

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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 9:39 a.m. on Friday, October 11, 2013.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. It is my pleasure to introduce the Reverend Carl R. Yost from the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and I refer to him as our neighbor because he pastors next door and he lives in the area, and I've already inquired about the bells not going off for those of us who attend meetings based on the bell sounding, and the Reverend Yost have informed me that he believes the bells may have been silenced for SpongeBob. So SpongeBob has silenced the bells. And -- but it's a pleasure to -- to have you Reverend, and I would ask that -- that everyone be seated until such time that Reverend Yost indicate it's time for prayer, and at that time would you please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Pat Farrell of the Fourth District. Reverend, it's all yours.

Reverend Carl R. Yost said, thank you, sir. It's -- good morning to all of you. It's good to be here, to be a neighbor where you represent on all the corners here, the federal law, the county law and the law of God next door. I was just looking at the Chatham County seal and noticed in 1777, 'cause it's interesting to note two years after 1777 on this date, Casimir Pulaski died after receiving wounds in a battle at Savannah two days earlier, and it got me to thinking about ever since that time over the 200 plus years of this country, how many people have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we can gather as a community that focuses on what we agree on more than what divides us. And I share that because this past Monday our country entered into the 13<sup>th</sup> year of our conflict which is known as Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. And it's interesting to note that we still have 54,000 troops there. In the last 13 years, 2,146 young men have -- and women have given their life, not to mention the 4500 plus who gave their life in Operation Iraqi Freedom. With that being said, I'd just like for us to dwell on 13 years and to note that a 25-year-old in our society today has known conflict over half their life in terms of what we have been about, and you take it on down, that means a 13-year-old has known it all their life that we have been involved in a conflict. With that being said, I'd just like to share a personal reflection because five years ago I was in a different uniform. I was serving the 454<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing in Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan where we also covered the Craig Joint Forces Hospital. I was on duty about this time of year and a young marine came in who had been killed -- wounded in an IED blast. He wasn't going to make it, and I stood there by his side, and I prayed with him. He expired, and right at the foot of his bed like a good marine there was always a escort. It was another marine captain. He turned to me and looked and he said, Chaplain, he took my place. I said what do you mean? He said, well, I was to be on that patrol this morning, but he said he wanted to take my place. He looked at me. I said, let's go talk. In a day and age where we just assume freedom, we're reminded of those who have gone before us and made the ultimate sacrifice, always, who have taken our place so that we might have a country that lives in freedom, and a focus on what unites us more than what divides us. As been said, there's no greater love than to lay down one's life for another. Let us pray. Please stand.

Reverend Yost gave the invocation as follows:

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Help us to focus on what unites us rather than what divides. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government, the spirit of wisdom that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous let our

hearts be thankful, and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail. We ask all this through Your wholly name. Amen.

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

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

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

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

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

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### **CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

Chairman Scott said, I will now recognize the vice Chair, Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, of the Eighth District for the purpose of introducing our Youth Commission members who are here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen. We're delighted to have with us today Chatham County Youth Commissioners serving, Mr. Darel McGee, he's a sophomore at Woodville-Tompkins; Lamar Ballard, he's a senior at Islands High School, and Kayla Smokes, she's a junior at Saint Vincent's Academy. We're delighted to have them present today.

Chairman Scott said, welcome and thank you for being here.

Youth Commissioner Kayla Smokes said, thank you.

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

1. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 24, 2013, "FOOD DAY." RENE TERAN WITH WELLFED WILL BE ACCEPTING THE FOOD DAY PROCLAMATION.**

Chairman Scott said, on -- on page 2 you will note we have a proclamation declaring October the 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as

Food Day. Rene Teran from WellFed is here to accept this proclamation. Is she present? I -- I don't think she's here, but it says:



**WHEREAS**, the health and well-being of our citizens is of primary concern for the County of Chatham; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting safer, healthier diets is a critical factor in improving citizens' overall health; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting sustainable family farms and local agriculture benefits the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, obtaining fair pay and safe conditions for food and farm workers is beneficial for both the producer and consumer so that the food we produce and consume is safe and fair for all; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding access to food and reducing hunger is of critical importance to aid those who live in food deserts; and

**WHEREAS**, reforming factory farms to protect the environment and farm animals is necessary to sustain future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Al Scott, Chairman on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 24, 2013 as :

**"FOOD DAY"**

in the County of Chatham and I urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned for this special occasion.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 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, and it's in that spirit that -- that we wanted to declare October 24<sup>th</sup> Food Day in Chatham County, and we will make certain that they get a copy of this proclamation.

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- 2. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH." ABDA QUILLIAN WILL BE PRESENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RACE FOR THE CURE AND CAROLINE KELLER WILL BE PRESENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL KOMEN BOARD.**

Chairman Scott said, the other proclamation is -- is -- is very important, and is Ms. Keller here?

Abda Quillian said, Ms. Keller is not here, Mr. Chairman. I am here and I'll bring another member of the board up to introduce themselves.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And for members of the Commission who wish to join me, please feel free to, but what it says here are that:



**WHEREAS**, nationally, over 235,000 women and men are diagnosed with breast cancer each year; and in 2013 breast cancer continues to be a common cause of cancer in the Southeast Georgia region; and

**WHEREAS**, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with the aim of increasing awareness of the disease and to facilitate research into its causes, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and well-being of our community are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness and education regarding breast cancer, and from encouraging our citizens to take actions to lower their risk of developing the disease; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners join the Susan G. Komen for The Cure Coastal Georgia Affiliate and communities across the Nation in proclaiming October 2013 as:

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in Chatham County and encourage all citizens to wear pink on this day to increase awareness of this disease, to show support and recognition of our neighbors, family and friends who have been impacted by breast cancer and to take an active role in helping to make breast cancer a part of our past and not our community's future.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 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, and that is the reason that we not only promote this year round, but -- and October is sort of the kickoff for it, and it's with great pleasure that I present this proclamation declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness month. And for those of you who may not have seen the schedule, there were -- there is a number of sites for pre-screening, including this facility, and -- and the schedule will be published, and I hope everybody will pre-screen. I -- I might also add that my mother is a 40-year survivor.

Ms. Quillian said, wow.

Chairman Scott said, if no one has ever experienced it, it's pretty traumatic.

Ms. Quillian said, I'm five years.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Ms. Quillian said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

Ms. Quillian said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, do you wish to say something?

Ms. Quillian said, thank you, sir. As the Chairman said, if -- they give us numbers, and the numbers currently, if anybody saw Sunday's paper, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their life; one in 35 will die. I stand here today as living proof that early screening and detection will save your life. So if you are a woman over 40, and I -- and can't answer the following question, do so quickly. When was the last time you had your mammogram? For those of us -- I mean, when you go home tonight, ask your wife, ask your daughter, ask your mother, ask your sister, when's the last time they had their mammogram, and if they can't answer that question, urge them to do so very quickly. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman? Ab, I -- I wanted to thank your organization for giving us these pins to wear.

Ms. Quillian said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, I appreciate it.

Ms. Quillian said, of course. Thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, we have a young lady who'd like to ask you a question, Ms. Quillian.

Ms. Quillian said, oh, sorry. Go ahead and introduce yourself.

Ms. Susie Massey said, I'm sorry. Susie Massey. Member of our Board.

Youth Commissioner Smokes said, well, I just -- I wanted to comment and say congratulations because St. Vincent's being a all-girl school, we just had our annual pink night, and we are very big on awaring young women about breast cancer. So I would just like to say congratulations.

Ms. Quillian said, thank you, very much, and we will come back to y'all in April. The race will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, and you all will be invited to the Race for the Cure that goes through downtown.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. McGee.

Youth Commissioner Jarel McGee said, I would like to say that this is a very, very important month because as you said one in eight women do get diagnosed with breast cancer so they should go get their mammogram and everything.

Ms. Quillian said, go home and ask your mom.

Youth Commissioner McGee said, I -- I surely will. And, may you have a good day.

Ms. Quillian said, I'm sorry.

Youth Commissioner McGee said, I said, may you have a good day.

Ms. Quillian said, thank you.

Youth Commissioner McGee said, you're welcome.

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### **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Chairman Scott said, before we get to Item 3, I wanted to just present a Certificate of Appreciation to Reverend Yost for having him come over --

Reverend Yost said, oh, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, -- to offer our devotion this morning. Thank you so much. This is just something to remember us.

Reverend Yost said, thank you. It was an honor.

Chairman Scott said, thank you for being here.

Reverend Yost said, thank you, sir.

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### **3. INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY'S NEW HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, CAROLYN SMITH.**

Chairman Scott said, we now recognize the County Manager for the purpose of an introduction.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, the last time -- two weeks ago, I used a sports analogy as I introduced the newly hired, recruited finance director. I'm going to introduce another great addition to our staff, and my sports analogy to you now is that we've had a great recruiting season. You met Ms. Amy Davis last time, the outstanding potential finance director and her contributions to zero-based budget so much, but today I want Ms. Carolyn Smalls to come forward. Ms. Smalls is our new human resource director. She is an exceptional person, prepared so well for the position she now assumes. Her background is very, very impressive, but what impressed me most in the interviews was her sensitivity and buy in into what we've done now for a quarter century in nurturing our employees to in effect result -- which results in a quality workforce. Carolyn, would you please come forward and introduce what you've done and what is so impressive, but more importantly your philosophy on going forward for Chatham County.

Ms. Carolyn Smalls said, good morning Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. Good morning everyone.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Ms. Smalls said, I want to start by thanking Mr. Abolt, Mr. Kaigler, and also Ms. Cramer for giving me this opportunity and this challenge to serve Chatham County. I -- I come to Chatham County with over 30 years of combined and varied experience in human resources, employment law practice and -- and training, and I am looking forward to putting all of that experience to work here in Chatham County. I have been here two weeks now, and I can tell you already I love it. I have a great staff, and I'm working with a great team of committed and dedicated professionals here, and I'm looking forward to continuing that. As Mr. Abolt said, my philosophy of human resources is about taking care of people. Human resources is about people, and I believe that I fit in this culture that has already been established for years of -- of nurturing our employees and taking care of people and moving the organization forward. So I am looking forward to working with all of you, and to meeting the challenges ahead. Thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, be -- before you leave, would -- what was your last place of employment?

Ms. Smalls said, my last place of employment was with the Georgia Ports Authority.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, and how long have you been in Chatham County?

Ms. Smalls said, I have been here almost nine years. November will be nine years that I have been in this area. I'm originally from Atlanta.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have a question.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz and then we have a question from a member of our Youth Commission.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so if someone is --

Ms. Smalls said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- if someone is looking for a job, I can give them your number?

Ms. Smalls said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you sure? 'Cause I got a long list.

Ms. Smalls said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, the position has got to be created and it's got to be vacant and it's got to be funded. All of the above.

Ms. Smalls said, we're always looking for qualified people to fill positions in Chatham County.

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

Youth Commissioner Lamar Ballard said, yes. My name is Lamar Ballard with the Chatham County Youth Commission. I just want to congratulate you on your new position, and I met with you on Wednesday of last -- of this week, and I just wanted to say that I feel really good about our future together, our relationship with the Chatham County Youth Commission and you, and I wish you all the best luck.

Ms. Smalls said, thank you very much for that, and I'm looking forward to working with -- with you. I spoke briefly on Wednesday as you said to the Youth Commission, and I was very impressed with the energy and the commitment and the enthusiasm I saw in that group, and I'm very much looking forward to continuing to work with you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Ms. Smalls said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, I didn't have anything to do with the hiring, not even the interviewing process, but I met Ms. Smalls earlier on when -- when she was hired in at the Port Authority. I was a member of the Port Authority at that time, and we brought her in from Atlanta to help us with some crisis issues that we had at the time at the Port, and she did an outstanding job, and welcome to the county.

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## **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'm going to recognize the Commissioner from the Seventh District, Commissioner Kicklighter, to -- to make a comment concerning the fire districts in the Seventh District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want the residents in the two Quacco Road subdivisions to know that the MPC received all of the information needed from the City of Pooler, and we anticipate that this topic of fire districts will be on the agenda for our vote at the next meeting which will take place on October the 25<sup>th</sup>. So, you know, I encourage any of you out there that if you support it feel free to come, and if you're out there and you oppose changing the fire district, please come, because it -- it's a big issue, and all the input is welcome. So, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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[NOTE: Item VII was begun prior to Item VI. After beginning the item, the Chairman requested the Board return to Item VI. It was heard at this time.]

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

### **1. UNITED WAY, NICK BATEY, COUNTY'S CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN.**

Chairman Scott said, Nick -- Nick Batey. Would you -- would you come up? And -- and that's the reason Mr. Drewry wasn't in place because I wasn't following the agenda.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Nick Batey is head of the Chatham County employee United Way campaign, and I invited him here to update the members of the Commission on our campaign, and at this time I will turn it over to the chair of the Chatham County United Way campaign for 2013, Nick.

Mr. Nick Batey said, thank you Commission -- Chairman. My name again is Nick Batey, chairman of the 2013 United Way campaign with Chatham County. Appreciate the time and the invite to come and -- and tell y'all about what's going on this year. As you know, many of you have seen our theme this year is Power Rangers. That was chosen by the overall chair of -- of the United Way, Dale Holloway. He's with Georgia Power, and it made sense for him to -- to choose Power Rangers. It was a -- it was an interesting theme this year. Right next to me here is -- is Leigh Herald. She is what's called a loaned associate from the United Way -- well from our organization, but she works through the United Way. Much of everything that I'm doing really she is the boots on the ground. She is the person who gets all the work done, organizing, getting all the -- the -- the pledges and all. The -- the work here is -- is -- is -- is not possible without Chatham County committing her time to -- to do this -- to do this work, and she's invaluable. So I appreciate her being assigned.

Mr. Batey said, our goal this year was set to \$89,020. The \$20 is on there to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Power Rangers. It was just a little add on there. But we have so far collected -- we have just kicked off as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, and we have so far collected \$14,957. That is from three of the 35 departments that are listed out there right now. The other departments will be coming in. The -- this campaign, again, is just kicking off. We hope to wrap up around November 4<sup>th</sup>, and -- but it seems like we're on -- off to a typical start, so, you know, we -- we -- we anticipate -- we -- we -- we hope that we will reach our goal this year, but we will need the participation of as many people as possible in the departments, and -- and anyone else willing to -- to -- to donate to the -- to the United Way fund this year.

Mr. Batey said, some of the notable events coming up. Our United Way kick off was on September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. The September 4<sup>th</sup> kick off was the overall United Way kickoff. It was a really big event over at the civic center. Lots of -- of great speakers, really inspiring event. I -- I was glad to attend. We had the September 30<sup>th</sup> -- we had our kickoff here in this room with the help of Pete Nichols. We had our own campaign video. It was -- it was very interesting, and I wish you had all seen it. We -- we had a good kickoff then as well, and all of the packets for each of the departments went out for the United Way campaign for this -- for Chatham County. Upcoming, we will have on October 16<sup>th</sup> in Monterey Square, the mid-rally campaign. I encourage anyone, Commissioners, audience, or departments, employees, to try and attend. It's \$10 to RSVP. Today is the deadline for RSVP, but if you want to go, it is -- you get lunch, and it's a -- it's a -- it's a rally for the United Way, and obviously all the proceeds go to the United Way funds.

Mr. Batey said, again, on November 4<sup>th</sup>, we're looking at a United Way wrap up, and that will be -- that will conclude our United Way campaign for this year, so if you're going to contribute, that is kind of the -- the -- the time you need to -- to contribute by, and we -- we encourage everyone to give the most that they can as this goes into our community. It helps people and citizens in our community to become -- to -- to fix problems in their lives. This is not a charity that will -- that will allow continued use. They -- they require measurable results as

a -- as a result of whatever they are -- they are putting forth, which is what sells me on it. I like to fix problems not just find them.

