

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Albert J. Scott called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, November 22, 2013.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. At this time I will ask that -- that you be seated and once Father Mihai of the St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church completes his message and indicate that he's ready for prayer, at that time if you would, when he so indicates, please stand and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance, and I would ask that the Vice Chair of the Commission, Commissioner Thomas, if she will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. At this time, it's with my pleasure that I introduce to you, Father Mihai of St. Paul Greek Orthodox church. Father, it's a pleasure to have you.

Father Vasile Mihai said, thank you so much. Blessed is our God now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. Heavenly King, Comforter, (inaudible) of truth, Savior present and feeling all things, Treasurer of blessings and giver of life, come and dwell in us. Cleanse us of every stain and deliver us our souls oh gracious One. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

Father Mihai gave the invocation as follows:

Lord and Master our God, when your next (inaudible) of love visited mankind and bestow your blessings on all we entreat you. We pray to you and ask of you, look with kindness on these your servants. Bless them with your grace and strengthen them in their endeavors. Direct their steps to every good work. Protect them from sickness and distress and shower them with your tender mercies. Lord at this hour accept our prayers and direct our life in the way of your commandments. Sanctify our souls. Purify our bodies. Correct our thoughts. Cleanse our minds, and deliver us from all affliction, evil and distress. Encompass us with your holy angels that guarded and guided by their company will remain yours in peace, love, comfort and understanding. For as the God of mercy, compassion and love for mankind, and to you ascribe glory together with your beginninglessness Father and your oh holy good and life-giving spirit now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Board of Commissioners and Audience collectively said, amen.

Father Mihai said, that is my message.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Scott said, we will stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

Commissioner Thomas said, please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Thomas 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 Bocook, County Clerk

[NOTE: In the middle of the roll call the following transpired:]

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will suspend. Father, on behalf of the Commission, I wanted to present you with this Certificate of Appreciation for your being willing to come here and provide us with our morning devotion. Thank you so much.

Father Mihai said, thank you so much. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will continue.

[NOTE: Roll call continued.]

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## **CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

Chairman Scott said, I now recognize our Vice Chair for the introduction of the members of the Youth Commissioner who are here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen. It is my pleasure to introduce to you the Youth -- Chatham County Youth Commissioners serving with us today. Shaneen Carter, a student at St. Vincent's Academy; Destiny Craig-Mojica, Savannah Early College, and Asia Coles, Woodville-Tompkins.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Youth Commissioners said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning to you all and welcome. Thank you for being here. At this time would we ask that anybody in the audience who have a cell phone, if you would please turn it off or make sure that it's silent. I'm -- I'm sure all the members of the Commission have already done so. I -- I think it's been taken care of now.

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

### **1. PROCLAMATION FOR ZONTA CLUB. MS. JOCAROL MARTIN WILL BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE THE PROCLAMATION.**

Chairman Scott said, our first item is a proclamation and presentation for the Zonta Club, and Ms. JoCarol Martin, are you -- you here?

Ms. JoCarol Martin said, yes, I am.

Chairman Scott said, and --

Ms. Martin said, thank you Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. The Zonta Club of Savannah joins Zonta Clubs in 65 countries to say no to violence against women and girls. Sixteen days of activism will begin on November 25<sup>th</sup> to bring attention to violence against women. November 25<sup>th</sup> is International Day of Eliminating Violence Against Women; December the 10<sup>th</sup> is International Human Rights Day. These days and the days between are the 16 days we focus on violence against women and girls. Part of our message is pay attention to what is around you. If you see something, say something, and then make that call for help. We have orange lapel

ribbons for each of you, and hope you will wear them as a sign of your support to say no to violence against women and girls.

Chairman Scott said, we'll -- we'll just wait a minute on the ribbons. Just a second on the ribbons.

Ms. Martin said, and --

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Ms. Martin said, okay, and we invite you to join Zonta on November 25<sup>th</sup> in Forsyth Park at 8:30 a.m. to have an orange Monday before black Friday. We will have orange ribbons on selected trees that say Zonta says no. Thank you for your time and your attention, and let's stop violence in our county. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, at this -- at this time we have a proclamation we'd like to present to you, and that will be presented by Commissioner Brady of the Sixth, and I would ask all members of the Commission to please join us for this presentation and the pinning of the ribbons.

Commissioner Center said, may I ask a question? Where in Forsyth Park?

Commissioner Brady said, good morning. I would like to take this opportunity to read this proclamation and understand that we appreciate the work that you do for women and girls. On behalf of the County, this proclamation reads:

Commissioner Brady read the proclamation as follows:



**WHEREAS**, we as citizens of this community, recognize the worldwide problems of violence against women occurs even here in Chatham County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, violence against women is traumatic to the body, mind and spirit and can prevent people from being fully active participants at home and in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, violence against women costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, in spite of some progress, we need only to look at our newspapers or watch a television newscast to see the unfortunate truth that violence against women has not yet been eliminated here in Chatham County, Georgia, or around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, we support efforts of individuals and join organizations, such as the Zonta Club of Savannah, to raise awareness, stimulate discussion, and advocate for local solutions that will curb violence against women; and

**WHEREAS**, these local people join thousands of others from around the world to assert that the right of women and men to be free of violence is a fundamental human right.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby urge that all citizens on November 25 and during the 16 days of activism to support work to end violence against women and to eliminate the detrimental consequences it has on the well-being of our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2013.

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Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Chatham County Commission

## ATTEST:

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Gail F. Gordon, Administrative  
Assistant to the Chairman

Ms. Martin said, thank you. [Applause.]

Ms. Martin said, thank you very much. On behalf of Zonta Club, we appreciate you. We appreciate you recognizing our efforts as we strive to just make aware of violence against women and girls and that there is something we can do about it, but we have to talk about it. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, if you would remain for a few minutes, just in case some members of the Commission have any questions of you.

Ms. Martin said, sure. Sure will.

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't have any questions but I do want to say that I'm very happy that you're doing this, and you're doing a great job, and I certainly do support this and I appreciate all of your endeavors.

Ms. Martin said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, the Chair recognize Commissioner Center for a question.

Commissioner Center said, Ms. Martin?

Chairman Scott said, Ms. Martin.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Ms. Martin said, good morning.

Commissioner Center said, where -- where are you meeting at Forsyth on Monday morning?

Ms. Martin said, we will be at the corner of Park and Drayton.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Ms. Martin said, and we will be putting up orange ribbons that state Zonta says no. We hope that stimulates discussion of -- of what -- what our goal is and what our mission is.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Ms. Martin said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have a question.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, Fifth District.

Ms. Martin said, good morning, Commissioner.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'd like to say thank you for all that you do and your organization, and I would like to know how long have you all been in existence and do you collaborate with any other women's organizations that -- that have the same objectives that you have?

Ms. Martin said, the Zonta Club of Savannah has been in existence since 1986. Now Zonta International has been in existence since 1919. We're approaching our centenarian, and yes we do. We do a lot of work with Safe Shelter, Rape Crisis, Wesley Community Center for Women, S.W.A.T. We were the originator of S.W.A.T., which is Savannah Working Against Human Trafficking. We originated that -- that organization. They are now a full-functioning organization of their own. We still participate with them in the human trafficking areas.

Commissioner Shabazz said, very good.

Ms. Martin said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any other comments or questions? Hearing none, thank you so much.

Ms. Martin said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and we really appreciate the work that you're doing.

Ms. Martin said, and thank you for your support.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

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## 2. CHATHAM APPRENTICE PROGRAM GRADUATION.

Chairman Scott said, on to the portion of the program that some of us have been waiting on all year to see the results of your -- of your investment, and at this time I would like to recognize Mr. Dodd, who is here representing the Chatham Apprentice Program, and we have a number of graduates here today that he will present.

Mr. Daniel Dodd said, good morning, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, Commissioners.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Mr. Dodd said, thank you so much for supporting this program. It's an important program. It's an important part of what Step Up do -- does. As you all know, Step Up is the poverty reduction initiative for the City. The Apprentice Program is the workforce development arm. I'd like to introduce the Vice Chair of our Board of Directors, Ms. Pamela Howard Oglesby, who will just say a couple words before we get started.

Ms. Pamela Howard Oglesby said, good morning.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Ms. Oglesby said, I would like to bring you greetings from the entire Executive Board of Directors of Step Up Savannah, Inc., where Mr. Mike Traynor is our chair, publisher of the Savannah Morning News, who could not be with us unfortunately this morning. I am Pamela Howard Oglesby, Vice Chair outgoing for 2013. Some of you I've -- I've had the opportunity to work with over the years. One of you has known me since I've been a very, very young woman working on Crawford Square where I got my first job. Good morning Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning.

Ms. Oglesby said, then there's one who is the Commissioner for the District that I live in, probably may have known me before I knew myself. Good morning, Dr. Thomas.

Dr. Thomas said, good morning.

Ms. Oglesby said, I would like to say thank you to all of you, this Commission, for your undying support of Step Up with the CAP program. Chatham Apprentice Program is a wonderful endeavor. You all should be very proud to be a part of this. I've been with Step Up probably from its inception. I think that's been about ten years, and I've seen this program grow, expand, evolve, and change, and these graduates are actually the first graduates of a brand new part of the program. You all know it was the Construction Apprentice Program, and it evolved into the Chatham Apprentice Program, so I'd like to say congratulations to these graduates who are graduating from the E-3 portion of this project, and just once again let you know that we are grateful, appreciative, and thankful for the support that you have given, your time, energy, and effort to this program, and always know that what you've done has been a great thing, because it gave people who may not otherwise have the opportunity to change their lives to do something wonderful and great with their lives, so thank you. Thank you. Thank you once again. Staff can come up.

Mr. Nick Deffley said, thank you. Thank you Ms. Oglesby. Good morning.

Chairman and Members of Board collectively said, good morning.

Mr. Deffley said, my name is Nick Deffley, and I am the Chatham Apprentice Program manager for the program. I am extremely proud and excited to be here to recognize the fantastic achievement of this CAP class behind

me. I would like to thank Chairman Scott, as well as the Commissioners for your ongoing and unwavering support of this program, and I think you know that without your support these folks behind me would not be standing here today. I would also like to take a moment to thank my colleagues at Step Up Savannah. They work tirelessly to improve the lives of people in this community, and they play a huge roll in the success of this CAP program. Finally, I would also like to provide a special -- special thanks to Ms. Talisha Crooks. She is an instructor that participated in this E-3 program with us from Savannah Tech. She's in the audience today, back there, but she also played a critical role in the engagement of this class and the success that we have had, and she was a great team member.

Mr. Deffley said, this was the first CAP class that I actually participated in, and I have to say it was an incredible experience to be able to witness these members come together from the diversity that they came from, start to tear down some internal barriers that they had, and begin to take major strides towards success and full-time gainful employment. The most recent CAP class that we've just done is as Ms. Oglesby said newly developed. It's called E-3, and stands for educate, employer and employ. Now this was a partnership with the West Broad Street Y, Savannah Technical College, Goodwill Industries, and many employers, including JCB, IKEA, Citi Trends, the Hyatt, as well as our very own Chatham County. I would like to thank all of these partners for their collaboration and their efforts to help make this class a success.

Mr. Deffley said, now while this class was not -- while this class is CAP, the new design for this training is a little different. It's a rigorous course. It's 80 hours of training over four weeks, and the participants who successfully complete the program are guaranteed an interview with an area employer. Now that is a new piece for us, and I believe it is a very -- very strong component of this course moving forward. The goal of this program is really to -- to get people to find a career path and not just a single job. We want them to be able to continue to excel and move up. Now the E-3 program has three main components similar to the other CAP classes. There's an application process that's actually now a week long. It's more intensive. Then we have a middle section that's the training course, and we have the employment section, which we are now in. The application takes about a full week as I said and includes basic math and reading assessment, a drug screening, a background check, and we do a one on one interview with each individual before they're admitted into the course. So we set high expectations for this class, and we expect them to show up every day on time and be ready to work because this -- we -- we tell them to treat it as a job because that's what it is. This is their full-time job when they are in this training program.

Mr. Deffley said, during the training the participants spend approximately 40 percent of their time in computer-based individualized learning, another 40 percent is actually in group facilitated and engaged discussion, and they are learning topics around body language, effective communication, interview skills, professionalism, and conflict resolution. The remainder of the time is used for one on one coaching, financial education and guest speakers, which includes, I'm very happy to say our new HR director with the county, Ms. Carolyn Smalls. We had the opportunity to have her come in and she did an excellent job, engaged the class, it was truly great. Thank you, Carolyn, if you're in here today. And we also had County Commissioners come in. Commissioner Holmes and Commissioner Stone, thank you so much for coming into the class and speaking. You -- you not only engaged the class, but you engaged the instructors and us to push harder to succeed and to make these folks really come out of this class ready to be employed. So thank you very much for that.

