However, the subcontractors, they remain responsible for managing their workforce for efficiency production, completeness and -- and compliance. As I mentioned before regarding schedule, there -- there are some issues relating to unforeseen conditions and -- and some conflicts with the drawings and the renovated areas; however, at this

time we don't believe we have any open issues between us and our subcontractors, and as with any project of this magnitude, this complexity and -- and the specialties associated with it, the open issues that are being handled through the mechanisms that the contract allows, and we feel that, you know, we will amicably and -- and expedite the project close out in -- in the next few months on this project.

Mr. Savidakis said, on June 14<sup>th</sup> I submitted a Lessons Learned document from our pioneered efforts and our experiences through the project that we -- we shared with you, and -- and there's some real powerful wisdom that we'd like to offer, kind of summarizing that for those that were not part of that meeting, but while we're -- while there has been successful results for many of the local subcontractors, we want to commend them for that, but that success if attributed to the following key factors, adequate operating capital with qualified and sufficient resources, competent supervision and -- and management of their workforce to get the efficient production that's required, and accountability for -- for coordination, schedule safety and quality control and schedule, and management of -- of the costs and cash flow. So we would like to thank the subcontractors that participated in that, and as they grow their business, we think that's part of that workforce development, and it's also attributed to the success of the project. These are -- these are key points for a -- for a business model as they move forward with -- with other opportunities here in Chatham County and for their -- their growth.

Mr. Savidakis said, a few closing remarks before we go to -- to questions. Our presence, Hunt Construction Group and our partners, our presence in -- in Chatham County continues. Our interest in the SPLOST program and future walk -- work opportunities is there, and we believe that the -- the legacy of our efforts have had a positive impact on moving forward with -- with other projects, and I'd like to thank the Board on behalf of our team for their confidence in Hunt Construction Group and -- and -- and how this project is -- is going to turn out. It's been a very difficult project, and it's been under a lot of -- of pressure to get done. Our commitment has always been there, and our commitment to deliver and complete the project is -- is continuing. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. We have questions for you. The first question or questions are from Commissioner Kicklighter from the Seventh District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know I've always been I guess a fan of your effort to hire local, and -- and I've thought that you've done what you can do to get as many locals in as possible. However, it really don't matter how many locals you hire if you don't pay them. I was contacted recently by a local company that actually did the site prep work that they were wanting to talk about the final unimproved -- unapproved change orders. You know, I don't know if that falls under you or your sub, but you should have influence over your sub, and you need to pay the people. Hire 100 percent, but if you don't pay them, you've done nothing for the locals. I mean we need to get these people paid.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and --

County Manager Abolt said, that rests with us. We want to make sure that it's approved as to the appropriateness of -- what you're probably picking up on as the County Attorney has told you in the past is yes, there is a dispute, but in certain cases that may be created as a result of the staff's desire to justify the expenditure.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, well this -- this -- that company did the site prep.

County Manager Abolt said, I -- I don't want -- I don't want to talk -- yes -- yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, we --

County Manager Abolt said, I think this is probably not the right setting for that. But --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well let's just resolve it quickly, please. One way or another.

County Manager Abolt said, what -- what I have done with Mr. Savidakis when I met with him earlier this week is because he has hit it on the head, we have pioneered this relationship. The amount of controversy that's been elevated either to my office or to you has been next to minimal, and what I've asked him to do on behalf of Hunt/Mills it to identify all those issues yet unresolved so that we will have a complete list so that we can be -- be about that. But we all --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Russ, I thought I read the memo back from that and -- and staff told me that it

was the contractor or the subs.

County Manager Abolt said, I don't -- I cannot speak --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's --that's what I thought the reply was back to me.

County Manager Abolt said, I cannot speak specifically on this and again, it's probably not the correct setting, but I'll attempt to clarify it for you. The issue remains from the get go to protect the relationship between the County as the employer of the general contractor and then between the general contractor and the subs and not get betwixt and between the latter. We're -- we're doing our best to resolve that. I think you understand it. We've done a darn -- in my opinion a darn good job leading up to now and I -- I believe Mr. Savidakis has also testified to that. But, like anything else, a project of this -- this --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Russ -- Russ, everyone's done a great job, but if you're the small company or a company and you need to get paid, you -- we need to continue doing a good job. Y'all have done a great job, but to people that need money to pay their employees, we need to move that part of the process as fast as possible.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's all I'm saying, but y'all have all -- you've done a good job, staff's done good, but --

County Manager Abolt said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- you know, we need to continue.

Mr. Savidakis said, and I agree with you. We -- we are not complete yet. We -- we are close to it. We are down to a small list of issues, and as the contract allows, and as our contract allows with our subcontractors in the best interest of resolving them, expediting that resolution is -- is at the top of our list.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, I have questions from Commissioner Farrell from the Fourth District.

Commissioner Farrell said, good morning.

Mr. Savidakis said, good morning.

Commissioner Farrell said, was there a landscaping component to this construction project?

Mr. Savidakis said, yes there was. It -- it was a minimal amount of work. We had originally bid and awarded the work to a local landscape company, and -- and -- and that company decided to back away from the contract, so we put it out for bid, and the lowest responsive bidder was from I believe it was Guyton, and they came in and have performed well. They have also -- part of our subcontract terms with them is that we -- they would do the good faith efforts and -- and -- and bring on local participation. Their work, as I said, was -- was small, and it was phased through the course of the project. There's -- there's not a lot of trees when you have a detention center. There's -- there -- there's more green areas that's -- that's grass and it actually falls in the -- in the category of seeding. That work was not part of this subcontract. That work has been contracted through one of the local site contractors, and -- and -- and if you've been out there recently, the -- the balance of the grading is about 95 percent completed, and within the next week we will be seeding the remaining of the -- part of the site.

Commissioner Farrell said, what -- what would -- what would the -- your estimate be on the dollar value of the landscaping component?

Mr. Savidakis said, I recall it was somewhere in the \$50,000 range. 50,000, 55,000. I can -- I can get you an exact number.

Commissioner Farrell said, no. That's not necessary. I -- I just hadn't seen that category on the -- in your report lately, and typically you do a little more landscaping at the end of the job then during the middle, so I was just curious as to --

Mr. Savidakis said, yeah. As I said, the -- the remaining of the landscape -- there's no more irrigation, and that was minimal on the project due to the -- the LEED and sustainability requirements. So we're -- we're talking about a -- a landscape package that on -- on -- on another project -- other projects it would be a lot more like -- like you're saying, but here it's -- it's very, very minimal, and the majority of the work that falls in the category of landscaping is -- is seeding and sodding, and that was given to local contract -- contractor.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And next question is from Commissioner Shabazz, Fifth District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Good morning.

Mr. Savidakis said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you made a statement that all -- all have been paid. You know, Commissioner Kicklighter sometime we -- we be on opposite sides of the aisle, but I -- I agree with him wholeheartedly this morning. I -- I want to reiterate that. Folks have to be paid, and I -- I know that this may not be the appropriate setting for this, and the idea of letting your subs look into the pocketbooks or the pockets of the tax payers, I -- I understand that, and that the agreement is between the county and the -- and the general contractor, but if you want to work on or be selected for future contracts and bids -- place bids for the future in Chatham County, you have to make sure you do the right thing. I just want to say that to you.

Mr. Savidakis said, I agree with you. Our reputation as a company for 70 years is -- is on doing the right thing. It -- is one of our mottos, and it's no different here. There -- there are certain circumstances which is normal on a project of this type, okay? And -- and -- that you will run into certain cost issues, and they can evolve into disputes. As I said before, we have been paid -- everything that we have been paid by the county, we have paid out to our subcontractors, so there's no money being retained as far as what we have been paid, and the -- and the county has been great on paying us timely every single month since the beginning of the job and continues to do that, and we appreciate that.

Chairman Scott said, so you're not saying that there's -- there's any money owed you that's outstanding on your original contract with the county?

Mr. Savidakis said, the -- the -- the difference is -- is right there, sir. There -- there are some cost issues that we are -- are going through the mechanisms that the contract allows, and as Mr. Abolt reported we -- we are summarizing what those items are, and as the project gets to the close, not only in schedule and in delivering the quality, but it's also delivering it from a financial aspect and getting everyone paid. That is -- that is what we are working through and have been working through, and -- and the list is -- is getting smaller and that's part of the process of -- of resolving open items. Some of them are related to the unforeseen conditions, some of them are related to discrepancies in the documents, and there's positions that are taken, and those are -- are at the point now that as each party has stated their position, now the next means per the contract is for us to all get together at the -- in the -- in the same room and discuss and resolve the -- the -- the open items.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Well one other thing, I -- I'd like to tell you a -- a small story.

Mr. Savidakis said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, as an -- as an engineering student, I was told by an instructor that when you work on a project, said it's good to leave a monument of your grand doing things in society, and when you tell your family and loved ones and friends that I built this structure over here and the experiences that you had along with that, then they ask -- the -- the question comes up well how much did you get paid on that, and if you can't really hold your head up, it's like a dream deferred. And that's what I want to say to you this morning.

Mr. Savidakis said, I appreciate that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Savidakis said, and -- and -- and as a contractor, as an engineering graduate myself and part of the Hunt team, we're proud of what we've done on this project, and we will continue to do that as the project closes, and as we pursue other work in this county and -- and other areas of the country.

Chairman Scott said, we have questions from Commissioner Center of the Third District.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning.

Mr. Savidakis said, good morning.

Commissioner Center said, it's great to have had you in Chatham County for these -- for this period of time. In reading your report you say that Hunt/Mills does not believe that there are any remaining open cost issues with its subcontractors. So these -- these issues we're talking about between subcontractors and sub-subcontractors?

Mr. Savidakis said, the -- let me explain that, and -- and -- and I had started to explain it before. The -- the -- the issues that we have directly with subcontractors, we have resolved. There are issues that fall in the category that we have to take them to the -- the client, to Chatham County, because they fall in a -- in a different category. From time to time on a project there may be issues between the general contractor and the subcontractor that has no bearing on the owner or the funding source coming from the owner. Those particular cases we have, we're -- we're big -- a big contractor and sometimes those things happen, and we have resolved those issues with our subcontractors. The most recent one was yesterday with a subcontractor, and we had -- I'll -- I'll say there was about five different items, and half of them fell in our category. We resolved them. We've given them -- a change order is going to them this morning, and so between us and the sub, those issues are behind us. They will get paid for it. They will bill us now, and we will pay them for it. Those are not issues that we can take to the owner and ask the owner for a funding source. The rest of them fall in the category that we as the general contractor, as well as our local subcontractors feel that these are above and beyond the scope of our -- our contract. They are -- they are work items that we have been directed to do. The work has been completed, the cost has been incurred, and it is a part of the facility now. So the only mechanism now is to get funded for it so we can pay those bills. And that's what we are in the middle of -- of going through that process as the contract allows with Mr. Abolt and his staff.

Commissioner Center said, and the -- the situation described by Commissioner Kicklighter, where -- where does that fall -- what kind of category does that fall into? Are you familiar with that?

Mr. Savidakis said, that falls in that exact category.

Commissioner Center said, the one that has to go to the owner, us?

Mr. Savidakis said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Mr. Savidakis said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, and now you say you're not 98 percent complete. When are y'all going to be complete and turn over the keys and?

Mr. Savidakis said, well we continue to turn over areas. We're actually turning over some more buildings next week. The -- the -- the four existing housing units that we had to do security electronics upgrades and mechanical room upgrades, one of them has already been turned back over to the district, and the Sheriff has moved inmates back in there. The second two are complete -- completing this weekend, and we're working seven days a week out there and have been for a long time. Those two buildings will be completed, and they will occupy them by middle of next week, and then we have one more security electronic upgrade in the last building, and that work will take about two to three weeks to complete. The remaining work in the medical build -- medical area and the staff dining is completed. We got the certificate of occupancy yesterday from the fire marshal, and so next week we expect that the owner will take occupancy of those. The remaining area is the existing kitchen, and the existing kitchen had several unforeseen conditions once we were able to occupy that area, and it -- it resolved into several weeks of questions, meeting with the design team, meeting with the County Engineering folks to -- to find out what is the best and most economical resolution to dealing with those type of site conditions. They were electrical in nature and plumbing and things like that which impact continuing with the -- the successor trades, like the finish flooring and bringing the kitchen equipment in. So we're past all that now, and so now it's -- it's the race to the finish line, and we expect that that work will be done by the end of this month.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner Holmes from the Second District have a question.

Commissioner Holmes said, just a comment, Mr. Chairman, and thank you. For -- for what I'm hearing here, let me see if I can shed some light on some things that -- that's kind of bothering to me in a sense. I agree with what my colleagues said, and I agree also was mentioned by our County Manager. We being County Commissioners, we in the public. We have to deal with our constituent. We have to deal with the public, and -- and I don't think Kicklighter could have said it no better.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Holmes said, Commissioner Kicklighter said it no better than what he stated. I want you to know that probably the -- not pressure but comments that come to us, Mike, that comes to us as elected body.

Mr. Savidakis said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, and when that come to us, I'm going to suggest for future is that if we need to be briefed on anything that the Board is not getting to protect against the setting of discussing things that's the decision we need to make, and I can understand up here now, this discussion shouldn't have been up front. But had we was called in for briefing, if there was some minor problem underneath, then we could have set down on the inside and discussed that and not bring it to the outside. So that's all I want to suggest that we do. We do a little bit more briefing so we all could be aware what's going on so we could discuss that and bring it back to the public in a better manner because things like this can get out of hand, and we both don't understand. Because I want to applaud you and your company for doing what you were doing, but I think we managed this project of this size to the best of our knowledge, and from where it's going to come out, it's going to come out in the best interest of the tax payers and for the public. Yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, any more questions of Hunt/Mills?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I have a question. How exactly would a -- working under you, okay, this company was paid \$1,000 of \$20,000. How exactly would it come about that they do \$20,000 worth of work without at least your okay and then get paid \$1,000? How does that even happen? I'm just -- I'm curious. How -- do -- did -- did they just take it upon themselves and spend \$20,000 worth or did somebody okay it?