Mr. Batey said, and last, the different levels of giving as I was saying, \$144 a year is what's called the Caring Club. It pays for itself. You get a card, and that -- that card will get you discounts at all kinds of participating restaurants and -- and organizations around town that have donated through those means. Really, really worthwhile. And other than that, you have the leadership levels which is \$1200 or above, and this is considered the Beacon Society. I'm sure some of you have heard of it. The Beacon Society is very important because their level of giving is -- is a leadership level. It is -- it is what allows the most work to be accomplished, and every dollar counts, but those -- those leaders definitely make a difference in the community. And also the United Way can be a vessel to all the other charities. Some of the charities that you can contribute to through the United Way is American Diabetes Association, lymphoma and leukemia, the Susan G. Komen actually, and many others. The advantage being that this is an easy payroll deduction for any Chatham County employee, so it -- it kind of makes it an easy way of -- of -- of -- of giving. And one last note on here, just giving some special recognition who are on the Board of Directors for the United Way, Chairman Al Scott, District Attorney Meg Heap, and Jason Buelterman. All these Chatham County employees. That is all I have.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you so much, Nick, I appreciate it, and I appreciate your willingness to head this campaign, and I hope Russ didn't twist your arm too -- too much to get you to volunteer.

County Manager Abolt said, he was a natural, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you so much, and I -- I would also encourage members of the Commission to join the campaign to participate at whatever level you would like, but I would certainly encourage the members of the Commission to participate in the campaign. I plan to, and I would encourage everybody else to.

Mr. Batey said, one thing about this also, remember that all of your funds, if you donate \$1.00, \$1.00 goes to your charity, not to United Way at all. There's no administration overhead due to the Herschel V. Jenkins grant.

Chairman Scott said, endowment, yes.

Mr. Batey said, yeah endowment, so. Anyway, any other questions? Thank you for your time.

Chairman Scott said, any comments? Okay. Thank you so much.

Mr. Batey said, thank you.

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

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

Chairman Scott said, okay. At this time I will recognize Commissioner from the Third District, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This concerns Marsh Bluff, and I -- I believe that we have some visuals, if Mr. Drewry or Mr. Nichols is here. But anyway, the Marsh Bluff residents -- is Mr. Drewry here? Okay. Let me tell you if you go out President's Street --

County Manager Abolt said, he's coming.

Chairman Scott said, he's coming.

Commissioner Center said, we'll wait a moment so he can show you this.

Chairman Scott said, would you -- while we're waiting on that, would you -- would you mind if I interrupt you, 'cause I -- I skipped one of the most important things on the agenda.

Commissioner Center said, no. No. I'll wait.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and I don't to hold him up.

[NOTE: Chairman's Item was heard at this time. After the Chairman's Item, this Commissioner Item continued as follows:]

Chairman Scott said, now, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you again, Mr. Chairman, and again the residents of Marsh Bluff community asked to meet before the Commission, and I was going to explain to you and show you visually where their neighborhood is if -- if Robert has that map. If you go out east on President Street Extension, my distances aren't good, half a mile to three quarters of a mile, they're just on the right, but this shows their community, the neighborhood there, and they had an issue, a problem with -- with the underground water and sewer structures. At least one lateral broke and it -- it's in an unusual position. If -- if Robert you have the map of the -- the mains and the laterals? You can see Runaway Point's a little further east.

Mr. Robert Drewry said, yes, Robert Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services. That's just a general location just to give you an idea of the visual. It is off of President Street and one way to access it is actually through Runaway Point subdivision, so that is what this map is supposed to show you. Okay, the second visual, and I'm going to have to go over there and point it out to you, but what we tried to do on this visual is to show the location of the public sewer main relative to the right of way and the public drain. So I'm going to go over to the overhead and see if I can't point this out to you. The public sewer main is the purple line that extends down -- down Marsh Bluff. The green lines are the building drains that actually come from the homes and tie into the public sewer main, again the purple. So that gives you a little bit of a visual. The McCarthys live at 104 Marsh Bluff Drive, and their sewer lateral, the approximate location of the sewer lateral comes out of the building, goes underneath the public street and ties into the public sewer main on the other side of the road. So, that will be important --

Commissioner Center said, and -- and Robert, and the red lines, those delineate the County's right of way?

Mr. Drewry said, yes, sir. Those red lines are the right of way for Marsh Bluff Drive. But I thought the visual would give you an idea of -- of -- give you an orientation before we proceed any further.

Commissioner Center said, and I appreciate that, and -- and if -- if you can look at this, if you look at these green lines, especially the McCarthys' home, 104, it's a little bit unusual in that the lateral runs all the way across the street, and the main is actually underneath the lawns of the neighbors across the street. I think most mains would run down the middle of a street but in this particular situation, whenever it was developed, the main runs on the other side of the street, and that led to a little bit of the differences of opinion or confusion. But anyway, the neighbors, the McCarthys in particular who wrote a nice letter to the Commissioners, I'm sure you've all seen it, had a problem, and -- and sewage was coming up, and they wrote the county, called the county, and -- if -- if I'm going to go through my points. They're here to speak. One, they were unhappy with how the county responded, but when the county did respond it was pointed out that under ordinances that an -- an individual homeowner is responsible for their own lateral. Doesn't matter how the lines -- the lateral belongs to the homeowner. They wanted the county to be responsible because it turns out the lateral is what broke. They did want to see a better map. I think that last map we showed was a better map. But they had a problem with it. They -- they didn't like the way the county responded to the problem. They asked for a meeting, and Michael Kaigler and I met with them on one occasion. We had a second occasion where Mr. Drewry joined us, and they asked at that time how could they change policy? What could they do? Could they address the entire Commission? So I said I was a Commissioner, and I would -- the Chairman sets the Commission, I would ask, and the Chairman was gracious enough to put this on the Commission, so the members of Marsh Bluff community, will you raise your hands that are -- that are here today. Some of them wanted to speak. I know Ms. -- the -- the McCarthys are here, Ms. Conyers has been spearheading it, but whatever order y'all want with the Commissioners permission -- Chairman's permission, we'll let them speak to the Commission.

Chairman Scott said, we didn't circulate a sign up sheet or anything, did we?

Commissioner Center said, no, we did not.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Is there -- is there someone who's the spokesperson for the community? Would -- would you come forward and identify yourself, along with your address, please?

Mr. Eddie McCarthy said, okay. I'm Eddie McCarthy. I'm a resident -- this is my wife, Sharon McCarthy. We are residents of 104 Marsh Bluff Drive in the Marsh Bluff subdivision. We appreciate the opportunity, Mr. Chairman and the Commissioners for having us on this agenda. We've been having some issues with plumbing

from 1995, and it's been ongoing until this point, you know, where we say, well, you know, something got to be done, because I believe the sewer line may have been put in incorrectly. We don't have no proof, but according to a memo from the County Commissioner on -- let's see this date, from Robert Drewry, Director of Public Work and Park, on June the 5<sup>th</sup>, item number three, there has not been a right of way encroachment permit issued since 2003, and that's incorrect. We had some work -- people digging up the yard prior to that time, and I've been having some plumbing issues before that and then I had some plumbing issues after that which the plumber stated, well, maybe somebody might have cut your line with one of those Ditch Witch's. You know, the little thing they dig up, you know, trenches with, and after that, right -- you know, we continued to have plumbing issues.

Chairman Scott said, now that doesn't -- that doesn't mean somebody hadn't been working out there. They may not have had a permit, because what Mr. Drewry's is tracking, and he has that information, the date in which somebody requested a permit to do the work. Now you may have had a contractor to go out there and perform work without a permit and got away with it. So it's not -- it doesn't necessarily mean that there was no work done after that date of permit, but he's saying that's the last permit that was issued for it. That's -- that's all that is. So that -- that might be a bit of -- of confusion there.

Mrs. Sharon McCarthy said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, I do work all the time without a permit.

Mrs. McCarthy said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, at my house.

Mrs. McCarthy said, good morning, Mr. Chairman. One of our main issues, like my husband said, is that we feel as though there was some type of plumbing issue in our area stemming from back when, you know, the subdivision was built. One of our neighbors, Mr. Carson, he was unable to be here this morning because he had to work, he says he's had a plumber. He's had issues just like us. We've had issues since 1995 when we first moved in that house. The very same night we moved in that house, we had to call a plumber out because our commodes and our bathtubs backed up, and we had to call a plumber out. These are some of the receipts that we have had over the years. It's ongoing, ongoing calling a plumber out, and within the recent years --

Chairman Scott said, we're not -- we're not denying --

Mrs. McCarthy said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- you're having a problem, because I -- believe me I know you wouldn't be here if you didn't have a serious problem out there, so we -- we acknowledge that, and --

Mrs. McCarthy said, but a couple of years ago there was a major issue in our subdivision where the -- they say the sewer main shifted and major work had to be done. One of our neighbors, she had extensive flooding in her house. She's not here today unfortunately because she had surgery yesterday, but they said that the sewer main shifted. Coincidentally around that same time, we had a major issue which caused us a major plumbing bill where the plumber had to come out. He said that one of our lines had broke. Okay. Then, this year, like I said, in April, we had the second issue -- well not the second issue, but another major issue what they're saying that the lateral, you know, broke. So our concern was that we were wondering if when that major problem happened with the sewer main shifting if it contributed somehow to, you know, some of our, you know, problems that, you know, we were having, you know, here lately, within the past few years. Yeah. Go ahead.

Ms. Donna Conyers said, good morning --

Board members collectively said, good morning.

Ms. Conyers said, -- Commissioners. I'm Donna Conyers. I live at 105 Marsh Bluff Drive, and we've taken some pictures and all for you to look at to where across -- how they show on their map to that main line and that's where the tractors and all -- everything was digging where the main sewer line is. So if they're saying to her that lateral thing is where the plumbing issue was or is, why is it that they're digging up where the sewer is? And I took all the pictures, and as they began to dig, I said, now if the issue is that line, why are they in the main county line? And when they did that, and here are the pictures for you here. You got them?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, clarification, who -- who was digging? The county?

Commissioner Stone said, put them up on the screen.

Mr. McCarthy said, no, Roto Rooter.

Ms. Conyers said, I think it was between both of them, the county and Roto Rooter.

Commissioner Center said, if I'm correct, the McCarthys called out Roto Rooter, and they were doing the digging. Is that correct?

Mr. McCarthy said, right.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Mr. McCarthy said, right.

Ms. Conyers said, well, there are the pictures, so.

Commissioner Center said, well, no, you can show them the pictures --

Ms. Conyers said, all right.

Commissioner Center said, -- just Mr. -- Mr. Kicklighter wanted to get clarified who was digging.

Ms. Conyers said, and -- and to continue. If you're digging where the main line is, then evidently you thought that that's where the trash and everything ended up there, and later on we asked them -- asked that they were digging there, what did you all find? They gave us a disc to where they said now that the drain is all clear, but how do we know --

Chairman Scott said, you're -- you're drain was all clear.

Ms. Conyers said, the whole area.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Conyers said, yeah. They did the disc for us. I have it here. I even have that, and it showed something, and again, to quickly just say to you all Board of Commissioners, what you showed -- what they showed us on the little disc, that means nothing to us. I mean what -- what is that? What does that mean? Was there trash there? Is the trash gone? What happened? They just sent each one of us a copy of it, and we're looking at it like -- and quickly, just to say to you, the service that we got from the Board -- I listed -- I listed dates to where I spoke to everyone from April the 15<sup>th</sup> and into our meeting with Mr. Center in August just simply asking, give us an explanation exactly -- tell us whose problem it is, what did you all find? And nobody really gave us a true indication of anything, and when you sent us that disc, and I have it there if you all want to see it, it means nothing to us. We're just simple property owners. We don't know what that means.

Chairman Scott said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Conyers said, and nobody sat us down and said, this is the line. This is what was there. This is what it looked like before. That they didn't do. This is what it looked like after.

Chairman Scott said, who -- who sent the disc?

Mr. Conyers said, the -- Mr. Drewry's office.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Conyers said, yeah.

Mrs. McCarthy said, but the disc was sent to us -- the -- the disc was sent after they sent -- the county came out and cleaned out the drain -- the main. After they came out and cleaned the main, that's when they put a camera down to film anything that was going on down there. So what was going on before they cleaned it out? We don't know.

Commissioner Center said, so the disc shows the filming of the main?

Mrs. McCarthy said, mm-hmm.

Mr. McCarthy said, right.

Ms. Conyers said, well that's what they said, but we don't know because we're not familiar with that kind of stuff.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's right. That's right. That's right.

Ms. Conyers said, we're just simple property owners, but that's what they said. It says Marsh Bluff sewer main, May 2013, yes, sir, that's what it says. So I put it up on the computer to try to look at it, but it meant nothing to me. It was just --

Chairman Scott said, yeah, it's --

Ms. Conyers said, -- a round, circle thing.

Chairman Scott said, if you're not familiar with it, it's -- it's known technology. People put cameras in lines all the time --

Ms. Conyers said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- just to see what -- if there's any kind of obstruction or anything in line.

Mrs. McCarthy said, that's what they said. They was trying to see if there was, you know, anything going on with the main, but they did the camera after the county cleaned it out.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, and that was just to -- probably to confirm or to verify that in fact the -- the main was clear from whatever points they were taking the pictures.

Ms. Conyers said, well could they not have --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Ms. Conyers said, -- done, no disrespect, but could they not have done that before the work started? So we could have gotten an indication of whether or not that's where the crack was in the main and not in the line.

Chairman Scott said, well, if -- if you had -- if you had an -- if you had an obstruction in the line, you couldn't do it because the camera probably wouldn't move it. The camera's not a roto rooter type tool. It's something that has to be able to flow freely and it just simply takes pictures.

Ms. Conyers said, okay.

Mrs. McCarthy said, but like we say, our issue is --

Chairman Scott said, I know that from -- from my work experience.

Mrs. McCarthy said, -- whether or not the shifting of the main could have contributed, you know, to our lateral, you know, being distract -- you know, being broke, because it's just coincidentally 'round about that same time, that's when we had that major issue. And -- and -- and again, our neighbors said that one of the plumbers that did his work told him that -- same thing because his lateral run across the street too, just like our lateral run across the street.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mrs. McCarthy said, he said, whoever, you know, did the developing in that, you know, area --

Chairman Scott said, the developer of the subdivision.

Mrs. McCarthy said, -- that they -- right. They should have -- they should have never gotten a permit. You know, the way the plumbing was done, it shouldn't have never been done that way. In other words, we're going

to always, you know, have problems. Even Roto Rooter when they fixed, you know, the area, they told us that there was no guarantee that it wasn't going to happen again because of the traffic flow of the street. So we were wondering, I mean, is there anything that can be done in order to change this ordinance, you know, in order -- to keep the homeowners from being, you know, held accountable because, I mean, it's like a --

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'd like to say something.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'd like to ask the county staff --

Chairman Scott said, let's -- let's -- let's wait until they get through with their presentation, and then we can --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- call the county staff back up.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, and, so, if you --

Commissioner Shabazz said, but I -- but I want to say to them too, I -- I certainly understand your frustration with this, and after you all sit down, I'm going to ask the county some questions about this because you may be right and you may be wrong, but we need to -- whenever you have an issue like this, we have to ascertain what's going on. We have to find out exactly what's going on before we can make a decision on that. But I certainly understand your frustration, though.

Ms. Conyers said, okay.

Mrs. McCarthy said, but like my husband said, we are frustrated not only because of what's been going on, but also because of the way the whole issue was, you know, done. The way, you know, we were treated. You know when we first called about the leak, like I said, I was told that it probably was our problem, you know, that they would send somebody out from the county to check the main. I got a call back from Mr. Matthews about an hour later saying that they had sent someone out to check the main and the main was fine. Okay. We have neighbors in our neighborhood that's retired that's home every day. They witnessed no county person coming out.

Commissioner Shabazz said, did you -- did you talk to your Commissioner?

Mrs. McCarthy said, no. I talked to Mr. Matthews, the superintendent at Chatham County.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So did you know who your Commissioner was at that time?

Mr. McCarthy said, no.