Mr. Deffley said, so now we are in the employment section of this class. This is the next phase. These graduates are out there every day looking for work. They are using the tools that CAP provided them in this training and the skills towards that endeavor, looking for a job, finding gainful employment is their full-time job. Now CAP is also working with them on that endeavor still, and that is part of this program. We continue to follow with them, do one on one coaching with them, and guide them and connect them with resources in the community so that they can find this employment, and we will continue to work with these folks once they've gained employment over the next 90 days to ensure that there's a smooth transition with the employer and the employee and that they have long-term success with that employer.

Mr. Deffley said, now, this is the fun part. Let me give you a little more information on the numbers themselves for this specific class. When we started, like I said, this application process was a week long. It's much more rigorous. When we started we had 130 individuals who signed up for this course. Now of those 130, 73 actually showed up for the first day to complete the application and start really doing the assessment. So right off the bat we dropped by about 50 percent. As we went through that application week, individuals self selected out, oftentimes just by not showing up or just not returning to -- for the next day when they were scheduled to. Now this class is not for everyone. We hold the bar high, like I said, and we want to make sure that the participants will be successful when they move on from here. By the end of that application week, we had a group of 35 individuals. So that is a 26 percent of that original 130. Twelve of those 35, it was determined that they needed remedial math and reading assistance prior to actually entering the class, 'cause we want to make sure that everyone who's going into E-3 actually is the right fit at the right time for the program. So what we did is we connected them with specific individuals at Savannah Tech or Goodwill Industries to make sure that they were connected and had -- got the support they needed to get to the point that they could then next time around apply for the E-3 program and get in.

Mr. Deffley said, there was a big component of this course that we wanted to make sure as folks came in to apply that no one was left falling through the cracks. If they wanted support, if they wanted work supports, if they didn't fit in the program right now, we were going to make sure they were connected with the resources to get them to -- to prepare so that they could finally get back in the course and reapply. So, now we begin the

class in October with 23 participants, and I am very, very proud to say that 18 of those participants successfully completed this class. Now that is a retention rate of almost 80 percent, and that is something to be very proud of. Now I'm not done. We're always shooting for 100 percent, but 80 percent on this first class is exceptional. Most of these 18 graduates are standing here before you today. A few actually couldn't be here because they found employment and they couldn't get off work to get here for this -- this day, so I -- I think that's -- that's okay. [Applause.]

Mr. Deffley said, thirteen of these graduates have gained employment since they finished the CAP class at the end of October, 13, using those skills and tools that they developed in this class. [Applause.] There is more that can be done, and CAP will continue to work assisting with job placement for each graduate of this program, but I am incredibly, incredibly proud of these graduates for what they have accomplished and the new direction they are headed in. Next I would like to invite Mr. Isaac Felton to speak. Mr. Felton is the program coordinator for the Chatham Apprentice Program. His expertise in adult learning and literacy, as well as his compassion to help improve people's lives make him a great contributor to the program, and we are very fortunate to have him as part -- as part of the team. [Applause.]

Mr. Isaac Felton said, good morning Commissioners.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning.

Commissioner Farrell said, good morning.

Mr. Felton said, first I would like to say thank you for your support and your commitment to the Chatham County Apprentice Program, and I would like to discuss the uniqueness of the make up that formed this group. This group was formed with participants that faced several challenges, such as background issues, felonies, suspended license, and housing. The program attracted people from all walks of life with various skills. The skills range from health care providers, culinary arts, maintenance, warehouse, tax preparation, retail management, and hospitality. Although we had diversity within the group, the common denominator were that the participants needed and wanted to improve their current situations and circumstance, and those situations ranged from having to learn how to interview properly, accepting constructive criticisms and feedback, dealing with internal issues, looking at themselves from a different perception, and just being responsible and being accountable for their own actions. Now, it would only be appropriate right now for we -- for us to hear some testimony from the E-3 participants, and we're going to start with Ms. Harriet Sanders. [Applause.]

Ms. Harriet Sanders said, I would like to say good morning to the Commissioners, my classmates, and everyone that came out to support us and all the instructors. I came to this program with a background and a past. Unfortunately I put myself down; I labeled myself; I limit myself; and then there was the they-sayers. They said you can't do this with that. They say you can't do this because you have that. When I got into this program, they not only uplift my spirits but they opened doors that was closed for a long time. I was in the healthcare field, and I thought that because of my background that I could never achieve a high-paying job in this community, but I was wrong. Not only have -- I'm going back to school starting January the 8<sup>th</sup>, but I'm going back in my field, and they assured me that I will be starting out with \$12 an hour. The only thing I'm going to say about this class is if anybody is down on their luck and their spirit or anything, anything that you have in your background, anything, that they are here to help you. Things have been opened up for us that we just didn't know that was there. They gave us skills that I thought that I had the upper hand on. So this program is for anybody that needs help. One thing I'm going to say before I leave, Commissioner Holmes came to the class, and I can't say it exactly how he said it, but it goes like this, we are -- none of us are failures. We all have something to live for, and I'm going to get mine. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. Felton said, next we'll hear from Robert Miles. [Applause.]

Mr. Robert Miles said, I'd like to thank all the Commissioners for -- for supporting this -- this group and my fellow classmates. It's like -- these -- these people are like family to me. What I learned from this class was to be a better speaker, to be a better interviewer with the employers. I'd like to tell you a little bit about my background. I've done 23 years in prison.

Members of the E-3 graduating class collectively said, take your time.

Commissioner Thomas said, it's okay.

Mr. Miles said, when I got out of prison, I was homeless for the first four months, but now I live in -- I live in Georgetown now. I got a full-time job, and I -- I used to ride a bicycle everywhere I went, and now I have a car.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Miles said, and I thank my girlfriend for that, and -- and I thank -- you know if -- if people would -- let's see how I'm going to say this, in '96, I gave my life over to the Lord, and to me that's my -- [Applause] -- without him I couldn't be nothing, and I -- I mean this -- this program helped me a lot, but I put my -- put my faith in the Lord, and -- and I believe to do away with all -- probably all crime or whatever, if people will get down on their knees in the morning times and give that -- give all their problems over to the Lord, this would be a better world, a better community, a better country, and a better state. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. Felton said, next we'll hear from Ms. Freda Jones. [Applause.]

Ms. Freda Jones said, good morning Commissioners. I wrote a few things down. A reflection on my experience in the E-3 program. For the last nine years, I worked at a five star-resort. This past August unfortunately I lost my job. I went to the Step Up Savannah office to get assistance with applying for different programs, and Robyn Wainner recommended that I sign up for a job training program called E-3. I told myself that I would give it three days, and from the moment that Mr. Peter gave his introduction, I knew that this was the perfect program for me. Nick taught me to surround myself with the dreamers and doers and the believers and thinkers, but most of all surround myself with those who see greatness within me, even when I don't see it. Talisha taught me that failures are a part of life, but I can learn from my past mistakes or adversities, and that I should let go of the hurt and pain and look forward to the future. When I think of Isaac one word that the -- sticks out is hunger. He taught me to stay positive and passionate throughout my job interviews and after so many interviews and job search, I now have a job. I am an assistant manager at Kroger's, and also I start classes at Savannah Tech in January.

Commissioner Thomas said, good job.

Ms. Jones said, thank you. [Applause.] Lastly, I would like to thank my classmates, for them with their tough love and all their supports and encouragement, it got me through the most difficult month of my life, and I'm forever grateful for the E-3 program. So thank you for investing in this program. [Applause.]

Mr. Dodd said, thank you all. We're ready to -- if -- if there are any -- any comments or questions from the Commissioners, and then we can just go ahead with the Certificates.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Thomas from the Eighth District, who is our Vice Chair, Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. I am sitting here and I too am almost in tears because I am familiar with this program from its inception. The road has not been easy, but to have you stand before this great Commission and the community at large, to hear such excellent testimonies, we are very proud of you for the fact that you did not stop, and there is more to be done, and remember, to be successful you have to -- you have to continue the journey each and every day, and keep in mind, everything that you have been taught and the opportunities that you have been given. May God bless each and every one of you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Holmes said, let me first --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes of the Second District and then our Pro Tem, Commissioner Stone from the First.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me thank Mr. Dodd for following up on some of the plans that him and I talked about. When this program first began, it was good. It was nice, but then I looked at it and tried to take it in another -- another direction, to make it tough for all of you all to get into it. I always feel if you work for something real hard and earn it, then you would appreciate it, so he followed the ideas that him and I talked about, that's why it was so tough for you all to get into this program, and it was a little tougher for you to come out of this program. But when I hear the testimony today, it only tells me that all the work that you have put into yourself, it's all about yourself. You all going to be successful because you're going to represent not only Chatham County and this program, but you're going to represent yourself. Now as I look from left to right, some of y'all look like y'all already on jobs, and that's what I thought. Some of you look like you're going for an interview for a job. The young man with the bow tie right there, what's your name?

Mr. Roneal White said, Roneal, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, I will hire you right now. This is -- [Applause] -- this is who I'm looking at it.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

Commissioner Holmes said, you -- you stood up there and you took everything in like a -- a -- a professor that was taking in some sort of knowledge, and I know I can -- I can see each one of you all touched each one of you because in your testimony you can see everybody's eyes got teary, so that means you all have built a bond with each others, and I would like for y'all to continue that so you can push each others when one going down. Congratulations, and I hope you much success in your career. Thanks.

Members of the E-3 graduating class collectively said, thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. After coming out and learning a little bit about your program, upon your graduation day, I just want to congratulate you all. Thank you.

Members of the E-3 graduating class collectively said, thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz and Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Good morning. I'd like to thank you all for your hard work and your diligence. I also thank the administrators of this program, Chatham County Apprentice Program, those who are in leadership over this program, and all of the participants. I like the idea of educate, employer and employ. I wanted to ask a question in terms of partnering with the -- in -- in -- in addition to learning job skills, is there some type of collaboration with the Entrepreneur Center and -- and -- and -- and with your program as well?

Mr. Dodd said, there -- there is not at this time, Commissioner, but we're in discussions with them. One of the main things that we're really struggling with is looking at accessing micro loan capital --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Mr. Dodd said, -- for -- for small business start up, and so we've been speaking with the City about the Entrepreneur Center and how we can better link with them.

Commissioner Shabazz said, very good, because, you know, I firmly believe that the sky is the limit, and that we should not limit ourselves to jobs and just being employed. We should also identify needs in the community. In identifying those needs you will create opportunities sometimes for yourselves and others, and if you identify these needs, you can create employment opportunities, business opportunities, as well as bring your colleagues along with you. And I would like to just say in -- in -- in my closing remarks is that you have more working for you, on your behalf than you have working against you. Keep the faith, and the gentleman who almost brought tears to my eyes, he said it right, he said that God is -- he put his faith in God, and your faith will sustain you, and thank you. Congratulations. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, we have a -- a member of our Youth Commission would like to make a comment, Destiny Craig-Mojica.

Youth Commissioner Destiny Craig-Mojica said, thank you. First I would like to say congratulations on your graduation, and also I have a question on it. How many people have graduated from the Chatham Apprentice Program since its inception?

Mr. Dodd said, with this group, about 450.

Ms. Mojica said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say y'all are all shining stars in this community. You all come from different backgrounds, different circumstances, and you've all overcome it, and you've worked so hard, and you should congratulate yourselves for the work that you've done and focus on moving forward and improving your situation. I want to congratulate you for your hard work and say keep -- keep it up -- keep it up and keep going.

Members of the E-3 graduating class collectively said, thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, one of our Youth Commissioners Asia Coles.

Youth Commissioner Asia Coles said, thank you. I would just like to know what is the age group for this program?

Mr. Deffley said, yeah, the age group is actually 18 or older, and really on the top end probably 65, but that's not even a -- a hard line, so.

Youth Commissioner Coles said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Kicklighter from the Seventh District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to first just congratulate all of you. Let you know that you are truly an inspiration, and I hope that -- I hope there's actually a lot of people at home watching this today or watches it on a replay because whew, we live in a society now where I guess we're having some really tough economic times, and I see it on social media, Facebook and all, people feeling pretty much hopeless and helpless, and y'all are quite the example that -- that we are still in the greatest country in the world, and that just get up and get moving, make it happen for yourself, and y'all are a great example of this. I heard on the way in this morning on the radio a young man, I guess, from Russia. They were doing a shoe box drive for Christmas, and that's where American's send -- just pack a shoe box up with just little toys or whatever to send to these orphanages in Russia. This young man, his favorite item in there, and he's now an American citizen, he -- they had to share a towel when they were in -- with 20 other children when they got to shower once a week. This young man when they asked him did he remember walking back in the day they -- he received the shoe box, he did. They wanted to know his favorite items, and his first -- or one of his favorite items was SpongeBob toothpaste. He said he ate it because he thought it was candy and it tasted good at the time. The next favorite item from this man was a wash cloth. Whew. The kid had never had his own towel, never had his own wash

cloth, so you know, I guess my point being, is it's easy -- I've gone from the top of something at one point to economically, financially, the bottom, and it's easy for people to sit home and feel bad, and it will over take you, but my God, what an inspiration y'all are -- all of you are, and -- and if y'all can get out and preach the word, you can help many others because in this country it is about taking control of yourselves and y'all have done it, and y'all are a inspiration to not only me but to many people -- everybody out there watching. So, congratulations again to all of you. I'm very proud of what you've accomplished.