Mr. Savidakis said, well, the first thing, and -- and I apologize for saying this, but -- but I'm not privy to the exact account that we're talking about, but nonetheless --

Chairman Scott said, as a hypothetical.

Mr. Savidakis said, okay. But, our contract has a scope of work with a dollar value associated with it, and we have some 50 subcontractors on the job, and they all have sub-tier subs and possibly second and third tier subs and multiple vendors. Everything funnels through that subcontractor and -- and to us. The -- the -- from time to time during the project there -- there has been questions that come up. It's -- it's normal on a project, and we've had some 500 to 600 requests for information, which is part of the construction management process of -- of -- of constructing a building. When the answer comes back from the design team and the county, we have to look at what the answer is. Number one, the answer has to resolve the question. Number two, timing is -- is critical because it can impact some work that's going on that now may have to stop or wait or affect another trade. When the answer comes back and -- and I'll be brief, when the answer comes back many times there is a change in the scope. We submit a -- a document to the county and advise them -- you know, we communicate to them that there is a change, and then within a short period of time we provide the pricing associated with that. There is a time period of -- of approvals and negotiations and things like that. However, your contract allows you to direct us to do -- proceed with that work. Our subcontract also allows us when we get directed by -- by the owner to proceed with work such as this example, we can tell the subcontractor to do that work too. The -- the work is made part of the project, and now the subcontractor and this general contractor needs to be compensated for it. On our payment application, there is not a line item that shows the funding source to pay for that scope change or -- or in many cases it becomes a dispute. The owner may feel it's not -- not a change in scope. We feel for the reasons that we've presented that it is, and sometime you'll come to an impasse and then you'll have to get all the parties together, including in many cases the subcontractor to -- to state -- restate their position.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Approximately what amount of monies is disputed right now out there?

Mr. Savidakis said, that falls in that category Commissioner Kicklighter it's -- it falls in the \$200,000 range.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well just to get to the bottom of it, do you dispute any of those charges

or are you waiting on the county to cut you a check for \$200,000?

Mr. Savidakis said, we -- we are disputing most of those charges with the county. In other words, we feel that we shouldn't just write the check to the subcontractor. We feel it's above and beyond our scope of work and that we ought to be compensated for it so then we can compensate the subcontractors that were directed to do the work through Chatham County to us and us to them.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I think you may have just contradicted yourself in the answer there possibly.

Mr. Savidakis said, the -- the contract allows that. The contract -- your contract allows you to --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so you -- you actually of the 200,000 are disputing some of the charges yourself?

Mr. Savidakis said, yeah. We feel -- we feel -- we -- oh, no. Now I understand your question. We're not disputing that -- that there -- we're disputing them with the client that we should be paid for them.

Commissioner Brady said, in other words, they're saying they need to get the \$200,000 --

Mr. Savidakis said, we're looking for that funding source of that 200,000. We're just using that as a round number.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. So bottom line. You need the county to give you \$200,000 to pay the rest of the bills.

Mr. Savidakis said, we need to sit down with the county as the contract mechanisms allow and resolve that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, all I -- all I need -- all I need from any person in life is honesty, and if you can sit down and look at --

Mr. Savidakis said, number one.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- look at Mr. Abolt and say these bills are appropriate, we need to cut you the check and pay the people. That's simple. I mean if -- if -- if that's the way it goes. I mean we can't just keep dragging these people around.

Chairman Scott said, our presenter said he was an engineer, he didn't say he was a lawyer. Although he sounds like a lawyer.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center has a follow-up question.

Commissioner Center said, sorry -- sorry to keep beating a live horse.

Mr. Savidakis said, that's okay.

Commissioner Center said, if I'm hearing this and -- a little bit hypothetically, you have contracted with some people in this hypothetical to do \$200,000 worth of work.

Mr. Savidakis said, it's various subs by the way.

Commissioner Center said, okay. But, there's \$200,000 worth of work that your company has contracted with other companies. Your company is now asking the county to pay for that 200,000 if hypothetically it turns out the county doesn't have to pay that, it is part of the scope, are you going to write a check to those people? Are you -- are you holding up their check for resolution with the county? What -- what if it is within your scope? They just have to wait till you resolve it with the county? Is -- is that how your contract is written?

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Savidakis said, I think Mr. Abolt wants to.

County Manager Abolt said, I -- I really would suggest that this would be at another setting, and the setting would

have the benefit of your attorney and complete staff, and -- and the way in which that would happen kind of like Commissioner Holmes has said, once we have the letter on all those issues that still remain in some sort of dispute, you'll be briefed on those. Those items on the letter that we can resolve at the staff issue we will, but -- but the real issue here is protecting the integrity of the contract and bottom line protect the tax payer. You know, we -- we can always find ourselves writing checks, but the source of that money is the tax payer. And I do want to -- not -- not to give you a benediction that in effect says all is well, but I know Commissioner Kicklighter will remember about 15 years ago. If we go back in time 15 years ago in this room and the subject was the Trade Center, this is nothing in comparison to what the Trade Center was for us. The pioneering effort that -- that Mr. Savidakis talked about it's true. We are not about in my opinion criticizing. We're using contractual rights and obligations to resolve it, but we're not, in effect just writing a check because we were told to write a check.

Commissioner Center said, yeah. I -- I -- I think you misunderstood me or maybe I misunderstood your answer. I'm saying hypothetically, the resolution between the county and the contractor is it's not the county's responsibility, what happens to the subs?

Mr. Savidakis said, our position at this point, until we can resolve it with the owner because our position is that we feel they are above and beyond our contract so we should not be writing a check. So at this point we are not writing a check to these contractors for that work.

Commissioner Center said, all right. So the subcontractors have to wait the resolution --

Mr. Savidakis said, that's right.

Commissioner Center said, -- of the issue between you.

Mr. Savidakis said, that's right. And that's what the contracts allow.

Chairman Scott said, and -- any -- any -- any further questions?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. I've got -- I --

Commissioner Brady said, I've just got a comment.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I've got a comment too.

Chairman Scott said, I've got to recognize Commissioner Brady, and then I will come back to you Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, because she's not had a chance to speak.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, well I was hoping I wasn't going to have to jump out here being the only female left out here today, and I just want to say something very briefly. I've been involved in ESPLOST on the school board for years and years and years, and this is part of the beast of doing business. The owner has to have control of the contract. When you've got small contractors though, 'cause we're all pushing local contractors, they can't go without \$20,000. They're trying to make payroll. They're living day to day. So -- and I don't know how to fix this issue, and I don't want to sound disrespectful to -- to -- to the subs or anything, but the owner has to control the contract.

Mr. Savidakis said, right.

Commissioner Brady said, and the reason for that is -- is that all of us have sat up here in some form or another and said we don't want anymore change orders. We're tired of being change ordered to death. You get the low bidder in, he change orders you to death, that is why -- and I'm not suggesting that that's what's happened.

Mr. Savidakis said, right. Right.

Commissioner Brady said, but that is part of the beast of -- especially a contract this large, so I understand that the owner has to do -- has to be in some -- has to be controlling the entire contract. Your responsibility is -- is

to make sure that in fact that was within -- or was outside the scope of work when you start doing that. And I -- all I wanted to do was just say that this is one of the unfortunate things that happen in these types of contracts. Do we need to do a better job, do we need to have a better check and balance system? Yes. But that's something we're just going to have to work through and -- and this probably is not the forum to talk about -- about the \$200,000, and I agree with -- with Commissioner Holmes' comments about briefing us, especially before you come in here to -- to give this type of presentation, and I'll leave it at that.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I will also let you know, I've been very generous with the members of the Commission and their line of questioning, and it's purely informational, and now I'll recognize Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. I -- I just want to -- I wanted you to come out and say that you just won't pay the people.

Mr. Savidakis said, I'm sorry?

Commissioner Shabazz said, I want you to just -- to fess up to your responsibility of paying the people.

Mr. Savidakis said, our responsibility is what we have done, sir. We have -- we have complied with what our contract allows us for. Where -- where the issue lies now is that -- and we're -- we're sensitive of -- of the subcontractors because if they're not getting paid, we're not getting paid. Just because we're a big contractor, it's only proportional in dollars, and it can affect us as much as it affects them, and I appreciate the sensitivity with that. But the honesty and integrity of this company and this construction manager is such that we are compliant with the owner contract, no different than the con -- con -- the county is enforcing the terms of the contract. So we're -- where we are at is at an impasse of resolving items that we feel are above and beyond --

Commissioner Shabazz said, that -- that -- that's -- that's enough, I'm -- I don't want to hear anymore. Let's go on. Let's go on.

Chairman Scott said, let's --

Commissioner Farrell said, well we've heard it three times.

Chairman Scott said, the presenter -- the presenter is dismissed.

Commissioner Farrell said, it's been asked and answered three times. How many more times does he got to answer it?

Chairman Scott said, you're dismissed.

Mr. Savidakis said, excuse me?

Chairman Scott said, you're dismissed.

Mr. Savidakis said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, no further questions.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, one -- one more comment.

Chairman Scott said, no further questions though. We don't have any --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, no further questions. You're dismissed.

Mr. Savidakis said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, this is the last question, and then I have some comments, and then we are going to move on.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman. I do not know the details of \$180,000 of the \$200,000 being disputed, but I would suggest that we take a look individually at each -- each amount of money being disputed.

When we have a local company that is claiming 20,000 and they've been paid 1,000, that is such a huge difference, there has to be some kind mistake or problem that took place, so, this -- this group has two weeks before they have to file a -- a -- yeah, a lien against the bond. I -- I would ask that we can resolve it before that actually happens, and -- and it would be great.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Let -- let me say as -- as Chair, I also serve as the chief spokesman and only spokesman really for the County Commission, and in -- in all honesty, I have met with several subs that work at the jail. I do not wish to share or impart my conversations with those subs. I received their input as an elected representative as information and only information. We have absolutely, positively no contractual relation or any other relation with any sub, any sub-sub or any sub-sub-sub of Mill Hunt, absolutely none. Zero. Period. Our relationship is with Hunt/Mills. Now, until Hunt/Mill convinces the staff and the Chatham County Commission that somehow we are obligated financially, and at such time, I'm sure the staff will make a recommendation to this Commission that we increase the size of the contract or we approve a change order to the contract, at such time we will be obligated to pay additional funds to the general contractor, and even then, we will still not be responsible to see that that contractor then in turn pay his sub or the sub pay the sub or the sub-sub pay the sub, and we cannot get that deep in the weeds. And -- and that's just where we stand with this. However, I do think Hunt/Mills' reputation is on the line, but I'm not here to impugn it, but I think it will all be proven or disproven over the course of this -- resolving this contract, and that's one of the reasons that I am reluctant to commit to spend any sort of retention funds that we have until such time that we receive the keys to the jail and it's now a county-owned property, okay? And that's where we stand, and at such time when the county makes a recommendation, we will call an appropriate work session to brief the members of the Commission and have the county staff make a recommendation, and at such time, if we disagree with this recommendation, a majority of the Commission can change it, decrease it, increase it, or ignore it. Okay?

Chairman Scott said, now I know that there are some subs or sub-subs in the audience who would like to address the Commission, and at some future date, I'll be happy to have you address the Commission, but at this particular forum, we're really not into that part of the construction project. At some point when it's resolved if somebody felt that the county is somehow obligated to them, I will certainly allow them to come address the Commission at the request of a member of the Commission, and we will entertain it at that time. Thank you. And I would like to recognize the fact I know that Dave and Leslie Clifton are here, and I just acknowledge that you're here and just let you know why that -- that this is not a -- a forum or a public forum for discussing the jail contract. This was an item that we hear quarterly from the contractor to brief us and to give us an update and -- and then at some point we will hear from -- from -- from others.

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

For information only.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-3**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
**FROM:** Michael A. Kaigler, Assistant County Manager

#### **ISSUE:**

To provide a local participation update for the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In December of 2010, Hunt/Mills submitted an all-inclusive plan for local participation for the construction of the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project. For accountability, Hunt/Mills is required to submit monthly local business, as well as local labor utilization reports, with each request for payment.

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

1. This update reports progress made at month 29 of 32 and represents dollars paid through the present date. The total contract, including alternates and change orders, is \$71,288,136.
2. We are projecting at least **66%** local and minority business participation. However,

Hunt/Mills has placed their commitment at **72%** as of today. To be included as “local” in the report, firms are required to have a local street address in Chatham County.

3. Local Participation reports are included with every request for payment. The Local Participation report was designed to illustrate which local firms are working and distinguish local small businesses, local large businesses, local minority and local women owned businesses. Furthermore, it states the size of each contract and which firm is getting paid each month. The report further states how much of their contract has been earned to date.
4. Hunt/Mills is prohibited from making changes without due cause. Therefore, Engineering does not proceed with payment until we review the monthly report for unexpected changes in dollars awarded to local contractors.
5. As per their contract, Hunt/Mills is required to report local labor utilization. Hunt/Mills committed to hiring 76% local workers from Chatham County. However, the local labor remains below the target number. The percentage peaked at 59% during this period.
6. The ID card system allows us to track local labor demographics, and we can report that we averaged 56% Chatham County Workers and 44% non-Chatham County workers during the months of May, June and July of 2013 on this project.
7. At the June 14, 2013 Board meeting, Hunt/Mills provided a report summarizing lessons learned in their effort to hire local workers to staff the various construction jobs on this project. Hunt/Mills has continued their commitment to workforce development and these lessons learned will be continued as Chatham County looks forward to modeling these efforts on future projects.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for informational purposes only.

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**4. BRIEFING BY CHIEF LOVETT.**

Chairman Scott said, the next item on the agenda is a briefing from Chief Lovett. See, and this is a testament to law enforcement’s endurance, you see. Chief, welcome.

Chief Willie Lovett said, good morning.

Board collectively said, good morning.