Mrs. McCarthy said, no.

Mr. McCarthy said, no. We didn't know who --

Mrs. McCarthy said, but when I found out who my Commissioner was, and that's when I did call Mr. Center and left a -- and I explained to him what had been going on, and I left a message, you know, for him to call me back. I didn't receive a phone call from him at that time.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mrs. McCarthy said, so then Ms. Conyers began calling me, because -- and Ms. Grubbs because we started noticing sewer water coming up in the street, which was across the street in front of Ms. Conyers' yard, and the water was running down the street. So, she made, what, several -- several calls. She has a list of dates and times that she called. Ms. Grubbs called. No one came out.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so how many --

Mrs. McCarthy said, so --

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- how many neighbors are experiencing the same problem?

Member of the Audience said, we're not experiencing -- excuse me, we haven't had a major sewage problem, only when the water started coming from them and having such a bad smell, and we had my grands --

Chairman Scott said, you -- you were impacted by their problem.

Member of the Audience said, right.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Member of the Audience said, and I called --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Member of the Audience said, -- and talked to someone, then they sent a truck out to put some kind of dust line --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm. Right.

Member of the Audience said, -- to cover up the smell. And I was concerned because I have young grandchildren --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Member of the Audience said, -- and they come outside. So I couldn't even let them come out because of the odor and the color the water that went beyond my driveway.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

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

Ms. Conyers said, when we didn't get a return call from the Public Works department, I called Mr. -- Mr. Russ Abolt. I called him about five till five one day, and he said I'll take care of it, and then Mr. Drewry called me, or Mr. Matthews called me. One of them called from the Public Works Department like almost 5:00 o'clock, but until that time again, I have all the dates and stuff down for y'all that nobody -- we could get nobody to even return our calls until Mr. -- Mr. Russ Abolt called, and he returned our call, and we finally -- we set up a meeting actually, and we met with them to get the proper information, and again, they gave us a sheet of paper, like a stack of papers, that I guess is the regulations and the guidelines of the Public Works department --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Ms. Conyers said, -- and what they can and cannot do.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Ms. Conyers said, we did not understand that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so, you -- you -- you're -- you all are property owners out there?

Ms. Conyers said, yes.

Mr. McCarthy said, yes, sir.

Mrs. McCarthy said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. You -- you understand that if -- if it -- if -- if indeed it is a lateral problem that's on your property, that you're responsible to repair that, right?

Ms. Conyers said, we didn't know any of that. No, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you didn't know that?

[NOTE: Homeowners answering the question at the same time. Parts of this are unintelligible.]

Mr. McCarthy said, no.

Ms. McCarthy said, we didn't know any of that.

Ms. Conyers said, that's what we went and talked to them about.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. But if it is a problem with the main, if it is indeed a problem with the main, then that's another -- that's another issue, but if you -- if it's on your property --

Ms. Conyers said, nobody explained it to us.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, nobody explained that?

Ms. Conyers said, that's what the meeting was for, to meet with them.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mrs. McCarthy said, and that's why we wanted, you know --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Mrs. McCarthy said, -- he told us at that time that we was going to be responsible for the repairs, and we said, before we was going to be held accountable, we wanted to know if there was a issue with the main.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Right.

Mrs. McCarthy said, so, that's when they agreed to have the county come out --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Mrs. McCarthy said, -- and check the main, you know, again at that time.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. The reason why --

Mrs. McCarthy said, that was --

Commissioner Shabazz said, the -- the reason why I said that because when -- back in 2000, when I built my home out in Liberty City, we had a problem with the sewer line, and it was indeed the main, but we had to actually dig up and make sure that we -- it was the main, because we -- we were responsible for the lateral that feeds into the main, and we were -- we wanted to make sure -- needed to make sure that it is the county's line there.

Mrs. McCarthy said, we wanted to make sure too, and that's why we told them we wanted the county to come out.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Mrs. McCarthy said, so, after they did the filming, that's when they told us that it was going to be our responsibility, and we explained to them, you know, well, you know, we couldn't afford to have it done. They told us if we didn't have it done, then was going to what --

Mr. McCarthy said, put a lien.

Mrs. McCarthy said, -- put a lien on our house.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's terrible.

Mrs. McCarthy said, so we had to try to get the money to have, you know, the plumbing work, you know, done, and we were told what, that they were going to what get a \$500 bond to replace the --

Ms. Conyers said, the -- the individuals they said that actually did the work, and it was on the county's right of way. I spoke to Mrs. Spencer from -- from I guess the Public Works department, Kathy Spencer, and she explained to me that if the county's right of way is dug up for anything in anyway that the individuals that's doing the work has to have a \$500 bond, and if they don't replace it back almost exactly like it was before they started doing the work, I guess they'll use the \$500 then to replace it. Well, the neighbor at 107, right there, they left -- I cry. I get teary, but they had a hole, that hole was left when they -- they dug up the main. She has a small child, and they left it, Roto Rooter or whomever, left it all with the holes and everything in it. They didn't come back to do anything. In the streets even, they had a red -- a orange cone there in the street, but still, dirt and everything, and again, I started calling again, 'cause these are children here. Well, that last pictures -- set of pictures that I took for you, I just took them on yesterday to show you her yard, still, there's a hole, and if her little boy wanted to go and play, if he stepped wrong, he could fall in that hole. They didn't replace the dirt, the grass or anything to put it back at the original state that it was in.

Ms. Crystal Neely said, my name is Crystal Neely, and that's my house up on there, and I am a owner, home owner, new -- first time home owner under the Georgia -- the city helped me out with the house. Anyway, curb appeal means everything for a home buyer. I'm sure all of you have owned a home. What they put down was hay. He said he put seed down. It was hay. I didn't see him come out and put any seeds to replace it. Mr. McCarthy tried to put pallets with -- out of his own money down on my yard. That is the part -- well someone came out and drove passed and said -- from -- who was it? Mr. Drewry said they sent somebody out to drive passed, and they said that they saw grass growing there. I don't know what's growing there, but it's not grass. I'm cutting the grass, and it's very difficult to cut. It's only two areas with grass, and that's what Mr. McCarthy put down. Nothing else was replaced there. What we're trying to figure out about the main, we did receive -- Mr. Center found out something during -- when he went to investigate. The main shifted. My question to you guys is, this is just normal physics to me anyway. If anything is connected to something that's the main, and you've got little smaller part connected to it, if it shifts, wouldn't that mean that everything else shifted with it? Just, to me, that seems likeable, that if it shifts, everything else should shift with it, and what we're trying to find out is -- when it did do that shift, the main did that shift, why would it not cause problems with everybody else's, because I can't see it shifted and all our stuff staying stationary and not moving with it.

Chairman Scott said, see, you -- you almost answered your own question. When -- if you look at the number of homes that's having problems, and if you say there was a complete shift in the main, I would suspect it would impact the majority of the houses.

Ms. Neely said, well we did receive a --

Chairman Scott said, so that -- that may not have been a complete shift in the main. There may have been something -- a partial shift. I -- I come up with all sorts of things that could be wrong out there.

Ms. Conyers said, many -- many of the property owners, Mr. Chairman, is not here --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Ms. Conyers said, but in many of their homes, like now, when it rains, you'll see water all up almost and entering into their homes, so many of them have been having repairs done. I had repairs done to mine.

Chairman Scott said, well, now -- now that doesn't -- that doesn't have anything to do with the sewer.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's -- that's the sanitary -- you have two types of sewers.

Ms. Conyers said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you have a sanitary sewer and you have a storm --

Ms. Conyers said, mm-hmm. Okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- sewer.

Chairman Scott said, drain.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah, storm drain. One does not have an affect on the other.

Ms. Conyers said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the sanitary --

Ms. Conyers said, so it will constantly happen?

Commissioner Shabazz said, the sanitary is your waste from your home.

Ms. Conyers said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and the storm sewer is rain water run off.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Conyers said, so with all of the water flooding like every time it rains, the sewer --

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's another issue.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Ms. Conyers said, -- all right. The sewer would never clean out or anything like that?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that has nothing to do with it.

Chairman Scott said, rainwater did not -- is not supposed to go to the sewer system.

Ms. Conyers said, all right. Okay.

Chairman Scott said, that's a separate system.

Ms. Conyers said, separate system.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's a whole 'nother issue. Yeah.

Chairman Scott said, okay. You have another question?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, major one if that's the case.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Brady from the Sixth District.

Commissioner Brady said, who -- who told you that the main had shifted?

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Ms. Conyers said, it was Mr. Drewry, wasn't it?

Ms. Neely said, Mr. Drewry?

Ms. Conyers said, yeah, Mr. Matthews or Mr. Drewry.

Ms. Neely said, Mr. Center came out when we had our meeting, and that was when the questions that was asked about the main being shifted, and it was --

Ms. McCarthy said, I think Mr. Drewry.

Commissioner Center said, but I think y'all told me that someone told you the main had shifted.

Ms. Neely said, we had no clue.

Mr. McCarthy said, okay --

Ms. Conyers said, Mr. Drewry told us.

Mr. McCarthy said, okay. On June the 5<sup>th</sup>, it was a memo, inter-office correspondence --

Commissioner Center said, I wouldn't know.

Ms. Conyers said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, excuse me. Repeat that, sir.

[NOTE: Homeowners were talking to and amongst themselves. Parts of this are unintelligible.]

Mr. McCarthy said, on June the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, inter-office correspondence from County Manager Russ Abolt to Robert Drewry. Approximately two years ago a problem with a sewage blockage which caused sewage to back up several homes on Marsh Bluff Drive. While the blockage it was removed, it was determined that a 8-inch sewer main had separated several inches at the intersection of Marsh Bluff Drive and Riverview Drive upon which repairs were made.

Ms. Conyers said, you want to give them the letter?

Commissioner Stone said, that doesn't say it shifted.

Mr. McCarthy said, I can get a copy.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, separated.

Mr. McCarthy said, right. An eight-inch shift -- eight-inch sewer main had separated.

Ms. Conyers said, and that was from Mr. -- Mr. Abolt -- that was to Mr. Abolt from Mr. Drewry, so that came from Mr. Drewry so that's where the information came from, and here's the letter right here if y'all want it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, when you -- when you read that though, you don't know if the -- when -- when I looked at your picture --

Ms. Conyers said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, -- what I saw was the sewer main tracking the outside right of way line. It wasn't center, it was tracking -- from the picture I was looking at, it was tracking the left hand right of way line, and it seemed to be parallel with it for the most part, and then it looks like to me it ties in down at Riverview. I don't know that, but that's the way it looked on that picture. And if that's the case then Riverview could have been the -- the line that shifted and not necessarily Bluff Drive, and so there are all sorts of issues, and it could -- it could be an issue with the soil and -- right in that area where your home's at, unless you've had a bowing done and had the soil checked, it could be soil moving there. There's all sorts of things. Your line could not be on a -- on a decline that would keep a flow. It could have a slight up tilt to it. Or -- when I see, I just see all sorts of issues that could possibly exist, and especially since she says it dates back to 1995, and -- and so I don't -- I don't know --

Ms. Conyers said, let me ask you this --

Chairman Scott said, I don't -- I don't know what would be the answer short of running a brand new parallel line and making sure it has the right drop to get to the main and -- and in some cases, the main could be sitting too high from where you're tied in. I'm just saying there are all sorts of issues, and I don't -- I don't think we could possibly come up with an answer here today, but I just wanted to acknowledge that we know you're having a problem out there, and we'll -- we'll see if there's anything that the county thinks it should undertake. I -- you just stated in your own comments that County Manager Russ Abolt is extremely customer sensitive. When you called him within minutes you had a return call, and -- and I've found that to be true with everything to deal with the citizens of Chatham County that if they -- if -- if one of the Commissioners or anybody contact the County Manager, he does not ignore it. So we'll -- we'll have a discussion with him to see if there's anything further that we can possibly do. But, I -- I don't want -- I don't -- I don't want you to leave here thinking that the county is going to solve the problem, but I -- but I do want you to leave here thinking that the county is not going to ignore the problem, that we're going to look into it and see if there's anything we can do, and we'll correspond back with

you either through your Commissioner or through the County Manager as to what course of action we think, if any, that the county can undertake.

Ms. Conyers said, can -- can we ask --

Chairman Scott said, but it -- it cannot be resolved here today.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah.

Ms. Conyers said, Mr. Chairman, we asked the Public Works division, and I think it was probably about 2005, every yard in the area, and it's like 31 or 2 parcels --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Ms. Conyers said, and Riverview is Marsh Bluff, all of that is, so when you said Riverview --

Chairman Scott said, oh, I understand.

Ms. Conyers said, -- that is Marsh Bluff.

Chairman Scott said, I understand. It's two separate streets.

Ms. Conyers said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, -- but it's all part of Marsh Bluff.

Ms. Conyers said, it's Marsh Bluff the subdivision. But anyway, every house in that area, the yards were dug up, and they were doing some work, and I asked them what was that permit for? Why was every house and every yard dug up except mine, and he said they didn't have a permit for that. They don't know. Said it could have been -- what did they say, it could have been the electric company --

Mr. McCarthy said, cable company, telephone company.

Ms. Conyers said, -- could have been cable company -- but shouldn't a permit be taken out so somebody will know what's going on? Shouldn't they have had that information as to who was doing that work on every yard? Every yard. I'm talking about in depth digging. I'm not talking about a little bit of soil. Every house was dug up in that subdivision except mine. Why? What was it?

Chairman Scott said, well, if -- if you don't know who was doing the digging, see, it would be impossible for us to.

Ms. Conyers said, we're -- naturally we're going to say it's the county because that's where we live, and we didn't see a -- a sign that said Savannah Electric and Power or anything. We just saw the big old trucks there.

Chairman Scott said, did you -- did you -- did you see a sign that said Chatham County sticker? The seal is on all the equipment that we use.

Ms. Conyers said, I know it. I didn't -- I didn't -- I didn't -- I didn't even bother to look at it, because, they're doing all -- they're doing the work.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Ms. Conyers said, and they say that they can do it. We didn't even have a, you know, problem with that. I just wanted to know from the county exactly who. Shouldn't they know that though?

Chairman Scott said, not necessarily.

Ms. Conyers said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, and I can -- I can give you a recent example.

Ms. Conyers said, tell me.

Chairman Scott said, we had -- had a contractor building a new next door to where I live.

Ms. Conyers said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, and the power company didn't come and tie the line in. They subbed it out to a contractor. The contractor came and tied the line in and in doing so, he dug up my line, my phone line, my cable line, the entire works, and I concluded that he did not do a cable locating service prior to digging, and that was a contractor working for Savannah Electric and Power, now Savannah Electric, but Georgia Power because they don't -- they don't connect lines anymore. They sub that stuff out, and -- and when I called to get a run around, that's exactly what I got. I got a run around from the Georgia Power and then I got the run around from the phone company and the cable company before I ever got it resolved, but I got it resolved. But it -- it took a day and a half to get it, so you -- you can't say that there's not a contractor out there with no stickers or anything else on their stuff. A lot of these contractors, they go rent equipment when they're given a job, so it's -- it's tough to say unless you went out there and inquired at the time, and I didn't have any idea except for I saw somebody out there digging with -- wasn't Georgia Power, it wasn't the phone company, it wasn't the cable company. All those folk -- folk usually have marked vehicles, and that's what happened, so it -- it could happen. And I don't know who was digging out there.

Ms. Conyers said, so that's allowable? All that's allowable?

Chairman Scott said, no, it's not.

Ms. Conyers said, no, I just want to know, Mr. Chairman, should I call and report it to the county when I see it?

Chairman Scott said, no he was -- they were all in violation of the rule but it doesn't change anything.

Commissioner Farrell said, it happened.