Members of the E-3 graduating class collectively said, thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, and another one of our Youth Commissioners, Commissioner Carter.

Youth Commissioner Shaneen Carter said, I just have a question. How do people in the society who have problems find out about the E-3 program?

Mr. Dodd said, we do a lot of outreach, a very extensive outreach, lots of word of mouth now because the program has existed for -- for several years. But, we -- we do a huge amount of outreach in -- in the neighborhoods. We also get a lot of referrals from other organizations, so there are a lot of non profits that are really relying on this program because there was not -- there are not a lot of workforce development programs out there, and so we get a lot of referrals from other non profits like Salvation Army and other -- other congregations and -- organizations like that.

Youth Commissioner Carter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any other questions or comments? If not, as -- as Director Dodd has indicated, we're ready to present the Certificates.

Mr. Dodd said, Mr. Chairman, if -- if you would allow me, I just wanted to say one thing really quickly.

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Mr. Dodd said, there's one gentleman here that always is under the radar when it comes to this program, but really without his work, this program wouldn't have ever existed, and that's our County Manager --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Mr. Dodd said, -- Mr. Russ Abolt, and -- [Applause.] When I think about the -- or I feel the emotion, I feel overwhelmed when I think about what Russ has done for me, and how he's led, you know, and I've been able to learn from his humility, his hard work, and his savvy, and his honesty. All of these characteristics, which have really led me, and really without Mr. Abolt we wouldn't have this -- this -- this program because he heard Commissioners who asked for something like this and -- and -- and brought me in and -- and put it together, and he's been supportive and a coach, and holding us accountable as well from the very beginning, and he always ducks out when we want to give him an award, which really shows his humility, but I just wanted to say something around that. So thank you, Mr. Abolt.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, may I say -- tell one thing, please?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to tell Mr. Dodd that I think it's great that you took this program actually in another direction. I think this is absolutely amazing. It -- it was concerning to me from the original intent when -- when this was first started that it was construction, and then, as I said, when I went down, I was a realtor, and at that point, construction, everything stopped, and I -- I think that this is awesome that you've branched out and you're now doing training in all these other areas because it -- it I believe really gives the people the chance to get a -- a job, you know, and not -- but thank goodness the market's coming back a little it, so. Construction's coming back some now too though, so, thank you though.

Mr. Dodd said, thank you, sir. Well Commissioner Farrell has been pushing me on that for -- for years on diversifying the program, and we're going to definitely listen to you, and I'm going to reach out to you Commissioner Shabazz with your ideas around entrepreneurship and small business.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Mr. Dodd said, so any ideas that you have, we're definitely going to take them very seriously.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, again -- Mr. Manager?

County Manager Russ Abolt said, sir?

Chairman Scott said, Manager Abolt, do you have any comments before we -- before we proceed with the --

County Manager Abolt said, thank you very much just for the opportunity to be around wonderful people. You're in that crowd, as well as Mr. Dodd and a whole bunch of other people. This -- this community is so well served by people who are -- know what the right thing is and they do it, and they do it without any desire to be patted on the back.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I think they are now ready to present the Certificates.

Mr. Felton said, we're going to start with Ms. Iyeshia Yates. [Applause.] Linda Carter. [Applause.] Shelli Chaplin. [Applause.] Malcolm Chaplin. [Applause.] Courtney Fuller. [Applause.] Rhonda Johnson. [Applause.] Freda Jones. [Applause.] Virginia Jones. [Applause.] Michella Martin. [Applause.] Robert Mills. [Applause.] Angel Richardson. [Applause.] Shannel Rivers. [Applause.] Harriet Sanders. [Applause.] Jesse Stevens. [Applause.] Roneal White. [Applause.] Michelle Young. [Applause.]

Mr. Felton said, in their absence, Mr. James Harris and Mr. Steven Larry. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, I invite members of the Commissioner who wish to congratulate the participants to do so.

[NOTE: Commissioners went down and congratulated all the graduates.]

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

None.

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

### **1. COMMENTS ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION (COMMISSIONER CENTER).**

Chairman Scott said, at this time on page 3 of the agenda under Commissioner's Items and Chairman Items, the Chairman doesn't have anything. We do have a Commissioner Item, and at this time I will recognize Commissioner Center, from the Second District --

Commissioner Center said, Third.

Commissioner Holmes said, Third District.

Commissioner Center said, I live in the Second.

Commissioner Holmes said, Second District.

Chairman Scott said, -- Third District, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Center said, thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Fifty years ago today, November 22, 1963, I was in my ninth grade English class at Wilder Junior High School when our civics teacher, Carl Tyson, came into the room and announced that President Kennedy had been shot. When I got home and turned on the television, I watched an emotional Walter Cronkite broadcast to the nation that President Kennedy was dead. In the blink of an eye we looked around and our handsome, energetic, enthusiastic leader was gone. The second youngest man ever elected president had encouraged, inspired and instilled, or at least continued the spirits of daring and achievement among Americans. In less than three years in office, President Kennedy demonstrated the resolve of the United States by standing strong and unblinking face to face with the Soviet Union over the Cuban Missile Crisis. He electrified the world with his words by looking across the iron curtain, Ich bin ein Berliner. He challenged our pioneering and scientific best with his mission successfully achieved to have America reach the moon during the 1960s, and he urged all Americans to ask not what your country can do for you but instead what you can do for your country. Yet, as the song sings, it seems the good, they die young. On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this horrific assassination, when I think of President Kennedy, JFK, I don't recall so much his politics or his political agenda, as I recall Richard Burton's words as King Arthur in the final refrain from President Kennedy's favorite play, each evening, from December to December, as you lie awake upon your cot, don't let it be forgot, that once there was a spot, for one brief shining moment that was known as Camelot. Would you all please join with me for just a moment of silence not only in memory of President Kennedy but also in respect for all of those who have served in our nation's top position.

Chairman Scott said, please, a moment of silence.

[NOTE: A moment of silence was observed.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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## VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

- 1. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR A REPLACEMENT WATER WELL PERMIT VARIANCE FOR 8944 FERGUSON AVENUE.  
[DISTRICT 1.]  
*NOTE: AT COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 25 2013, ITEM WAS POSTPONED FOR TWO WEEKS.  
THE COUNTY ATTORNEY REQUESTED THAT THE ITEM BE POSTPONED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS, UNTIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2013.***

Chairman Scott said, okay. Now we're back on the agenda on page four. We have a -- a tabled item, and at this time I will recognize Commissioner Farrell of the Fourth District for a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I'd -- I'd like to take this item off the table and make a motion for approval of the well permit for John Pannell permit variance.

Chairman Scott said, first -- first we need a motion to take it off the table and then --

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, I'll second.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, and then --

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second that this item be taken off the table and placed on the agenda. All in favor of that motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. All right. The item is off the table. Now I will entertain a motion for further consideration.

Commissioner Stone said, well, if it's all right, I would like to make a couple of statements, and then I'd be happy -- or you can make the motion.

Chairman Scott said, if -- if we get a motion and second, I will open it up for discussion.

Commissioner Brady said, I -- I -- I make --

Commissioner Stone said, all right. Then I'll --

Commissioner Brady said, -- the motion that we approve the variance.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, it's my District.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second to -- the request for a variance for a well permit be granted. Hearing the motion, any discussion?

Commissioner Stone said, yes, sir. I just wanted to --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone of the First District.

Commissioner Stone said, and I am in support of the motion, I just wanted a little bit of clarification, and that was, if I'm correct, the County Attorney, this was unusual due to the extensive distance? The -- the --

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, yes -- yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am. The -- the ordinance requires everybody to tie in, but it also has an escape provision in there for unique circumstances which will allow a participant to come before the Commission and ask for a variance not to tie in or a well permit, and this is a

situation that certainly is unique. You know, if you take your average subdivision lot, has a 35-foot building setback and you got maybe another 40 feet to get to the front -- front tie in, so you're talking about 70, 75 feet in distance to tie in --

Commissioner Stone said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, -- and we've waived -- I can't think of a time we've waived the tie in for that. Here you're talking about a distance that's 12 times that, well, more than 12 times that.

Commissioner Stone said, and --

County Attorney Hart said, and we asked the -- the Commission considered this very carefully at the meeting before last and asked the applicant to bring in some additional information as to the actual cost. He did, and it could be as -- as much as \$22,000. There's a bid for less than that, but when the county went out and checked his bids, we -- he was pretty much in the ballpark on both bids, so it is -- it's a long way to go for just water.

Commissioner Stone said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, this is not your situation where we're asking -- we got -- we're providing sewer out in that area where he could tie into sewer. He's still going to have to maintain a septic tank. So there's -- you know, if you choose to -- to allow this variance, you're certainly well within your rights to do so.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. And the -- the other thing was the -- the -- for lack of a better term, the terrain, the number of trees, the roots, and also this would require boring under Ferguson Avenue, is that correct, to tie in on the westside?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, ma'am. If you look at page six of your staff report, you can see that this is a rather unique piece of property in that it's -- it's long, for lack of a better term, skinny, and it runs a considerable distance.

Commissioner Stone said, that was all. I just wanted to point out the unique qualities of this piece of property at the request of this variance. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion?

Commissioner Center said, did you make -- was there a second?

Commissioner Stone said, there's a second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what is the motion right now?

Commissioner Farrell said, approve the variance.

Chairman Scott said, the -- the motion is to grant a variance for a well permit for 8944 Ferguson Avenue. All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The variance has been granted. The motion carries.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Pannell?

Mr. Pannell said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, would you invite the Commissioners over for your grand opening?

Mr. Pannell said, I will. I'll -- I'll have you over for an oyster roast.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, sir.

Mr. Pannell said, thank y'all very much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, the Commission is out of order, but we appreciate the invitation.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh, my goodness.

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

- a. Commissioner Farrell moved to remove the item from the table. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

- b. Commissioner Brady moved to approve the Request for a Replacement Water Well Permit Variance for 8944 Ferguson Avenue. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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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. PARENT UNIVERSITY CONTRACT WITH STEP UP SAVANNAH.**

Chairman Scott said, page five on the agenda. Item 1, I will recognize Commissioner Center from the Third District.

Commissioner Center said, yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that we table this for two weeks until our next meeting, which I think it's December 6th.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second that we delay further consideration of Item 1 on the agenda till our next meeting. All in favor of that motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. This item is delayed. Motion carries.

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

Commissioner Center moved table the item, Parent University contract with Step Up Savannah, for two weeks, until the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Commission meeting. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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### **2. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.**

Chairman Scott said, the next item on our agenda is the CNT monthly report by Director Ragan.

Director D. Everett Ragan said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you Commissioners. This morning I was told I'd have a little bit of extra time, so we wanted to run a couple of -- a couple of things through. So if you'll just bear with us for a second, and we'll go over our monthly report for October. Is -- again, we picked up 107 investigations that we started. We closed out 53 of those so far. Right now for the year to date we've recovered \$1.8 million in drugs. Again, we arrested 58 people -- excuse me, we recovered four guns to bring it to 58 for the - for the year, 32 people arrested, 353. Your individual stats for your -- for your Districts, we've shown them, and again our -- our hours of expended in the precincts and to the municipalities, you all had an opportunity to look at.

Director Ragan said, a couple of things I want to brag on and -- and talk about. Chatham Savannah Counter Narcotics Team, of course, we know is a multi-jurisdictional task force that is set up with all the municipalities, Board of Education, and District Attorney's office. We are the only state certified agency, drug-investigating agency, multi-jurisdictional task force agency, in the State of Georgia. As you know, state certification comes with an agency meeting 127 standards set forth by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. It goes along the same lines as national accreditation from CALEA. This is state certification. Metro is state certified. Pooler is going through their certification last weeks. Every three years we have to do it. This year was our turn for re-certification, and assessors came in, looked over all the standards that we had to meet, and we have received -- I have received the report from the assessors, and they are recommending again that we will be re-certified for another three years in the State of Georgia. A lot of hard work went into that. Retired Lieutenant Tony Atkins is my certification manager. He's not here yet -- he's not here today, but in the near future, when the state board

votes for our certification, we will be presented with a certificate, and we'll have Chief Lyons from Garden City come in and make that presentation for us and Lieutenant Atkins will be here.

Director Ragan said, what I want to do now is I've got -- a couple of times in the past month or so I have remarked about an investigation that we completed, and it really came to heart for us that we needed to -- to dismantle this organization. It started with a phone call to the Garden City Police Department with neighbors complaining about an open air drug market in Garden City. Chief Lyons had it forwarded it to us for us to look into. We start -- we started with our major case unit looking into that complaint, developed information that we felt that it could be a good long-term investigation, and again it's an investigation that CNT took from the street level to the open air market all the way to the top to where we could dismantle the organization. We could cut

the head off of the snake, which is what we do, and is what the men and women of CNT -- at CNT do best. We have a Power Point presentation. We did a news conference yesterday, and Gene Harley, who is a Corporal with the Chatham County Sheriff's Department has been assigned to CNT for many years. He is also my PIO officer. We will go through, kind of tag team and make comments on the side of the presentation -- the Power Point presentation. And Gene, if you want to get started.