Chief Lovett said, before I actually get started, I told you I’d like to recognize Lieutenant Boulware, and I’m going to ask her to come up here if I may. One of the things that you may not know is that initially when we took over animal control as part of the merger, I did not have a clue about animal control and what actually went on there. However, I quickly found out that I had an expert that was, and we were like two peas in a pod if we went to something concerning animal control. I would not go unless Lieutenant Boulware was there so that she could help me out, and I told her, I said, Lieutenant, I need some expertise, and she always said, Chief, I got your back. And that’s the way it has been from then until now. So I wanted to publicly say to you that I really appreciate all that you did and what we do for the future. Thank you very much.

Lieutenant Boulware said, thank you very much. [Applause.]

Chief Lovett said, now on to the briefing. Traditionally, I’ve come up here and talked about 15 or 20 minutes, and you’ve asked me a whole lot of questions, but I’m going to change the format a little bit today. As you can see that I’ve brought quite a bit of staff with me, and the reason for that is when things get a little heated, we can share the heat. I -- I don’t have to accept it all by myself.

Chairman Scott said, what are you saying, misery loves company?

Chief Lovett said, absolutely. So as part of that, I'm going to ask Major Zapal to come up and actually go over some crime stats, and then after that, you've got a booklet there that pretty much outlines where we're going to go and how we're going to do it, but if you have any questions at any point, stop, and we'll get it answered for them right away. Major.

Major Richard Zapal said, good morning Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Major Zapal said, Commissioners, Mr. Abolt.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Major Zapal said, the Chief might have said -- actually, I think it was Mr. Scott who said, sharing the misery, this is not misery. This is actually sharing some pretty good news, and we're going to go through this power point. I'm going to jump right into it, starting out with violent crime. What you see in front of you with this graph is violent crime from 2006 to 2013. The colors break down the different crimes from aggravated assault, robbery, rape and homicide. If you look starting at 2007, there's been a general decline over those numbers for the past six years -- I'm sorry, five years, to where we're at today. Now realize this is year to date numbers and are compared year to date through August 31st of this year. And if you'll look, we're up a little bit in aggravated assaults and a little bit in homicides. Having said that, we're also up in arrests in those areas too. The homicide clearance rate, and Major Branson will go over that later, is about -- I think 91 percent.

Major Zapal said, the second slide here is property crimes. If you look at the chart, once again, you're going to see a general decline over the past five or six years where we're at today, and that covers auto thefts, larcenies, and burglaries, and larcenies cover all different types of thefts from shoplifting to thefts from autos and thefts from yards, buildings, and thefts of bicycles. And like you can see, there is a general decline in every category. The next slide is total Part 1 crimes. This includes everything year to date through August 31st of this year. And once again, you'll see a general decline and it includes both violent crimes and property crimes, and this is combined. And as of Wednesday -- well let me go over this first. You can see 2010 there. 2010 we had the best year in 40 years. We had a little bit of an increase in 2011, about 4 percent. If you look at it though, that's the second best year in 40 years, and then we had a better year last year. That was our champion year. And as of Wednesday of this past week, we actually dropped below those numbers. We were three crimes under 2012's numbers. So we're on track for even a better year.

Major Zapal said, precinct stats by precinct. West Chatham Precinct, once again a decline all the way across the board there starting in about 2008 and dropping down to 2013 levels. Once again they're -- if you look at the orange and blue together, that's your annual, but the orange is just through August 31st year to date. Downtown Precinct, a little bit of an increase this year, and one of the increases we've face this year in the Downtown Precinct is shoplifting. There's a new Family Dollar store on Gwinnett Street I believe it is, Mike?

Captain Mike Wilkins said, MLK.

Major Zapal said, MLK. I'm sorry, MLK. I used to -- I used to run Precinct 4 when I was a captain and had to suffer through those shopliftings every com stat, and Downtown Precinct always had zero or very close to zero. Downtown is leading almost in shoplifting crimes right now, and it's very unusual for downtown, which is where the increase comes from in the Downtown Precinct this year. It's not a lot, but it's enough. Central Precinct, once again declining numbers. A little bit of an increase this year attributable to shoplifting and the second thing is scooters. These little less than 50 cc's --

Chairman Scott said, the Central Precinct, where is the precinct physically located?

Major Zapal said, it's at 31st and Bull Street.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Major Zapal said, one of their problems, like I said is the scooter thefts they're having this year. We've had quite a few of them. I think over 30. The SCAD students are coming back to school, they bring these little 50 cc scooter's with them. Don't need a driver's license. Don't need a helmet, but it's a good way to get around. They also leave them unlocked, and that's one of the problems they're facing there. Southside Precinct, really good decreases here. They were up a little bit last year and the year before. They've brought them down and doing a really good job. They're also suffering from shoplifting. The last few weeks especially going back to school,

we've been dealing with, if I remember the numbers correctly, two weeks ago it was almost 25 percent exactly of their total part one crime was shoplifting, and that goes for the whole jurisdiction as well, and the Islands Precinct up just a small bit this year, and they're working on that right now.

Chairman Scott said, on the Island Precinct where you -- you show a slight increase.

Major Zapal said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, do you have any detailed data as to where that increases have occurred? What section of the Island Precinct?

Major Zapal said, yes, sir. Some of the -- some of the increase is a new technique that the kids use. They're -- they're passing around on social networking medias for breaking into cars, and it's called jerking. It's where they actually pull up on car door handles --

Chairman Scott said, is it -- what I'm asking you --

Major Zapal said, what areas?

Chairman Scott said, is that on Wilmington Island? Isle of Hope?

Major Zapal said, it's -- it's actually spread --

Chairman Scott said, the Landings?

Major Zapal said, it's spread throughout Precinct 5, but the entering an autos are focused mainly on Isle of Hope, Wilmington Island, some of the other islands and the Landings. I'm sorry, not the Landings, off to the left of the Landings there.

Chairman Scott said, to the left, that's Modena?

Commissioner Brady said, Burnside.

Major Zapal said, yes, Burnside.

Chairman Scott said, Burnside. Okay.

Major Zapal said, and actually we'll cover that a little bit later.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, could you finish the social networking thought you had?

Major Zapal said, yes, sir. Kids pass this around and -- and we used to deal with different types of entering an autos, four, five, seven, eight, ten years ago where they're actually using pieces of ceramic tile and spark plugs to break windows and take stuff. Now they've developed into where they will select a nice neighborhood, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 o'clock in the morning they go around and just start pulling on car door handles. If the cars open, they take whatever's in the car, which is why we're putting out our public service announcements to ask people to lock their cars, and, you know, put stuff up. Don't leave it in your cars. And they'll hit 200, 300, 400 cars a night. So that's what we're dealing with and that's where the increase is coming a little bit in Precinct 5.

Major Zapal said, one of the greatest challenges for police departments across the country now, police work in general is reactive. So the challenge is to be both proactive and preventive, and the Chief has tasked every precinct commander and every division commander with doing so. So we've come up with some initiatives, and this is one of them, to help prevent crime before it starts instead of just reacting and going and taking a report. Juvenile officer program is something the Chief asked for a few years back, and he's gotten. There's one juvenile officer assigned to each precinct, and they deal with troubled youth, not just troubled youth but all youth. They focus on the troubled youth or youth that are neglected. As it says here, one juvenile officer has been assigned to each precinct. The officers visit problem youth in their homes, follow up at school, get them the help they need or try to get them the help they need. It's one of the toughest challenges we face right now.

Major Zapal said, we -- we had youth summer camps this year, and there's actually a few slides past this one

where we engaged the youth of the community in -- in -- in a way -- the ultimate in prevention is to stop a child from every turning to crime in the first place, and that's what the objective was of the youth summer camps. We took them to the courthouse. We took them jails. We took them to colleges and let them see different stuff all over the place. We had summer camps for boys at first, and it was so popular that we were asked to do one for girls, and we did one for the girls as well.

Commissioner Brady said, how do you select the youth?

Commissioner Center said, how did you pick the participants? I'm sorry. Go ahead.

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Major Zapal said, I didn't see which one --

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In reference to this youth summer camp, how do you select the youth?

Major Zapal said, we left that up to the juvenile officers to find troubled youth. There's plenty of resources in the system for those that are designated felons or those that are already in trouble.

Commissioner Brady said, mm-hmm.

Major Zapal said, we were trying to engage the ones that weren't in trouble yet but were heading that way.

Commissioner Brady said, well I -- well I guess my question would be, okay, let's say that we have five precincts.

Major Zapal said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, do you focus on a particular precinct or do you try and pull kids from each one of the precincts?

Major Zapal said, we try to pull kids from each precinct. 'Cause like I said there's one precinct -- one juvenile officer assigned to each precinct.

Commissioner Brady said, uh-huh.

Major Zapal said, and I wanted at least 15 applications from each juvenile officer. So they got to pick the ones that were submitted.

Commissioner Brady said, so you're saying that this group of kids came from every portion of Chatham County? Out of every precinct?

Major Zapal said, yes. And there's -- there's a better -- there's another slide on that too.

Commissioner Center said, she -- she answered -- she asked my question, thank you.

Major Zapal said, okay. These are some photos that you see her of the summer camps themselves where the participants are involved. We had them do PT and do all kinds of stuff. We took them to colleges. And these are the ultimate goals of the summer camp, prevent -- prevent the juveniles from choosing the wrong paths; provide them with good role models; and positive interaction with the police department and law enforcement in general; give the kids a chance to see where they're supposed to go, which is to college. We took them to Savannah State who -- Savannah State was just perfect in dealing with -- they were our partners in this, and that's where we conducted the summer camps. We also took them up to Georgia Southern and let them see another college and let them show, that's the place where they need to end up instead of turning to crime. Some of these kids have never been out of their own neighborhoods before and were just amazed by the college. Disabuse the notion that police officers are the enemy by showing that we're humans, we're real people, and we -- we deal with them on a real good basis, and they really enjoyed it. There was daily instruction, challenging environment, as well as allowing the children to have fun. We took them to Frames and Games in Pooler so they not only learned stuff, but they got to go have some fun with the police officers involved. And using the most basic philosophy of community oriented policing, engaging and partnering with the community. My opinion with the -- with the summer camps was if we save one kid, we've won, and I guarantee you we did at least that. There was a set of twins, girls, at the girls' camp. When they first came in that morning, they were rather

negative towards law enforcement, negative towards authority, negative towards learning, negative towards everything. By the time the camp was over, the one girl sang the national anthem at the end, and the other one gave the closing speech. Put a big smile on her face. It was really neat to see. And at this point, we're going to have the precinct commanders -- I take that back. Yeah, as a matter of fact, Phil.

Major Zapal said, this is Captain Phillip Reilley of the West Chatham Precinct.

Captain Phillip Reilley said, good morning.

Board members collectively said, good morning.

Captain Reilley said, in case you're wondering Mr. Center, I graduated Savannah High.

Commissioner Center said, that's the -- the real Savannah High.

Captain Reilley said, yes, sir. The old one. I am the commander of West Chatham Precinct. As you know by the name it is the western portion of Chatham County. We do start at Stiles Avenue. We go all the way to Bryan County on the west; we go to Effingham County on the northwest, and Bryan County on the south. We follow a line that goes through Hunter, comes out at the Forest River where we take in Georgetown and all that area out there. You can see by this slide that as of this week, we are 54 incidents under where we were last year. So far we're carrying a 6 percent decrease. Last year was a 14 percent decrease total. Our violent crime is down 15 percent so far this year. We -- shopliftings if you notice from the next slide has been an increase for us. Shoplifting is very hard for us to deter. We make every effort we can, but a lot -- the numbers are usually reflective of arrests, and the - the arrests reflect the amount of effort taken by the stores. In other words big chain stores usually have security people, so the harder they work, the more arrests there are, and the more numbers there will be. So usually we're called when there is an arrest. We had some auto theft increases, residential burglaries, but you can see all the categories we were down. Thefts from yards, buildings, commercial robberies, street robberies.

Captain Reilley said, one of the strategies that we use this year that we believe is working is that instead of utilizing the same three eight-hour patrol shifts, we looked at the times that we do our calls for service. We don't need as many officers on the street at 4:00 a.m. then we do at 12:00 noon. Our calls for service you see spike tremendously at 12:00 noon and run to 8:00 p.m. So what we've done in West Chatham, and it's been -- it's done in all precincts generally, is we took a Delta unit we call it, and it's four officers, and they work 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. They flood the busy areas, and they allow us to answer calls for service. For instance, they may start out on what we call the north end up on Ogeechee Road, but by the end of the afternoon, they could be way out on the Fort Argyle area depending on calls for service. They supplement the beat officers so when they're tied up on calls that area is not unprotected. So we're generally increasing the amount of officers we have during our peak hours and this is our peak hours for residential burglaries as well. So we added more officers and we're seeing a tremendous affect having those officers on the street. Our response times are reduced and we did see a spike in residential burglaries earlier this year, and we're working on that and that is coming down also.

Captain Reilley said, the crime suppression unit, I have seven officers assigned to it. They ride bicycles, they use marked -- unmarked cars, they use data-driven information to where they spend their day. They work -- they're basically free from non-emergency radio calls, so they can go saturate neighborhoods. They do stakeouts, they do little investigations on who's doing what burglaries, and they make a tremendous improvement in the -- what we've seen so far this year. The -- one other thing that I started this year that I found worked very well, I have a large number of new officers, so we have the supervisors respond to every burglary with the -- along with the patrol officer. We were seeing as I said earlier, an increase earlier this year but by having the supervisor respond, he can obtain immediately an information as to what's happening with that burglary. Does it need a detective to respond immediately? Does it need one later? Do we need additional resources? And he can guide and coach that newer officer in how to do his investigation. It also makes him more familiar with what's going on instead of hearing about it later on when the officer turns in his report.