Chairman Scott said, it just happened. But, you're supposed to -- you're supposed to call and get all utilities located before you dig --

Ms. Conyers said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- and -- but that doesn't mean you've got a contractor out there who complies with the law. I don't -- I don't dig a hole where I think -- suspect utilities or plant a tree without calling them just because I don't want to be at risk of cutting a cable and -- and all that, and if you cut a -- some of these lines now the phone and all, fiber optic, if you cut that, it's pretty expensive, and if you're going to have to underwrite that cost, but you -- we really don't know what happened to you, and again we'll -- we'll get with staff and review it, but we can't resolve it here today.

Ms. Conyers said, can't --

Mrs. McCarthy said, we appreciate you looking into it. Like I said, you know, we were just -- you know, we just felt like it could have been handled, you know, in a more compassionate manner than which it was. Like I said, you know, we were threatened, you know, by a lien putting on our house. We was given a -- a citation, you know --

Ms. Neely said, on the door.

Mrs. McCarthy said, -- on our door.

Ms. Conyers said, on the door.

Mrs. McCarthy said, you know, holding us responsible, you know, for the whole neighborhood, you know, saying that, you know, it was coming from, you know, our lateral and, like I said -- like I said, Ms. Conyers got a whole list of dates and times, and how, you know, it took --

Ms. Conyers said, we tried.

Mrs. McCarthy said, -- the county to get back involved with us. You know, it was a timely thing, but then they gave us no time line in order to get the repairs done.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, but you shouldn't --

Mrs. McCarthy said, and even after they -- even after they did, you know, come out and dig up, you know, her yard, they were supposed to repair it back, they didn't. To this day they have not done it back. It took them about a week before they even came out.

Chairman Scott said, that -- that's Roto Rooter you're talking about.

Ms. Neely said, no. That was the county.

Mrs. McCarthy said, no, the -- the county was supposed to -- was in charge of Roto Rooter coming out.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mrs. McCarthy said, to cover the yard -- cover the hole back up. Like she said --

Ms. Conyers said, cover the holes in the yard.

Mrs. McCarthy said, -- they had cones around -- they had cones around in the street. The sanitation workers had to reroute. Some of the neighbors, we had to reroute. We couldn't even back out our driveway. We had to go a different route because they had the cones. They finally after a week of us calling, they finally came out. All they did was come and put dirt. They evened the dirt out. They didn't even put no asphalt out for about a what -- another --

Ms. Conyers said, another week.

Mrs. McCarthy said, another week --

Ms. Conyers said, I called again.

Mrs. McCarthy said, -- before they even came and put asphalt out, and that was after her calling --

Ms. Conyers said, several times.

Mrs. McCarthy said, -- several times then as well. And like I said, you know, we got small kids in our neighborhood, you know, the kids could have fell, you know, in the street. You know, a couple of neighbors encountered snakes, you know, coming up, and I mean it just -- they took their timely manner in getting it, you know, repaired, but with us, it was like, you know, either y'all get it done, you know, either we're going to put a lien on your house.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman? Did -- did we dig up the hole that they're talking about or Roto Rooter dug the hole?

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, if --if I may? The -- the Roto Rooter did the work but the county required Roto Rooter to put up a \$500 bond --

Chairman Scott said, if -- if -- Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, and their complaint is --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, I'm sorry.

Chairman Scott said, I was recognizing Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah -- yeah, staff, or Tony probably can answer it on this -- Commissioner Center.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, excuse me. Who dug the whole and -- yeah, the attorney would be a great answer. Who dug the hole and who should have fixed it?

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, I -- I -- I don't know, but I can tell you what I do know, okay. We got a call on a Friday afternoon --

Chairman Scott said, before we get there. Does anybody else have any questions of the homeowners?

Commissioner Stone said, I do.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and once we get the questions answered from the homeowners then you can ask staff.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't have a question, but I do have a statement.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner Stone and Commissioner --

Commissioner Holmes said, Thomas

Chairman Scott said, Thomas, our vice Chair.

Commissioner Stone said, a couple clarifications coming from you all, and I'm sorry you're having to deal with this. The information in regards to Commissioner Brady's question about the main shifting, from what you read, I didn't detect a shift here, I detected the difference of the tie-ins, so I don't -- I -- I -- I haven't gotten my arms around whether there was an actual shift or not, and I just wanted to make you aware that maybe that's not the case. The second question, you said that you've had this problem from the day you moved into the home. Did you contact the person that you purchased the home from or was there an inspection done? In other words, if this occurred from the moment you moved in, then I would hope that the person or the -- the company that you bought the house from would address some of these concerns, or -- or was an inspection done? Because if it started from the time you moved in and this is years and years later, then obviously, this has been a problem from the onset, and that's what concerns me. So did you have an inspection done or did you contact the person that you purchased the home from when -- when these things started?

Mrs. McCarthy said, we just kept calling out a plumber because our neighbor was having some of the same issues too.

Commissioner Stone said, but you never contacted the person that you purchased the home from and -- and raised these concerns with them?

Mr. McCarthy said, no we did not because, you know, normally, you know, I figured well it's just an incident that just happened.

Chairman Scott said, just something minor.

Mr. McCarthy said, yeah, just something. Okay. I got it done, and as the years went on, you know, I kept noticing until this last one. I said something -- something got to be done, and, you know, where my home sit, it's like -- it's running up hill, the lateral, evidently is running up hill, so the main is probably a little higher, and, you know, how it's supposed to drop down? I think it was running up hill.

Commissioner Stone said, and -- and there was no inspection?

Mr. McCarthy said, well, I'm assuming whoever issued the permit for the development, subdivision -- subdivision development out there, evidently, they didn't inspect the plumbing the way they're supposed to inspect it.

Ms. Conyers said, I don't think --

Mr. McCarthy said, now I can't say for certain, but it's coincidence. You know, after I look at it, you know, looked at it for a while, and once the plumber had dug it up in the street, and he was, you know, just by him, you know, listening to him talk, well, this here is running up hill, they got it in this -- your lateral -- when I got the first job

done, he said, okay, you may have to come back later, and I'm saying, okay, 'cause your lateral look like it's going up instead of, you know, having the drop the way it's supposed to drop down a little bit, so many inches.

Ms. Neely said, you mean a home inspection, right? After you buy a house.

Mr. McCarthy said, right.

Commissioner Stone said, before you buy the house.

Ms. Neely said, right, before you buy the house.

Mr. McCarthy said, right. Right.

Ms. Neely said, I had one, and they didn't go through --

Ms. Conyers said, the drainage system.

Ms. Neely said, -- the drain system. They just made sure that my plumbing was all right, and my roof and the electrical and things like that.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Yeah.

Ms. Neely said, they never showed me anything about the main being in -- not -- not that I can remember from my inspection.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Well it just makes sense they said this was occurring on the onset of the purchase of the house that maybe something might have shown up.

Mr. McCarthy said, well they -- they didn't mention that. I mean whoever sold us the house, you know, when they do their due diligence. The person that comes out and inspect the house, the person who go to the closing or whatever, and the -- the attorney or whatever, right, everything was fine. You know, we -- you know, we just home owners, we don't -- we don't -- ain't plumbers and engineers and all that stuff.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's not part of a home inspection.

Commissioner Stone said, well, no, no, what I was concerned with since it happened immediately that, you know, you might have contacted the homeowner and said I just moved in and I'm having this -- this problem with the plumbing. That's all.

[NOTE: Homeowners responding at the same time. Parts of this are unintelligible.]

Mr. McCarthy said, oh.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mrs. McCarthy said, and as far as the wording, shifting, we got that from -- when we met with Mr. Drewry and Mr. Matthews at that meeting, me and Mrs. Conyers, and they were the ones that told us that the main shifted.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Mrs. McCarthy said, that was the words that they used --

Ms. Conyers said, we would have never known that.

Mrs. McCarthy said, -- that it was shifted. We would have never known. They told us that at the meeting.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Ms. Conyers said, our houses were built in like 1990, so, for her -- really for the property owner to start having problems in 1995, you think a new house, no problems. The house was built in the '90s.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand, but my question was if -- if I had purchased a home and immediately moving in that there were plumbing issues, I might have contacted the owner and said is there anything I need to know? I've got plumbing problems. I just moved in today. But I understand. Thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman, I have one question I'd like to ask them. One question.

Chairman Scott said, you want to ask the family?

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, then Doctor Thomas.

Chairman Scott said, I know, but Commissioner Thomas doesn't have a question for the family.

Commissioner Shabazz said, oh. Okay.

Chairman Scott said, she -- she wants to make a statement.

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, but before you do that, let's recognize the Commissioner from the Second District for a question for the family -- homeowners.

Commissioner Holmes said, what I would -- what I would like for you all to do for me personally, who -- who -- who actually put a lien on you all property? Who? I want a record of that.

Mr. McCarthy said, okay. Well, I tore it -- tore it up after I went ahead and got the work --

Mrs. McCarthy said, no, he's talking about the lien.

Mr. McCarthy said, who -- who recommended it?

Commissioner Holmes said, who --

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Mr. McCarthy said, okay, that was --

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah. Who was this came out and said that were going to put a lien on your property? I need to know that, and I need to --

Mr. McCarthy said, okay. Mr. Drewry.

Mrs. McCarthy said, no. That was Mr. Matthews.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Drewry said --

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Mr. McCarthy said, whoever was the director --

Mrs. McCarthy said, Mr. Matthews.

Ms. Conyers said, it was either Mr. Matthew or Mr. Drewry, you know what I'm saying.

Mr. McCarthy said, yeah. One of those.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Ms. Conyers said, it was one of them.

Mr. McCarthy said, it was one of them guys.

Ms. Conyers said, yeah.

Commissioner Holmes said, then the next thing, for our records, and my record, I'd like to have the data of all your records that y'all collected -- that what you have? I'd like to have that for my records, please.

Mr. McCarthy said, okay.

Mrs. McCarthy said, well, we explained to them the, you know, not being able to afford to have it done. We said, well, if we don't get it done, then what's going to happen, and that's when they said, you know, what -- a lien would be put on -- possibly a lien put on our house.

Ms. Neely said, you got a call at work.

Mr. McCarthy said, yeah, I was working.

Ms. Neely said, that needs to be said, exactly how it was handled. You got a call at work telling you if you don't get this done --

Mr. McCarthy said, right.

Ms. Neely said, -- that's what's going to happen.

Mr. McCarthy said, right.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, do you have -- do you have the dates that that was said to you all?

Mr. McCarthy said, okay, that was --

Mrs. McCarthy said, the 13<sup>th</sup>?

Mr. McCarthy said, -- well whenever we had the work done, they was -- that's --

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Commissioner Holmes said, that's the data that I need for my record, please. Okay.

Mrs. McCarthy said, we had the work done on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. McCarthy said, so, the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. McCarthy said, and then the 19<sup>th</sup>, that's when the work began.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Mr. McCarthy said, so it was within that week.

Mrs. McCarthy said, like the 17<sup>th</sup> or something.

Commissioner Holmes said, just forward me --

Mrs. McCarthy said, all right.

Commissioner Holmes said, -- the information. That's -- that's what I want.

Chairman Scott said, thank you all for -- for coming. And now we have some questions of staff right now. We -- we appreciate y'all bringing this to our attention. We'll see what we can do to -- to address any of your concerns. Again, thank you all so much.

Mrs. McCarthy said, thank you.

Ms. Neely said, thank you.

Mr. McCarthy said, thank you.

Ms. Conyers said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, I will recognize our vice Chair Thomas for a statement.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh, I was -- you've -- you've taken care of it as far as directing staff to -- to go back and take a look at it because we're not going to solve it here this morning.

Chairman Scott said, no, and --

Commissioner Thomas said, and I do understand their situation. I'm having the same thing with the City, and it's -- it's -- you cannot continue to pay money after, you know, money for a type of service, so I'm just going to suggest as the Chairman have -- have suggested that the staff go back and -- and take a look at it and bring us back a report.

Chairman Scott said, right. But for -- for informational purpose, I want to recognize County Attorney Hart to just explain to them the ordinance.

County Attorney Hart said, sure. I -- I -- I -- I don't have the answers to everything that was said up here today, but I have a fairly good working background as to what I think did occur. The County Attorney's office received a phone call on a Friday afternoon. I don't remember when. It was probably the same day Russ got his phone call, and it was from Robert Drewry, and he said, I think I may have an issue, and I need some guidance on it, and the issue was at that time is there was a broken sewer and it was spilling sewage -- raw sewage into the storm water system as it built up in a neighbor's yard, and I said, yeah, you got a problem. It's Friday afternoon, and I said we need to do something to temporarily fix that because we're responsible under the Clean Water Act because the State of Georgia decided all counties would take the -- the responsibility of that and the last thing we needed to do was have a clean water violation fine on that. Plus if you don't enforce the Clean Water Act, you get a separate violation on that. So the advice was to get a temporary -- and I forget what you call it, Robert mentioned it to me, and -- and a device out there to protect the storm water sewer, and I said, do we know whether it's the lateral or do we know whether it's the main line, or do we know whether it's -- it's to the house? And at that time, he said, well that's part of our problem is there's a dispute over that. And I said well irrespective of where it is, it's got to be fixed because we can't allow raw sewage to be dumped in the public water system.

County Attorney Hart said, so at that point I said let's get a team out there. Let's dig the main lateral. Let's find out whether it's a lateral issue or whether it's a storm water issue -- whether it's an issue from the house, and -- and Commissioner Shabazz is -- is dead on point. From your house to the main lateral is your responsibility. If it is a lateral connection or the main line, the county will take care of it. Well when we dug down, we discovered that the lateral itself had been cracked or crushed and was replaced. At the same time they were also instructed to run a camera back from the main line up the lateral to the house just to see if we had a house that had roots in it or whether there were other problems that we needed to know -- know or whether we had fixed the problem at the time we fixed the lateral, and apparently that was done and there was no problem between the house and the main lateral. The main lateral is ours. We fixed it. We repaired it. We didn't charge for it. But before we were able to dig down there, a notice was put on their door that it needed to be fixed, and it's not something that can be fixed at your leisure. It's got to be fixed now or else you're -- you've got a violation, and they don't come looking to the homeowner to pay that, they come to the county. So I don't know the -- the -- who said what to what. I know there was a problem. I know it was responded to. I know it was fixed. I know Roto Rooter was out there, and I do not know what they -- they did. They -- the lateral -- the lateral from the -- to the house may have already been Roto Rooted and was clear at the time we ran the camera down there, or for that matter, it could have been clear the whole time. We do know we had a -- a lateral crack. We do know we repaired it and responded to it, and I think pretty much by the end of the day I received a phone call saying the thing had been stabilized.

County Attorney Hart said, so we knew we hadn't got it nearly -- nearly fixed, but we knew we had avoided the main problem, which was the raw sewage in the storm water, and that's what we know about it. So. I -- I don't

know what else you can do. I -- I do not believe the main line is higher than the laterals coming out of the house. I cannot imagine anyone putting the main line in so you can't get the proper slope. All those lots have 35-foot building setback. It's a very easy calculation to know how deep you got to put the main line so you get the proper slope, and anybody that puts water and sewer in like that for a living makes that calculation every day. And as far as I know in the 17 years I've been doing this, that's never been an issue.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so -- if I may? If you don't mind?

Chairman Scott said, go ahead Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. So everything is fixed right this second?

County Attorney Hart said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, as far as the sewage problem.

County Attorney Hart said, we don't know of any other -- other problem out there. You know in theory the slope from the house to the main line could be off because the builder made it off, but, you know, the sewer lateral is inspected prior -- prior to its being approved for connection to the main line.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, so -- so, sometime between that inspection when we said it's properly connected, and when we dug it up again something happened to the lateral, not the main line, but to the lateral, and so, that happens, and when that happens, you go in and you fix it. That's our responsibility.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Then does the county have plans to go re-sod the areas and bring it back up to pretty much --

County Attorney Hart said, I -- I -- I don't know the answer to that. I don't know whether that --

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Drewry.

Mr. Drewry said, yes, sir, Robert Drewry.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Drewry is going to speak to that.