Corporal Gene Harley said, thank you, sir. Good morning.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Corporal Harley said, as stated by Director Ragan, this is a 10-month long investigation conducted by CNT deemed Operation Lazarus by OCDETF. Simply put OCDETF is a federal grant proposal that allows money to go in to help pay for these long-term investigations so the whole money's not on the county. So. As stated this was a investigation that was initiated by Garden City --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if you'll step up to the mike it will -- people at home will be able to hear.

Corporal Harley said, it was with -- an investigation that began from a phone call from the Garden City Police. Independently CNT had some information from there, began working it jointly, which led to a cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA. The objectives were simply to identify the distribution ring, as well as all additional suppliers and all members involved over all in the investigation -- or organization. CNT began to aggressively target this organization in December 2012, all the way through September of this year, and between the months of both December all the way through July, CNT agents working in an undercover capacity were making controlled purchases of various forms of controlled substances from the organization. As you can see in your map here, the -- the initial main distribution location for this organization was 305 Priscilla D. Thomas Way in Garden City. This is a little bit of a rough area for us in the sense that this is at a dead end road, this is towards the very end of the road, and as you can from your video, or your picture there, it is a very heavy wooded area. It's very hard for people to get back there unless you've been welcomed back there by the organization, and as you can see from the picture, to the right there where the arrow, is almost like an enclosed shed area that was built by the organization. This was equipped with electricity. They had flat screen televisions. They kept large amounts of controlled substance there, as well as weapons and numerous sales would happen throughout the day at this particular location.

Corporal Harley said, next, you'll see on your screen as -- as the investigation went on through the entire ten months, we have identified various persons involved within the organization. Specifically on the top you'll see Mr. Sherone McBride, Traviel Perkins, and Shamone McBride. These are the main three people who are in charge of the main distribution location there in Garden City. This is a continuation of members within that organization. You'll also notice that -- or I'd like to note that unlike other investigations we conducted where we found that despite organizations had the opportunity to get their hands on large amounts of controlled substances, typically those organizations were very loosely based in terms of their structure of the organization. That was the opposite of this group. This group had almost a military type structure. They had particular persons in particular places that held positions that were tasked with particular duties, to include security, distribution, who could sell to who, etcetera.

Corporal Harley said, as the investigation continued we started going outside of the Garden City area. From there we found members involved with the overall organization who also operated in West Savannah. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, CNT executed two search warrants simultaneously in the same neighborhood. Those were on the 2100 block of Mell Street and 1300 block of Golden Street. As a result of those search warrants, as you can see, this is just some of the items seized out of that house, to include large amounts of both powder and crack cocaine, marijuana, large amounts of US currency, and a large amount of weapons, to include high powered assault rifles, capable of piercing body armor, typically worn by that of law enforcement. Arrested in that

investigation alone were these gentlemen here, with the very top tier of it being Mr. Antonio Hampton, and you'll see in a minute how that kind of comes back all around again.

Corporal Harley said, in July 2003 [sic], the main distribution location --

Director Ragan said, '13.

Corporal Harley said, I'm sorry, July 2013, excuse me, moved from 305 Priscilla D. Thomas Way to 355 Priscilla D. Thomas Way. This is a picture of that new location, and you can see on the next map the distance, which is typically .3 miles. The reason the organization moved was not because they were afraid of law enforcement so say, it was because there was an incident of a fire at 305 Priscilla D. Thomas Way, and because of that incident in which the shed area got burned down, the organization felt that this would cause heat and cause both investigations by the fire department and police department, as well as any suspected arson would. In doing so, the organization had the ability within hours and no prior planning to relocate to a brand new location, and with the course of three hours fully operational again. And obviously from a law enforcement standpoint, it's harder for us, because now they've even moved further down the end of this dirt road -- or correction, the end of this dead end road, almost to the very end of it now.

Corporal Harley said, in July to September we began making new purchases of controlled substance from the now newly established location at 355 Priscilla D. Thomas Way. Again, that's with undercover agents. As you can see on the very next slide, we begin to identify the actual sources of supply for the organization as a whole. The very top two people, this -- were Antonio Acosta and Nakiea Hampton, this was husband and wife, and you'll see Mr. Antonio Hampton, who was on the previous slides as a result of search warrants on west Savannah, there is actually a family relation between Nakiea Hampton and Antonio Hampton. As we continued our investigation, additional sources of supply were identified to be Christopher Crimley and Kevin Speaks, as well as Mr. Adam Palmer and William McDonald. Most of -- most of all these people live in Chatham County or have lived in Chatham County for quite some time. I believe all with the exception of Mr. Antonio Acosta -- Acosta, who came to live in Chatham County several years back.

Corporal Harley said, as you can expect and seen in the movies, etcetera, when people become almost king pins of organizations, they have to find some ways to legitimize their money. One of many ways the couple were trying to do so, they were in process of establishing a business called Divine Wellness Spa in east Savannah off 66<sup>th</sup> Street. This business was in the process of coming to the grand opening that actually was delayed several times because they were either too busy enjoying elaborate weekend getaways or they were too busy bringing in extra drugs. They kept pushing back the grand opening. But this was also a location where for these particular two people drugs were being stored to later be distributed to the organization. Throughout the month of September of this year, CNT with its partnering agencies, both state, local and federal, executed numerous search warrants all throughout Chatham County. Your next pictures to follow is just some of the examples of the items seized. As you can see there's large amounts of a powdered crack cocaine, marijuana, the bottom left picture is actually a kilo of cocaine. You can see a digital scale. You can see the Pyrex bowls where they're converting powder cocaine to crack cocaine, and these are just some of the weapons seized from the organization as a whole as a result of the search warrants. Specifically, your bottom left picture again is the desert eagle, which is a .50 caliber handgun.

Corporal Harley said, and going after some of the assets of these drug dealers, we seized a total of nine vehicles. This is some of the vehicles, including a higher end Mercedes Benz, and large amounts of US currency was seized, mostly from the individuals' residence. In all just the search warrants in September alone produced these following seizures: over 50 ounces of cocaine, nearly three pounds of marijuana, over two ounces of "Molly" or Ecstasy, ten fire arms and \$262,000 -- or \$262,037. What's important to note, of that total seized money, again, only for the September operations, \$217,683 was seized from a single residence, marking CNT's largest single currency seizure in it's history. An example of the locations where the search warrants were executed. One in Port Wentworth -- and these are all residential search warrants, two in the unincorporated area, towards Georgetown in the 95/204 corridor, two in the city limits of Garden City, and a total of six in the city limits of Savannah, Georgia. And to kind of go back for a second, as we've talked about in previous presentations, often these drug dealers choose to live outside of the area where they distribute the drugs, and they retire back to their nice houses in the suburb areas. This is an example of that.

Commissioner Thomas said, wow.

Corporal Harley said, this is two of the drug dealers' houses that are in suburbs. You can see the top one, I believe is over a 5,000 square foot home.

Commissioner Brady said, is that in Southbridge?

Director Ragan said huh?

Commissioner Brady said, that looks like Southbridge.

Director Ragan said, it's not Southbridge, it's Brown Thrush. It's out off Henderson Golf.

Commissioner Brady said, oh, wow.

Corporal Harley said, exactly.

Director Ragan said, and the other one is out off Highway 30 in Port Wentworth, a subdivision there.

Corporal Harley said, so what they're doing is they're again bringing the drugs into the -- the intercity of Savannah or Garden City, and then going back out to live. The operation as a whole would not have been conducted with all the search warrants had it not been for these partner agencies that CNT -- all who assisted in the search warrants, and to kind of help bring things back to the original distribution, main distribution location, as you can see from Groves High School, the furthest drug distribution point was .7 miles. So you're talking about a drug organization who's operating less than a mile from a high school where we try to send our kids for education, and you have constant drug sales. What's also to note is this drug organization began operating as early as 6:00 -- 6:00 o'clock in the morning and would run till 2:00 to 3:00 o'clock at night. All day every day. Wouldn't even take a break on Sunday. So you can see the potential for danger or violence to -- to our -- to our children.

Corporal Harley said, moving forward, the very end of September, the 25<sup>th</sup>, to be exact, we indicted the case for the Grand Jury of the Superior Court of Chatham County, at which time a total of 28 persons were indicted.

Based on the investigation alone, we deem that this organization as a whole has the potential to distribute up to 30 kilograms of cocaine in an eight to ten-month period with an estimated street value of \$1.8 million.

Director Ragan said, a couple points that I'd like to -- to bring out that we -- we found during the investigation, and -- and the reason we can go into more detail about it now is simply because as of last Wednesday, we were able to unseal documents that had been sealed through Superior Court, things that we could not talk about until those documents were unsealed. Again, this is a -- a excellent example of the -- a major case, again, large organization that we had to spend many, many, many hours in front of Superior Court Judges in their chambers going over affidavits for wire taps, affidavits for PIN registers, monitoring from a -- our Title III wire tap room. Constant -- constant hours of audio surveillance, video surveillance that -- that went into this. We were able to gain so much information out of that surveillance, both the video and audio surveillance, that as Agent Harley explained, we were able to determine a specific hierarchy of a chain of command in this organization and that we were able to indict on gang statutes, throwing additional charges, which would have -- has more of a sentencing enhancement aspect to these individuals. Their conversations since then -- well we ain't never been a member of a gang, well, no, you're not -- we're not talking about Crips, we're not talking about Bloods, but we're talking about a drug organization with a hierarchy that we can show an actual business enterprise, and out of the 28 that we have indicted so far, we've already met -- and we're working hand in hand with DEA. We started, DEA came on board. They were able to get us some federal funds to help pay for the overtime and that kind of stuff, so. We've looked -- probably 14 individuals will go -- be taken to the federal court system and really get enhanced sentences, with the -- especially with the guns and the amount of cocaine and the -- and the crack that we purchased. So, again, it was a long investigation, relatively long. Reason it's -- we named it Operation Lazarus, when we started the investigation we were hitting several road blocks, and I was steadily on my -- my agents' backsides. You know, man, I -- they're thinking that it's -- it's dead in the water, and we just said no, man, if Lazarus can get raised from the dead, this investigation can get raised from the dead, so they constantly worked, worked, worked. So we raised Lazarus from the dead at one point and -- and -- and got it going again and an excellent job by my agents, the whole staff, and our -- and our state and federal partners. They helped us -- they helped us with this organization, so. Any questions?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center from the Third District.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Detective Ragan and is it Officer Harley? Very impressive. Let me just ask you a few questions. This began with citizens alerts?

Director Ragan said, citizens complaint, yes, sir. Actual phone call to the Garden City Police Department about that open air activity, and this is what developed, and you can take and -- take the citizen's complaint like that and go and harass some individuals on the corner, and the next day they'll have more individuals out there selling the drugs, but once we started doing the background into it and realized what type of an organization we had, again, worth the manpower, worth the cost, let's take the whole organization, so that's -- that's what we did.

Commissioner Center said, congratulations to whoever that citizen was also.

Director Ragan said, absolutely.

Commissioner Center said, and have y'all identified the source of these?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, of these drugs? I didn't --

Director Ragan said, yes, sir, we have. Antonio Acosta, the one you saw, him and his wife, Nakiea, the head of the organization. I guess we can say it now, he would fly to California. He would send back three to four kilos at a time and it would ship to the Divine Wellness, and then it would be distributed. Him -- him and Nakiea would distribute the kilos of cocaine to Crimley, Speaks, and Antonio Hampton. Would give it -- they would break it down into the ounces and the ounces would go to the residents in Garden City, who would sell it by the gram or by the half ounce and that type of stuff or by the eight ball. Yes.

Commissioner Center said, so -- so you hand off the investigation to the California authorities or federals to go from that point forward or up -- upward or whatever?

Director Ragan said, as -- as I have stated in the past, CNT will go where the drugs are or coming from that affect this county. I have actually sent agents to California working hand in hand with DEA out there, with a DEA agent and with the Berkeley Police Department where these -- these drugs were coming from.

Commissioner Center said, and let me also congratulate whoever the undercover people were. I see these guns. Those guns are there for a purpose. I know it's an extremely dangerous job.

Director Ragan said, yes, it is.

Commissioner Center said, and my hats go off in appreciation to those people. The Wellness Center. What has happened to that?

Director Ragan said, the Wellness Center, that -- it is -- it's -- it's -- we hit the Wellness Center with a search warrant and got some documentation out of that. It is -- it is I guess still vacant. The -- in listening to the phone conversations between them, they would always want to do a grand opening, but then they would want to go to Puerto Rico for the weekend and party or they would want to go to Atlanta for the weekend and party, so the grand opening always got pushed back because of their partying and their lifestyles and everything else. And we -- the \$217,000 came out of Acosta and Nakiea Hampton's nice house out in Henderson is where we got it.