Captain Reilley said, the changing patterns to the deployment, we call it hot spot policing. We take data -- information daily and weekly and we disseminate that to the officers, and we may today have additional units in this beat, tomorrow we may put additional units in this beat based upon what we see as particular problem areas. The officers are also able with that information to plan their daily activities at role call. Where are they going to concentrate? In between calls what do they need to work on? The last one that I want to talk about is the crime prevention officer who visits all the neighborhoods. We have established neighborhood watch programs where we disseminate information to the community. We have the iWatch program through the

internet, and he gives them monthly -- he gives them information on what's occurring in their neighborhood, and he brings back information from the meetings and gives that to us, and then we use that in a -- additionally to develop our approach to what we're going to do in particular neighborhoods.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Major Zapal said, unfortunately Captain Best is not going to be able to be with us this morning. I sent him home yesterday when we were out dealing with the CVS and Walgreen threats, and he's got a case of strep throat, so, he's home sick, so I'll cover his portion for him.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you say CVS and Walgreens threats?

Major Zapal said, we had some bomb threats at the CVS and Walgreens yesterday. It's apparently something that's going on across the nation right now where they threat -- they make threats and say if you don't do what we say and put this money in a car, then we'll set a bomb off, and it's just -- it's -- it's not a real crime -- it's not a real incident it's just a threat. Starting out with the Islands Precinct. You can see the numbers here. They are at about 56 crimes over last year, so we have a slight bit of an increase, but as I discussed earlier some of the things that have raised their numbers are shoplifting and the thefts from vehicles. The shoplifting, they -- they actually have two Wal-Marts in Precinct 5. It's one of their biggest problems right now. Wal-Mart likes to have their -- their loss prevention people justify their jobs by making arrests, so they'll gang up in one store and make a bunch of arrests, and we end up having a lot of arrests sometimes for the shoplifting, and it was just back to school recently which always raises our numbers. Having said that, total arrests in Precinct 5 as of this year, the Islands Precinct 1,022 arrests. If you looked at the shoplifting, shoplifting is about 10 percent of those, 97 of them. So while there has been a slight increase, there's also been an increase in arrests in that precinct.

Commissioner Brady said, I have a quick question.

Major Zapal said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, all right?

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Commissioner Brady said, what -- what's considered a Part 2 crime?

Major Zapal said, Part 2 crimes would be drug crimes. I mean there's a list of about 40 crimes. Part 1 crimes are the seven you saw listed.

Commissioner Brady said, I saw those. I -- it was just -- I was just curious --

Major Zapal said, Part 2 crimes are -- are less serious crimes. The Part 1 crimes are considered the seven deadly sins plus arson.

Commissioner Brady said, mm-hmm.

Major Zapal said, anything else is Part 2 crimes. So it would be drugs and DUI, family violence.

Commissioner Brady said, so drugs and DUI are Part 2 crime but shoplifting is a Part 1.

Major Zapal said, yes, ma'am. We argue that one out with the FBI many times, but this is their -- their stats.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Major Zapal said, Uniform Crime Report is designed 1920s by the FBI and it hasn't wavered since.

Commissioner Brady said, well I guess you could steal a million dollar diamond and that would be considered shoplifting. Maybe that's why.

Major Zapal said, correct. It counts as the same crime.

Commissioner Brady said, 'cause it doesn't make sense to me.

Major Zapal said, a shoplifting counts the same as a homicide.

Commissioner Brady said, that's crazy. Thank you.

Major Zapal said, some of the -- some of the tactics they're using as the crime suppression operations in Precinct 5, we use total focus, which is a monthly operation we do to go out there and just circulate amongst neighborhoods, let people see we're out there, the visible -- high visibility operations and disruption of criminal behavior. They also use checkpoints, neighborhood saturations and they also focus on the hot spots. Pretty much the -- the techniques the precinct commanders use are shared amongst the precinct commanders and they -- they may vary from precinct to precinct a little, but they kind of all use the same things. Whoops, wrong way.

Major Zapal said, we've also entered into joint operations with the Savannah Impact Program, SIP, and Director Enoch will be up here later to discuss some of their most recent operations, with probation and parole and also they do cross border operations with the precincts that border them. And also Captain Best has instituted a D watch, and realize some people say Delta unit, and you're thinking like special forces Delta. All Delta is, we have three shifts, three normal shifts, Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie. Delta is a fourth shift, and it's a group of people you put where you have your most peak times, calls for service and crime problems. That's just a map of the precinct. Timely and thorough investigation of all crimes; identification of early juvenile offenders; and intervention by the juvenile officer of the precinct, which is pretty much universal among all the precincts, and use of the Delta watch to ensure maximum deployment of officers, proper place, proper top. Putting cops on dots in other words.

Chairman Scott said, as -- speaking for the Island Precinct, a -- the -- what I refer to it as a satellite precinct, and then I was corrected saying it was a full precinct, but the office you had there in the shopping center, the Piggly Wiggly that you no longer have.

Major Zapal, yes.

Chairman Scott said, there's some debate and discussion and desire by some folk to have some sort of building presence on what I call that side of the Island Precinct on the other side of the river if you will.

Major Zapal said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, do you know whether the department have any plans to try to open up an additional satellite precinct on this side of the river to service the island?

Chief Lovett said, we have had some discussion as late as two days ago about what the future were or is for the islands area, and I think that the City Manager will be getting with the County Manager and perhaps the Mayor and you to discuss the possibility of putting a precinct wherever you so desire in that area. Of course the determining factor is going to be the monetary aspect of it. And, you know.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. You know, we -- we can -- before you were operating a precinct at that shopping center under our current agreement with -- with -- with the City, and people were pleased to have it. Although I understand having a -- a physical building does not necessarily deter crime, but I think that they just liked to be able to if they needed to stop in there to tell you something what was going on in the neighborhood or what have you, and -- and I don't know if that's a constant, but I get a lot of complaints from residents of the Isle of Hope area and -- about various things, anything from speeding to car break ins and etcetera, and -- and so I just wanted to see if y'all had any immediate plans. I -- I have mentioned it to the Mayor in passing, so I just wanted to know if you had any immediate plans to try to find you another location.

Chief Lovett said, of course the area that you're talking about in the Piggly Wiggly lot there, was just a substation. That was not a precinct. It was not --

Chairman Scott said, that's why I refer to it as a satellite.

Chief Lovett said, right. It was not a full precinct.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Chief Lovett said, and that kind of served the purpose for the visibility, but again, because of monetary gain, the people who own it found a better use for it and turned it where they could actually make some money.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Chief Lovett said, so. We're in the process of trying to locate another station to use as a substation, but that has not been done yet.

Chairman Scott said, okay. That's all, Chief. Thank you.

Major Zapal said, National Night Out in Precinct 5 was a big success. There were nine neighborhoods that participated. They did everything from having McGruff out there to giving out the badges to the kids, and it was a -- it was a very popular thing. Terry. I take that back. I take that back. Dean is up next.

Captain Dean Fagerstrom said, I'm Dean Fagerstrom, commander of the Southside Precinct. First slide here depicts the predominant neighborhoods in the county which is Whitefield Park, Pinpoint and Burnside Island. The second slide here depicts the crime that have occurred in Whitefield Park and Pinpoint this year. Pinpoint had 34 Part 1 crimes, seven of which were shopliftings. Whitefield had 29. The circled areas are the areas that we concentrate on for crime prevention, extra patrol. If we see patterns develop that are close together we'll send additional resources out there to combat and deter the crime, and the information is fed into our detectives to -- and if we get a lead and get probable cause, we'll make an arrest. Next slide. This is Burnside Island. They have a very active neighborhood. This map shows Burnside Island having four Part 1 crimes this year compared to six last year so they have a decrease in two Part 1 crimes. That's all I have.

Commissioner Brady said, I --

Captain Fagerstrom said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, I have a question. And I understand why you've laid it out this way because that -- that's unincorporated county, but can you give me a briefing on what is happening in say the Windsor Forest, the Coffee Bluff area, Paradise Park, which is also in your precinct?

Captain Fagerstrom said, sure. Since the -- since I was assigned at the Southside Precinct, what we did there is we looked at last year's crime, and not only that but last year's call for service. All the community meetings that I've been attending the primary concerns are calls for service, our officers not getting to the citizens in a timely manner. That's -- that has been one. The other one of course is crime. Everybody's concerned about crime, so we took the numbers -- we had our analysts look at the data, they brought it back to us, we looked at it, and we realized that calls for service start around 11:00 o'clock in the morning, and they end about 7:00. So that's one thing. The other thing, crime in the Southside Precinct, crime only occurred in our neighborhoods, Kensington Park, Paradise Park, Wilshire and Windsor Forest, so what we did is we started a Delta watch. We started with three officers in April and then we -- before school ended, we added two more officers, which was five plus a supervisor, and the Delta watch, their primary focus is calls for service first. We want our officers to get to you guys -- or our citizens as quickly as possible. So they come in at 10:30, they get briefed and they're out on the street. When they're not on a call for service, they are supposed to be in their community. So they're tied in with the neighborhood associations, they must attend neighborhood meetings with me. They have direct email contact or phone contact with a neighborhood president, with the community, the citizens that attend these meetings, so if there's any issues, I have pushed all this responsibility back to the patrol officer. So if there's any issues or any immediate responses that need to happen, they have a direct contact with that officer, and that officer goes and take care of their issues. A couple weeks ago, and we know blight -- blight breeds crime, so a couple of weeks ago I got with property maintenance and introduced a property maintenance staff that works on the southside with our Delta officers. So now there's a connect. Any time that our property maintenance folks have problems with blight and can't get the neighbor to see it their way, they can call our Delta officer over to kind of help things move along. Cutting grass is an issue. Cars -- abandoned cars on property. So those kind of things to get the level of the neighborhood to look a little bit better. So again, the Delta watch, primary calls for service is number one. When they're not on a call, in the neighborhoods community oriented policing is -- is -- is what -- what we need to be doing.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and -- and I just want to say to you, Captain Dean, I'm going to call you that because I always mess up your last name, is that I appreciate the work that you've been doing in the -- in the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct. I -- I feel like the -- specific to the Windsor Forest, Wilshire areas, they really appreciate what you have done. You've made some changes. I've seen the horses out, the patrols. I've seen the bicycles out. I think folks and -- and -- and I may be speaking for -- well I'm just going to speak for myself, I feel safer on the southside at this point. We still have issues with burglaries, home burglaries, but I understand you're working on it, so I did want to just publicly commend the work that you're doing, and I have seen you out at the neighborhood meetings, and just keep up the good work.

Captain Fagerstrom said, thank you.

Commissioner Brady said, and Mr. Chairman, I'm -- I'm going to end up having to leave. Can I say one more thing not directed to him?

Chairman Scott said, you know, you're the reason they can't get through with their report.

Commissioner Brady said, I -- no, I'm not. Just very quickly --

Chairman Scott said, go ahead, Commissioner.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you. Very quickly, I do want to commend Captain Reilley from the west precinct, and the only reason I'm commending those two officers or captains is because I've worked with them directly. All you guys are working really hard, everybody is, but those two gentlemen I work with directly involving the Sixth District in the City limits and in unincorporated county. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner, you're excused.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you. Now I got to fly. All -- all the police officers stay here because I'm getting ready to fly to midtown. Not really. I'll go the speed limit.

Chief Lovett said, one of the other problems that we're having or were having is the fact that we had some laws especially pertaining to gangs that didn't really have any teeth in them. We used them, but in the last couple of days, in particular yesterday, I -- I -- I think the DA's office came out in support of some gang laws where they assign two ADA's to the gang unit as such to look at laws. I think that's going to be very helpful to us, and in particular, two situations that occurred here, one was the shooting at the fair, and the other was the shooting on River Street, that these laws were added to and did a significant jobs in terms of at least getting them into the court system. I'm going to ask Major Branson if he'd come up and kind of briefly go over that without going into a whole lot of detail.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you Chief.

Major Larry Branson said, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Major Branson said, Honorable Commission. Mr. Abolt, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

County Manager Abolt said, good morning.

Major Branson said, I am responsible for the criminal investigations division, homicide, aggravated assaults, robbery, special victim's unit, the forensics unit, financial crimes unit, and so we have quite a bit of contact, our investigators do with a lot of these gang members, folks who hold themselves out, are very proud of the fact that they associate with criminal gangs. This year Georgia added specific codes to give law enforcement a tremendous tool in addressing these issues. If -- if two members of a gang go out and hijack a car tomorrow, and if on Monday they go out and assault someone, if two or more are gathered there for that criminal activity, and they hold themselves out to be a member of a gang, that's at least at a minimum an additional five years that can be tacked on to those crimes once they are caught and convicted. Up to 15 years in addition to the crime of robbery or assault. Meg Heap, our district attorney, along with Isabel Pauley and Matt Breedon, two ADAs who just recently -- Isabel coming back to the DA's office and Matt being new to us from another area of Georgia here have a tremendous knowledge of these laws. And understand that heretofore whenever one of our investigators would focus on the crime of homicides, when they would focus on a murder, they would look at the victim and any associates that victim had. They would look at the suspect once that suspect was identified and any associates that that suspect had, but a piece that was missing, and a -- and a piece that -- that even our Savannah Area Regional Intelligence Unit did not connect with is that gang association. Or we might know of the gang association but there really was nothing in place that we could add that additional charge, and now it's in place. Through Isabel and Matt working very closely with Lieutenant Rob Gavin and -- and quite a number of people in our criminal investigations division, we made a significant impact in this county in this past week. Going forward we're already identifying members of gangs in this area, and I -- I think this is going to be a very positive step for law enforcement in our county. So the message -- the message is, don't

do the crime if you can't do the time, and if you want to be a member of a gang in Chatham County, then you're going to pay the -- the ultimate price for that. Okay? Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Captain Terry Shoop said, good afternoon. I'm Captain Shoop, Terry Shoop with Savannah-Chatham. Obviously I'm over special operations which is made up of numerous units, the mounted patrol, marine patrol, traffic, K-9, recruiting, crime free housing, so and forth -- so on and so forth. The four units I want to talk about since we're discussing crime-related issues is the marine patrol, mounted patrol, K-9 and traffic. What we've done is the precinct commanders are -- as they -- as they -- as has already been mentioned are -- are -- they don't have a problem with sending me an email and requesting additional manpower out to Windsor Forest with the horses or traffic -- traffic problems around the schools, so on -- or -- or speeding in -- in a particular area of city and county. The K-9 unit, what we do with the K-9 unit is when they're not riding calls for service, when they're not being requested by the officers on the street, we have them put in problematic areas. In their down time when they're patrolling, we'll move them over to the precincts and their problematic areas to -- to -- to provide additional manpower, you know, to help out there. Mounted patrol, they're both -- they're good in both residential and commercial neighborhoods. We use them in the malls on -- during Thanksgiving and Christmas for the parking lots and all to try and help reduce with their entering an autos, but we also use them in the Windsor Forest, the downtown. They're good for riding down the lanes. They're good for the special events, all the big events that we have and so on and so forth. We use them throughout. Basically, the -- all -- all I'll say is we support all these special operations. The total focus operations the precinct commanders put together, we support all those functions. We do static displays to help out with the community events and so on and so forth, and that's about -- that's about -- sums it up in a nutshell if you have any questions. All right. Nope? Thank you for your time.