Mr. Drewry said, thank you. Yes. We -- I sent an inspector out there yesterday just to make sure that we had eyes on it before this meeting, and the inspector advised that with a couple five gallons buckets of dirt, we could rake it in, put some more straw, and put some seed down, and that's probably all it will take because there is a little bit of settlement where that hole was dug back in April. So --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Could -- could -- could we throw in like one pallet of sod? I mean, like 80 bucks or something is what it would cost just to make it -- spruce it up a little bit.

Mr. Drewry said, we -- we got to make sure the grasses match, but, yes, we can certainly do that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, that -- that -- that would be wonderful. I think the Chairman did an excellent job explaining earlier too. This -- this could be so many different things that it's -- it's hard to tell. I'm really glad the problem seems to be solved now. I hate that y'all went through that, and I would hate to ever receive the notice on my door that there may be a lien, and -- but I hope after at least the communication and all, now y'all can kind of understand why that would happen. Y'all seem like nice folks that would do what you can as fast as you can, but the staff here, they're -- they're chartered to get the problems under control quickly. I'm sure a lot of times people may not be as receptive to a get this fixed right now, and -- and, you know, it had to be done quick, and that -- that notice on the door -- as unfortunate as it would be to actually see that, it was done in the interest of the children playing in the yards, and you can't have the raw sewage spilling out, their safety. So, it -- it's touchy. If you remove yourself from the situation, I think it's more understandable, but when it happens to you, it would tick you off. I wouldn't want it on my door either. But backing away looking at another instance that -- that is Public Works trying to protect the safety of people, and sometimes, I guess, in cases of an emergency, especially because of the State's new fining system, that pretty much was a state of emergency to get it done as quick as possible. So I'm sorry for the negative experience y'all have gone through. I think we're well-documented now on all the problems and should there be problems in the future, hopefully, we'll have some

kind of easier answer because short of God coming down and telling us what actually happened to -- to make it back up in the first place, I don't -- I don't think we'll ever know, and that's not really fair to you nor is it fair to the tax payers if there was some type of bail out in this case because really no one knows what actually happened, but I'm sorry y'all went through it, and thank y'all for coming.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes from the Second District.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Hart?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, just a simple question.

County Attorney Hart said, sure.

Commissioner Holmes said, what -- what constitute us to say to them that they would put a lien on their --

County Attorney Hart said, I -- I don't -- I'm not familiar with that at all. Can't comment positively or negatively.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, if they have a copy of the notice that was -- put to the door, I'll be glad to look at it and comment on it. I think probably, you know, you -- you can only speculate the reasons for that. There was some sense of urgency, and I think Commissioner Kicklighter, you know, sort of said that. You know, if it's -- if it's my problem, I want to fix it on my time line. On the other hand, if it's everybody's problem, everybody wants it fixed now. So I think the -- the -- the situation was we needed to do something with the raw -- raw sewage, and perhaps we were indelicate in the way we went about it. I don't know, but I'd be glad to look at the situation and do whatever. Now we have been in situations before where there's no question it's a lateral issue and it's a sanitary issue, in which we've had to go in and -- and the people didn't have the money to fix it. So we go in and -- and do time and materials and -- and fix it, but we have to bill them that because we can't go in and fix your house for free on private property.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Drewry wanted to say something in reference to the lien.

Mr. Drewry said, yeah, I'd like to speak about the issue specifically about the lien itself. Anytime there's a raw sewage spill, we are required by our rules and regulations from the State to notify the Health Department. So, without seeing the lien or knowing anything about it, my guess is the Health Department has issued some sort of a statement or lien and put that up on the door because there was raw sewage running down the street. I don't -- I don't have the authority to put up a lien. I don't have anything -- the jurisdiction to do that.

Chairman Scott said, but the health department would.

County Attorney Hart said, mm-hmm.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, the lateral part of the homeowners property. Has that been cleaned out?

County Attorney Hart said yes, sir. The -- the --

Commissioner Shabazz said, there is no back -- there is no blockage there now?

County Attorney Hart said, I -- I can't say now, because, you know, you don't know. You only know if you run the camera down there and it's clean. But the concept at the time was let's just -- let's just get the problem fixed, and oh, while we're out here and we got it open, let's run the lateral to see whether they're going to have to eventually replace that, and based on what the camera showed at that time, it looked pretty clean. Now I don't know whether that's due to Roto Rooter or not, but that's.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. As to -- as to the threat that they gave in terms of putting liens on their properties.

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, no one knows --

County Attorney Hart said, there's no lien --

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- where it came from. Is there -- is there --

Chairman Scott said, there's a high probability it came from the health department.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So does anyone have a -- a copy of that?

Chairman Scott said, we don't --

County Attorney Hart said, if --if they have a copy, we'll be glad to look at it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, or in the alternative I'll be glad to contact the health department and see if such a thing happened.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I think that our Assistant County Manager had something to say about the lien.

Assistant county Manager Michael Kaigler said, yeah. Just -- just by clarification on the issue of the lien. I don't think any of the residents were initially threatened with a lien to put on their property. If Commissioner Center will -- will recall, during our meeting, because the initial remedy with the sewage spill was to turn off the water, and by it being Friday, we weren't going to turn anybody's water off over the weekend. In our meeting with the residents, they inquired as to if they didn't have the financial resources in order to make the repairs, what -- what were the options, and the options that were presented were number one cut the water off, or number two, the county could go out and fix it and we'd put a lien on the property to recoup our money. Those -- that's I think how the issue of the lien initially came up, but I don't think initially Robert's folks threatened them with a lien. The issue was with the sewer spill, in order to stop it, one way you do that is to cut the water off, but the county staff would not cut the water off over the weekend for an issue like that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay, and another thing. I wanted to -- the grade of this main -- of the main that is coming there which appears to run parallel with the -- with the right of way there.

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, based on the inspections from Robert's staff and these -- the -- the video of the -- of the main, everything looked fine with the main. Now you would have to dig the whole lateral up to really see that, and that wasn't an option at that time.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, the County Manager has --

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have one more question, but go ahead.

County Manager Abolt said, no, please. No, sir. Let -- let -- please.

Commissioner Shabazz said, was the residents -- was the residents informed as to what the condition was?

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, I think Robert's -- their staff was in constant communication with the residents. I -- I -- I will say that we understood that the -- the repair was going to be costly. Normally the residents would be required to, you know, cut the pavement, make the repair and put the pavement back. We didn't require them to put the pavement back. The county did that at their expense.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And how often is the main cleaned out? How often is that done?

Mr. Drewry said, we don't have a routine for cleaning out mains. What we try to do is run the cameras through them routinely just to see if there's any blockages.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how routinely? How -- how -- what type of routine is -- how -- how often is that?

Mr. Drewry said, every couple years by the time we get through those. I can't tell you specifically how many years but -- or how often, but we're looking probably two years prior.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. And one of the residents said that when they received a video of it that it was just like Chinese arithmetic to them.

Chairman Scott said, no. It was a picture that they didn't understand, but that -- that --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right, but I understand that too, but I'm saying, they didn't understand that.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, to just give them a video of it, and they don't understand the -- what's being done, you know, as far as they're concerned, it could have been anything, and you just could have -- just --

Chairman Scott said, what the -- what the video -- what the purpose of the video if it didn't show anything that means there wasn't anything and -- and most folk who don't understand that -- that type of technology wouldn't -- wouldn't know it and perhaps not even county staff.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. But my -- my last thing I feel that the County needs to have a little more customer service etiquette than what I've heard here today. I'm -- I'm -- I'm very -- I'm very appalled by what I heard, in terms of the treatment of these residents here. We have to give them the same amount of respect that we give anyone else. That's -- that's my statement on that. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, the Chair will recognize the County Manager.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and gentlemen, I don't disagree with anything that's been said other than I want to officially recognize and show my appreciation for Commissioner Center. There has been so much done relative to trying to solve the problem and meet with the people, but it began -- begins and continues with leadership of Commissioner Center, and I appreciate the way in which he has gotten into this. His -- his interest in detail. Everything that y'all discussed is obviously communicating to these -- these citizens how concerned you are, but it starts with Commissioner Center. He's an excellent representative of this District, and he showed it by his hours devoted to this to understand it, and as one person who works for y'all I want to say I appreciate Commissioner Center.

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

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you Commissioner Center for bringing this to our attention, and we will have a follow up discussion with staff concerning the response to this and see if there is any future action we can take, and thanks to the residents for -- for coming. We appreciate your time, and -- and we'll -- we'll see if there is anything further the county can do to further correct the problem. Thank you.

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

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

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

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$72,027 TO RECOGNIZE A GRANT FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL, 2) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TRANSFER \$27,330 FROM CONTINGENCY TO TRANSFER OUT TO BUILDING SAFETY, 3) IN THE BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES ENTERPRISE FUND: a) ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN REVENUES OF \$27,335 FROM BUILDING PERMIT FEES AND \$27,330 TRANSFER IN FROM THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT CONTINGENCY, and b) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$54,665 FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS, 4) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: a) TRANSFER \$11,000 WITHIN THE TAX ASSESSOR'S BUDGET FOR A SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND b) TRANSFER \$44,270 FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND \$11,700 FROM THE DETENTION CENTER TO TRANSFER OUT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND, and 5) IN THE CIP FUND a) INCREASE REVENUES \$66,970 TRANSFERS IN AND \$10,00 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRIVATE DONATION b) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$66,970 FOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT AND \$10,000 FOR THE MCQUEEN'S ISLAND TRAIL RESTORATION PROJECT.**

Chairman Scott said, now we're on page five, Individual Action Items. First is to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers. In the in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures by \$72,027 to recognize a Grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, 2) in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$27,330 from the Contingency to Transfer Out to Building Safety, and in Building Safety and Regulatory Services Enterprise Fund anticipate an increase in revenues of \$27,335 from Building Permit Fees and \$27,330 Transferred in from the Special Service District Contingency, and increase in expenditures of \$54,665 for Salaries and Benefits. In the General Fund M&O: transfer \$55,270 from the Sheriff's Department Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, and in -- 5) in the CIP Fund increase revenues by \$66,970 Transfers In and \$10,00 contribution, you may recall this is the contribution that was given to us for the McQueen's Trail from a private donation, increase expenditures of \$66,970 for vehicle equipment and \$10,000 for the McQueen Island Trail Restoration Project. Hearing the items, I will now entertain a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, before you do, I -- I'm going to make a request for someone from the staff to go over with me the city and county new permits, because the chart that I'm showing for this transfer, still is showing October being down, and I -- I want to make sure that I got the right chart.

County Manager Abolt said, okay, you -- I will be glad to. You have to look at the columns, and Mr. Thomson's folks looked at year to date and the value of the number of permits of residential numbers.

Commissioner Stone said, what I got and I -- I will admit what I printed is cut off a little bit, it says city and county new permits, and for October of this year, it's showing it's down, so I just want to make sure --

County Manager Abolt said, you've got to look at the numbers --

Commissioner Stone said, that I understand --

County Manager Abolt said, yes, ma'am. Mr. Thomson's chart will do that for you, but you have to look at the -- the numbers absent the lines on the chart.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, well, I mean, I just -- the graph is not showing that, so I just -- I want to make sure that I'm clear.

County Manager Abolt said, sure.

Commissioner Stone said, before.

Chairman Scott said, okay, but when -- when -- when I read it I concluded that the -- the permit fees have generated \$27,335, so that's -- that's part of -- and -- and that's the way I read it, but -- and I really didn't pay much attention to the -- to the graph -- in fact, that's what I concluded in fact I thought it was a --

Commissioner Stone said, the graph actually shows that the -- the highest number of permits was in the year of 2010.

County Manager Abolt said, staff -- staff didn't prepare the graph, MPC did. If you look at the numbers, the empirical numbers, which are not the graph, you'll see the numbers there are very substantial.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, well then this graph is somewhat misleading because it says city and county new permits. So --

County Manager Abolt said, yes, ma'am. If I may --

Commissioner Stone said, that is troublesome to me.

County Manager said, okay. Mr. -- Mr. Chairman --

Commissioner Stone said, it -- it doesn't --

County Manager Abolt said, well, Mr. Chairman -- okay. That's -- that's prepared by MPC, and they've done it for a long, long time. The important stuff is the empirical information which is attached to the graph which gives you the numbers.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

County Manager Abolt said, and I've circled them, I believe.

Chairman Scott said, which is where I got the --

County Manager Abolt said, I'll be glad to show it to you again.

Commissioner Stone said, no. That's all I wanted to see. I wanted to make sure that we're not allocating money that doesn't need to be allocated. That's all.

Chairman Scott said, the Chair will entertain a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of approving the Individual Items for Action indicate by voting yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, the board. Janice.

Chairman Scott said, would somebody -- somebody please turn the board on. All right. The motion carries.

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

Commissioner Farrell moved to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$72,027 to recognize a Grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, 2) in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$27,300 from Contingency to Transfer Out to Building Safety, 3) in the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Enterprise Fund: a) anticipated increase in revenues of \$27,335 from Building Permit Fees and \$27,330 Transfer In from the Special Service District Contingency, and b) increase expenditures \$54,665 for Salaries and Benefits, 4) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$11,000 within the Tax Assessor's Budget for a Salary Adjustment and b) transfer \$44,270 from the Sheriff's Department and \$11,700 from the Detention Center to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, and 5) in the CIP Fund a) increase revenues \$66,970 Transfers In and \$10,00 contributions from private donation b) increase expenditures \$66,970 for vehicle equipment and \$10,000 for the McQueen's Island Trail Restoration Project. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shabazz was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1****AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
**FROM:** Amy Davis, Finance Director

**ISSUE:**

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$72,027 to recognize a Grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, 2) in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$27,300 from Contingency to Transfer Out to Building Safety, 3) in the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Enterprise Fund: a) anticipated increase in revenues of \$27,335 from Building Permit Fees and \$27,330 Transfer In from the Special Service District Contingency, and b) increase expenditures \$54,665 for Salaries and Benefits, 4) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$11,000 within the Tax Assessor's Budget for a Salary Adjustment and b) transfer \$44,270 from the Sheriff's Department and \$11,700 from the Detention Center to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, and 5) in the CIP Fund a) increase revenues \$66,970 Transfers In and \$10,00 contributions from private donation b) increase expenditures \$66,970 for vehicle equipment and \$10,000 for the McQueen's Island Trail Restoration Project.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County Victim-Witness received an award in the amount of \$72,027 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to continue the VOCA grant. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Director is requesting restoration of a Development Processing Assistant position. An amendment to the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$54,665 will provide the necessary funding for the position. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The Sheriff is purchasing mobile data terminals for use with the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. A transfer of funds from the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center General Fund M&O budgets to the CIP Fund will provide funding. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the CIP Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
4. Run 4 a Reason LLC presented a \$10,000 donation for restoration of the McQueen's Island Trail at the September 27, 2013 Board meeting. A resolution to amend the CIP Fund for the revenue and to increase the project is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**FUNDING:**

The budget amendment will establish funding in the Multiple Grant Fund, the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Enterprise Fund and The CIP Fund. Funds are available in the Special Service District Fund contingency and the General Fund M&O for the transfers.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**MULTIPLE GRANT FUND**

Increase revenues and expenditures \$72,027 for a grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

**SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND**

Transfer \$27,330 from contingency to Transfer Out to Building Safety.

**BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

- a) Increase revenue \$27,335 building permit fees and \$27,330 Transfer In from Special Service District fund.
- b) Increase personnel expenditures \$54,665.

**GENERAL FUND M&O**

Transfer \$55,270 from the Sheriff's Department and \$11,700 from the Detention Center to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND**

- a) Increase revenues \$66,970 Transfer In From General Fund M&O and expenditures \$66,970 for vehicle equipment.
- b) Increase revenues \$10,000 Donations and Contributions from Private and expenditures \$10,000 for the McQueen's Island Trail Restoration 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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**X. ACTION CALENDAR**

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

Chairman Scott said, we are now on the Action Calendar, and I think everybody's had a chance to review it. I will now entertain a motion on the action calendar.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Is there any discussion on anything on the Action Calendar? Hearing none, all in favor of the Action Calendar would indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The Action Calendar is approved.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 5 and under Item 5, Items A through M. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shabazz was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas did not 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 SEPTEMBER 27, 2013, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 27, 2013, as mailed. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shabazz was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas did not vote.]