Commissioner Center said, has -- has the District Attorney of the county moved to confiscate the houses you showed us and the Wellness Center.

Director Ragan said, not the houses, they were rentals. They were renting. The cars we already are. The money, yes, absolutely, but there was, you know, we took -- we generally just take the cash and the nice cars, but when we hit the Acostas' house, I mean there were brand new 40 inch TVs in the boxes, Ipads that haven't been used. They were branching -- branching out. These individuals had -- were going into the -- again to launder their money. They had a card reader set up. They had a -- they have a machine that could -- could erase the magnetic strips off the cards, put in the new ones. He had sent -- he had sent money to a contact in Arizona who had sent -- and he had ordered 1,000 blank credit cards from China that he was changing the -- so it's -- it was one heck of an operation they had.

Commissioner Center said, they were expanding beyond drugs.

Director Ragan said, oh, absolutely, expanding beyond -- trying to hide their money. The Wellness -- Divine Wellness, they -- in one of their little brochures they had, they were specializing in smoothies, colon cleansing and foot massages, so I don't know how much money they could have laundered through that type of an operation, but they were certainly going into a -- a new financial aspect of it.

Commissioner Center said, we don't get 100 percent of the 217,000? We share that with the other -- with the DEA?

Director Ragan said, no, sir. DEA did not do the seizure. We did the seizure. We will get -- we have to pay a slight fee for advertising for the DA's office. The District Attorney's office will get 10 percent of that, and anything else will come to seized assets for CNT.

Commissioner Center said, maybe you could sell the report to a television station and make even more money. It was an incredible report.

Director Ragan said, well, thank you very much. We -- sometimes we get -- we can get on top of them.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell from Fourth District and then our Vice Chair.

Commissioner Farrell said, congratulations to you and the extensive team for taking this much illegal drugs off the street of Chatham County. Now that that much -- you know I'm looking at the 30 kilo of cocaine and the enormous amount of money -- the street value. Now that that supply has been taken off the street, what about, you know, they -- what about the appetite out there for customers that are buying this stuff? I mean, once you've pulled the supply off, what happens to that appetite? Does it also go away or is it still there?

Director Ragan said, no, sir. They -- they -- this -- this --

Commissioner Farrell said, is there anything that -- that can be done to address that?

Director Ragan said, if the Food Lion closes you maybe start -- start going to Kroger, so, you know, it's -- they just look for a different market.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Director Ragan said, and -- say what? Oh yeah. And -- Agent Harley just told me that we're also, not included in these photographs, we're superseding the Indictment, we're going to go after some of the targets on the -- who were actually buying.

Commissioner Thomas said, good.

Director Ragan said, and we have them, so we're going after some of the targets. We wanted to get the main players off the street before we supersede the Indictment and go after some of the ones who were buying \$20 rocks and that kind of thing. We have those identified, and we have surveillance and plenty of evidence on them also. So, but -- but, to answer your question, I don't think the appetite -- it makes it difficult for them, but they

will find another supplier. We've already located who that might be, and we're already working, so. We just roll over and take a new hat. This is -- this is what financing the new Title III room that we are in the process of having up and going, and -- and, we will -- we will be doing this several times a year. And again, it's -- it's -- it's manpower extensive, and it's -- it's costly. We have to bear some of the cost, but when we get the room, we'll have no trouble putting these type -- these type of organizations out of business.

Commissioner Farrell said, just -- just wondering out loud from a representative point of view, if we don't dismantle the appetite, it just looks like job security for the organization that chases the bad guys.

Director Ragan said, it's a -- it's -- the appetite needs to be dismantled that's why we're going after some of the -- the users. The -- again, we're trying to run the cost -- the cost up. If you remember back when we did our last seizure in July of 20 -- not the last seizure, but a major case in July of 2012, that had -- at that point in time, the wholesalers were selling a kilo of cocaine for \$30,000. This cocaine was going for \$42,000 a kilo. So it was -- the -- the price has gone up. We're driving people out of the market with the price. It has gone up \$12,000 in this area over the past year, but Acosta was making \$15,000 profit on a kilo of cocaine simply by doing the transporting from California here. So if he was doing four kilos every eight or nine days, if you do the math, you're looking at \$60,000, maybe \$120,000 a -- a month that he was doing. Lavish lifestyle. Nice -- nice Rolex watches and nice cars and -- and he's not going to -- when you do the math, when he finally gets out of federal prison it's -- it's not going to be minimum wage.

Chairman Scott said, Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I'll be very brief. Everything that has been said I concur. Just want to say thank you to you and -- and the staff. This certainly has been a long journey and will continue to be a journey until we can kind of actually completely deplete -- deplete the source, as well as the users. Just for the media sake, I want to make sure that in reviewing this information that it was not Priscilla D. Thomas.

Director Ragan said, well, as -- as I had mentioned earlier Ms. -- Dr. Thomas that -- in one of my statements to you, when we found out where this address was, what the good people of this county and the good people of this Commission had honored one of our Commission, we damn sure wasn't going to let somebody dishonor the name, so.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, they -- they had to go.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone from the First District and then Commissioner Holmes from the Third District -- I mean Second District.

Commissioner Stone said, I just want to say this is unbelievable. It's very difficult to realize that this is going on in our streets, and I want to thank you all for taking the risk. I mean again, I -- I -- I'm still looking at this thinking, I -- you know, the idea that this is out there and this is going on is, I'll say it again, unbelievable. But I also want to thank citizens that came forward --

Commissioner Thomas said, yep.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, and encourage any other citizens that recognize that something isn't quite right and report it. If -- if we could help eradicate this from our streets and from our neighborhoods and from our community, we would all be safer, and I'm sure that you could find something better to do with your time than to -- to venture in to such a dangerous, risky profession, but thank you.

Director Ragan said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes of the Second District.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Chairman. Mr. Ragan, I -- I -- coming up as a little boy, I used to buy toy pistols, and these pistols that y'all seized, they ain't -- they don't look nothing like the one I used to have.

Director Ragan said, no, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, now, what I'm asking, with the seizure of all of these weapons, have y'all run a check on them to see if any dirt on them?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir, we -- we are, and in fact, we're in a -- we're in a program now and it's -- we're negotiating for a program now with -- with ATF. They have a new agent is in charge here, and several years

ago ATF had a system set up here in Savannah that they could test-fire all the weapons recovered against open homicides, open incidents, and there's a data base, a national data base, for those weapons. It was removed by ATF Washington because of lack of use in Savannah, and we're in negotiation now and working with the ATF that we will actually perhaps house the equipment, and we'll make sure that all of our guns are -- that we recover are tested, and then it's open for every law enforcement agency within this area to come in and test. It doesn't take that long, but they test ballistics on them, and then they test the cartridges that are recovered at crime scenes and the shell casings and -- and other ballistics. So that's a program that we're getting started with now with ATF. It was -- been discussed at our last two drug advisory board meetings. I've had personal discussions with ATF, and we're moving forward with that now.

Commissioner Holmes said, so how long would it take to run tests like this?

Director Ragan said, it would take probably five minutes for us to fire the bullets and -- and run the local. They are working -- they have been successful in other areas in -- in -- since the new agent came in they've done some here in Savannah, and they were looking at a one-week turn around, however, the ATF agent here and his supervisors in Washington are working to get that turn around to 24 hours. So we can have results, computer comparisons on -- on -- on shell casings and bullets, that we can have a positive -- it takes only a matter of minutes now for us to run an e-trace on the guns to find out where they come from and go from there, but actual ballistics at crime scenes and bullets will have -- we're looking at a 24-hour turn around.

Commissioner Holmes said, congratulations.

Corporal Harley said, Commissioner, just to -- just to go off of that, most of these guns that were seized in this investigation were seized from convicted felons, most who had a very violent past, so, who should not even possess any form of hand gun let alone these type of assault rifles, etcetera, and quite a few of these guns were also found to be stolen.

Director Ragan said, stolen. So, yeah, and one -- one thing I want to put up this type of Power Point, this type of investigation is -- is -- is something that of course we're very proud of and takes a lot of work, but the day to day work that our agents are doing. As we finished up our news briefing yesterday, we hit a house with a search warrant again and another four pounds of marijuana out of that house. This morning at 4:00 o'clock in the morning we had search warrants prepared, intelligence information on the individuals involved, that they were armed. We hit the house -- well, we actually had the Metro SWAT team hit the house, which Metro SWAT hit some of these houses for us. Had Metro SWAT hit the house and when the agents and SWAT members went in, the individual in the house was reaching for a gun and simply because he was overpowered with - with fire power, he changed his mind and -- and -- and did not pick it up. So again, we got another four pounds of marijuana out of that individual. These investigations, the ones that make headlines, but my agents daily are going out and risking it and doing one heck of a job.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz has a question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I -- I heard you -- good morning.

Director Ragan said, good morning, Mr. Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I commend you and your efforts and your organization's efforts to curb drug abuse and drug sales in the community and your seizure and everything, and -- but I also like to say, you said that you're going to try to deal with the nickel and dime drug dealer or the users as well?

Director Ragan said, who -- do we try to? Very seldom do we -- the street level narcotics enforcement is left up to the --

Chairman Scott said, local law enforcement.

Director Ragan said, local law enforcement, to whatever jurisdiction they're in.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you're going to go after the users you said.

Director Ragan said, we're going to go after the users on these simply because we have them making phone calls, buying, meeting these individuals, buying the drugs. We have surveillance, we have photographs of them, so we will -- that's like shooting fish in the barrel, we -- when they -- when they call one of the drug dealers and say, well, meet me at CVS at Highway 30 and 21 and -- and we're there, we're filming the meet, we know who they are, so we'll go back and -- and indict those individuals, and we'll get those users simply because we're able to garner the information that we have, the phone number, video of the surveillance and video of them buying the type of stuff.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so, what that does is make them a little more careful. It doesn't stop it.

Director Ragan said, it may make them a little more -- but, there's one over powering factor here that these individuals make mistakes with and that's greed.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Director Ragan said, and they can be -- they can be suspicious but their greed overcomes it, and for them to make the almighty dollar, they make mistakes, and we're right there.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you know, your organization is needed and I -- I couldn't think where we would be without the CNT --

Director Ragan said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- and other organizations that combat crime and drugs and all this stuff, but when you look at the overlying causes of drug abuse and people who are selling and using drugs, and it is the joblessness, the hopelessness, the despair, the low self-esteem, self-hatred, bordering on self-hatred., that they will consume things that are -- that are not good for their health, and that's why they destroy their bodies as well, and the knowledge of -- of the detrimental effects of drugs. And then too, it -- it -- we have to look at the idea of what -- what is it in the society that's creating the need or the desire for the drug so much because once we do that, then it wouldn't be -- there wouldn't be a need for that after we, you know -- there wouldn't be a strong need for it after we address those issues.

Director Ragan said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so what you're doing, as well as other things that need to be done in this community and this society to combat drug sales and use and everything on the whole -- looking at it on the whole picture.

Director Ragan said, it needs to be absolutely a multi-prong approach to -- to that. And in -- CNT does not only just take the law enforcement avenue. I have agents that go out and work with the schools, we do presentations at the schools, and we do present -- we -- we sit on the drug court. I have an agent assigned to drug court. So we -- there are things that we do as far as the education aspect of it too.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Director Ragan said, but we get paid to put them in jail and that's where they go.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but if we kill the desire for the need or kill the desire for the drugs, then your job would be easier.

Director Ragan said, my job would be easier, yes, sir, it would.

Commissioner Shabazz said, very good. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter from the Seventh District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to thank you, and -- and I want you to thank the officers -- the undercover officers because I truly --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- I -- I do believe -- I know you all have to be the most thankless part of any type of law enforcement, emergency responders or whatever, because many, if not most of your people have to walk the walk, talk the talk of the people that -- that do obey the law and society tends to walk past and take a sneak peek, and if they're looking that look, you know, I'm sure we on a daily basis kind of give them a -- a look or a -- you know, where they're actually kind of like our heros. I -- I think you guys are really like the Special Ops or -- or -- or the Navy Seals or something of the police departments throughout the country, and I think y'all are pretty darn amazing, and I just want you to tell them that, and that's one heck of a good job y'all are doing.

Director Ragan said, we -- thank you very much, we do, and -- and it takes a special type to be an undercover agent, to be a drug agent, and -- and you can have the -- the -- some of the best officers on every department in this county that just could not make it as a drug agent because you have to -- you -- you have to be a certain type to make it, and it takes a while to develop them, and it was -- it was very fortunate.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I would think it would be hard to live a -- have to act out a certain part of your life.

Director Ragan said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, a huge part of your life, and -- and -- and I think that line with -- you have to be a -- really a -- a brilliant person to pull off what y'all do, and I -- I -- I just think y'all are great, and let them know, please.

Director Ragan said, thank you very much. Anything else?

Chairman Scott said, if nothing else, let's -- I'll just conclude with the fact that as it was stated, this really got underway -- this particular bust got underway with a single phone call to the Garden City police that was forwarded to Chief Lyons of Garden City.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Director Ragan said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, and Chief Lyons in turn contact Director Ragan to ask if he would investigate, and that's really how policing must and should work.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Chairman Scott said, citizens involvement, and the citizens are really the ones who are the initiator of getting drugs and guns and everything else off the street, and that's the reason that it's so critical they stay involved and they stay committed. And we welcome citizens' involvement in our crime fighting effort, and thanks to you and all the agents under your command, but we also need to thank all the participants. As I stated, Garden City and Chief Lyons played a major role, but the Port Wentworth police department was involved. Savannah Metro was involved. We had the federal branches involved. We had the state branches involved, so it was a community policing effort, and that's the reason that CNT exists, and that is the reasons that we need to keep them independent and keep them in existence, and again, thank you.

Director Ragan said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, and we appreciate your presentation.

Director Ragan said, and if we -- if not for the support of this Commission, the County Manager --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Director Ragan said, that's -- I've never been turned down on something I come and ask for, and I thank you all for that.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. [Applause.]

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

For information only.

[NOTE: CNT monthly Report filed in Clerk of Commission's meeting file.]

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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're ready now for the Action Calendar. I will entertain a motion at this time.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, the motion would include deleting Item number 3 on your printed agenda.

Chairman Scott said, yes. Okay. The motion is to approve all items on the Action Calendar with the exception of Item Number 3. Upon hearing the motion, any discussion? Hearing no discussion, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

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

Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 7 and under Item 7, Items A through Q, with the exception of Item 3. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried

unanimously.

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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 NOVEMBER 8, 2013, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 2013, as mailed. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 31, 2013 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2013.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone made a motion authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period October 31, 2013 through November 13, 2013, in the amount of \$5,129,962. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- ~~3. **REQUEST FROM THOMAS & HUTTON, SURVEYOR FOR THE DEVELOPER, SOUTHBRIDGE WOODLANDS LANDS, LLC, FOR THE COUNTY TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR THE WOODLANDS VILLAS AT SOUTHBRIDGE PHASE 1 AND WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.**~~  
~~**[DISTRICT 7]**~~

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4. **REQUEST BOARD DECLARE THE VACANT PARCEL WITH PIN 2-0704-01-004, WHICH IS OWNED BY CHATHAM COUNTY AND LOCATED ON ACL BOULEVARD, AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE SALE OF THE PROPERTY BY SEALED BID.**  
**[DISTRICT 5]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the request that the Board declare the vacant parcel with PIN 2-0704-01-004, which is owned by Chatham County and located on ACL Boulevard, as surplus and authorize sale of the property by sealed bid. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: November 22, 2013**

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

**ISSUE:**

To declare the vacant parcel with PIN 2-0704-01-004, which is owned by Chatham County and located on ACL Boulevard, as surplus and authorize sale of the property by sealed bid.

**BACKGROUND:**

Chatham County maintains ownership of the parcel (2-0704-01-004) that was acquired for the construction of the Veterans Parkway Interchange at Interstate 516. The parcel remains undeveloped.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The parcel is located on ACL Boulevard. The location of the parcel is shown on the map attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). The 1.38 acre parcel is currently zoned for residential use.
2. The County received a request from a citizen to purchase the parcel. Staff evaluated the parcel and determined it is of no use to the County. Staff also contacted the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) staff who confirmed GDOT has no need for the parcel.
3. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §36-9-3, Chatham County must offer the property for bid after advertisement and notice. The successful bidder is responsible for the title work. The County's contracted Real Estate Broker, Mr. Ben Whitely, conducted a market assessment of the property. The assessment is not an appraisal (copy attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**FUNDING:**

No funds are required.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To declare the vacant parcel with PIN 2-0704-01-004, which is owned by Chatham County and located on ACL Boulevard, as surplus and authorize sale of the property by sealed bid.
2. To not declare the parcel surplus.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

That Board must declare County property surplus and approve disposition of property.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Alternative #1.  
District 5

Prepared by: Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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**5. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2013. PETITIONER: KATHRYN BROWN, D/B/A BILO, LLC, LOCATED AT 7360 SKIDAWAY ROAD, 31406. [DISTRICT 3]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the new beer and wine retail license and wine pouring license for 2013. Petitioner: Kathryn Brown, d/b/a BiLo, LLC, located at 7360 Skidaway Road, 31406. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**  
**AGENDA DATE: November 22, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
**FROM:** Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building and Regulatory Services  
Julie Tolbert, Acting Chief of Police

**ISSUE:**

Request for new beer and wine retail license and wine pouring license for 2013. Petitioner: **Kathryn Brown d/b/a BILO, LLC** located at **7360 Skidaway Road, Savannah, GA 31406.**

**BACKGROUND:**

Kathryn Brown requests approval of a new beer and wine retail license and wine pouring license in connection with an existing grocery store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the

Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**District 3**

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Acting Chief Juliette Tolbert

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**6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE 2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the 2014 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**

**AGENDA DATE: November 22, 2013**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

**FROM:** Carolyn A. Smalls, Human Resources Director

**ISSUE:**

To adopt the 2014 holiday schedule.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners recognizes eleven holidays each year on which County offices are authorized to close. Each year the Board of Commissioners sets the holiday calendar in order to allow departments to schedule business activities.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. In accordance with the Personnel Ordinance and Procedures Manual, employees appointed to full-time regular, part-time regular and seasonal positions shall receive regular compensation for eleven holidays per year, or any other day proclaimed by the Board of Commissioners as a holiday.
2. Attached is the proposed holiday schedule for January through December 2014. These holidays are recognized nationally and are not chosen based upon any religious uniqueness.

**FUNDING:**

No additional funds required. These days are currently budgeted as work days.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt attached schedule.
2. Adopt attached schedule with modifications.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

Each year the Board of Commissioners authorizes eleven holidays on which offices are to be closed. It is the policy of the Board to provide paid holidays as an employee benefit. This practice is consistent with other major employers in the local and regional labor market areas.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt Alternative One.

CHATHAM COUNTY  
2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

<b><u>Holiday</u></b>	<b><u>Date Observed</u></b>
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20
President's Day	Monday, February 17
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26
Independence Day	Friday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September, 1
Veterans Day	Tuesday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday November 27
	Friday, November 28
Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24
Christmas	Thursday, December 25

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone 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 Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4 A thru Q**  
**AGENDA DATE: November 22, 2013**

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**FROM: MICHAEL A. KAIGLER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS**

**ITEM A**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$37,620 lease extension, for 41 Park of Commerce Way for one (1) year with NDSS Plantation Center, LLC, until the completion of the Chatham County Detention Center Administration Building.

**BACKGROUND:** The Board approved a one (1) year extension January 25, 2013. The renovation of the Detention Center Administration Building is not complete.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The building at 41 Park of Commerce, owned by NDSS Plantation Center, LLC, provides space to house the Sheriff's Office Administration offices and staff.
2. The property leases for \$ 3,135 a month. Its convenient location makes the property ideal and its lease rates remains the same.
3. The lease will run through March 1, 2015.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project  
(3803355 - 52.23101 - 38060407)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$37,620 lease extension, for 41 Park of Commerce Way for one (1) year with NDSS Plantation Center, LLC, until the completion of the Chatham County Detention Center Administration Building.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** Notwithstanding the legal authority for the Board to enter into lease agreements as a contract, a practical consideration the temporary office for the Sheriff's Department should be accessible to the Chatham County Detention Center.

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

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

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of \$27,500 contract with Seascope Excavating, Inc., Midway, GA to upgrade the existing septic system for two restroom facilities at L. Scott Stell Park for Chatham County Public Works and Park Services.

**BACKGROUND:** The L. Scott Stell restroom septic systems are over 15 years old and have been repaired several time within the past three years to address existing problems.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- a. The existing septic systems at L. Scott Stell Park that service two separate areas of the Park have ongoing problems due to low grades and increasingly heavy usage by the public. The result created a heavy volume of water that enters the drain fields, causing the systems to back up into the restroom facilities.
- b. Bids were properly advertised and received on October 23, 2013. The following firms submitted bids.

Seascope Excavating, Inc. Midway, GA	\$ 27,500
*E & D Contracting Services Savannah, GA	\$40,500
Allen's Electrical & Plumbing Statesboro, GA	\$ 48,025
Consolidated Contracting and Consulting, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 67,500

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3. Staff believes the cost of \$27,500 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) CAP Asset - Parks  
(3244981 - 54.12009 - 3247037)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Request Board approval of \$27,500 contract with Seascope Excavating, Inc., Midway, GA to upgrade the existing septic system for two restroom facilities at L. Scott Stell Park for Chatham County Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to proceed with all necessary rehab, upgrades and repairs on County owned infrastructure.

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

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

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval for Chatham County Juvenile Court-Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Latrell Gulotta for six (6) months under the terms of Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Grant awarded to Chatham County on May 15, 2013.

**BACKGROUND:** The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council awarded \$128,845 to Chatham County Juvenile Court-Family Dependency Treatment Court to enhance existing family drug courts on May 15, 2013, Chatham County Chairman Albert Scott signed the award acceptance.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Latrell Gulotta has been serving as the FDTC Case Manager for three years under the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Grant. Through funding under the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Grant this position has been extended an additional six (6) months.
2. Latrell Gulotta will continue to function as an independent contractor providing Case Management duties to the FDTC, and agrees that she is an independent contractor.
3. Latrell Gulotta will work a 29 hour work week, be paid at a rate of \$20 per hour for six (6) months.
4. Latrell Gulotta agrees she is not a County employee, and is not entitled to County benefits or privileges, and that she is not guaranteed employment beyond the term of the grant award.

**FUNDING:** Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Grant  
(2502600 - 52.39001 - 25020512)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval for Chatham County Juvenile Court-Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Latrell Gulotta for six (6) months under the terms of Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Grant awarded to Chatham County on May 15, 2013.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts for necessary services when the service can be performed at reasonable rates and is funded by grant dollars.

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

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

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$33,790 purchase of a 2013 Ford E-350 cutaway base truck from J.C. Lewis Ford for CNT.

**BACKGROUND:** The Board approved at their meeting on October 25, 2013, the use of confiscated funds for the purchase of this vehicle.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. A Request for Bids was properly advertised and three (3) bids were received. Bid responses are as follows:

J.C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$33,790
Wade Ford, Inc. Smyrna, GA	\$34,942
Allan Vigil Ford Fayetteville, GA	\$35,485

2. Staff believes the low responsive bid from J.C. Lewis Ford to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Confiscated Funds - CNT  
(2103222 - 54.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$33,790 purchase of a 2013 Ford E-350 cutaway base truck from J.C. Lewis Ford for CNT.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$117,447 Change Order No. 1, to the construction contract with TIC-The Industrial Company for the Pipemakers Canal Widening-Phase 2, Section 2 Drainage Improvement project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Pipemakers Canal Widening-Phase 2, Section 2 Drainage Improvement project is part of the 2008-2014 SPLOST Drainage Program. Problems addressed by this project include expansion of the limited drainage capacity and the improvements to access to perform maintenance.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Board awarded the project to widen the existing canal, construct access roads and provide for inclusion of existing tributary flow on August 10, 2012. Construction began October 18, 2012.
2. During construction it became evident that certain adjustments are needed to address issues not shown on the plans or as needed for a completion which fully meets the project goals. These items are described below.
  - A. The section of the Canal west of the bridge to Crosswinds Golf Course cannot be readily accessed for maintenance. An access road from Stephen Green Drive parallel to I-95 will provide the needed access. Contract Change Order No. 1 will add the development of the access route to the project.
  - B. A large channel runs from the Savannah Airport runway to the Canal. The project leaves this as an open channel which will split the north maintenance road into two unconnected sections. The open channel may increase the possibility of erosion on the adjacent and perpendicular canal banks. Placing pipes in the channel and connecting the road segments will improve maintenance access. Contract Change Order No. 1 will add this work to the project along with other erosion control features to protect the canal banks.
  - C. An existing storm drain pipe discharged to the Canal in an area where the canal's path was shifted to accommodate security fencing for the Airport. Extension of the pipe to the new canal location was omitted from the project. Contract Change Order No. 1 will provide for connection of the pipe to the canal system ensuring continued drainage for the Airport.
  - D. Construction of the access road for the canal resulted in the accumulation of water in undeveloped property adjacent to the canal. Change Order No. 1 will add a drainage feature to remove the impediment to flow.
3. Contract History:
 

Original Contract (8-10-12)	\$ 7,668,600
Change Order No. 1(pending)	117,447
Revised contract amount	\$ 7,786,047

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008 - 2014) Drainage, Pipemakers Canal Drainage Improvements  
(3244250 - 54.14021 - 32480217)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$117,447 Change Order No. 1, to the construction contract with TIC-The Industrial Company for the Pipemakers Canal Widening-Phase 2, Section 2 Drainage

- Improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

#### ITEM F

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval for Chatham County Superior Court-Mental Health Court to extend the Professional Services Agreement with Kali Lander on a month to month basis for up to 12 months provided grant funds are available from the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance's FY11 Second Chance Act Treatment and Justice Collaboration grant awarded to Chatham County September 13, 2011.

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awarded \$599,562 to Chatham County to expand the current co-occurring services in the community through a partnership between the existing Mental Health Court and Recovery Place on September 13, 2011. On October 7, 2011, Chatham County Commission Chairman Pete Liakakis signed the award acceptance.

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

1. Chatham County serves as the fiscal agent for the grant funds awarded by the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance.
2. After advertising through Chatham County's Human Resource and Services Department, and interviewing nine (9) applicants, Kali Lander was selected to fill the position of full-time case manager for the Chatham County Superior Court-Mental Health Court. This position allows the Mental Health Court to accept additional clients and provide for a better success rate among Mental Health Court clients.
3. Kali Lander functions as an independent contractor providing administrative case management duties to the Mental Health Court, and agrees that she is an independent contractor.
4. Kali Lander will work up to (40) hours per week and be paid at a rate of \$17 per hour for a period up to twelve (12) months provided funding is available from the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance's FY11 Second Chance Act Treatment and Justice Collaboration grant.
5. Kali Lander agrees she is not a County employee, and is not entitled to County benefits or privileges, and that she is not guaranteed employment beyond the term of the grant award.

**FUNDING:** Second Chance Act Treatment and Justice Collaboration Grant  
(2502100 - 52.12099 - 25020352)

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval for Chatham County Superior Court-Mental Health Court to extend the Professional Services Agreement with Kali Lander on a month to month basis for up to 12 months provided grant funds are available from the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance's FY11 Second Chance Act Treatment and Justice Collaboration grant.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to extend contracts for necessary services when the service can be performed at reasonable rates and is funded by grant dollars.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### ITEM G

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of an annual price agreement with J.C. Lewis Ford of Savannah, GA, to purchase on an "as needed, funds available" basis, various 2014 model year trucks, vans, and utility

vehicles for Fleet Operations and for the \$21,267 purchase of one (1) 2014 Ford Escape for Public Works and Park Services from J.C. Lewis Ford from this price agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** Each year staff develops and solicits competitive bids for this annual requirement for current model year vehicles. The utility vehicle for Public Works and Park Services is an addition to their fleet. The Board approved the funding as part of the FY13/14 budget.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Staff developed specifications for the following vehicles: Ford F-150 XL; Ford F-250 XL 2x4; Ford F-250 XL 4x4; Ford E-350 XL EXT Wagon (15 passenger van); Ford E-350 XL Wagon (12 passenger van); Transit Connect XLT; Ford E-250 Cargo Van; Ford Explorer FWD; Ford Escape XLS; and Ford Expedition XL EL.
2. Bids were publicly advertised and opened November 5, 2013. (See matrix attached on page 20) In addition to the unit cost, bidders supplied pricing for options/upgrades along with time required for delivery.
3. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "lowest bid" the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the "lowest" bid. If the local firm does match the "lowest" bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated on the attached matrix, a non-Chatham County firm offered the "lowest low" bid. J.C. Lewis Ford has agreed to match the bids submitted by Wade Ford, Inc.

**FUNDING:**

- CIP – Vehicle Replacement
- General Fund/M&O – Various
- SSD – Various
- SPLOST (2003-2008) – Vehicle Replacement
- Water & Sewer
- Solid Waste
- Various funds

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of an annual price agreement with J.C. Lewis Ford of Savannah, GA, to purchase on an "as needed, funds available" basis, various 2014 model year trucks, vans, and utility vehicles for Fleet Operations and for the \$21,267 purchase of one (1) 2014 Ford Escape for Public Works and Park Services from J.C. Lewis Ford from this price agreement.
2. Provide staff other directions.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve annual price agreements for the purchase of vehicles for using departments.

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

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

**ITEM H**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$38,500 professional engineering services contract to McSweeney Engineers to provide engineering services associated with the inspection of the fender system at the Causton Bluff Bridges for Public Works and Park Services.

**BACKGROUND:** The fender system was evaluated in late 2009. No action was taken based upon a recommendation from Chatham County Engineering to wait until the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) clarified the time line for bridge replacement at Causton Bluff. At that time, it was estimated the cost to make all repairs would have been in excess of \$550,000.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Currently there is no clear date as to when the bridges will be replaced based on conversations with GDOT Bridge Maintenance staff. Staff believes some level of repair needs to be done but does not want to spend funds unnecessarily.
2. Public Works and Park Services elected to have the fender system evaluated again but requested that repairs be listed immediate (within six months), delayed (within five years) or deferred (within ten years). Public Works and Park Services believes that some repairs need to be done to

- maintain the integrity of the system very soon, since this bridge site is part of the East Coast Intercoastal Water Way on the East Coast.
3. A request for proposal was issued and publicly advertised with three (3) proposals being received. The proposals were scored by the evaluation committee (see matrix page 21).
  4. Staff recommends award of a \$38,500 professional engineering contract to McSweeney Engineers based on their receiving the highest number of points in accordance with the criteria in the request for proposal.
  5. Mr. McSweeney was the inspecting engineer in 2009 when he was with Collins Engineering and is familiar with the condition of the fender system. His proposal fee is within the department's estimate to conduct the inspection and subsequent other services deemed necessary as the department proceeds with solicitation for repairs.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Bridges  
(3504230 - 52.12003 - 35031273)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$38,500 professional engineering services contract to McSweeney Engineers to provide engineering services associated with the inspection of the fender system at the Causton Bluff Bridges 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 I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$12,000 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with CKC Enterprises for janitorial services for Mosquito Control.

**BACKGROUND:** Janitorial contracts have proven to be more cost effective than hiring personnel to perform the service "in-house." The contract will provide daily janitorial service.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Bids were properly advertised and made available to service providers. On October 10, 2013, five (5) bids were received. The bids were evaluated by staff and the results are as follows:

*	Imagann Cleaning Service, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$7,500
*	CKC Enterprise Savannah, GA	\$12,000
	Quality Cleaning Contractors Savannah, GA	\$15,000
	Jani-King of Savannah Savannah, GA	\$17,580
*	Randall Green Professional Cleaning Savannah, GA	\$21,600

2. Imagann Cleaning Service was the apparent low bidder, but withdrew their bid due to an error.
3. CKC Enterprises was the next low bidder and staff believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control  
(1005144 - 52.21301)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$12,000 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one

- (1) year terms with CKC Enterprises for janitorial services for Mosquito Control.
2. Provide staff with 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### ITEM J

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a not to exceed \$17,500 Change Order No. 1, to the contract with Terracon for special inspections services for the new Live Oak Westside and Islands Libraries.

**BACKGROUND:** On October 25, 2013, the Board confirmed a \$32,700 emergency approval for special inspections services to Terracon for the new Live Oak Westside and Islands

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

1. With the removal and disposal of eight (8) feet of unsuitable fill and the replacement with the approved fill, the consultant has identified additional special inspections as mandatory to continue construction.
2. Terracon has submitted bids for the additional scope of work to include special inspections soil testing for new fill, parking, and new means of ingress and egress at the Islands site and testing of library parking at Sunshine and Central Avenues at the Westside site.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Garden City and Islands Libraries  
(3234980 - 54.13011 - 32360217)

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a not to exceed \$17,500 Change Order No. 1, to the contract with Terracon for special inspections services for the new Live Oak Westside and Islands Libraries.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders to address changes in scope of work.

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

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

#### ITEM K

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$16,200 Change Order No. 2 to the professional services design contract with Greenline Architects for the Islands Branch and Garden City Branch Library Facilities to revise the site plan for the Islands Branch.

**BACKGROUND:** The design contract for the Islands Branch and Garden City Branch Library Facilities with Greenline was approved by the Board on March 25, 2011. Site surveying was not included for the Islands Branch in the original contract because negotiations with the School Board regarding the exact site were not complete.

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

1. The Savannah/Chatham County Public Schools System (SCCPSS) requested a revised site plan including means of ingress, egress and landscaping at the Islands Library location.
2. This change order is for Greenline to prepare a modified site plan and landscape design plan that will meet both SCCPSS and Library Board approvals.
3. Staff finds the fee submitted for this additional design work for the Islands Library location to be fair and reasonable.

4. Contract history:		
	Original Contract (3-25-11)	\$697,500
	Change Order No. 1 (11-4-11)	12,210
	Change Order No. 2 (pending)	<u>16,200</u>
	Revised contract amount	\$725,910

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003 - 2008) – Garden City and Islands Libraries  
(3234980 - 54.14311 - 32360217)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$16,200 Change Order No. 2, to the professional services design contract with Greenline Architects for the Islands Branch and Garden City Branch Library Facilities to revise the site plan for the Islands Branch.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM L**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 2 to the annual contract for fire extinguisher services with Pye Barker Fire and Safety for the purchase of three (3) fire extinguishers at a cost of \$165 and to add maintenance for the three (3) extinguishers to the scope of service at a cost of \$95.50 annually for the Resource Conservation Education Center (Recycling Center).

**BACKGROUND:** On May 24, 2013, the Board approved the contract to Pye Barker to provide fire extinguisher services in various County facilities.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. All fire extinguishers require an annual inspection, hydrostatic testing, recharging and six (6) year service and maintenance as required by National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA).
2. It was discovered after the initial inspection by Pye Barker that there are no fire extinguishers at the Recycling Center three extinguishers need to be added.
3. Three (3) fire extinguishers will be purchased, two (2) 5#ABC at \$35 each and one (1) 20#ABC at \$94 for a one (1) time purchase of \$165.
4. The annual cost for maintenance services for the fire extinguishers is \$95.50.

**FUNDING:** Recycling Center  
(5404510 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 2 to the annual contract for fire extinguisher services with Pye Barker Fire and Safety for the purchase of three (3) fire extinguishers at a cost of \$165 and to add maintenance for the three (3) extinguishers to the scope of service at a cost of \$95.50 annually for the Resource Conservation Education Center (Recycling Center).
2. Provide staff other directions

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to issue change orders to essential service contracts to recognize changes in scope of services.

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

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

**ITEM M**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$12,000 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Randall Green Professional Cleaners for janitorial services at the Citizens Service Center and to award a \$7,272 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Goodwill of the Coastal Empire, Inc., for janitorial services at the Tag Office.

**BACKGROUND:** Janitorial contracts have proven to be more cost effective than hiring personnel to perform the service "in-house." These contracts will provide daily janitorial service.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Bids were properly advertised and made available to service providers. On October 17, 2013 nine (9) bids were received. Bid were evaluated by staff and the results are as follows:

	<u>Citizens Service Ctr</u>	<u>Tag Office</u>
* Kemp & Sons General Service, Inc. Fort Worth, TX	\$12,000	\$6,228
* Randall Green Professional Cleaning Savannah, GA	\$12,000	\$13,200
Goodwill of the Coastal Empire, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$13,902	\$7,272
Jani-King of Savannah Savannah, GA	\$15,624	\$13,572
* Imagann Cleaning Contractor Savannah, GA	\$15,720	\$5,700
Quality Cleaning Contractors Savannah, GA	\$25,620	\$14,136
T & D Professional Cleaning Service Pooler, GA	\$27,936	\$16,404
* CKC Enterprises Savannah, GA	\$29,820	\$16,176
* Jess Clenz, LLC	Non-Responsive	Non-Responsive

**\*MBE**

2. One vendor, Imagann Cleaning Contractor, withdrew its bid for the Tag Office only.
3. Kemp & Sons was next low bidder for the Tag Office, but was unable to provide adequate service due to cost and location.
4. The bids were the same for the Citizens Service Center, therefore, it will be advantageous to award to the local bidder.
5. Staff believes the bid of \$12,000 from Randall Green Professional Cleaning for the Citizens Service Center and the bid of \$7,272 from Goodwill of the Coastal Empire for the Tag Office is to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$12,000 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Randall Green Professional Cleaners for janitorial services at the Citizens Service Center and to award a \$7,272 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Goodwill of the Coastal Empire, Inc., for janitorial services at the Tag Office.
2. Provide staff with other directions.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM N**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award an \$80,400 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Imagann Cleaning Service, Inc., for janitorial services at the Judicial Courthouse.

**BACKGROUND:** Janitorial contracts have proven to be more cost effective than hiring personnel to perform the service "in-house." The contract will provide daily janitorial service.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Bids were properly advertised and made available to service providers. On October 16, 2013 seven (7) bids were received. The bids were evaluated by staff and the results are as follows:

*	ICS, Inc. Suwanee, GA	\$73,400
*	Imagann Cleaning Service, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$80,400
	Quality Cleaning Contractors Savannah, GA	\$98,400
	Goodwill of the Coastal Empire, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$103,824
	Jani-King of Savannah Savannah, GA	\$107,758
*	Kemp & Sons General Services, Inc. Fort Worth, TX	\$134,784
*	Brown & Pipkins, LLC Acsential Atlanta, GA	\$137,286
*	Superior Janitorial Enterprise, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$149,952

\*MBE

2. The bid from ICS, Inc., was determined to be non responsible due to cost and location considerations. The company has no office and no contracts in Chatham County.
3. Imagann Cleaning Service, Inc., was the next low bidder.
4. Staff believes the bid of \$80,400 from Imagann Cleaning Service, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Request Board approval to award an \$80,400 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Imagann Cleaning Service, Inc., for janitorial services for the Judicial Courthouse.
2. Provide staff with 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
MELVA SHARPE

**ITEM O**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of \$13,889 purchase of furniture from Mason, Inc., of Savannah, GA, for Buildings A, B2 and C2 for the CCDC expansion.

**BACKGROUND:** The CCDC requires additional furniture for specific offices at buildings A, B2 and C2 of the new facility as identified in the bid documents.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The existing furniture was inadequate for certain completed areas of the new facility so additional furniture items were requested by the CCDC.
2. Bids were properly advertised and received on October 31, 2013. The following firms submitted bids:

Commercial Furnishing- Macon, GA	\$13,889
Mason, Inc, Savannah- GA	\$ 14,427
National Office Systems- Savannah, GA	\$ 14,848
The Office Leader- Brooklyn, NY	\$ 14,901
Digital Office Equipment, Statesboro- GA	\$ 15,234
FGRRB Office Supplies- Finksburg, MD	\$ 19,410

3. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which allows the lowest local bidder the opportunity to match the bid of a non-local firm. If the local firm does match the "lowest bid", the local firm is awarded the purchased. Mason, Inc of Savannah GA, has agreed to match the low bid from Commercial Furnishing and is therefore recommended for the award.
4. Staff believes the total cost of \$13,889 to be fair and reasonable. Price includes delivery assembly and installation of furniture.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of \$13,889 purchase of furniture from Mason, Inc., of Savannah, GA, for Buildings A, B2 and C2 for the CCDC expansion.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM P**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a not to exceed \$139,000 Amendment No. 2 to Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) agreement for two (2) new libraries with J.E. Dunn Construction Company d/b/a R.J. Griffin and Company.

**BACKGROUND:** On June 10, 2011, the Board of Commissioners approved a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) agreement to R. J. Griffin and Company, for the new Garden City and Islands Branch Libraries.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Initial soils testing at the Islands Library site revealed that there was potential issues that were less than favorable and required a mandatory test pit to provide further clarification of the existing soil conditions. Due to the use of the ball field, the design engineers could not perform this test pit until after the GMP drawings were completed.

2. A recently completed test pit report confirms the poor soils condition at the Islands site. The report revealed buried wood debris/organics at elevations of up to eight feet below ground surface.
3. Based on this analysis the design engineers recommended that we remove all the organic matter in the soils and back fill with suitable materials.
4. The cost to perform this work is estimated to be \$139,000. The County Engineers has reviewed their report and concur with this assessment. Staff is requesting an amendment to the CMR Agreement to expand the scope of work to include the removal, disposal of all the organic material affecting the building construction site footprint and backfill with approved fill material.
5. Agreement history:
 

Original Agreement (06-10-11)	
Amendment No. 1 (08-09-13)	\$8,600,000
Amendment No. 2 (pending)	<u>\$ 139,000</u> NTE
Revised Agreement Amount	\$8,739,000

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) - Garden City and Island Libraries  
(3234980 - 54.14311 - 32360217)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a not to exceed \$139,000 Amendment No. 2 to Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) agreement for two (2) new libraries with J.E. Dunn Construction Company d/b/a R.J. Griffin and Company.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to issue Amendments to reflect changes in the scope of work.

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

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

**ITEM Q**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$8,656 Summary Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract with SouthBend Company, Inc., for construction of the Marshall Avenue Paving project.

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. A section of subgrade on Marshall Avenue did not meet compaction standards. Mucking the unsuitable material did not achieve the standard. To provide structural integrity of the road base, the contractor was directed to install TriAx Geogrid over the affected area. Geogrid is a geosynthetic reinforcement used to increase the strength of road sub-bases (\$2,500).
2. Chatham County is designing a drainage improvement project adjacent to Marshall Avenue. A design change required the 38" x 60" culvert that crosses Marshall Avenue to be lowered approximately 3-ft. The lowering of the culvert required an additional 8-ft of pipe to provide mowable side slopes (\$3,500).
3. Two unit price line items exceeded bid estimates. An additional 16.5 square yards of concrete and 22.28 tons of asphalt were required for driveways and road paving, respectively, along Marshall Avenue (\$2,656).
4. Staff reviewed the Summary Change Order and is in agreement with the requested amount.
5. Contract History:
 

Original Contract (6-14-13)	\$247,383
Change Order No. 1 (9-13-13)	\$ 3,897
Change Order No. 2 (pending)	<u>\$ 8,656</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$259,936

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$8,656 Summary Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract with SouthBend Company, Inc., for construction of the Marshall Avenue Paving project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

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

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## **XI. FIRST READINGS**

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

### **1. AMEND THE CHATHAM COUNTY CODE TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE AND STATE AMENDMENTS.**

Chairman Scott said, if you will follow me on page 10, we have a First Reader. Amend the Chatham County code to adopt the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code and State Amendments. Does anybody have any questions about the First Reader? We have Mr. Anderson here who can answer them.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, Mr. Chairman, as you know, not -- not to give him more credit than he richly deserves, but Mr. Anderson is an expert on this. I have fun with him, but he has been designated, you may recall I sent you correspondence months ago to head up a special task force on pools, hot tubs, and spas, and -- and thus this --

Chairman Scott said, what are you suggesting, he spends a lot of time in the spa?

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, however you wish to carry this, I encourage you to go forward. Mr. -- Mr. Anderson is beat up so -- so badly by myself and his peers over this appointment, but I'm very proud of the fact that we do have our resident expert here.

Chairman Scott said, okay. This is a First Reader. It will require no action today, but it will require action at our next meeting. At that time we will have an opportunity to ask Mr. Anderson detailed questions about the amount of time he spends in the spas.

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## **XII. SECOND READINGS**

Chairman Scott said, now, there is no Second Reader.

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## **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Chairman Scott said, we have a -- a request for a point of personal privilege, and at this time I will recognize Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for allowing me to express my feelings on behalf of the Thomas family. As many of you are aware,

my husband had very, very serious heart surgery which was held at Emory Hospital in Atlanta via St. Joseph's/Candler here in Savannah. I want you to know that it supported my strength. It gave him a sense of feeling that he didn't have to worry about me while he was undergoing surgery to know that people cared, and I want you to know that the surgery was very successful, and that after the surgery up to now he has never had to take anything for pain, which is a miracle. And at one point his heart had stopped, but that had given us some pause for concern, but the physicians which were phenomenal, they were already for that, and I just appreciate all the support that you all had given, that includes the Chairman and other Commission members who called me just about every day to see how we were doing, and so forth, and to all of the citizens of Chatham County, I can't name all of you because they -- they were really, really wonderful to me and my family, and I just want you to know that we thank you. We will be going back for a check up in December, and I will keep you informed. Again, thank you so very much. I appreciate it.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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### **XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, and Item XIII is an information item that you will see attached for your review.

#### **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: November 22, 2013**

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
Skid tube assembly, bearings and fasteners for helicopter	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$6,915	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
HVAC replacement at Police Annex	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$4,811	Reimbursable Expenses
Mailing of tag renewals for month of November	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$6,427	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Two (2) motors and repairs to pool dehumidifier	Aquatic Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$6,705	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Replace hydromatic lift station pumps	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Consolidated Plumbing Services, Inc.	\$3,895	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
Accident repair - unit #147 Public Works pick-up truck-County employee at fault	Public Works and Park Services	A & L Autobody, Inc.	\$2,643	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
Youth football officials for September 9-30	Public Works and Park Services	Coastal Football Association	\$9,625	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Replace evaporator coil in walk-in cooler	Detention Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$5,285	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Repairs to hvac system in K-9 unit	Detention Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$3,665	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Sign blanks	Public Works and Park Services	EPH and Associates, Inc.	\$2,515	SSD-Public Works
Cost allocation planning services	Finance	Maximus Consulting Services, Inc.	\$9,975	General Fund/M&O - Audit
File cabinet, work benches, tables and stackable cabinets	Detention Center	Global Equipment Company, Inc.	\$9,970	CIP - Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
Materials to prime and paint sheetrock	Detention Center	Home Depot	\$3,075	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Law Enforcement Training Construction
Workstations and panels	Detention Center	McWaters Office Equipment Solutions	\$5,495	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Law Enforcement Training Construction
Tax sale advertisements for month of November	Tax Commissioner	Morris Publishing Group	\$7,150	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Five (5) telephones with handsets and headsets	I.C.S.	Mitel Business Systems, Inc.	\$5,177	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Stormview software license and maintenance agreement	Public Works and Park Services	Cartegraph Systems, inc.	\$5,440	SSD-Public Works
Accident repair - unit #S0002 Sheriff's dept. vehicle-County employee at fault	Fleet Operations	Low Country Motors, Inc.	\$2,671	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Stock oil and lube	Fleet Operations	Stubbs Oil Company, Inc.	\$2,823	Inventory Account
Soccer officials for Fall season	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Soccer Association, Inc.	\$6,858	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation

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### 3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

#### ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS**  
**AGENDA DATE: November 22, 2013**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

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

#### FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Estimated completion March 2014. May be open for traffic by end of year.
2. Whitefield Avenue. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Scheduled completion was October 2013. Substantial completion could be by end of year.

3. Bay Street Widening. The GDOT authorized right of way acquisition on May 9, 2013 which is in progress.
4. Jimmy Deloach Parkway Phase 2 and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design ongoing. PFPR (Preliminary Field Plan Review) for Phase 2 held on February 5, 2013. ROW authorization expected fiscal year 2014.
5. SR 307 Widening from US 17 to I-16. Construction underway. Estimate completion in December 2013.
6. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Design is underway on a high level bridge to replace the bascule bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway on Islands Expressway. ROW plans expected by fiscal year 2014.
7. Local Roads.
  - a. Hunt Drive and Faye Road Bridge Replacements. Notice to Proceed with construction issued May 1, 2013. Construction underway on Hunt Drive.
  - b. Paving on Ridgewood Avenue, Beechwood and Elmhurst Avenue is complete. Clean up and correction of punch list items underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE**  
**AGENDA DATE: November 22, 2013**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal. The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Construction of improvements upstream of Dean Forest Road to the west side of the airport is underway with completion scheduled for August 2014.
2. Pipemakers Pump Station. The project was identified in the 2003-2008 SPLOST as a part of capital improvements to the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Basin. Design work on the pump station determined that a master pump station for the Pipemakers Canal is not warranted. The November 5, 2013 referendum includes the question to the citizens to repurpose the funds for other Pipemakers Canal improvements. This was approved by the voters.
3. Ashley Road Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve a drainage system from the Ashley Road cul-de-sac along Wilmington Island Road to the box culvert crossing of the road. Design work and permitting are underway.
4. Gateway-Henderson Drainage Improvements. The project will improve portions of the drainage system in the northeast quadrant of I-95 and SR 204. The project includes construction of maintenance access and drainage improvements. A design work is underway.
5. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work, permitting, and acquisitions are underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road.
6. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the canal. Design of improvements along the Marshall Branch Canal is underway and includes construction of maintenance access and culvert replacements.
7. Cottonvale Road Drainage. The project will relieve drainage and maintenance access issues causing nuisance flooding in the Cottonvale Road area. Acquisition of a required easement is complete. Final design is underway.

8. LaRoche Culvert. The project will replace a drainage culvert located under LaRoche Avenue north of Lansing Avenue. The culvert replacement is in response to a deteriorating brick arch culvert with several cracks. The construction contract was awarded by the Board on September 27, 2013. Work is expected to begin in January 2014 due to delays associated with AT&T lines and scheduled for completion by October 2014. Laroche Avenue will be closed between Neva Avenue and Lansing Avenue during construction.

9. Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide access for maintenance for the Remington Canal from Ferguson Road to the outfall

at Moon River. The outfall passes through the Winterberry private development. Design work is underway.

10. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. A project to replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch is underway. Acquisitions of required easements are complete. Final design work and permitting are underway.

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

12. Hampton Place Drainage Improvements. The project will improve the drainage system within Hampton Place Subdivision on Quacco Road by routing a portion of the stormwater into an existing canal located on the west side of Quacco Road. Acquisition of a required easement and design work and coordination with the City of Pooler are underway.

13. Willow Lakes Drainage Improvements. The project will relieve internal drainage issues within the Willow Lakes subdivision. The project will increase the storage capacity of the pond by lowering the existing water elevation. A design work is underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.  
Districts: All

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Scott said, and it will be necessary to have an executive session for the purpose of litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Center said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, all -- all in favor -- any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. We're now in Executive Session.

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

Commissioner Center moved to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and personnel. Commissioners Stone and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at approximately 11:34 a.m.

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## **ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was

held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**2. BOARD APPOINTMENT:  
SAVANNAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved to reappoint William Hubbard to the Savannah Economic Development Authority with his term set to expire January 7, 2019. Commissioner Brady 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 12:07 p.m.

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