Major Zapal said, in addition, when they're not doing special operations, they do supplement regular patrols and are out in the precincts.

Mr. Terry Enoch said, good afternoon.

Board members collectively said, good afternoon.

Mr. Enoch said, I feel like last man standing between lunch and you getting out of here. Thank you so much. It is indeed an honor to be back before you having retired about a year ago. Mr. Chairman, County Manager. I'm here to talk about something that is very dear to my heart, and that's Savannah Impact. I retired to go over to become a part of this great team. Our -- our motto of building better lives is more than just a motto, it's an outcome, and we work very hard every day to -- to realize that outcome. What is Savannah Impact? It was established in 2001. It's a specialized unit within the Savannah Metropolitan Police Department. We operate as a community re-entry collaborative, primarily focusing on high risk and at risk youth and adults. We're comprised of both sworn and civilian personnel. We have numerous community supervision agencies. The State Board of Pardons and Parole is one of our partners there. The Department of Corrections, their State Probation Division; Department of Juvenile Justice is there with us; Chatham County Juvenile Court is also one of our partners.

Mr. Enoch said, one of the things that we do in -- in terms of assisting these re-entry agencies is that we provide what we call treatment. We take a holistic approach. One of the things we recognize is that like the laws of physics, what goes up must come down. What goes in the prison eventually must go -- must come out, and what we see is that we have over 6,000 probationers and parolees serving a portion of their -- their time in our community, and so what these re-entry agencies do is that we ensure that they don't go back out and commit new crimes. We've been very successful at doing this. Again, we've been doing this since 2001. We've had about 80 percent success rate of those that are on our high supervision case load. We take a holistic approach when we're working with them to provide them vocational skills, cognitive behavior treatment. We also help them find -- address those barriers into employability.

Mr. Enoch said, smart policing. One of the con -- concepts that we use we -- we call it smart policing. In other words, if you can't manage it -- if you can't measure it, you can't manage it. So what we do is we look at hot spot areas, geographic hot spot areas, we overlay that with a correlation of high risk individuals, and -- because what we see is that most people that commit our crimes here in Chatham County are recidivists. We have a repeat offender problem, and so if we focus on high risk places and high risk people, and engage them in a -- a very preventive way, instead of being -- at a proactive way instead of being reactive, we have a tendency to prevent crime before it starts. And as we engage them, we also offer them opportunities to move beyond their circumstances addressing some of those systemic issues that become barriers for those individuals who are

involved in a life of crime.

Mr. Enoch said, now I'm going to take you about 10,000 feet up as we look at crime in Chatham County. When I talk about smart policing, and -- and if you can't measure it you can't manage it, you see some of the unincorporated -- unincorporated areas, you also see robbery, aggravated assault, and looking at this, this is just a sampling of January to August, and so you see some of the Part 1 crimes, and you see the clustering of those down in the downtown central precinct, but you also see some of those circled in yellow in some of our unincorporated areas. Next slide. What we do with smart policing, we look at -- everything is broken down in police talk into neighborhoods and beats, and so when we -- we look at beats, you see we have circled the Quacco Road, Laurelwood beat, and you see the -- the percentage of crime that occurs. There was 16 crimes that occurred in that area, and so what we do, we look at -- look at crime, we take this information and we power that down to the precincts who are able to look at the types of crimes and the location and the clustering of the crimes and then come up with strategies to -- to address them.

Mr. Enoch said, as we see here, we also look at times of the day that crimes occur. That's important as we correlate that when our power -- manpower is working so that we can better position our manpower to address hot spots, high risk individuals, during certain times of the day when crimes occur. You also see when we look at smart policing we look at days of the week. This information is important to patrol as they decide what days of the week that they need to put additional personnel on. This slide shows in the -- in the green you see the Part 1 violent crimes, but you also see where residents -- those who committed the crimes. These are people who are recidivists, repeat offenders. It is our contention that again most of the crimes are being committed within Chatham County is being committed by repeat offenders, and so we have a sampling of that here. Sixty-two percent as you see of those who were arrested on crimes are actually -- live within the vicinity that the crime occurred. You see that there are some crimes that were committed outside of that particular area.

Mr. Enoch said, some programs, special programs within Savannah Impact is our PPO program where we actually identify those individuals that we call persistent -- prolific persistent offenders, and these are people who have a long history of crime. We identify who they are in our community, and then we engage them hopefully to one, deter them from crime, but also offer them the services that we have. Another important program we have is called our Sleeper program. These are people that are coming back into our community. They're not on probation or parole. They have maxed out their time, and they're coming back, and what we do, working along with the Department of Corrections, we bring these individuals back to Savannah, we interview them, we get their -- their information, and then we engage them and help them reintegrate back into the community and seek employment, get them treatment services so that they won't commit new crimes. Now these individuals -- and the reason it's called a Sleeper program, within 90 days most of these folks commit new violent crimes and go back to prison. Knowing that, having that data, we're able to take a very proactive approach and we've been very successful in these individuals staying out and being successful while they're in the community.

Mr. Enoch said, our WIA program is a -- is a federal grant program. We work in collaboration with the coastal workforce. We work with kids from the age of 14 to 21 to help them get occupational skills. These are kids that are in school and out of school to help them become employable. Our Second Chance employment program. This is geared towards those that are convicted felons. Our goal is to help address some of their barriers that prevent them from getting employment, not only getting employment but keeping it. So we have a job training program that we put them through. It's a 20-hour program that we put them through and then we also take the same group and we move them into our Work Ventures program. Work Ventures program is a 12-month program in which those -- those participants learn soft -- they take those soft skills that we teach them in job readiness training, and we show them how to apply them. We have three programs that they're currently working in, one is our landscape program. We do everything from graffiti removal to blight removal. We work with the City's property maintenance department. We have done some work with the -- with Chatham County as well. The other is our building maintenance program. Currently our Work Ventures folks are cleaning our animal shelters, and the -- and the mobile car wash is the other program that we have in which the fleet -- the police fleet, they maintain the cleanliness of those vehicles. And these are just some pictures that we've done from graffiti removal, the mobile car wash unit. We talked about smart policing, and that's pretty much it. Any questions?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. You're a Savannah police -- you're a Savannah Chatham County police officer?

Mr. Enoch said, that's correct, sir.

Commissioner Center said, okay. I didn't know. You said you retired to do something, but this is --

Mr. Enoch said, I retired from the Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Mr. Enoch said, about a year ago.

Commissioner Center said, all right. So this is a police department program. I -- I -- I didn't understand. Thank you.

Mr. Enoch said, I'm sorry. Any more questions?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, I --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter, then Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to state that I had the opportunity to go to kind of tour and see everything, and it's really impressive what they're doing. I mean extremely impressive. Good job.

Mr. Enoch said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I -- I was interested in something that you were saying, the systemic -- systemic causes of -- or conditions or something you were saying about the system.

Mr. Enoch said, I was talking about systemic issues, barriers that prevent folks -- that restrain people from moving forward. It can be poverty is -- is a huge systemic issue, and so employment we see is a huge way of getting folks beyond their circumstances and -- and moving forward and moving forward and not getting involved in criminal activity.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir, and I -- I'd like to commend you, too. And what -- your title is?

Mr. Enoch said, Director of Savannah Impact.

Commissioner Shabazz said, director. As a director of the --

Chairman Scott said, Savannah Impact Program.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Savannah Impact Program because of your journey with the Sheriff's Department and actually seeing the condition of the inmates coming in and working with them, and now being on this side of the -- of that spectrum.

Mr. Enoch said, well definitely prevention --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Mr. Enoch said, -- is I think where my passion is.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Mr. Enoch said, if we can prevent them from coming in --

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's right.

Mr. Enoch said, -- then the cost that we have for our jails and --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Mr. Enoch said, -- and prisons go down.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir. Just like to commend you for that. Thank you.

Mr. Enoch said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you. Chief, you want to wrap it up?

Chief Lovett said, yes, sir. This is the last slide that's on there right now, and the only thing I'd like to say about that is that we have had several partners or have several partners in the federal government. One of the most successful has been ATF and what they have done. And I'm going to close with that. It's -- it's - it's one of the things -- yes?

Commissioner Center said, and I -- I was going to wait. Go ahead.

Chief Lovett said, it's one of the programs that really gives us the ability to do a lot of things. It helps us in a lot of ways so I appreciate that.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, Chief Lovett, I want to thank you for coming today.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Center said, to give you a little background, at -- at our last meeting, I just read that you had made a briefing to the City of Savannah, and I said, where's Chief Lovett, you know, don't we get a briefing? 'Cause every other month we get the CNT and showed up, and I had no idea it was going to be this extensive, but I want to thank you very much how informative this was. I appreciate everything all your officers have done. I didn't mean to shut down your operation by having y'all come today, but since I was a little boy I've admired the police. But my grandfather was a Savannah City policeman. I think somewhere in the command center, somewhere in that building is a picture of him on a horseback, and I -- I really appreciate all you've done. I also want to welcome you back. I know you've had some health issues, the warranty on your parts was run out a little bit, but you got your nerve work okay. But one of the particular reasons I asked because I represent, not only, you know, from -- from Norwood, almost from Sandfly all the way around the river up to Garden City, but a great part of downtown Savannah, and there were those -- oh, and before I start that, let me congratulate you yesterday on that press conference and those gang arrests. That sends a tremendous amount of relief throughout the -- throughout the community that you're on top of that, and I appreciate that, especially as a young kid who grew up going to the Coastal Empire Fair to see that you have broken in and gotten those guys. It's a tremendous sense of relief to me and -- and to the people I talk to, and I appreciate it and congratulate you.

Commissioner Center said, the two crimes that -- two instances that we didn't get a lot of information on -- several weeks ago just blocks from my house where a 71-year-old woman was brutally beat up, I think, in daylight, and just the next day a young man was beat with a brick going up his steps. I think there was a third crime related too. How are you coming on -- can you give us any details on -- on -- on those?

Chief Lovett said, Major, is -- is that something you can talk about?

Major Zapal said, it's an ongoing investigation.

Chief Lovett said, right.

Major Zapal said, we have some very positive leads, but we have not yet done (inaudible.)

Commissioner Center said, thank you. And I really do appreciate this briefing. I know it took a lot of time. I thank my Commissioners for sitting through it. Very helpful.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz. Commissioner Kicklighter, did you have?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, okay. In that order and then the Manager wanted to make a comment.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good -- good afternoon Chief. I'd like to take a page from former Chairman, Commissioner -- I meant former Chairman of the Commission Pete Liakakis in saying that you are the greatest chief in the whole wide world, and I'd like to thank you for your service. Thank you.

Chief Lovett said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, me? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chief, I just again want to say thanks to you and the entire department. I think that y'all for the most part get the raw end of the deal. I will bet that what Commissioner Center talked about, I bet you when y'all catch, and I know you will catch the people that committed the crimes that you were referring to, I'll bet that you've already arrested them four or five times in -- in their life, and I -- I really admire y'all. You have thankless job, as well as educators. That's two professions that you do it because you want to help. It's not -- they're not -- nobody's paying you -- getting you rich or anything to do either one of those, and -- and everybody really scrutinizes every move you make, and I believe that y'all, along with educators get a lot of blame that's not even your -- under your control that starts right there at home, and I think y'all are doing really a -- a fine job in pushing along, especially what you were talking about gangs. I noticed the -- everyone's noticed the murder rate, and it -- it reminded me of years back when we had a big gang and the murder rate went through the roof. So I'm not even in law enforcement, and I -- I would -- I would think, don't even need a response, that a lot of that is gang related, and I admire y'all pushing through with the DA and everybody else, and the State to be able to do something with these gangs, because I think that's just really a large part of the things that y'all get blamed for, and again, I -- the Savannah Impact, I think that's one way. We're talking about work release programs at the jail. I think in the end when it's all said and done, we're -- we've got to truly figure out how to keep the -- what is it, 80 percent, 90 percent that goes back to jail? We've got to figure out how to keep them out of jail once you arrest them because, you know, I don't know what the public expects out of our police department other than y'all are arresting them. They -- we -- I've said it before, if there was a way for us to be better informed of the people that are doing the sentencing and the people who are appointed in positions that are actually releasing them, I think that's the ones that should be held -- they should be held at -- a lot more accountable than our police are, and I -- I just -- thank y'all. You're doing -- you're doing the best job possible out there and I -- I appreciate it.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, gentlemen, I want to -- to go on record to say something I've already told the Chief repeatedly in private. You could not have a better man serving as your Chief of Police. The confidence I know that each of you have in him and the department is well put, but as a Manager, having over my lifetime of 45 years, worked with many Chiefs of Police, what you've seen in the last 45 minutes to an hour gives testimony to his leadership style. It would not have been unusual for just one person to come up and make the presentation. In the past it would have been a person who wears a badge and is called Chief of Police. It also would not have been unusual for almost everything said to begin with the -- the sentence -- or the sentence I did this or I did that. You never heard that once from Chief Lovett. That's an indication of his management style, the fact that he buys in to the way you get things done, and I also know, not only beyond me do I appreciate him, but I know this community appreciates him 'cause when all is said and done, the folks in the uniform get it done, but they begin with that information. And like Commissioner Kicklighter and Commissioner Center were referencing, there's confidence in this department, there's confidence in effect coming forward and giving information, and that's a -- that's a essential partnership, but I want to tell you it could not happen without a person like Chief Lovett as your Chief of Police.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. -- Mr. Chairman, I think we should hire that man to run the unincorporated area police department one day. I -- I think the world of him right there.