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**2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 2, 2013.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell made a motion authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period September 19, 2013 through October 18, 2013, in the amount of \$3,194,301. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shabazz was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas did not vote.]

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**3. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEE PRE- AND POST- DISASTER WORK ASSIGNMENTS AND THE PAYMENT AND TRACKING OF EMPLOYEE WAGES AND COMPENSATION.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to adopt the policies and procedures for County Employee pre- and post-disaster work assignments and the payment and tracking of employee wages and compensation. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shabazz was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas did not vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**

**AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

**FROM:** Clayton S. Scott, Director, Chatham Emergency Management Agency  
R. Jonathan Hart, Chatham County Attorney  
Carolyn A. Smalls, Human Resources & Services Director

**SUBJECT:**

Pre- and Post- Disaster Employee Work Assignment and Compensation Policies.

**ISSUE:**

The adoption of policies and procedures for County employee pre- and post- disaster work assignments and the payment and tracking of employee wages and compensation.

**BACKGROUND:**

With the exception of "Special Circumstances Staff", following the strike of a hurricane all County employees will be required to report for duty. Other than "Critical Workforce Staff", employees must be available for assignment by the County to meet pre- and post- disaster staffing needs. Accordingly, every Chatham county employee, both Exempt and Non-Exempt, must be classified into one of four Categories for assignment during emergency operations. During these emergency periods, uniform policies and procedures are essential to ensure fair and equitable employee compensation.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

These Policies implement uniform procedures for defining employee work responsibilities during an impending or declared emergency and the recovery period following an emergency or disaster. As well, they implement uniform, fair and equitable compensation policies and procedures for the payment and tracking of wages during an impending or declared emergency and/or disaster response and recovery period.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the attached Emergency Work Assignment and State of Emergency Compensation Policies.
2. Do not approve the attached Emergency Work Assignment and State of Emergency Compensation Policies.

**FUNDING:**

No funding is required beyond normal employee compensation. Contingency or catastrophic claims funding is available in other than Federally declared disaster conditions.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to place its highest priority on the safety of its citizens and their property. These attached policies ensure County employees will be available and compensated to support County residents during an impending or declared emergency and the recovery period following an emergency or disaster.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt the attached Emergency Work Assignment and State of Emergency Compensation Policies. (Alternative #1).

[NOTE: The Chatham County State of Emergency Compensation Policy is attached to the staff report in the Clerk of Commission's Meeting File.]

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND PROGRESSIVE RECREATION CENTER, INC., a/k/a PROGRESSIVE RECREATION CENTER, INC.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve the Amended and Restated Lease between Chatham County and Progressive Recreation Center, Inc., a/k/a Progressive Recreation Center. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shabazz was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas did not vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**

**AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

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

**ISSUE:**

To approve Amended and Restated Lease between Chatham County and Progressive Recreational Center, Inc., a/k/a Progressive Recreation Center, Inc.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County previously leased this property for a nominal sum to operate and maintain a public park contiguous to the Ogeechee River, formerly part of Silk Hope Plantation. The Amended and

Restated Lease is for 20 one-year terms which shall run from January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year and automatically renew for additional one years terms.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS**

1. The County previously leased this property for a nominal sum to operate and maintain a public park contiguous to the Ogeechee River, formerly part of Silk Hope Plantation.
2. The Amended and Restated Lease is for 20 one-year terms which shall run from January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year and automatically renew for additional one years terms.
3. The County has agreed to install a water line from the County’s well located on the subject property to Lessor’s current well and allow Lessor to use the County’s well in those circumstances where Lessor’s well has malfunctioned or is inoperable.
4. The County has agreed to pay the storm water user fee for Salt Creek park for 2013 in the amount of \$766.00, and will continue to pay storm water user fee each year, which is issued by Garden City.
5. The parcel of land that is currently a vacant lot with no improvements, will be used by the County for overflow parking, so long as the County pays all costs associated with the installation of infrastructure necessary to accommodate parking.

**FUNDING:**

M & O Budget

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The County, as a public service, maintains public recreational parks open to the general public and should maintain the facilities.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt the Amended and Restated Lease with Progressive Recreational Center, Inc., a/k/a Progressive Recreation Center, Inc.
2. Do not adopt the Amended and Restated Lease with Progressive Recreational Center, Inc., a/k/a Progressive Recreation Center, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Alternative 1.

STATE OF GEORGIA     )  
   )  
 COUNTY OF CHATHAM    )     **AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE**

**THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE**, entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, between Progressive Recreational Center, Inc., a/k/a Progressive Recreation Center, Inc., party of the first part, hereinafter called the Lessor, and the Board of County Commissioners of Chatham County, hereinafter referred to as Lessee.

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the Lessee to establish public parks, squares, playgrounds, and other facilities to benefit the general public by providing a place to relax, exercise, enjoy the outdoors, and engage in other recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lessor has offered the use of certain property hereinafter described to the Lessee for the period herein mentioned for the purpose herein above stated under the sponsorship of the Chatham County Recreation and Parks Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lessee desires to accept the use of said property subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) annually and in consideration of the Lessee's acceptance of obligation for maintenance, the parties agree more particularly as follows:

1. The property which is the subject of this Lease is described as follows:

**TRACT 1**

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Chatham County, Georgia, and being extreme westward along the shore lines bounded by the low water mark, Lot number thirty-nine (39), Section "C" of Silk Hope Plantation, said tract having a frontage of 425 feet on the bank of Little Ogeechee River, and being bounded as follows: North by Ogeechee Road (Old US Hwy 17) and South by (New Hwy 17) East 200 feet at both points between and bounded by (New Hwy 17 South) and (Old US Hwy 17 North) having a frontage of 425 feet. Portions of said Lot number thirty-nine (39) Section "C" Silk Hope Plantation.

**TRACT 2**

ALL that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Chatham County, Georgia, containing 1.11 acres, more or less, being a portion of Lot 38, Section C, Silk Hope Plantation, having the following meets and bounds: Commencing at the point of intersection of the common boundary line of Lots 38 and 39, Section C, Silk Hope Plantation, with the northern right-of-way line of the New Ogeechee Road (U.S. Highway 17 South) and running thence South 63° 52' East along said northern right-of-way line a distance of 157 feet to a point; running thence North 21° 6' East a distance of 285 feet to a point on the southern right-of-way line of Old Ogeechee Road; running thence North 85° 30' West along said southern right-of-way line a distance of 163 feet to a point; running thence South 9° 31' West a distance of 320 feet to the point of beginning.

**AND ALSO**

ALL that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Chatham County, Georgia, being a portion of Lot 39, Section C, Silk Hope Plantation, being North of New Ogeechee Road (U.S. Highway 17 South) and being bounded as follows: On the North by Old Ogeechee Road; on the East by that portion of Lot 38, Section C, Silk Hope Plantation, herein above described; on the South by New Ogeechee Road; and on the West by the low water mark of the Little Ogeechee River; being all of said Lot 39 as described in Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 12-U, page 200 of the records of Chatham County, Georgia, saving and excepting therefrom the portion thereof South of the northern right-of-way line of New Ogeechee Road.

2. The Lessee is hereby given full authority to layout, plant, improve, and maintain such land for the purposes of being used as a public park or recreational area.

3. The term of this Lease shall be for 20 one-year lease terms which shall run from January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year and automatically renew for additional one year terms by the Lessee unless the Lessee, through the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, takes action to terminate this Lease.

4. Said property hereby leased is subject to all the rights-of-way and other assessments affecting said property prior to the beginning of this Lease.

5. The Lessee agrees to pay to the Lessor a nominal rent of One (\$1.00) Dollar per year so long as the property herein leased is used for the purposes aforesaid and for no other purpose.

6. The Lessor will lease Tract No. 1 and 2 to Lessee under the same terms and conditions as set forth in this Lease and Lessee shall be responsible to have the ad valorem property taxes either abated or paid by Lessee.

7. The Lessee will be responsible for general maintenance of the facilities and site involved, keeping same in a reasonably attractive condition at all times.

8. The Lessee agrees that the physical layout of the premises will remain the same unless a change is agreed to mutually by both parties.

9. The Lessee agrees that it will not assign or sublet this Lease without the consent in writing of the Lessor first obtained.

10. The Lessee agrees at its expense to install a water line from the County's well located on the subject property to Lessor's current well with an appropriate turn-on and turn-off apparatus. Lessor may use the County's well in those circumstances and occasions where Lessor's well has malfunctioned or is inoperable.

11. The County does not charge a fee for the use of the facilities, save and except a reservation fee in an amount which only recovers the actual administrative costs, and the County is prohibited by law to charge an administrative fee in an amount greater than the cost of services, and as such, there is no positive revenue to share.

12. The Lessor shall proceed during the month of January of each calendar year to provide the County with a bill reflecting the actual costs of said year's storm water user fee for Salt Creek Park, issued by Garden City, and Lessee shall pay the entire amount for said year to Lessor and Lessor shall be responsible for making timely payments to Garden City, and agrees to indemnify Chatham County to the extent Chatham County has advanced funds and Lessor has not made appropriate payment

13. In regard to the parcel of land that currently is a vacant lot with no improvements, the County may use said parcel for overflow parking, so long as County shall bear all costs associated with installation of infrastructure necessary to accommodate parking. The Lessor shall have the right at any time upon ninety (90) days notice, to terminate the lease as to the portion of the property that is considered to be vacant, should the Lessor determine that it has a viable sale of said property.

The foregoing constitutes the Agreement of the parties in its entirety and any oral or other written statements not incorporated by reference in the language of this Agreement shall not be deemed part of the Agreement and this Agreement reflects the entire understanding of the parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

LESSOR: PROGRESSIVE RECREATION CENTER, INC.

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Witness

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ben J. Bates  
Trustee Board Chairman

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Notary Public

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Nelson  
Second Vice President

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Albert J. Scott, Chairman

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Bocook, Clerk of Commission

SEAL

Approved as to form and legality:

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R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell 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.) Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shabazz was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas did not vote.]

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Professional auditing services	Tax Commissioners Office	Karp, Ronning & Tindol, P.C.	\$15,000	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioners Office
B. Interactive projector/whiteboard system for C.N.T.	C.N.T.	Summit Systems, Inc.	\$15,546	Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.
C. Mobility XE Pilot software for the Sheriff's Office	I.C.S.	CDW-G	\$13,602	•General Fund/M & O - Sheriff'S Office •MGF - Sheriff's Office
D. Annual contract to provide security services at the Chatham County Parking Garage	Facilities Maintenance	Saber Security Investigation, LLC	\$17,472	Parking Garage Fund
ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
E. Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract to provide warehouse supplies for various departments within Chatham County	Detention Center	Doyle Chemical and Coastal Paper Company	Varies	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
F. Change Order No. 2 for the LaRoche Avenue Culvert design contract	Engineering	Moffatt & Nichol	Not to exceed \$50,000	SPLOST (2008-2014) (2003-2008) - LaRoche Avenue Culvert
G. Professional engineering services contract for geotechnical and materials testing services during construction of the LaRoche Avenue Culvert Replacement project	Engineering	Terracon	Not to exceed \$55,400	SPLOST (2008-2014) - LaRoche Avenue Culvert
H. Annual contract with renewal option for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide truck and heavy equipment tires and services	Fleet	Dorsey Tire Company, Inc.	Various	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various
I. Professional engineering services contract to prepare a modification to the closure plan of Sharon Park Landfill and for the design of a road from the main entrance to the transfer site and around the center	Public Works and Park Services	Harbin Engineering, PC	\$18,650	Solid Waste Restricted
J. Annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide passenger vehicle tires	Fleet	SOS Radial Tire Service, Inc.	Various	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various
K. Install electrical distribution panels for the modular building 2 at the Sheriff Department Range	Sheriff's Department	Braddy Electric	\$29,640	SPLOST (2008-2014)- Law Enforcement Training Center
L. Install a new roof on modular building 2 at the Sheriff Department Range	Sheriff's Department	RPI Residential Inc.	\$35,200	SPLOST (2008-2014)- Law Enforcement Training Center
M. Modems and accessories for the Sheriff Department and Detention Center	I.C.S.	Phoenix Wireless Data Systems	\$66,964	CIP - Sheriff's Department (Pending Board approval of budget amendment)

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5 A thru M**

**AGENDA DATE: October 11, 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 \$15,000 payment to Karp, Ronning & Tindol, P.C., for providing professional auditing services for the Tax Commissioner's Office.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chatham County Board of Commissioners, at their meeting on March 8, 2013, approved the award of a one (1) year contract extension for professional audit services for the Chatham County Finance Department. The Tax Commissioner has been using the same firm for their audit. Staff will solicit proposals for the Tax Commissioner's audit in the upcoming year.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Tax Commissioner is responsible for the administration of the Governors Tax credit on real property taxes, the billing and collection of current and delinquent ad valorem taxes due the State, Board of Education, Transit Authority, County and Special Service District on real and personal property.
2. Also, pursuant to State Law, the Tax Commissioner is responsible for the collection and disbursement of mobile home taxes, public utility taxes, timber taxes and street lighting fees.
3. As auditor for Chatham County Government, Karp Ronning & Tindol, P.C., is qualified to providing auditing services for the Tax Commissioner's Office.
4. Staff believes this cost to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$15,000 payment to Karp, Ronning & Tindol, P.C., for providing professional auditing services for the Tax Commissioner's Office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve professional services contracts that serve the best interest of the County.

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

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

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$15,546 purchase of an interactive projector/whiteboard system from Summit Systems, Inc., for C.N.T.

**BACKGROUND:** The Board approved at their meeting on February 8, 2013, the use of confiscated funds for the addition and renovations to the Thomas C. Sprague complex.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. C.N.T. currently has a Smart board system installed in its main conference room and war room. The system is used during pre-meetings and debriefing on a daily basis. This is an additional system for the renovated space. It is desirable for the system to be the same as others installed at C.N.T.
2. Bids were properly advertised and opened Sept. 18, 2013. The bid response is as follows:

PCMG, Inc. Chantilly, VA	\$13,028
Summit Systems, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$15,546
* Quality Communications, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$15,883
Stage Front Presentation Systems Savannah, GA	\$21,271

\*MBE Firm

3. The lowest bidder, PCMG, was not recommended because they did not meet specifications.
4. Staff believes the total cost of \$15,546 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.  
(2103222 - 54.25001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$15,546 purchase of an interactive projector/whiteboard system from Summit Systems, Inc. for C.N.T.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment for law enforcement activities.

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

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

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$13,602 purchase of Mobility XE Pilot software from CDW-G for the Sheriff's Office.

**BACKGROUND:** This software will be used in conjunction with the Mobile Data Terminals used in the officers' vehicles and their connection with the information dispatch is sending to them. There are areas of the County where wireless connections become weak and are dropped. This software can detect when a connection is about to be dropped and can hold the data until another reliable signal is detected. The Sheriff's Office and ICS have worked in conjunction and tested this software to ensure it's reliability.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Staff obtained pricing from the following vendors for the purchase. Responses are as follows:

CWD-Government Vernon Hills, IL	\$13,602
Insight Public Sector Tempe, AZ	\$14,173
Netmotion Wireless Seattle, WA	\$14,750

Seamless Mobility Solutions \$15,783  
 Mooresville, NC

- Staff believes the total cost to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** •General Fund/M & O - Sheriff'S Office  
 (1003300 - 54.25001) \$ 2,284  
 •MGF - Sheriff's Office  
 (2503300 - 25024212 - 25.25001) \$11,318

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board Policy to approve expenditures for necessary software.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Board approval of a \$13,602 purchase of Mobility XE Pilot software from CDW-G for the Sheriff's Office.
- Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$17,472 annual contract to Saber Security Investigation, LLC, of Savannah, Georgia, to provide security services at the Chatham County Parking Garage.

**BACKGROUND:** In December 2011, the County's parking garage opened for service to the public on weekends. The purpose of the weekend opening is to provide needed parking garage service to the visiting downtown patrons. The garage has five (5) levels of parking, three (3) stairwell entrances/exit points, and a passenger elevator. Saber Security is currently providing security service for the County garage.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- Bids were solicited and opened on April 16, 2013. There were three (3) responses to the solicitation.

- Bid results are as follows:

*	Saber Security Investigation, LLC Savannah, GA 31406	\$ 17,472
	Regional Manager Savannah, GA	\$ 19,656
	Elle Government Contracting Rincon, GA 31326	\$ 35,693

\* WBE

- Staff believes the lowest bid for security services is fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Parking Garage Fund  
 (5557564 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Request Board approval to award a \$17,472 annual contract to Saber Security Investigation, LLC, of Savannah, to provide security services at the Chatham County Parking Garage.
2. Provide staff other directions.

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

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

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

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with Doyle Chemical and Coastal Paper Company, of Savannah, Georgia, to provide various warehouse supplies for various departments within Chatham County.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 21, 2012, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Doyle Chemical and Coastal Paper Company.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Doyle Chemical and Coastal Paper Company has recently provided a notification of a price increase associated with a packaging change. The change is from 50 liners per case to 100 liners per case.
2. New price will be as follows:

<u>Item: Description</u>	<u>Old Price</u>	<u>New Price</u>
30C. 38 X 60 Can Liner	\$14.49/50 per cs	\$ 28.89/100 per cs

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with Doyle Chemical and Coastal Paper Company, of Savannah, Georgia, to provide various 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 changes in pricing associated with increases in quantities.

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

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

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to approve a not to exceed \$50,000 Change Order No. 2 with Moffatt & Nichol for the LaRoche Avenue Culvert design contract.

**BACKGROUND:** Moffatt & Nichol (M&N) is the Engineer of Record for the LaRoche Avenue Culvert replacement project. The culvert lies under LaRoche Avenue between Lansing Avenue and Neva Avenue.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. On January 29, 2010, the Board awarded a design contract to M&N for the replacement of the culvert under LaRoche Avenue between Lansing Avenue and Neva Avenue. The bids received for the construction of the improvements were higher than engineering estimates.
2. Change Order No. 1 was approved to provide modifications to the plans to lower construction costs.
3. The Board awarded the construction contract on September 27, 2013, to Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc.
4. This change order allows M&N to perform construction inspections, plan modifications, and periodic monitoring of the project during the construction period as directed by Chatham County and to provide record drawings of the completed work. These services are necessary for successful completion of construction. Due to a change in the scope of work to add structural piles to the project, the construction inspection services were expanded.
5. Contract history:
 

Original Contract	(1-29-10)	\$ 149,300
Change Order No. 1	(9-7-12)	\$ 51,600
Change Order No. 2	(pending)	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Revised Contract Amount		\$ 250,900

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) - LaRoche Avenue Culvert  
(3234220 - 52.12003 - 32356633)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a not to exceed \$50,000 Change Order No. 2 with Moffatt & Nichol for the LaRoche Avenue Culvert design contract.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a not to exceed \$55,400 sole source professional engineering services contract with Terracon for geotechnical and materials testing services during construction of the LaRoche Avenue Culvert Replacement project.

**BACKGROUND:** Terracon is the geotechnical engineer of record for the LaRoche Avenue Culvert Replacement project. Terracon performed soil borings and made geotechnical recommendations during the design of the project. The design consists of thirty H-piles approximately 65-feet deep and forty feet of sheet pile wall approximately 70-feet deep. Because of the proximity of the adjacent structures, Chatham County desires to perform a pre-construction and post-construction condition survey and monitor the vibrations due to the pile driving operations.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. This contract allows Terracon to perform all geotechnical and vibration monitor testing during construction.

2. Two homes and a restaurant lie within fifty feet of the construction zone. This contract allows Terracon to perform a pre-construction and a post-construction condition survey of the structures to determine if construction damages the surveyed buildings.
3. Terracon will perform vibration monitoring during pile driving operations to document vibration impacts to the nearby structures.
4. Terracon will also provide testing of materials during construction.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - LaRoche Avenue Culvert  
(3244220 - 52.12003 - 32456632)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a not to exceed \$55,400 sole source professional engineering services contract with Terracon for geotechnical and materials testing services during construction of the LaRoche Avenue Culvert Replacement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM H**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to Dorsey Tire Company, Inc., to provide truck and heavy equipment tires and services.

**BACKGROUND:** At the present time, Fleet Operations is purchasing tires from one vendor and utilizing another vendor to provide services.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Tires will be provided as needed by the vendor. The County will no longer be required to store large amounts of tires and provide staff to transport tires from one location to another.
2. Bids were publicly advertised and opened September 12, 2013. The solicitation contained annual usage estimates. Vendors provided pricing on frequently used tires, recap tires and tire repair service (attached matrix provides breakdown of unit prices on page 14 and 15). Bid responses are as follows:

Dorsey Tire Company, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$175,114
SOS Radial Tire Service, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$177,540
* Graham Tire Service, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$196,466

\*MBE

3. The annual contract will be more effective and efficient by utilizing one vendor to provide tires and perform services.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of an annual contract with renewal option for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to Dorsey Tire Company, Inc., to provide truck and heavy equipment tires and services.
2. Provide staff other directions.

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

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

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

**ITEM I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$18,650 professional engineering services contract to Harbin Engineering, PC, to prepare a modification to the closure plan of Sharon Park Landfill and for the design of a road from the main entrance to the transfer site and around the center for Public Works and Park Services.

**BACKGROUND:** There have been complaints about the condition of the gravel road leading into the transfer site and Public Works was directed to investigate the feasibility of paving the road. In order to do so a modification to the closure plan previously approved by Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA. EPD) had to be submitted along with a proposed construction design.

On May 21, 2013, Public Works informed the County Manager that staff would proceed with drafting a scope of services to hire an engineering firm to obtain a modification for the landfill closure plan and prepare plans for GA. EPD approval. There are competing funds from the Solid Waste Fund that included funding for the curbside dry trash program and the purchase of capital equipment and property for grinding of yard waste program. Until those items are funded, Public Works cannot recommend proceeding with improvements to the Sharon Park Transfer Station.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Public Works continues to perform maintenance on the gravel road as part of routine maintenance program. However, heavy rains create washouts on the road leading up to the transfer site.
2. A request for proposal was issued and publicly advertised with six (6) proposals being received. The proposals were scored by the evaluation committee (see matrix page 16 and 17). Based on the evaluation, three (3) firms made the "short list" and interviews were conducted and scored with the "short listed" firms. The fees of the "short listed" firms were scored and included in total score.
3. After adding the proposal, interview and fee scores, Harbin Engineering, PC, is the highest ranked firm.
4. Harbin Engineering's fee for completing the first two (2) of three tasks is \$18,650. Task one is to prepare all of the associated paperwork to modify the closure plan with GA. EPD. Task two to design a paved road and submit to GA. EPD for approval. The third task if the Board approves funding will be to prepare a scope of work and specifications for the County, attend bid meetings, inspection of work in progress during construction for a fee of \$17,850. It is currently estimated that the cost of paving would be \$375,000 to \$400,000.
5. Staff recommends award of a \$18,650 professional engineering contract to Harbin Engineering, PC, for tasks one and two of the project based on their receiving the highest number of points in accordance with the criteria in the request for proposal.

**FUNDING:** Solid Waste Restricted  
(5404510 - 54.12009)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$18,650 professional engineering services contract to Harbin Engineering, PC, to prepare a modification to the closure plan of Sharon Park Landfill and for the design of a road from the main entrance to the transfer site and around the center for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts to the highest scoring firm.

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

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

**ITEM J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to SOS Radial Tire Service, Inc., to provide passenger vehicle tires.

**BACKGROUND:** At the present time, Fleet Operations is utilizing multiple vendors to supply and dispose of tires.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Tires will be provided as needed by the vendor with a two (2) hour response time and supply inventory stock. Also, the vendor will be required to dispose of used tires on a weekly basis.
2. Bids were publicly advertised and opened September 12, 2013. The solicitation contained annual usage estimates. Vendors provided pricing on frequently used tires and tire disposal service (attached matrix provides breakdown on page 18 and 19). Bid responses are as follows:

SOS Radial Tire Service, Inc.      \$53,824  
Garden City, GA

Dorsey Tire Company, Inc.      \$54,685  
Pooler, GA

3. The annual contract will be more effective and efficient by utilizing one vendor to provide and dispose of tires.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to SOS Radial Tire Service, Inc., to provide passenger vehicle tires.
2. Provide staff other directions.

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

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

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

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$29,640 contract with Braddy Electric of Savannah, GA, to install electrical distribution panels for the modular building 2 at the Sheriff's Department Range.

**BACKGROUND:** The modular buildings were received from the United States Marine Corp, Beaufort, SC. Georgia Power will provide the necessary power to the site.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Invitation for Bid was advertised and opened on September 18, 2013, one (1) bid was received from Braddy Electric.
2. Each building consists of 10 sections and each section contains its own electrical panel. The vendor will be responsible for running power from the pole to the buildings and hooking up the electrical panels. The total cost of installation is \$29,640.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$29,640 for the twenty electrical panels to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Law Enforcement Training Center  
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32460747)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$29,640 contract with Braddy Electric of Savannah, GA, to install electrical distribution panels for the modular building #2 at the Sheriff Department Range.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts with utility providers when necessary for construction projects.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM L**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$35,200 contract with RPI Residential Inc., of Richmond Hill, GA, to install a new roof on modular building #2 at the Sheriff's Department Range.

**BACKGROUND:** The Board approved the initial bid on July 12, 2013. The bid required the contractor to hold their price for modular unit #2 which also requires a new roof.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project was completed by RPI Residential satisfactorily on modular building #1.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$35,200 to install a new roof to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Law Enforcement Training Center  
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32460747)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$35,200 contract with RPI Residential Inc., of Richmond Hill, GA, to install a new roof on modular building #2 at the Sheriff Department Range.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve bids from the low, responsive bidder.

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

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

**ITEM M**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval for a \$66,964 sole source purchase of GX440 Modems and accessories from Phoenix Wireless Data Systems for the Sheriff Department and Detention Center.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chatham County Sheriff's Office CAD (computer aided dispatch), currently deploys a program called "Nighthawk" which communicates from officers' mobile data terminal to the dispatcher's computer terminal, GCIC, and also enables car to car communication.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. These GX440 Modems will be used in the officer's vehicles and will allow the Mobile Data Terminals to connect with dispatch, GCIC and the Phoenix Wireless Data Systems to allow seamless communication throughout all necessary points.
2. These modems will be installed into the Officer's vehicle and allow 4G LTE wireless cellular communication and allow the department to "push" more data than we are capable of at the present using radio technology.
3. The sole source provider, Phoenix Wireless Data System, is the only company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
4. The Sheriff's Office and ICS have worked in conjunction and field tested this equipment for a 30 day trial and are satisfied with the product and its results.
5. Funds are available within the departmental budgets for this purchase. A budget transfer has been prepared to facilitate the reprogramming of existing funds within the operating budget for this purchase. Once approved, the purchase will be made from the following fund/department budgets/accounts.
6. Staff believes the total cost of \$66,694 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Sheriff's Department  
(350300 - 54.25001 - Project number pending)  
(Pending Board approval of budget amendment)

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board Policy to approve expenditures for necessary software updates.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval for a \$66,964 purchase of GX440 Modems and accessories from Phoenix Wireless Data Systems for the Sheriff Department and Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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## **XI. FIRST READINGS**

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

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

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## **XII. SECOND READINGS**

### **1. AMEND THE REVENUE ORDINANCE TO REFLECT THE NEW PERMIT CONSTRUCTION VALUATION SQUARE FOOTAGE ASSESSMENT RATE FOR LOW AND MODERATE HAZARD STORAGE WAREHOUSES.**

Chairman Scott said, we do have a Second Reader. This is to Amend the Revenue Ordinance to Reflect the New Permit Construction Valuation Square Footage Assessment Rate for Low and Moderate Hazardous Storage Warehouses. I will now recognize the Director of Building Safety.

Mr. Gregori Anderson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. What's before you this morning is a -- an amendment proposal for the revenue ordinance to address low and moderate warehouses and the valuation of that construction for the issuance of building permits. Through the years we get response back from the community about our -- our permit rates, and it's something we -- we do a constant valuation on. For low and moderate income warehouses, and we're talking about low and moderate hazard warehouses are those typical type of warehouses that are -- you see palletized storage, storage that's in cartons and those types of things, usually non-combustible type of items that are in combustible containers, and we started an evaluation of this -- of this permit fee that we're currently using.

Mr. Anderson said, right now we charge \$100 a square foot for these types of warehouses. What we're proposing today is to reduce that -- that amount to \$70 a square foot. We feel that that is more in tune to the regional valuation for these -- for these type of structures, as well as the national valuation. As part of our process, we look to the building code. The building code classifies low, moderate and high hazard warehouses, and the code does give the type of protection that's required for these types of storage facilities. In low and moderate, again, those you typically see at your -- at your big box stores, Sams, and those kind of things. High hazard are those types of warehouses that would have more combustible type of -- of storage items, items that are more highly combustible, and even in some cases explosive. So the building code does provide additional requirements for high hazard storage that we're not dealing with today. As part of our due diligence, the first thing we look at is the International Code Council provides a building valuation data sheet, which takes an average of construction evaluation for buildings of all types across the country. The ICC is the organization that produces, prints, and makes available our construction codes, building code, fire code, and those types of -- those types of documents. In that data sheet, it does give us an opportunity to -- to look at and compare nationally what the national average is for valuation costs. Looking at that document, we've come to understand that the -- that the average cost of low and moderate hazard storage warehouses is roughly \$75 to \$70 a square foot. We also in our due diligence did some bench marking of the local region for other permitting departments similar in size to the county's, as well as similar in -- in make up in terms of what type of inspections they conduct, and in that valuation, we saw that a lot of communities were -- were using valuations ranging from \$100 a square foot to \$68 a square foot. So we realized that -- that we were kind of out of the main stream both regionally, as well as -- as nationally.

Mr. Anderson said, so the proposal for you today is to reduce the current \$100 a square foot for low and moderate hazard warehouses to \$70 a square foot. We feel that we'll certainly not diminish any -- any life safety or fire protection issues. We'll certainly be able to bring our valuation structure in line with -- with the region, as well as the national average, as well as not affect our permit fees in an adverse manner. So that's the proposal before you today.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any questions?

Commissioner Stone said, I have one.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone --

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Anderson --

Chairman Scott said, -- pro tem.

Commissioner Stone said, I received a -- a phone call from Kern and Company.

Mr. Anderson said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, was -- did you have a discussion with him on this? He was very concerned that these fees were not within keeping through surrounding areas and what they were charging.

Mr. Anderson said, yeah. That's correct. I had an initial discussion with the principle of Kern and -- and Company --

Commissioner Stone said, uh-huh.

Mr. Anderson said, -- and that stimulated our approach to this. We did after talking with Mr. Kern, who I've known for many years. His design firm does many warehouses that we see in this community.

Commissioner Stone said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Anderson said, so it was an opportunity for us to begin to do the due diligence and see exactly how our -- our current valuation stacked up nationally, as well --

Commissioner Stone said, was this sort of parallel with what he was seeing in -- in the industry?

Mr. Anderson said, well, what I did is --

Commissioner Stone said, or are we -- are we higher or -- I mean, help me here, because I -- I want to make sure that those concerns were --

Mr. Anderson said, we feel that our proposal --

Commissioner Stone said, addressed.

Mr. Anderson said, -- is right where the industry is right -- right now in terms of what -- what not only what other jurisdictions are -- are on average, but jurisdictions are evaluating these types of warehouses, as well as what's the average nationally.