County Manager Abolt said, he already does.

Commissioner Center said, he already does.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, solely.

County Manager Abolt said, and he lives in the unincorporated area.

Chief Lovett said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Chief. Are you planning on retiring anytime soon?

Chief Lovett said, not to my knowledge. Unless you know something I don't know.

Chairman Scott said, no I just thought some of the comments was approaching retirement-type comments or

obituary-type comments, and I'm -- I'm not wishing any of them on you, I just -- I just want to thank you for your participation. Thank you so much.

Chief Lovett said, thank you.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

For information only.

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**X. ACTION CALENDAR**

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

Chairman Scott said, okay. Section X on the calendar is the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Shabazz said, we've got all that.

Chairman Scott said, everybody's had a chance to review it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, I'll entertain a motion at this time.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved that we approve the Action Calendar. Hearing the motion -- it's been properly second, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 11 and under Item 11, Items A through M. Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Brady 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 AUGUST 23, 2013, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 23, 2013, as mailed. Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Brady were not present for the

vote.]

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**2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 15, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4, 2013.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period August 15, 2013 through September 4, 2013, in the amount of \$10,708,765. Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Brady were not present for the vote.]

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**3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHATHAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM AWARD TO FORMALLY UPDATE THE CHATHAM COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN TO MEET WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve the Chatham Emergency Management Agency to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program Award to formally update the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to meet with federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Brady were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

**FROM:** Clayton S. Scott, Director, Chatham Emergency Management Agency

**ISSUE:**

To obtain approval of the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant program award to formally update the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to meet the federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) applied for and has received FEMA approval for a grant to be used for the five-year federally mandated update of the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The total approved cost is \$50,000 with a federal share of \$37,500 and a local share of \$12,500.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Pursuant to Part 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44CFR201), Sections 206 et seq. and meeting the FEMA Minimum Standards of Acceptability, effective November 1, 2003, an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan was required in order for a community [county] to

receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project grant funds.

2. In order for communities to remain eligible to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, their Hazard Mitigation Plans must be updated and approved by GEMA and FEMA every five years.
3. The Chatham County Hazard Mitigation Plan was first approved by state and federal authorities and published in January 2005. An updated Hazard Mitigation Plan was required and approved in January 2010. Another updated Plan is required by January 2015.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve acceptance of the \$37,500 of grant funds to be used to secure a consulting firm to assist the CEMA staff with preparing, submitting, and obtaining state and federal approval of an updated Chatham County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Do not approve acceptance of the \$37,500 of grant funds.

**FUNDING:**

In kind services will be used to meet the requirements of the local share of \$12,500.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to accept Federal grant funding that is in the interest of the community.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEARS 2015 THROUGH 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) CALENDAR AND APPROVE THE SCORING CRITERIA USED TO PRIORITIZE PROJECTS.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve the Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) calendar and approve the scoring criteria used to prioritize projects. Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Brady were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

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

**ISSUE:**

To request Board approval of the Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Calendar and approve the scoring criteria used to prioritize projects.

**BACKGROUND:**

Each fiscal year a five year Capital Improvement Program is prepared and submitted to the Board of Commissioners. To accomplish this task, the Board of Commissioners approves a scoring model prior to the initialization of the CIP process, which emphasizes the organizational goals adopted by the Board of Commissioners. At this time, there have been no additional modifications to the scoring model utilized

during the last fiscal year.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Fiscal Years July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) calendar is shown in completion on page 3 herein and contains the following major target dates:

September 16, 2013 - Distribution of CIP packages

October 28-November 1, 2013 - CIP Committee convenes to rate projects

January, 2014 - Submit CIP workbook to Board of Commissioners

2. Subsequently, CIP workshops with the Board may be scheduled for January through March of a given fiscal year, or the Board may inquire about the requests at their February Planning workshop.
3. Approval of the calendar does not prohibit the Board from scheduling additional workshops or amending the target adoption date.
4. The current Capital Improvement Rating Sheet is shown herein on page 4 (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file for the Board of Commissioners' consideration.
5. A copy of the Capital Improvement Program Package is available upon request to the Finance Department.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Fiscal Years 2015 thru 2019 Capital Improvement Program Calendar and approve the scoring model as provided.
2. Amend the calendar and provide other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

Approval of Alternative one is consistent with the Chatham County Financial Policy on Capital Asset Funding, resolutions and goals adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Rusheda Adeshina

**CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA  
FISCAL YEARS JULY 1, 2015 THRU JUNE 30, 2019  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PRELIMINARY) BUDGET  
CALENDAR**

DATE	CIP ACTIVITY
September 16, 2013	FY 2015-2019 Capital Budget Packages Distributed
October 7, 2013	FY 2015-2019 Capital Budget Requests Due From Departments
October 28 - November 1, 2013	CIP Committee Convenes to Rate Projects
November 4, 2013 - November 15, 2013	Finalize FY 2015 - 2019 CIP Identify Critical Projects/Finalize Priorities
November 18, 2013 - December 31, 2013	Prepare FY 2015 - 2019 CIP Workbook

January, 2014	Submit FY 2015 - 2019 CIP Workbook to Board of Commissioners for Consideration
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**5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A RIGHT-OF-WAY LANDSCAPING AGREEMENT WITH THE NELSON GROUP TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPING ON THE TRUMAN PARKWAY AT NO COST TO CHATHAM COUNTY.  
[DISTRICT 1.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion for approval to enter into a right-of-way landscaping agreement with the Nelson Group to provide landscaping on the Truman Parkway at no cost to Chatham County. Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Brady were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

**FROM:** Robert W. Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services

**ISSUE:**

Request Board approval to enter into a Right-of-Way Landscaping Agreement with The Nelson Group to provide landscaping on the Truman Parkway at no cost to Chatham County.

**BACKGROUND:**

Staff has been approached by a representatives of Keep Chatham Beautiful (KCB) and The Nelson Group to provide landscaping on the Truman Parkway between Montgomery Cross Road and Whitefield Avenue (State Route 204 Spur). KCB is willing to provide landscaping materials and hire The Nelson Group to install the materials in the medians of the Truman Parkway. Staff has drafted a Landscaping Agreement to formalize the project.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County owns and maintains the Truman Parkway from Montgomery Cross Road to Whitefield Avenue.
2. The Nelson Group is a local landscaping company that will prepare a landscape plan for the County to review and approve prior to installation. The plan will be reviewed by both the Public Works and Park Services Department and the County Engineer to ensure that there are no unintentional road and road safety issues. In addition, the Nelson Group will be required to obtain a Right-of-Way Encroachment permit from the County.
3. The Nelson Group will also provide a three (3) year maintenance program after installation of the landscaping. At the completion of the maintenance program, the County will assume maintenance of the landscaping.
4. There is a provision in the agreement that the County will monitor the progress of the project and at any time the County finds The Nelson Group not in compliance with the provisions of the agreement the County can terminate the agreement.
5. The County Attorney and the County Risk Manager has reviewed and approve the agreement.

**FUNDING:**

The County will provide no funding associated with the agreement.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

Board approval is required to enter into agreements.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approve to enter into a Right-of-Way Landscaping Agreement with The Nelson Group to provide landscaping on the Truman Parkway at no cost to Chatham County.
2. Board to provide staff with other direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board approve Alternative No. 1.

District 1

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CHATHAM****RIGHT-OF-WAY LANDSCAPING AGREEMENT**

**This agreement**, made and entered into as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, by and between Chatham County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as **County** and The Nelson Group a corporation organized and existing under the terms of the State of Georgia, hereafter referred to as the **TNG**:

**WHEREAS**, the **County** owns and maintains the Truman Parkway beginning at Montgomery Cross Road and ending at the right-of-way of Whitefield Avenue also known as State Route 204 Spur; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works and Park Services provides maintenance to the Truman Parkway including the grassed medians; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization known and operating as Keep Chatham Beautiful wishes to provide landscaping materials for the medians of the Truman Parkway as defined and have contracted with **TNG** to prepare a landscaping plan, permit, prepare the medians, install and maintain the landscape materials within the median of Truman Parkway; and

**WHEREAS**, the **County** will provide no funding associated with this agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements, and to the parties, the **County** and **TNG** agree as follows:

- I. For each location, **TNG** agrees as follows:
  - A. To provide the **County** and Keep Chatham Beautiful a landscape plan designed by a Georgia Registered Landscape Architect that utilizes the landscaping materials provided by Keep Chatham Beautiful for review prior to performing any work within the Right-of-Way of the Truman Parkway. The Landscape Plan must be reviewed by the County Engineer to ensure no unintentional road and roadway safety issues. **TNG** agrees to modify the plan to the comments provided by the **County**. The Landscape Plan must be in final form approved by the County prior to installation.
  - B. To submit an application for a Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit to the Public Works and Park Services Department. By submission of a properly signed application, **TNG** is bound by the provisions and requirements within Article XI **Right-of-Way Encroachment Ordinance** of Chatham County including fees and bonding. **TNG** agrees to modify the application with comments provided by the County. Work cannot begin within the Right-of-Way of the Truman Parkway until a permit has been issued.
  - C. Upon approval and issuance of a permit by the County, TNG will prepare the site

and install landscaping materials according to the following plan.

1. Spray "Round-up" on weeds and grasses in September for October start.
2. Job to start approximately early to mid October after sufficient vegetation kill.
3. After 7-10 days of herbicide application, rototill 4 inches of planting mix into all planted areas with the exception of areas to be hydro-seeded.
4. Fine rake, plant layout and installation.
5. Install temporary drip irrigation.
6. Spread 3" of shredded hardwood mulch.
7. After installation phase is completed, call for inspection by the **County**.

D. Maintenance Plan provided by **TNG** as follows:

1. Year one (November - December 31) approximately 4 visits.
  - a. Watering as needed until mid to late August.
  - b. Fertilizing 2 additional times with slow release fertilizer. Fall fertilization will consist of root stimulating fertilizer.
  - c. Maintenance visits will occur once every two weeks through the end of September. Duties will consist of weeding, monitoring plans for correct watering, mowing and litter control.
  - d. Plant replacements will occur in November. Plant replacement and warranty will cover everything except for vandalism, theft, damage caused by vehicle accident, and acts of nature.
2. Year two, 30 visits.
  - a. March 15 - October 15, 22 visits
    - (1) 2 fertilizing's
    - (2) Watering approximately twice a week
    - (3) Refreshing mulch
  - b. October 16 - March 14, 8 visits
    - (1) Root stimulant fertilizing
    - (2) Watering as needed
3. Year three, 12 visits. Same maintenance plan as year two except for decrease in number of visits.

E. To call for a final inspection by the **County** following completion of Year three (3). Acceptance by the **County** will complete any obligation by **TNG** and initiate return of the bond.

F. **TNG** will perform all work in the right-of-way in accordance with the provisions of the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices for work zones that include the appropriate signage, cones, Class 2 safety vests by all workers, and personal protective equipment.

G. **TNG** agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless Chatham County, its Commissioners, officers, agent, and employees from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens and judgments of whatever nature, including claims for contribution and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death of any person or persons or damages to the property or other rights of any person or persons while engaged in the performance of this agreement.

II. The **County** will monitor the progress of the performance of this agreement by **TNG**. If at any time the **County** finds **TNG** not in compliance with the provisions of this agreement, the **County** will provide **TNG** a written notice of non-compliance. **TNG** agrees to respond in writing to the **County** within 10 days of receipt of the issuance of non-compliance with an action plan to mitigate the non-compliance. Non-responsiveness by **TNG** shall be cause for termination of the agreement and forfeiture of the bond unless both parties agree to a mediation process.

III. The term of this agreement shall be for one (1) year and shall automatically renew for an additional (1) year term for 5 consecutive years unless terminated or amended at any time upon written

notification by one party to the other.

- IV. The County does not waive any sovereign immunity by entering into this agreement.
- V. The County does not express or imply any other additional responsibilities or liabilities arising out of its operation in regard to service. The laws of the State of Georgia shall govern this Agreement.

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

**THE NELSON GROUP**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Albert J. Scott, Chairman**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Janice E. Bocook, Clerk of Commission**

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- 6. **REQUEST TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (WINE ONLY) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AT ISLE OF HOPE MARINA, 50 BLUFF DRIVE, 31406. PETITIONER: CHARLES CARPENTER WALLER FOR ISLE OF HOPE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, INC. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 26, 2013.  
[DISTRICT 1.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve a request to dispense alcoholic beverages (wine only) for a special event at Isle of Hope Marina, 50 Bluff Drive, 31406. Petitioner Charles Carpenter Waller for Isle of Hope Historical Association, Inc. Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Brady were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 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. **Isle of Hope Historical Association, Inc.**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Charles Carpenter Waller**, has filed a Special Event Application for an event at Isle of Hope Marina, 50 Bluff Dr., Savannah, GA 31406. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (wine only) at the event.
- 2. Section 16-134 (4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event.
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 No#1.

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7. **REQUEST TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER AND WINE) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AT ISLE OF HOPE MARINA, 50 BLUFF DRIVE, 31406. PETITIONER: KATHLEEN PITT FOR SAVANNAH SCIENCE MUSEUM, INC. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 17, 2013. [DISTRICT 1.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve a request to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) for a special event at Isle of Hope Marina, 50 Bluff Drive, 31406. Petitioner: Kathleen Pitt for Savannah Science Museum, Inc. Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Brady were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-7**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 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. **Savannah Science Museum, Inc.**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Kathleen Pitt**, has filed a Special Event Application for an event at Isle of Hope Marina, 50 Bluff Dr., Savannah, GA 31406. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer and wine only) at the event.
2. Section 16-134 (4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event.
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 No#1.