Commissioner Stone said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Anderson said, so the proposal that's before you today is the -- what I feel puts us mainstream.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Mr. Anderson said, and also reduces it from -- from where it currently is, acknowledging that fact.

Commissioner Stone said, and -- and what were the comments from that company?

Mr. Anderson said, well, I didn't go back to him and ask him for his comments, quite frankly.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. All right. But you haven't heard anything back?

Mr. Anderson said, I have not.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Mr. Anderson said, at this point, no.

Commissioner Stone said, all right. Just -- just wanted to make sure.

Mr. Anderson said, I understand.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Kicklighter for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the name of development and lowering the cost of development in Chatham County, I proudly make a motion to approve this.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, great job getting this in line with the rest of the country to be -- continue to be competitive.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to amend the Revenue Ordinance to reflect the new permit construction valuation square footage assessment rate for low and moderate hazardous storage warehouses. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shabazz did not vote.]

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

**AGENDA DATE:** ~~September 27, 2013~~

**AGENDA ITEM:** XII-1

**AGENDA DATE:** October 11, 2013

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

**FROM:** Gregori S. Anderson, Director, Building Safety & Regulatory Services

**ISSUE:**

To amend the revenue ordinance to reflect the new permit construction valuation square footage assessment rate for low and moderate hazard storage warehouses.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, storage warehouses are assessed at one hundred dollars \$100.00 per square foot for construction valuation.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Research conducted of area jurisdictions revealed that the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) per square footage assessment for the construction valuation exceeds the local average.
2. The International Code Council (ICC) which develops the Georgia State Codes has developed a building valuation data sheet that establishes square footage construction costs for all building use groups based on the type of construction. The building valuation data sheet considers national total annual construction cost accumulated over twelve (12) months. Modifiers are also considered to reflect the construction cost and valuation for the selected region.
3. The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the amendment for legal content.

**FUNDING:**

Not applicable.



Members of Board collectively said, good morning.

Chief Tolbert said, how are you?

Commissioner Shabazz said, fine.

Chief Tolbert said, of course, I'm Chief Tolbert.

Chairman Scott said, now there's a lot of stars on those shoulders. Almost blinding there.

Chief Tolbert said, there's only four. Thank you for inviting us here this morning.

Chairman Scott said, you're welcome.

Chief Tolbert said, myself and the Assistant Chief have a lot of work ahead of us. We began actually immediately. We've gone to different precincts. We've spoken with all of the officers in the precinct to try to get them on board with where we want to take the agency. Of course we wanted to hear what they had to say, and they were very vocal about how they felt about what was happening at the police department. We entertained all of the questions. We finalized it at the Fifth precinct this morning, and our intentions are to follow through with what the recommendations that were presented to us. Of course we realize that we would not be able to fulfill everything that they've asked, but all intentions are to work on those areas that they have -- that we have under our purview. The Assistant Chief and myself have met also with the commanders of the department, and we wanted to make sure that they too were on board with us in terms of how we're going to police the community, providing the best possible customer service. We realize that we haven't done the very best that we could do in the past, but we have no intentions of continuing in that mode. We have a lot to do, and we're going to sit down next week and the following weeks and strategize on what plans and directions we're going to take from here. I'll give him an opportunity to speak, and we will gladly entertain any questions that you may have.

Assistant Chief of Police Terry Enoch said, thank you Chief. It is an honor to be before this -- this Board again and continue my service on part of Chatham County and Savannah. The work that the Chief is speaking of is work that she feels is important. She has given me my marching orders, and that's to focus on the most important folks, the folks out there on the front line, and she's been here long enough to know where those deficits are, and where we should focus our resources. I can tell you that our day has started at 6:30 over the past week, and I'm feeling every minute of it. But we're there with the troops. We're attending roll calls. We're listening with an attentive ear. They're giving us useful information so we can set our priorities so we can work on the foundation and prepare for the -- the new leadership for this department. I can tell you that we have strong leadership throughout this department. We have not missed a beat. As a matter of fact, you'll see that our numbers reflect that our officers have doubled down in keeping this community safe and reducing crime and -- and fighting crime, and so I'm excited about the challenge. I -- I can tell you -- I'll speak about the outcome. I -- I think it's an outcome that you'll be proud of, that will have this department ready for new leadership at the completion of this transitional period.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner Holmes from the Second District, and then we'll have our pro tem, Commissioner Stone from the First..

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning to both of you all.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, good morning.

Chief Tolbert said, good morning.

Commissioner Holmes said, the first time I saw Chief Tolbert in all white was at baptism, and to see her in all white now --

Chairman Scott said, this is baptism too.

Commissioner Holmes said, -- this is another baptism. It's just on a different level, but I want to say congratulations to both of you all, and being the old coon that I am, I measure by the outcome. The integrity of both of you all since I've known you throughout Savannah and Chatham County, both of you all have high integrity, high praise, and I have high personal trust in the both of you all. The only thing this city is going to feed off is your leadership. It doesn't feed off nobody else but the both of you all. You can look at anybody under you, they don't judge it by them, they judge it from the top coming down, and you two now is on the top. So whatever you see the paper and the news media say, it all comes from what you all demonstrate. My trust and my prayers with the both of you all, and I hope you do a good job. Thanks.

Chief Tolbert said, thank you. Thank you.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, pro tem Stone and then Commissioner Brady from the Sixth District.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you Mr. Chairman. I -- I concur. I commend both of you in your new positions, and I look forward to working with you, but I would like to make the request, Mr. Chairman, that we do continue to receive the police updates just as we do with the Counter Narcotics Team, because it does give us a pulse of what you all are working on, what you're going through, the issues of the community, and what we can do as leaders to support you. So I will look -- await and look forward to those reports. Thank you.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, yes, ma'am.

Chief Tolbert said, absolutely.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too want to congratulate you and -- and only hope the best for you to transition the department. And -- and I -- I apologize for putting you on the spot if it may seem I'm doing that, but at I think it was our last meeting we received a -- a -- a booklet from the previous Chief in reference to crime.

County Manager Abolt said, two meetings ago.

Commissioner Brady said, two meetings ago. I'm sorry. But I also did attend the -- the meeting that we had at the civic center as well, where community leaders came in and we talked about crime. Now I asked you -- I -- I want to make a comment first. Every time and I'm not -- in the past, in the past, the comments were always made crime is down. Crime is down. Crime is down. The truth is certain crimes are down but violent crime in this community is up. Homicides are up. Rapes are up. Aggravated assaults are up, and what I would like to see in the future is that we say that out loud. I understand what we try to do, and there are crimes that are down in this community, but you've got citizens that are frustrated because all they hear about publicly is crime is down. Crime is down. Crime is down, when statistics show that in fact violent crime is up in this community. I would ask you and beg of you to please when you're -- when you're out talking about it, sure, you know, comment on the good things that are happening but the community needs to hear from law enforcement that violent crime is up in this community. That's -- that's all I ask in -- in the future that -- that we tell the true picture of what's going on in the community because people talk about this all the time as far as crime, and -- and -- and they do, they're all saying, why are they saying crime is down when -- when violent crime is up, and I'll just leave it at that .

Chief Tolbert said, thank you, and we have every intention when we're at our neighborhood meetings in being as transparent as we can possibly be with the community. We've heard this before. We don't want to deceive anyone. We want to work with them. This is a partnership. We recognize that we are not going to be able to resolve crime issues alone. So it is a partnership, and we will absolutely be as honest as we can possibly be about everything going on in the city.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and please know I'm not indicating that --

Chief Tolbert said, I understand.

Commissioner Brady said, -- people have not been honest --

Chief Tolbert said, I understand.

Commissioner Brady said, -- about anything. It's just I think -- I think it's time -- because we do need to let people know --

Chief Tolbert said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, -- what's going on in the community --

Chief Tolbert said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, for their help.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, yes.

Chief Tolbert said, absolutely.

Chairman Scott said, we have our Vice Chair Commissioner Thomas and then the Fifth District Commissioner Shabazz, in that order for questions.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too want to welcome you and to congratulate you. I know that you're going to continue to be the leaders that you have always been. This is the reason why you're in the position that you are today. All I ask that you just do what you need to do and do it, you know, from all points of view. Make the right decisions at the right time, understand that you're not alone. It's a partnership between you and the community. The community has to do its part, and if we all join in and work together, we will continue, you know, to see great results. Yes, crime is down in a lot of the communities, maybe up in some, but crime is -- it's down in a lot of the communities that we have had high rates of crime. So I just want to say that you have my support, and I wish you well.

Chief Tolbert said, thank you. We appreciate it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Chief Tolbert said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and congratulations to both of you.

Chief Tolbert said, thank you.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how long have you been with the police force?

Chief Tolbert said, I've worked with the agency going on 33 years.

Commissioner Shabazz said, 33 years.

Chief Tolbert said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and in various positions such as --

Chief Tolbert said, various divisions, worked as a major for 17 years --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chief Tolbert said, -- prior to this appointment, and worked as a captain in the precinct. I've worked actually throughout the department in all of the different divisions with the exception of drugs and traffic, but everywhere else I've worked.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Do you -- how do you plan to get the community more involved in -- in terms of policing or fighting crime in the community? Because we --we realize that the police department alone just

can't solve crime and -- and police this community. We all have to take an active role in that. So I want to know how will you engage the community --

Chief Tolbert said, well we --

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- more to engage the community to help -- help you do -- better do your job as well?

Chief Tolbert said, well we need to listen first. We need to spend more time listening to what the concerns are from the residents in this community.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Chief Tolbert said, the Assistant Chief and myself have made a commitment to attend all of the neighborhood meetings that we can possibly attend. Interacting more with the residents is the way to go. When crime occur, especially serious crimes --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Chief Tolbert said, -- we intend to be on scene. We want to interact far more than what you've seen in the past so that we can get to the root of what the problems are because we feel we can better solve them that way.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Right. And one -- a question for Mr. Enoch.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, who's -- are you still operating the Savannah Impact as well?

Assistant Chief Enoch said, Savannah Impact is under my --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, -- command. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So -- but you were the director -- you were the director.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, I was.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. But someone else is director now?

Assistant Chief Enoch said, yes. A --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, -- Lieutenant -- Lieutenant Ramona Famble --

Commissioner Shabazz said, very good.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, -- is the acting director now.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but you still have your hand on the pulse of that, right?

Assistant Chief Enoch said, absolutely.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, it's a collaboration up and down the chain.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes -- yes, sir. Very good. And the last question I ask for Chief Tolbert is do you have any intentions or desire to be -- actually be the chief? I mean after the interim?

Chief Tolbert said, that is not my desire. No, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, not your desire? Okay.

Chief Tolbert said, no, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chief Tolbert said, the interim for now is more than enough.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah, but -- the reason why I asked I know a lot of times true leaders and great leaders are not those who are really hungry for leadership. They recognize a job need to be done and they just take on the responsibility.

Chief Tolbert said, that's exactly where I'm headed now.

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

Chief Tolbert said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but I would hate for the city and county to overlook a jewel that we have right in our midst, and we just go all out --

Chief Tolbert said, well our intention is --

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- to find someone and they're not really what we want.

Chief Tolbert said, well our intention is to simply do the absolute best we can do in the capacity we're in right now.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, ma'am. And thank you very much --

Chief Tolbert said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- for all -- for all that you that you all do.

Chief Tolbert said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions or comments? If not, Chief I -- I appreciate your patience. We had an item I didn't expect to last quite as long as it did but --

Chief Tolbert said, that's okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- thank you for coming, and we look forward to our monthly crime statistic updates and comments from you --

Chief Tolbert said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, -- during the interim period and wish you the very best.

Chief Tolbert said, thank you. Thank you.

Assistant Chief Enoch said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, there are -- there are a number of informational items on the agenda for your consideration.

**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: October 11, 2013**

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
24 security lock air cylinders and solenoids	Detention Center	Norment Security Group, Inc.	\$3,961	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Surveying services for Islands Library project	Special Projects	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company	\$5,850	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Library Construction
Perform test pit evaluation for Islands Library project	Special Projects	Whitaker Lab	\$2,595	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Library Construction
Installation of security camera at Public Works Facility	I.C.S.	Quality Communications, Inc.	\$5,554	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Public Works Building
Body repair to unit #522 - District Attorney vehicle - County employee at fault	Fleet Operations	A & L Autobody, Inc.	\$5,790	General Fund/M&O -Fleet Operations
Emergency lighting package for unit #847 - Metro law enforcement vehicle	Fleet Operations	West Chatham Warning Device, Inc.	\$3,593	CIP - Fleet Operations
One (1) server	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$5,792	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Annual licensing and maintenance agreement for file tracking and records management software	I.C.S.	Filetrail, Inc.	\$8,688	General Fund/M&O -I.C.S.
Surveying services for Penn Waller Avenue sidewalks project	Engineering	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company	\$8,000	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Penn Waller Sidewalks
Assorted toner cartridges	Detention Center	Office Depot, Inc.	\$2,504	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) heat exchanger	Detention Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$8,825	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Monthly storage fee for modular building	Sheriff's	T.E. Shurling, R.E.	\$3,000	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Law Enforcement Training Construction
Large power tools and hardware to furnish maintenance shop	Detention Center	Grainger	\$7,393	CIP - Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
Replace plexiglass on unit #93 -Public Works tractor	Fleet Operations.	Flint Equipment Company	\$3,045	Inventory Account
Materials testing and inspection services for Human Resources - 123 Abercorn Street renovation project	Special Projects	Whitaker Lab	\$4,000	SPLOST (2008-2014) - County Admin Building Construction
Air quality test	Aquatic Center	Rosser International, Inc.	\$9,425	General Fund/M&O -Aquatic Center
Inspection and report of Pipe Makers Canal sluice gates	Public Works and Park Services	TIC-The Industrial Company	\$4,650	SSD-Public Works
Three (3) chairs	Sheriff's	VIP Printing & Office Supply	\$3,543	•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept - \$2,362 •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$1,181
One (1) condenser unit for 911 Call Center equipment room	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$4,475	Reimbursable Expenses
Mailing of tag renewals for month of October	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$7,094	General Fund/M&O -Tax Commissioner
Surveying services for Blue Sky property	Special Projects	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company	\$5,900	SPLOST (2003-2008) - County Admin Building Construction
Conduit and wire at Sheriff's Dept. firing range	Detention Center	Braddy Electric Company, Inc.	\$2,748	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Annual maintenance agreement renewal for three (3) fingerprint machines	Sheriff's	Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc.	\$8,900	•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept - \$3,560 •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$5,340
Soccer officials for Fall season	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Soccer Association, Inc.	\$3,719	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Prisoner transport	Detention Center	U.S. Prisoner Transport	\$3,749	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Furniture	Detention Center	Groupe Lacasse LLC.	\$6,510	CIP - Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
Annual support service for fleet maintenance software	Fleet Operations	CCG Systems, Inc.	\$5,953	General Fund/M&O -Fleet Operations
Communication switch upgrade	I.C.S.	Mitel Business Systems, Inc.	\$5,602	General Fund/M&O - Communications

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Scott said, and we will need to go into executive session, and so if there's --

County Manager Abolt said, the purpose would be personnel and litigation, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, -- so if there's no questions about anything on the informational calendar --

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

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

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

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

Commissioner Center said, I just want to make a comment before we go into executive session.

Chairman Scott said, any discussion?

Commissioner Center said, can I make it?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, before we go into executive session, I want to thank the County Manager for his kind comments and particularly thank my fellow Commissioners for the patience in -- in enduring the Third Commission District issue. I really appreciate it.

Commissioner Holmes said, don't bring them no more.

Chairman Scott said, all in favor of executive session indicate by voting yes, opposed no. We are now in executive session.

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

Commissioner Stone moved to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and litigation. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 11:35 a.m.

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#### **ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 2. APPOINTMENTS  
LIVE OAK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved to reappoint Darlene Wilson and to appoint Rebecca Dawson to the library board with their terms set to expire June 30, 2016. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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

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

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