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8. **REQUEST TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER AND WINE) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AT THE KIWANIS CLUB, 600 LANDINGS WAY, 31411. PETITIONER: THOMAS M. SHARP FOR THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SKIDAWAY. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2013. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve a request to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) for a special event at the Kiwanis Club, 600 Landings Way. Petitioner: Thomas M. Sharp for the Kiwanis Club of Skidaway. Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Brady were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-8**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 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 Kiwanis Club of Skidaway**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Thomas M. Sharp**, has filed a Special Event Application for a fundraiser at The Kiwanis Club on 600 Landings Way. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer and wine only) at the event.
2. Section 16-134 (4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event.

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 No#1.

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9. **REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES FOR 2013. PETITIONER: JONATHAN MICHAEL LYLE, D/B/A RIVERBOAT PIZZA COMPANY, LLC, LOCATED AT 5975 OGEECHEE ROAD, 31419.  
[DISTRICT 6.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve a new beer and wine pouring license and Sunday sales for 2013. Petitioner: Jonathan Michael Lyle, d/b/a Riverboat Pizza Company, LLC. Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Brady were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-9**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 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 and wine pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2013. Petitioner: **Jonathan Michael Lyle d/b/a Riverboat Pizza Company, LLC**, located at **5795 Ogeechee Rd, Savannah, GA 31419**.

**BACKGROUND:**

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Inspector inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**District 6**

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Chief Willie Lovett

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**10. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2013.  
PETITIONER: STANFORD DAVIDSON SMITH, D/B/A PUMP AND PANTRY,  
LOCATED AT 5 GATEWAY BOULEVARD SOUTH, 31419.  
[DISTRICT 6.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve a transfer of a beer and wine retail license for 2013. The petitioner is Stanford Davidson Smith, d/b/a Pump and Pantry. Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone, Center and Brady were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-10**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

**FROM:** Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services  
Willie Lovett, Chief of Police

**ISSUE:**

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2013. Petitioner: **Stanford Davidson Smith, d/b/a Pump and Pantry**, located at **5 Gateway Blvd South, Savannah, GA 31419**.

**BACKGROUND:**

Stanford Davidson Smith requests approval for transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with the existing convenience store. 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 and Sunday Sales Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**District 6**

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Chief Willie Lovett

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Annual renewal for a document imaging system maintenance and support for servers and software for the Application Xtender	I.C.S.	Palmetto Microfilm, LLC	\$29,006	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S. Department
B. Annual software maintenance agreement for the Assessor's office	I.C.S.	ACS Government Systems, Inc.	\$20,985	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
C. Change Order No. 1 for an additional two (2) months rental associated with the temporary mobile kitchens for the CCDC Expansion	Detention Center	Mobile Kitchens, USA, Inc.	\$55,390	CIP - Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
D. Annual professional service contract/agreement to implement, manage and provide oversight for evidence-based programming for youth referred by the Chatham County Juvenile Court	Juvenile Court	Evidence Based Associates, LLC (EBA)	\$432,435	Georgia Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program
E. Annual price agreement for 2014 Ford Fusion SE Hybrid vehicles purchase of three (3) Ford Fusion SE Hybrid vehicles from this agreement	Fleet Operations	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$75,330 (3 vehicles)	•Reimbursable Expenses •CIP – Vehicle Replacement
F. Summary Change Order No. 2 deduction to the Wilmington Canal Drainage Improvements construction contract	Engineering	McCoy Grading Inc. (MGI)	(\$72,689)	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Wilmington Park Drainage
G. Summary Change Order No. 1 to construction contract for the Grace Drive and Garland Drive Drainage Improvements project	Engineering	Yates Paving	\$9,799	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Drainage, Grace Garland Canal project

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
H. Change Order No. 2 to the annual contract to provide warehouse supplies for various departments	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company	Varies	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various
I. Replacement helicopter tail rotor couplings and an engine drive shaft	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$27,050	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
J. Change Order No. 1 to the Annual Contract to provide laser jet toner services for various departments	Various	VIP Office Furniture & Supply	Varies	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various
K. Change Order No. 1 to construction contract for construction of the Marshall Avenue Paving project	Engineering	SouthBend Company, Inc.	\$3,897	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated County Roads, Marshall Avenue
L. Asphalt repair on Little Neck Road	Public Works and Park Services	A.D. Williams Construction Company, Inc.	\$18,000	CIP - Public Works
M. Sign with LED message board	Aquatic Center	Signs of Savannah, Inc.	\$18,889	CIP - Bond Park/Recreation

**AGENDA ITEM: X-11 A thru M**

**AGENDA DATE: September 13, 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 \$29,006 annual renewal for a document imaging system maintenance and support for servers and software for the Application Xtender from Palmetto Microfilm, LLC, for I.C.S.

**BACKGROUND:** This maintenance is for support for the Application Extender software, WebExtender, ScanExtender and Data Manager from Palmetto Microfilm, Inc., for various departments within the county who scan documents into the document imaging system.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County I.C.S. has purchased all Application Extender, or AX licenses from Palmetto Micro. I.C.S. has recommended that all departments using document imaging use the AX software as a standard and annual maintenance is a requirement.
2. I.C.S. recommends the maintenance renewal for support for this software for all users scanning documents into document imaging.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$29,006 for annual maintenance and support renewal to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$29,006 annual renewal for Document Imaging System maintenance and support for servers and software for the Application Xtender from Palmetto Microfilm, LLC, for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

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

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$20,985 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for the Assessor's office.

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The sole source provider, ACS Government Systems, Inc., is the only company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$20,985 to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$20,985 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for the Assessor's office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

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

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$55,390 Change Order No. 1, to Mobile Kitchens, USA, Inc., for an additional two (2) months rental associated with the temporary mobile kitchens for the CCDC

Expansion as per the requirements included in RFP No. 12-0132-3.

**BACKGROUND:** On February 22, 2013, the Board approved the original three (3) month lease on the temporary mobile kitchen facilities. CCDC has the need to extend the lease for the Temporary Kitchen facilities for an additional two (2) month period due to unforeseen construction issues and delays associated with the existing kitchen renovations.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. CCDC's existing kitchen is to be renovated as part of the Expansion Project and will not be ready for use by the original August 21, 2013 date as anticipated. The original lease completion date of August 21<sup>st</sup> needs to be extended by Change Order for two (2) additional months to October 21, 2013.
2. Provisions in the original bid provided for a unit price of \$27,695 per month if the lease needed to be extended past the original three (3) month lease included in the bid. Final payment amounts to be based on the pro-rated actual time extension required.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$55,390 Change Order No. 1, to Mobile Kitchens, USA, Inc., for an additional two (2) months rental associated with the temporary mobile kitchens for the CCDC Expansion as per the requirements included in RFP No. 12-0132-3.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award an annual professional service contract/agreement for services, to Evidence Based Associates, LLC (EBA). EBA will implement, manage and provide oversight for evidence-based programming for youth referred by the Chatham County Juvenile Court. This initiative will be funded entirely through a \$432,435 grant awarded to Chatham County by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) through the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program.

**BACKGROUND:** The Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) awarded Chatham County a grant in the amount of \$432,435 as part of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program. This award is provided to implement programming to the youth and families of Chatham County. The goals of the program include reducing felony commitments to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Short-Term Program (STP) sentences, reducing annual secure detention admissions, and reducing recidivism.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The contract is an initial contract with Evidence Based Associates, LLC (EBA) to establish, oversee and monitor these programs in Chatham County. Grant Funds have been awarded from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to fund this program. It is anticipated that additional funding will be available through additional grant dollars to continue the program in subsequent years.
2. The Juvenile Court Administrator, in consultation with the Juvenile Court Judges, negotiated with Evidence Based Associates (EBA) LLC, to establish, oversee, and monitor Functional Family

- Therapy (FFT) and Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART) programs for identified youth and families in Chatham County.
3. Evidence Based Associates (EBA), LLC, quoted the Juvenile Court Administrator a cost of \$53.07 per client, per day for Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and \$36.32 per client, per day for Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART), based on a total number of 100 clients for the grant period. This daily rate includes all of the costs associated with the establishment and oversight of these programs and outcome reporting as well as the provision of services to individual clients.
  4. Staff believes the quote of \$53.07 for FFT per client, per day and \$36.32 for ART per client per day to be fair and reasonable.
  5. The Chatham County Juvenile Court will receive \$432,435 in grant funding for FY 2013 from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council CJCC. The grant period is effective October 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

**FUNDING:** Georgia Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program: \$432,435  
(2502600 - 52.39001 - 25020532)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award an annual professional service contract/agreement for services, to Evidence Based Associates, LLC (EBA). EBA will implement, manage and provide oversight for evidence-based programming for youth referred by the Chatham County Juvenile Court. This initiative will be funded entirely through a \$432,435 grant awarded to Chatham County by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) through the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to fund court initiatives that increase the level of services provided to youth and families in Chatham County.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of an annual price agreement with J.C. Lewis Ford Motor Company, to purchase on an "as needed, funds available" basis, various 2014 model year Ford Fusion SE Hybrid vehicles for various departments through Fleet Operations and approval of a \$75,330 purchase of three (3) Ford Fusion SE Hybrid vehicles from the agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** Each year staff develops and solicits competitive bids for annual requirements for current model year vehicles.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Staff developed specifications for the Ford Fusion SE Hybrid.
2. Bids were publicly advertised and opened August 20, 2013. Although many firms were solicited, only one (1) bid was received as follows:
 

J.C. Lewis Ford Motor Company	\$25,110/per vehicle
Savannah, GA	
3. Staff compared pricing provided by J.C. Lewis Ford Motor Company and found it to be lower than state contract pricing.
4. The Health Department has funding for two (2) vehicles for inspection staff and Juvenile Court has

identified one (one) large van that is no longer suitable to their needs. Juvenile Court is offering the van for reuse and request a Fusion Hybrid to perform home visits. Both entities have requested fuel efficient vehicles.

**FUNDING:** •Reimbursable Expenses - \$50,220  
 (1009957 - 57.10110) (State funds to reimburse County)  
 •CIP – Vehicle Replacement - \$25,110  
 (3501567 - 54.22001 - 35031378)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of an annual price agreement with J.C. Lewis Ford Motor Company, to purchase on an “as needed, funds available” basis, various 2014 model year Ford Fusion SE Hybrid vehicles for various department through Fleet Operations and approval of a \$75,330 purchase of three (3) Ford Fusion SE Hybrid vehicles from the agreement.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve annual price agreements for the purchase of vehicles for using departments and to approve the purchase of vehicles that provide needed services to Chatham County citizens.

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

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

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Summary Change Order No. 2 deduction in the amount of \$72,689 to the Wilmington Canal Drainage Improvements construction contract with McCoy Grading Inc. (MGI).

**BACKGROUND:** On August 24, 2012, the Board awarded a construction contract to MGI for the replacement of various culverts along the Wilmington Canal.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project, located between North Cromwell Street and Wilmington Island Road on Wilmington Island within unincorporated Chatham County, replaced four existing culverts with larger culverts and removed two undersized culverts within the canal.
2. The project was completed in August 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.

4.	Original Contract	(August 24, 2012)	\$ 603,418
	Change Order No. 1	(May 24, 2013)	92,246
	Summary Change Order No. 2	(Pending)	<u>(72,689)</u>
			Total \$ 622,975

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Summary Change Order No. 2 deduction in the amount of \$72,689 to the Wilmington Canal Drainage Improvements construction contract with McCoy Grading Inc. (MGI).
2. Provide staff other direction.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (1998-2003) - Wilmington Park Drainage  
 (3224250 - 52.12003 - 32280187)

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve Summary Change Orders.

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

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

#### ITEM G

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Summary Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$9,799 to construction contract 13-0010-4 with Yates Paving for the Grace Drive and Garland Drive Drainage Improvements project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Grace Drive and Garland Drive Drainage Improvements project is part of the 2003-2008 SPLOST Drainage Program. On April 12, 2013, the Board awarded a construction contract to Yates Paving Corporation to address the limited access of an existing drainage system within the Halcyon Bluff subdivision.

#### FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project was completed in July 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 need to install a pipe to cross the channel to access the maintenance road. The area lies within the project limits. Staff negotiated a cost to install the pipe. Staff also identified several stumps that needed grinding and a need to import fill to stabilize the maintenance road. This Summary Change Order contains an additional line items corresponding to the 30" RCP, grinding the existing stumps, and the import fill and grading.
3. During construction, staff identified the need to install a gate for safety and security purposes. This Summary Change Order contains an additional line item to install a gate.
4. Contract History:

Original Contract	(Contract No. 13-0010-4)	\$	40,200
Summary Change Order No. 1	(Pending)	\$	<u>9,799</u>
Pending Contract Amount		\$	49,999

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) - Drainage, Grace Garland Canal project  
(3234250 - 54.14021 - 32380617)

#### ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Summary Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$9,799 to construction contract 13-0010-4 with Yates Paving for the Grace Drive and Garland Drive 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 H

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 2 to the annual contract with Paper Chemical Supply Company, of Savannah, Georgia, to provide warehouse supplies for various departments within Chatham County.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 21, 2012, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with

renewals options for four (4) additional one year terms, to Paper Chemical Supply Company.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Paper Chemical Supply Company has recently provided a notification of price changes associated with the manufacturer imposed price increases due to the escalating costs in energy, transportation, packaging and raw material has raised the price of food trays. Paper Chemical Supply Company has provided documentation to support the manufacturer's price increase.
2. Staff believes Paper Chemical Supply Company request for the County to contractually recognize the manufacturer price increase on the food trays to be fair and reasonable.
3. New price will be as follows:

Item: Description	Old Price	New Price
44. PAC-YTD19903 3 compartment foam hinged tray 150/cs	\$ 10.34	\$ 11.48
45. PAC-TH10044 10 1/4" foam 3-compartment plate 500/cs	\$ 22.30	\$ 24.19

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 2 to the annual contract with Paper Chemical Supply Company, of Savannah, Georgia, to provide warehouse supplies for various departments within Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval a \$27,050 sole source purchase for a replacement helicopter tail rotor couplings and an engine drive shaft from Heli-Mart, Inc.

**BACKGROUND:** Mosquito Control staff conduct aerial missions with three (3) helicopters and one (1) airplane. Staff perform the required annual and 100 hour inspections on all aircrafts. Time limited components are replaced in accordance with the manufacturers requirements that are FAA approved.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County owns and operates four aircraft: three MD 500 helicopters are used for mosquito surveillance inspection flights, both immature and adult mosquito control missions, police operations, fire fighting, and several emergency support functions including search and rescue, and damage assessment; one Air Tractor airplane is used for immature mosquito control and fire fighting.
2. The tail rotor drive shaft couplings and the engine drive Shaft installed on the helicopter purchased in 2004 is reaching the new maximum FAA requirement of 10 years.
3. Because of this new requirement, the aircraft would otherwise have to be grounded and cannot

- be flown until the tail rotor drive shaft couplings and the engine drive shaft are replaced.
4. The couplings and drive shaft assembly in question have been in service since November 1987, when the helicopter was originally manufactured.
  5. Heli-Mart, Inc., is the required distributor for these parts and therefore, the only available source.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approve a \$27,050 sole source purchase for a replacement helicopter tail rotor couplings and an engine drive shaft from Heli-Mart, Inc.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to support environmentally sound, cost effective mosquito control operations.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to issue Change Order No. 1 to the Annual Contract with VIP Office Furniture & Supply of Savannah, Georgia to provide laser jet toner services for various departments within Chatham County.

**BACKGROUND:** On June 8, 2012, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with automatic renewal's options for four (4) additional one year terms, to VIP Office Furniture & Supply.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. VIP Office Furniture & Supply has recently provided a notification of price changes associated with the manufacturer imposed price increases due to the escalating costs in energy, transportation, packaging and raw material. As a result it has raised the price an average of 6 %. VIP Office Furniture & Supply has provided documentation to support the manufacturer's price increase.
2. Staff believes VIP Office Furniture & Supply request for the County to contractually recognize the manufacturer price increases to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to issue Change Order No. 1 to the Annual Contract with VIP Office Furniture & Supply of Savannah, Georgia to provide laser jet toner services for various departments within Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM K**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approve a \$3,897 Change Order No. 1 to construction contract with SouthBend Company, Inc., for construction of the Marshall Avenue Paving project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Marshall Avenue Paving Project addresses the need to reduce the amount of dirt roads in Chatham County, thereby mitigating annual operation and maintenance costs. The project is a part of the 2003-2008 SPLOST, Unincorporated County Roads. The contractor time for the project is 75 days.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Board awarded the project to improve the quality of Marshall Avenue, which involves 0.2 miles of grading, drainage, base and paving.
2. The change order is to relocate an existing 2 inch waterline that crosses Marshall Avenue. The waterline, which was not identified on the construction plans, was in conflict with the road grading.
3. Chatham County is currently designing a drainage improvement project. To avoid tearing out the new pavement on Marshall Avenue, the 38" x 60" culvert needed to be lowered approximately 3 ft. The lowering of the culvert required additional backfill material. Staff reviewed the Change Order and is in agreement with the requested amount.
4. Contract History:

Original Contract (6-13-13)	\$247,383
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	<u>\$ 3,897</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$251,280

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated County Roads, Marshall Avenue  
(3234220 - 52.12003 - 32356687)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$3,897 Change Order No. 1 to construction contract with SouthBend Company, Inc., for construction of the Marshall Avenue Paving project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM L**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$18,000 construction contract with A.D. Williams Construction Company, Inc., to perform asphalt repair on Little Neck Road for Public Works and Park Services.

**BACKGROUND:** Beginning in 2004, Public Works Cartegraph system has documented multiple pothole repairs on an identified portion of Little Neck Road. The frequency in crews being dispatched to repair the area has greatly increased over the years and the overall life of the patches have decreased. Patches have continued to fail and the identified section has overtime depressed. The depression combined with heavy truck traffic has caused the asphalt to deteriorate severely. Patching is no longer an option. Resurfacing is the only viable method of correcting this section of Little Neck Road.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. A section of Little Neck Road has been patched multiple times over the years. Because the section in question has failed, the only viable method of restoring the roadway is to resurface.

2. The work as outlined in the bid specification will restore the integrity of Little Neck Road.
3. Bids were publicly advertised and opened September 5, 2013. Bid responses are as follows:

A.D. Williams Construction Company, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$18,000
Yates Paving Corporation Savannah, GA	\$19,500
Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$24,400
APAC-Southeast Savannah, GA	\$25,110
* E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$38,761

\*WBE

**FUNDING:** CIP - Public Works  
(3504100 - 54.14001 - 35030837)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$18,000 construction contract with A.D. Williams Construction Company, Inc., to perform asphalt repair on Little Neck Road for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM M**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$18,889 purchase of a sign with LED message board from Signs of Savannah, Inc., for the Aquatic Center.

**BACKGROUND:** The Aquatic Center is open for lap swimming, recreation swimming, water aerobics, swim lessons and is host to numerous swim teams. Each year the Aquatic Center hosts several meets that draws teams from as far away as Virginia, Tennessee and many other Southern States.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. A purchase of this sign with a LED message board is an addition to the County's efforts to deliver quality of life services to its residents. The sign will have a lighted double-sided 4 foot x 8 foot pan faced sign and 24 inch by 96 inch LED message board. The project consists of site preparation, foundation, slab, risers, electrical access and installation of sign
2. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "lowest bid" the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the "lowest" bid. If the local firm does match the "lowest" bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the "lowest low" bid. The Chatham County firm was asked if they would match the outside firms' bid. As indicated, Signs of Savannah, Inc. did match the "lowest" bid.
3. Quotes were solicited and received from the following vendors:

Complete Signs, LLC \$18,889  
Dothan, AL

Signs of Savannah, Inc \$20,080  
Savannah, GA

Doug Bean Signs, Inc. \$25,490  
Savannah, GA

Double Star Graphics \$25,528  
Savannah, GA

Creative Sign Designs \$30,567  
Tampa, FL

Identity Management LLC Non-Responsive  
Grapevine, TX

- 4. The County Zoning Administrator has reviewed the sign plan and determined it meets the County's sign code and zoning requirements.
- 5. Staff believes the total cost of \$18,889 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Bond Park/Recreation  
(3606200 - 54.13001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approval of a \$18,889 purchase of a sign with LED message board from Signs of Savannah, Inc., for the Aquatic Center.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

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

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**XI. FIRST READINGS**

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

Chairman Scott said, Section XI, we don't have any First Readers.

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

**1. AMENDMENT TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE REGARDING DISTANCE FROM LIQUOR OUTLET.**

Chairman Scott said, Second Readers. And the first one is to Amend the Alcoholic Beverage Code regarding the distance from liquor outlets. Everybody -- anybody have any questions or concerns? We have Mr. Lewis --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'd just like to know is there a major change in the -- in it with this proposal?

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. -- Mr. Anderson will make the presence [sic] in the absence of the County Attorney.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Anderson's here to answer that question, and then we have Mr. Lewis who requested the change. He's also with us.

Mr. Gregori Anderson said, good afternoon. Commissioner, the -- the petition that's before you today is a -- is a -- a -- a -- a -- what we consider a minor change. It is a -- a provision that was left over from amendments that were done back in 1991. It does provide some -- some confusion in -- in the current ordinance. It does provide two different provisions that create a -- a difficulty for staff to enforce. The evaluation of the County Attorney really ties it up very succinctly. That is something that would make it consistent with what's -- what's being enforced in the -- in -- in the City of Savannah. It does fall in line with the State law, and he recommends that this would be something that would assist staff in enforcing this -- this provision.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what would that change be?

Mr. Anderson said, it takes out -- as you look in the -- in the provision, it takes out language that gives a secondary evaluation of distance for the sale of -- of beer and wine in conjunction with places of worship and schools and those kinds of things. There is provisions in the ordinance already that was adopted in '91 that adequately provides staff with those recommend -- with those requirements. This I believe was the existing language that was left over and probably should have been taken out at that time. So --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, does it reduce the amount of distance that alcohol can be served from a --

Mr. Anderson said, it does not. It's still -- it's still 100 feet, 100 yards as is indicated in the existing -- in the existing provisions that are still in the ordinance now. So what it does, it takes out the --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, just language.

Mr. Anderson said, -- the -- just language that -- that makes a conflict to what's already there.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it does not change distance?

Mr. Anderson said, that's correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Motion to approve.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, I haven't asked for --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh, sorry.

Chairman Scott said, -- for a motion yet, but I will at some --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Lewis do you have anything to add to it?

J. Curtis Lewis said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Curtis Lewis, we were the petitioner. No, sir. I -- I have no other comments. I think the gentleman explained it very well. I thought County Attorney Hart's memo also explained

it pretty well too. I think it's just a -- a correction of a discrepancy in the language of the ordinance that we discovered when we had a -- a developer wanting to do a grocery store on some of our property there. But if you have any questions, I'll be happy to try to address them.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any questions of Mr. Lewis? Hearing none, thank you Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Lewis said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, now I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to approve, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second that we approve the changes as recommended by staff. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Okay. The motion carries.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to adopt Amendment to the Alcoholic Beverage Code Regarding Distance from Liquor Outlets. Commissioners Center and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone and Brady were not present for the vote.]

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

**AGENDA DATE:** ~~August 23, 2013~~

**AGENDA ITEM:** XI-1

**AGENDA DATE:** September 13, 2013

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

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

**ISSUE:**

To adopt the proposed amendment to Section 17-111 "Rules and Regulations" of the Code of Chatham County.

**BACKGROUND:**

J. Curtis Lewis requested the County clarify an inconsistency in the terms of the County Alcoholic Beverage Code Section 17-111, the County's Alcohol Beverage Ordinance pertaining to rules and regulations.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Pursuant to the request of J. Curtis Lewis, III to clarify an inconsistency in the terms of the County Alcoholic Beverage Code Section 17-111, the County's Alcohol Beverage Ordinance pertaining to rules and regulations is being amended.
2. A copy of the amendment is attached.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The proposed amendment will remove the 100 yard buffer for beer and wine sales in accordance with general state law and allow the County's ordinance to be consistent with the City of Savannah's alcohol ordinance.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt the amendment to Section 17-111 "Rules and Regulations" of the Code of Chatham County.
2. Do not adopt the amendment to Section 17-111 "Rules and Regulations" of the Code of Chatham



Clerk of Commission

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, the items that we have here are informational-type items.

**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: September 13, 2013**

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
Rabies tags for dogs and cats	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Ketchum Manufacturing Company, Inc.	\$3,036	• Building Safety and Regulatory Services - \$880 • SSD - Building Safety and Regulatory Services - \$2,156
Breakdown and removal of shelving in Superior Court Clerk real estate records room	Superior Court Clerk	Port City Logistics, Inc.	\$4,400	Superior Court Clerk Escrow Account
125 security keys for Detention Center Expansion Project	Detention Center	Norment Security Group, Inc.	\$3,857	CIP-Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
Four (4) garbage tilt truck receptacles for Detention Center Expansion Project	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company	\$4,020	CIP-Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
Air conditioner repair on unit #80 - Public Works bulldozer	Fleet Operations	Yancey Brothers Company, Inc.	\$4,850	General Fund/M&O -Fleet Operations
Relocate air conditioning unit at Carnegie Library	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Air Services and Refrigeration Specialties, Inc.	\$3,240	Reimbursable Expenses
Prisoner transport	Detention Center	U.S.Prisoner Transport	\$3,330	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Annual maintenance on five (5) microfiche machines	Superior Court Clerk	Automated Business Resources, Inc.	\$3,675	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court Clerk

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
Ten (10) grass trimmers	Public Works and Park Services	Lawnmower Store	\$4,502	SSD-Public Works
Remove/Install eight (8) foot fence and electric gate	Sheriff's	Roland's Fence & Supply	\$2,600	SPLOST (2008-2014) Law Enforcement Training Construction
Helicopter main rotor drive shaft overhaul	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$9,457	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
850 gallons field marking paint	Public Works and Park Services	Sherwin Williams Company	\$5,737	General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation
9000 pounds grass seed for ball fields	Public Works and Park Services	Pennington Seed Inc.	\$9,810	General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation
104 tons limestone for Memorial Stadium	Public Works and Park Services	Martin Marietta Aggregates	\$2,588	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Chlorine pump pipe repair	Aquatic Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$2,919	General Fund/M&O -Aquatic Center
Prisoner transport	Detention Center	U.S.Prisoner Transport	\$3,812	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Workflow and flow solution data software	I.C.S.	Namtek Corporation	\$6,640	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
One (1) mobile radio and programming for Sheriff's Department	I.C.S.	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	\$3,882	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
50 mobile radio batteries for Sheriff's Department	I.C.S.	Savannah Communication & Electronic	\$5,187	• General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$2,218 • General Fund/M&O - Sheriff - \$2,969
Digital code signing software	I.C.S.	Entrust, Inc.	\$5,838	CIP-File Tracking System
One (1) VoIP telephone system for Administrative/ Legislative Courthouse	I.C.S.	Mitel Business System, Inc.	\$2,724	General Fund/M&O - Communication
25 VoIP handsets and software licenses for Detention Center	I.C.S.	Mitel Business System, Inc.	\$4,767	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Scott said, this is the meeting in which we consider Board appointments. I'm going to ask that we put that off until the next meeting since we do not have the County Attorney present. He's in training in Athens, and so I'm going to ask that we not have an Executive Session today because of that unless there's some objections by this Commission.

Commissioner Holmes said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, hearing none, if -- is there anything else that any member of the Commission have? Hearing none, there's no other business to come before the Commission, we stand adjourned.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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

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ALBERT J. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY,  
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JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION