

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2014, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Albert J. Scott called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. on Friday, February 28 2014.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, good morning, and I'm going to instruct you to be seated. I'm going to further instruct you that once our devotional leader of the day is introduced and after his remarks and he so indicate it's time for prayer, I would ask that you stand at that time under his directions and remain standing as our pro tem will lead us into the Pledge of Allegiance. At this time I will recognize our Vice Chair, the Commissioner from the 8th District for the purpose of introducing our devotional leader.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen. It is indeed a pleasure for me to introduce this young man today --

Bishop Willie Ferrell said, young man?

Commissioner Thomas said, -- that's going to bring the devotion. He's a busy person, very, very busy. He is a native of Jacksonville, Florida, where he attended the local public schools. He received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and the list goes on and on, but I want to tell you a little something about his community involvement. His community involvement ranges from class president to founder of many, many programs. To name a few he is the founder of the Savannah-Chatham Ministerial Council for Responsible Fathers, and he's also the founder of the Savannah-Chatham Aftercare Program. He's the -- a member of the Savannah Youth -- I mean, Savannah Summer Bonanza program that is a part of Chatham County. He assists us in so many ways. This list just goes on and on and on, and we are very delighted to have Bishop Ferrell with us this morning who will bring our devotion. Welcome Bishop Ferrell.

Bishop Ferrell said, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Bishop Ferrell said, thank you personally Dr. Priscilla Thomas for the invite, as well as the introduction. I was hoping that you made it short because every time somebody introduce me, I say, now I got to live up to all of that. It's one thing for it to be on paper, but it's something else for it to be in your life. To the Honorable Chair of this Commission, Mr. Al Scott, to all of the distinguished Commissioners that are present, ladies and gentlemen that are here, it is indeed an honor that I have a privilege to stand before you to invoke the blessings upon this Commission. I -- I want to, just before we do the prayer, give a inspiration. The inspiration in my opinion, I call it a theatrical parable. Some of you may have heard it before, but if you have, act like you haven't.

Bishop Ferrell said, there -- there was a time in a community when the chicken and a pig decide to take a walk in their neighborhood, and while they were walking they came up upon the Waffle House, and as they looked at the Waffle House, there was a special in the window that said ham and egg special 4.99. The chicken held back his breath and flapped his wing, looked at the pig and say, see, I'm involved. The pig just hung his head, eyes closed and said you might be involved but I am totally committed. But I can say for this Commission, thank God for your commitment. It mean more just to be involved in our community, we have to be committed to the lives of our residents. If you be so kind to stand with me as we invoke the presence of our God in the midst of us and to bless the continued success of this Commission.

Bishop Ferrell gave the invocation as follows:

Father in Heaven we are indeed blessed. We are honored, privileged to have this moment in time not to stand here but to be in reckoning of your presence of all that you have done and allowed us to do for the good of mankind. We pray not only God that you would be in the midst of this meeting but in the lives of these Commissioners who have so devoted themselves to the servitude of the people in Chatham County. Thank you, God, for their earnest and genuine commitment for in the lives of our people it shows that they care. Continue to bless, God, in all that we undertake to do, and we won't forget to say thank you for the way we live will be our gratitude for the service that you've given, and help us to be all that we can be so that Chatham County can be all that it should be. For it's in his name who have many names that we do pray. Amen.

Members of the Commission and Members of the audience collectively said, Amen.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Chairman Scott said, at this time, I'll recognize Commissioner Shabazz for some comments, and then I would ask Bishop Ferrell not to leave because I think Commissioner Thomas would like to present him with a plaque.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning, sir.

Bishop Ferrell said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I enjoyed your invocation. It was real good, but I just wanted to let you know in front of all these witnesses, I'm still waiting on my opportunity to preach at the Royal Church of Christ. Thank you.

Bishop Ferrell said, you're in the book.

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Thomas and others who would like to join me in presenting Bishop Ferrell with a Certificate.

Chairman Scott said, I'd like to present this to you on behalf of the Commission to just tell you that we really appreciate you taking the time out to come here today and to bless us with the word.

Bishop Ferrell said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

Bishop Ferrell said, thank you Chairman. I appreciate it.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Bishop Ferrell said, thank you. Thank you. Appreciate this.

Commissioner Thomas said, thanks again for all that you do.

Bishop Ferrell said, thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Bishop Ferrell said, and thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, he's proud of that.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. McGee.

Youth Commissioner Darel McGee said, I would like to just thank Bishop Ferrell for what all he has done for the program of Summer Bonanza as the Chairman of the outreach program for Summer Bonanza. I would like to thank you.

Bishop Ferrell said, thank you.

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

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

Not present: Patrick K. Farrell, District Four

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Farrell is traveling on County business, and I move that he be excused today.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been moved and second that we excuse Commissioner Farrell from today's proceedings. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. He's officially excused.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to excuse Commissioner Farrell from the Commission meeting. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will recognize our Vice Chair for the purpose of introducing the members of the Youth Commission who are present here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's my pleasure to introduce the following Chatham County Youth Commissioners serving today.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Madam Vice Chair, can you just pull the mike a little closer, please.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Thank you. I would like to introduce Denire Mesa --

Youth Commissioner Denire Mesa said, here.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- Windsor Forest. Trinity Mason.

Youth Commissioner Trinity Mason said, present.

Commissioner Thomas said, from the Islands, and Darel McGee.

Youth Commissioner McGee said, here.

Commissioner Thomas said, from Woodville Tompkins.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, serving with us today.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, thank you all for being here. Any of you have any comments? Ms. Mesa, you look like you want to say something.

Commissioner Thomas said, say, not yet.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. McGee.

Youth Commissioner McGee said, well, I'm just thankful for you allowing us to come out and sit for the meeting. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman? Darel, did you -- is that a clip on or did you tie that?

Youth Commissioner McGee said, it's -- it's a clip on.

Commissioner Shabazz said, no, you're not supposed to tell.

Commissioner Center said, all right. 'Cause I'm trying -- I'm trying to get Commissioner Shabazz to teach me.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you're not supposed to tell them. You're just supposed to --

Commissioner Center said, I just can't tie a bow tie.

Commissioner Shabazz said, don't tell him.

Commissioner Center said, it looks nice.

Youth Commissioner McGee said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman? I want --

Chairman Scott said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, I am proud -- I am proud of these young people, and I know we all are.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, and they will be traveling to Washington on Saturday night for their annual trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the National Association of Counties meeting, so they will be, you know, leaving Saturday night and return on Thursday. So we want to wish them well and hope that, you know, the trip will be very successful and safe.

Chairman Scott said, are all three of you planning on going?

Youth Commissioner Mesa said, yes, sir.

Youth Commissioner Mason said, yes, sir.

Youth Commissioner McGee said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Have a safe trip, and I -- I hope it's very educational, and -- as well as fun.

Youth Commissioner McGee said, thank you.

Youth Commissioner Mason said, thank you.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Scott said, we're -- we don't have any proclamations or -- or anything this morning on our calendar.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. REMINDER OF TRUMAN V RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT 3:30 THIS AFTERNOON.

Chairman Scott said, so we'll move to page three, and under Chairman Item, I wanted just to say a word about the dedication of the Truman Parkway today at 3:30 p.m. I think there's been sufficient confusion about this item in -- on the part of the public based on some of the earlier press releases, but this is not an official ribbon cutting or the opening of the Truman Parkway. It is the dedication in advance of the official opening of the Truman Parkway. I also want those who may be listening to this proceedings to know that this dedication was not scheduled by the Chatham County Commission. It was scheduled by the Department of Transportation -- the Georgia Department of Transportation. The County takes the position that if you dedicate a road that you should cut the ribbon and open the road immediately. This is not the case. The road will be dedicated today, and then we'll schedule a future press conference to officially announce the opening of the road. I was told that the opening will not take place today because of the number of rain days that we've had in the past two weeks, and there was still some safety issues with the road, such as striping it, guard rail, and etcetera that has to be completed before the road can be officially open, and I wanted to make that clear to the public and to the press who is present that they will get the word out so our citizens will not take the position that Chatham County was cutting a ribbon for a road that's not being opened. It's an official Georgia Department of Transportation road dedication, and the road should be open hopefully within the first or second week of March, according to my information that I've gotten from the Georgia Department of Transportation. Anybody else wanted to say anything about that, I'll be happy to recognize them. Commissioner Brady from the 6th District.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I -- I appreciate your comments. We do have to work collaboratively with Georgia Department of Transportation, but I too want to -- to -- to reiterate the point that this is not something that the County is responsible for. This was planned by Georgia Department of Transportation, and I would like to request in the future when we continue to open roads, that, in fact, we go back to the old way which is where the County decides what date we're going to do it and collaborate with others at that point so that when we do a ribbon cutting that we are actually opening a road. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, our pro tem Commissioner Stone from the 1st District.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I concur with the last two comments that have been made, especially in light of the fact that this is in Commissioner Brady's District and my District, and I know what a disappointment this is to the citizens of this community that have waited I can't tell you how many years for the completion of the Truman Parkway, but bear with us. This was, as it's already been stated, this was not a county planned event, this was planned by the State, and -- and I do hope that our lines of communication can be better in the future. This is very important not to confuse people, not to think that people can go out there today and use the road this afternoon, and I want to make certain that everyone understands that we certainly want to do our part here, but this was not within our works to open this road today. This is a state project, and unfortunately, they're behind not only on this project but on Whitefield Avenue, which has also been a -- a very difficult situation for the citizens that are having to use that roadway. So thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I recognize Commissioner Holmes of the 2nd District.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Each year this Board goes off and set goals and one of our priorities have always been top is public safety, and due to the not opening of this road, there is all a concern on the citizen's safety. If someone get out there and start traveling on that road that's not officially opened, not striped, not prepared, then you're liable for suit. So we cannot open the road until it's officially prepared for you to drive on simply staying with our goal for public safety. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And I -- I want to point out one other fact here that -- and I was thinking about it, and I was talking to staff about this. There's -- our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas, have been here for all -- all the phases -- all five phases of the Truman Parkway. She's the only Commissioner who has been part of all five phases of it, and I just wanted to point that out today, and -- and her long, long service to -- to this County. I just wanted to note that. And I -- I would also note that this has spanned several Chairmans over the years, and that I -- I'm -- I'm thinking that today on the dedication that perhaps some of the past Chairmans will be there to -- to see this final phase dedicated and at -- at some point will have a chance to travel on it.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

1. POOLER PARKWAY & I-95 OFF RAMPS (COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER).

Chairman Scott said, I will now recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess this topic was a pretty good lead in. Staying on the topic with the Department of Transportation, I'd just like to point out that, as we all know, we have many serious and deadly problems on our interstates and parkways and around all of the off and on ramps to these intersections. It's pretty much turning into a disaster here in Chatham County in those particular areas. We in addition need the interstates widened at some point. We need all kinds of -- we just need a morsel of that money coming from -- that goes into those Atlanta roads to widen a few of ours and improve them, and what -- what I would just like to do before I really -- what I think would be appropriate to do first is find out exactly if and what the Georgia Department of Transportation has planned as far as improvement wise to our interstates and parkways and the on/off ramps. So I would ask that -- unless someone on the Commission is actually opposed, that you, Mr. Chairman, possibly instruct Mr. Abolt and staff to write a letter to the Georgia DOT asking them to provide us with any and all information regarding any plans that they have in place to make improvements to those areas. It started when I asked to put it on the agenda with the Pooler Parkway I-95 off ramps, which is deadly, but quickly I just realized that I spoke of the -- I guess because all the advertising about the mall coming in that area, I spoke about something that was just the news of the day, and we have other areas throughout our entire county that's just really just as deadly, so I would just ask that I -- that we instruct staff to write that letter and let's find out what the State has plans -- planned and go from there.

Chairman Scott said, I'll ask the County Manager to provide the members of the Commission with the information that you requested. It may already be available. If it's not available we will get it from the Department of Transportation, and when I say it may already be available, it may already be available at our CORE MPO, and if it's not, then we will certainly get that information and disseminate it to all -- to all the members of the Commission.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, if I may on that, it's my understanding from speaking with staff that the last update provided by the State was approximately two years ago, so I would -- that's -- as far as all the intersections and -- goes.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, briefly, as the Chairman had -- we've had one, in fact the very meeting the Chairman referenced in the pre-meeting when we learned about the Truman situation, the Chair is Chair of the -- of the CORE operation, and they get -- and we got as recently as Wednesday information which I'll send to you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir. And which I've -- I've received the information from even a Pooler council person on that particular intersection of the Parkway there, and Tom Thomson, Director of MPC, graciously -- he's actually asked for a study that should be completed any day now that he's going to provide to us, and -- also is going to meet -- I'm going to meet with him, and he's going to go over everything that he has, so thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I will -- I will also point out that this is a major concern to the Savannah International Airport. They're concerned about their passengers being able to get off of 95 and exit the airport parkway in order to catch their flights on time, and they're involved both from a planning and a financial position to help support some temporary fixes to that ramp, and then it was my understanding that the Department of Transportation has stated that this ramp will be up for a complete re -- revision and re-engineering in 2017. Was that your understanding, Mr. Manager? Is it 2017 or 2016?

County Manager Abolt said, I -- well the -- the report from Mr. Davenport says 2015, but it is what they refer to as a long-term project, but long-term for us is really relatively short term, and as you said so well, what the airport folks are doing is amazing. They -- they're stepping into the breach. It will help not just the City of Pooler, patrons of the airport, and I have traveled, not as much as the Chairman and Commissioner Kicklighter have, but it's apparent that unless action is taken immediately, there will be a terrible re-end -- re-end --

Commissioner Brady said, rear-end.

County Manager Abolt said, -- rear ending accident on 95 going north for sure.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir. 'Cause it's -- it's backing up.

County Manager Abolt said, it's terrible. It's terrible.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and -- and -- and I'll -- on that note, I'll thank the DOT for jumping in pretty fast and actually making what now appears to be a temporary fix on the Highway 21 I-95 entrance, but now that's backing up all the way back to I-95, and that's another deadly accident waiting to happen. So.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's why I kind of expanded the scope with this request to include pretty much everything because I -- I've heard about the quick fixes, but I just want Atlanta to bring us a little money a little faster and give us some permanent ones quickly. So thank y'all.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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2. WHETHER TO PROCEED ON BEECHWOOD AVENUE RIGHT OF WAY VACATION.

Chairman Scott said, the second item under Commissioner's Item, I'll recognize Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In talking with the County Manager, County Attorney, and Mr. Anderson, it seems to be that there are a couple of issues that still need to be ironed out on this right of way, and I would ask that we continue this until we have all the information necessary to move forward.

Chairman Scott said, hearing no objections, that's what we will do. Thank you.

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3. STATUS OF GELLATLY POLICE PRECINCT (COMMISSIONER BRADY).

Chairman Scott said, the third item under Commissioner's is a status report. It was requested by Commissioner Brady, and at this time I'll recognize the County Manager.

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

Chairman Scott said, and then at the end of the presentation, Commissioner Brady for any further follow-up questions or comments.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are -- the subject is a precinct on the westside named after former Commissioner and former Chief of the Savannah Police Department, Commissioner Gellatly, Chief Gellatly, and -- and the status has been given in a brief summary of a memo from Mr. Anderson and Mr. Davenport in concert with Chief Tolbert. I'd ask Mr. Anderson and the Chief to come forward to give specific status on where we are on the project. I must add from a historical standpoint, this whole idea of funding a precinct through SPLOST goes back to 2002. So even before we had a merged police department, the then seated County Commission wanted to put precincts on the east side and the west side, so from that came, you know, very rough estimates from which we deal with now, but we have in effect the opportunity now to go to the next step, to design, just like the Chairman said, come up with specific costing on what it would take to do what the -- the customer in this case the police department wishes. Mr. Anderson. Chief.

Mr. Gregori Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services said, thank you. Good morning Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission. What's before you in the memo dated February the 25th, is a -- a synopsis of where we are in the project to date. We -- we are filling some gaps that were -- remained available to us through a process of design from our design team. We certainly have architects on -- on board right now that have developed a preliminary floor plan. That preliminary floor plan was based upon a -- a prototype that was generated a year, year and a half ago. Through that floor plan we were able to do some preliminary estimation on what the construction cost would be, and that's when we realized that there was some gaps in what the original budget for this project was established at. So as it -- contained in the memo, it talks about filling gaps for furnishing and fixtures. It talks about filling gaps that are represented by computers and telephone equipment within this facility. Once we have identified how this is going to be handled, the architectural team is ready to go forward to develop further the floor plan and move to construction documents. Once those construction documents are completed, then we will move towards getting a general contractor, solicitation, and get a true bid on what this project will cost. Right now the numbers that we're dealing with are estimates, certainly, but they are estimates based upon a preliminary floor plan that's in place. So I'll let the Chief fill in if there's any questions.

Chief Julie Tolbert said, certainly there's -- good morning Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. Certainly there's been some confusion about the dollar amount as Mr. Anderson indicated but at this point we're just uncertain. We just can't give you specifics as to what it's going to take at this moment to complete this project. We did not include at the onset the furnishing that would be needed, along with the fiber optics for connectivity and computer software and etcetera in the original plan that was presented to you, and so we have a little extra work to do in order to get this to a point where you could accept the true dollar value, and we're just not there at this point.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I recognize Commissioner Brady of the 6th District.

Commissioner Brady said, and I asked for this presentation just simply so the public in -- in Chatham County could understand what is act -- exactly going on with the precinct, and I've received various numbers. I -- I've -- I've got one number that says we're \$330,000 low on -- on estimates. I've got the final memo, which you're talking off of today, and the County Manager wrote \$608,7 -- \$700. So I'm a little concerned about the fluctuation, and -- and I understand in pre-meeting, the Chairman indicated that he had instructed the staff -- or the Manager to -- to, you know, have the architect draw the drawings and -- and start estimating, but one of my questions is -- is this, which SPLOST was the original estimate in?

County Manager Abolt said, no, I don't know. 2002 is when -- when the budget was -- not budget, a dollar amount was allocated. I -- I -- I can't keep track of which SPLOST that was, but it was obviously pre-merger.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I think it was SPLOST IV.

County Manager Abolt said, IV? Thank you, sir.

Commissioner Brady said, SPLOST IV?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, so, when you say the current funds requested for consideration of the precinct is \$3.1 million, that would be coming out of SPLOST IV?

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

Commissioner Brady said, that's correct? Okay. Is it normal when you're estimating costs not to estimate FF&E?

County Manager Abolt said, no. No, ma'am, it's not normal.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. So -- so that was just a -- a miscommunication that FF&E was not estimated?

County Manager Abolt said, well, I -- I -- sure, but --

Commissioner Brady said, well. Okay.

County Manager Abolt said, -- but you have to realize that -- the -- how old the project is. The project was an idea, and the project was born out of a desire of a County Commission that -- that still had a county police department, and there was just feeling that they would -- there was a need for a presence on the east side and the west side, so -- and as you remember 'cause you just finished putting together a SPLOST list that was voted on, there are no final designs. There was no site. It was just the -- and I hate to use the term swag, but that's what it was. We -- we -- we think we can build it, but remember that's 12 years ago.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and -- and --

Chairman Scott said, and you'd also have to, Commissioner Brady, take this into consideration it was a -- it was a good faith estimate by the County police department. It was pre-merger. Now we're dealing with a merged police department, and it's gone through request from two Chiefs, and now we're dealing with a third Chief of Police on this, and -- and to this date, we have spent money to acquire land. We own the site, and that portion has been done out of the SPLOST funds. Now what's left to be done, and we've got preliminary drawings. I'm just hard pressed to believe that you can determine where you're at with a budget until you have construction drawing that you can really then get a fix on what it would cost you to actually build a building, and then you would know what's left in the dollars that's been set aside for the computer equipment. But now the fiber optic has got to be built in. Everything else is not built in, and then -- and then you can decide where you're really at with the budget, and -- and -- and so when I heard all these estimates, and unless there are objections to the -- by the Commission, I want staff to move forward with the architect. We've already spent money for preliminary drawings, to go ahead and finalize the build drawings, and, of course, we'll take into consideration of our -- our customer's request for the footprint itself, the actual size of the building. We will factor that in, and -- and if we think the -- the increased size is justified, then we will approve them. If we don't think it's justified, then we will go with prototype sizing that we've -- we've had that's -- exist on the Island. And so, once we get that, we can really get a handle on where we're at with the budget, and -- and right now it's based on -- on an equipment list of what needs to be in the building, and a projected cost of that equipment, and -- and nothing more than that.

Commissioner Brady said, and --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady carry on.

Commissioner Brady said, -- and -- and Mr. Chairman I -- and I appreciate your direction to the County Manager, and his direction to staff to move forward. I'll -- I'll end this with one last question. And -- and I brought this up again because the public in the area, and in Chatham County, need to understand where we're at on this precinct. I'm -- I'm in that neighborhood a lot. I see the sign. It's been there for quite some time. What kind of time line can you give me and this Commission and the public on that precinct being built?

County Manager Abolt said, if you look at the last paragraph of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Davenport's memo of the 25th, it gives you what it estimates as completing the design within -- having construction documents in six months, and then going out to bid approximately 45 days thereafter.

Commissioner Brady said, so by -- by towards the end of the year we should see --

Chairman Scott said, fourth quarter.

Commissioner Brady said, -- a building come out of the ground?

Chairman Scott said, fourth quarter.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, fourth quarter we should -- we should have bid documents and reviewing bid documents.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I'm going to recognize the Commissioner from the 7th, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, then Commissioner Center from the 3rd, then Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, just a little bit more background on it. I was here when the original concept came up, along with Commissioner Gellatly at that time, and it's really just blown way out of what -- I -- I know my intentions at that time was. I, you know, approved the money to -- or, you know, came up with the budget. Next thing I know it has to be a, you know, whatever, 10,000 square foot type facility rather than just what it is, an actual place for them to be able to stop in, not house the entire Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department, and to be quite honest, after -- and this is no reflection on the current Chief whatsoever because she wasn't involved in any of this. After the flawed arrangement with the City of Savannah for them to provide policing services to the unincorporated areas, I see no -- I've lost desire to see it constructed until after one day we straighten that mess out, because I don't like the fact that we have listened to Savannah dictate pretty much, which in turns just made it where nothing's happened, the size of the facility, when we could put something out there very nice that serves the purpose, save some of that money, put it towards buying more police cars. We -- we don't need a -- a monstrosity sitting out there as a precinct, and that's just it in a nutshell. The unincorporated areas keep shrinking. The cities keep annexing more and more land, and pretty -- you know, logically coming up at some point in the future, we're going to have a few little pockets of unincorporated areas that we're actually responsible for, and the rest will be the City of Savannah. So I think investing out -- going over budget is just out of line, and I think we need to just move forward and stay within the budget, and have it -- just have it done. So that's it. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 3rd.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to ask the County Manager, since this was a SPLOST -- 2002 SPLOST, how much money has actually been received through SPLOST for this project?

Chairman Scott said, not received, what was set aside.

Commissioner Center said, oh. Set aside or -- but it had to be collected from tax revenues, correct?

Chairman Scott said, well that's -- all -- all this money's been collected.

County Manager Abolt said, it's all been collected.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Oh, it's -- so we got 100 percent of what we projected?

County Manager Abolt said, I don't believe in that SPLOST we had problem with short falls.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, and we've used it to purchase land at a tune of a little over \$300,000.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and I -- I'm assuming, I -- I don't have 2002, if the citizens said, put so much of this money aside to -- to build this precinct, whether we build it under these discussions or as Commissioner Kicklighter said, if we don't spend it as directed, don't we have to go back to the public on how to spend that money?

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, unless -- unless you spend it on some other precinct.

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Chairman Scott said, because it -- it would -- it was listed as --

County Attorney Hart said, you -- you -- you have the ability to --

Chairman Scott said, -- building a police precinct.

County Attorney Hart said, -- to -- to modify your plan, but the original intent of having a precinct, you need to keep that. How big it is, make it smaller, make it bigger. That's up to you guys.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, Mr. Davenport wants to correct what we told you.

Mr. Leon Davenport, County Engineer said, Commissioner -- Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, the Sales Tax IV originally collected money for the police merger. The Islands precinct was built out of that. The west side precinct funds are coming from Sales Tax V. So --

Chairman Scott said, the west side was in V?

Mr. Davenport said, the -- the funds that are going to construct it -- the land acquisition that we've -- or that has already occurred and the construction and design and all of that is out of Sales Tax V.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you. Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. I have four questions here. The area -- what -- what is the square footage of this proposed structure?

Mr. Anderson said, the preliminary floor plan that we've used as the basis for our estimates is 14,000 square feet plus.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and what is the cost -- have you had a cost breakdown in terms of cost per square foot?

Mr. Anderson said, we have not at this point.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. I see three figures here. One is -- what is it, 3,158,700?

Mr. Anderson said, that was the last figure we estimated prior to getting a -- the knowledge that furniture and fix -- fixtures, as well as the computers and telephone were not included in the original budget.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And then the 29 -- 2-9 -- the 2.9?

Mr. Anderson said, the 2.9 was the original estimate based upon the prototype that was established once the Whitemarsh Island center was completed.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And the 3.5?

Mr. Anderson said, the 3.5 is where we are today based upon --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Anderson said, -- estimates up to date, including the furniture and fixtures estimate, as well as the telephone and computer estimate.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. So the proposed structure, is there any way comparable, or how -- how -- how close is it in resemblance to the -- the Island precinct?

Mr. Anderson said, it's twice the size.

Commissioner Shabazz said, twice.

Mr. Anderson said, certainly the Chief can talk about the functionality of it, but it's twice the size of the Whitemarsh Island facility.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Can you give me some -- good morning, Chief. Good morning.

Chief Tolbert said, good morning. Commissioner from what I've gathered, Chief Lovett was really thinking futuristic. The doubling of the sizes, the -- the Islands Precinct is about 7,000 square feet, and the proposed is about 15. He was thinking futuristic from what I have gathered to far. He's added some items to the proposed precinct that's currently not at the Islands precinct, such as the officer's cubicle area, the squad room area. He's added the --what is it? The community room for outreach, of course, which is also not at the Islands precinct. He's also added a fitness area for the officers to try to get the officers motivated to stay in line with wellness, and a number of other items that were not included on the Islands -- at the Islands precinct was added to this precinct, and that's what created the addition of the square footage.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and once again, I'm -- I'm not convinced that any of that stuff is needed.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Brady said, well, in reference to the -- to the community room, I -- I would -- I would agree with that. You've got the Coastal Gardens -- Botanical Gardens right down the street from it that has tons of community space. We've held community meetings in there, so I definitely think you could cut down the -- the square footage involving that, and I mean based on just the southside or Precinct 4 and their location is just -- there's not a whole lot of room in -- in -- in -- in that precinct, so if we've got to cut down the square footage then -- then let's do it, but I agree with you, Mr. Chairman, I think there's certain items there that are not needed in that precinct, or -- or probably not in any precinct. I apologize, but es -- especially if there's -- there's access to community rooms or -- or community space close to the precinct. I -- I -- my big issue is we just need to -- to resolve whatever the issue is and move forward and -- and build the police precinct that we promised the community. Bottom line.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. And -- and please keep in mind that the Chief that got started on this and it -- I think he's in California now, back in California. The other Chief who's been working on the community room and the -- and the fitness center is now retired, and then -- and then we're dealing with a new Chief, and all I ask is that they get together with staff and determine what is needed in that precinct, nothing more, nothing else. Don't put anything in it that you as a tax payer is not willing to pay for. Just treat it as if it's your own money 'cause it is, and then once we decide what that is, in consultation with the County Manager and staff, then we need to proceed to design that so we can get a cost on what it would cost to build, and that's all that we -- we need to do, and we need to do that in haste.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and Mr. Chairman, I -- I believe possibly what we had from the former Chief was a different -- and the respect of the Islands precinct, was actually something the county constructed for the unincorporated area. In this case, I believe that the former Chief was planning a gigantic department to house enough officers to actually provide the services that will be needed for the City of Savannah when the 10,000 homes are developed in Savannah in the Hampton area. So other words, off the backs of -- of, you know, the unincorporated again, they would be getting a lot more. Where based off of the populations, should -- should they ever want to look at it that way, but I know we don't need to be in ownership of a building jointly, but there would be a certain smaller size to patrol our unincorporated area that would be needed, and then there would be an addition to patrol that other. So, Chief, I'm -- I'm -- appreciate what you're doing, and -- and my comments aren't a reflection on you whatsoever, and it's just -- do you know the current square -- square feet in the current West Chatham precinct? I know they share the tag office building. Do you know what amount of square feet they actually have there?

Chief Tolbert said, I actually do not. Not off the top of my head.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, 6,000 maybe splitting it in half. I mean, I -- I don't know, but, you know, if they're housed there, I've -- I've really hadn't heard any complaints, and we don't have to build a monstrosity.

Chairman Scott said, the -- the -- the other thing that -- that was noted to me, if -- if you really think about this, and now for the Chief it may be within walking distance, for me it's a bike ride, but the headquarters -- the operational headquarters for the police department on Chatham Parkway is within walking distance of this precinct, when -- when you really think about it. It's down 17 beyond Wal-Mart, and --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you walk more than I do, Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, I said -- I said it's a bike ride for me. It's a walk for the Chief because I know she's into fitness.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, but I'm just saying --

Commissioner Brady said, that's a long walk.

Chairman Scott said, I'm -- I'm just saying that when you think about it though, it's only -- you said it's a long walk but it's probably only three miles, and -- and so I just want to make sure that -- that the -- regardless of what all these other folks say is needed in that building in terms of size, I want to know if the current administration thinks that that size is really what we need and what the tax payers really want out there, and that's all I'm saying. Just look at the size, and then I want to move on with some build drawings so you can really get a -- a fix on what it would cost to build.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, and then once you do that, then -- then it's -- this Commission will then have an opportunity to say go forth and -- or -- or not, but it -- you don't know what it's going to cost right now.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And if you build a gym, now, you've got to equip the gym. If not, you waste your money on building it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I agree.

Chairman Scott said, and I kind of like the idea of a community room because I really think that there ought to be more meetings and understanding between the citizens in the area and the police department. There ought to be a lot more dialogue than we currently have. Anything else on it? Thank you all so much.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Scott said, we don't have any Tabled Items.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$120,000 FROM ENERGY EXCISE TAX, b) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$120,000 FOR ENERGY EXCISE TAX PAYMENT TO CITIES, 2) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TRANSFER \$16,200 FROM CONTINGENCY TO PUBLIC WORKS, AND 3) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND APPROPRIATE \$9,130 TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION AND TARGETS.**

Chairman Scott said, we're now on our items for Individual Action. Item 1 is to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O an increase revenue by \$120,000 from the Energy Excise Tax, increase expenditures by \$120,000 for Energy Excise Tax payment to the Cities; in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$16,200 from Contingency to Public Works, and 3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$9,130 to the Counter Narcotics Team for the purchase of ammunition -- ammunition and targets to maintain their proficiency.

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

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O: a) increase revenues \$120,000 from Energy Excise Tax, b) increase expenditures \$120,000 for Energy Excise Tax payment to Cities, 2) in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$16,200 from Contingency to Public Works, and 3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$9,130 to the Counter Narcotics Team for the purchase of ammunition and targets. Commissioners Brady and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2014

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

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) increase revenues \$120,000 from Energy Excise Tax, b) increase expenditures \$120,000 for Energy Excise Tax payment to Cities, 2) in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$16,200 from Contingency to Public Works, and 3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$9,130 to the Counter Narcotics Team for the purchase of ammunition and targets.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Energy Excise Tax collections were at more than 76% for the first seven months of the fiscal year. A budget amendment is needed to recognize the taxes and the payments out to the cities throughout the year. The County retains approximately 40% of the taxes. A resolution to amend the budget \$120,000 is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Public Works and Park Services Director has requested a \$16,200 from SSD contingency to cover emergency repairs on Veterans Parkway. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested appropriations of \$9,130 confiscated funds for the purchase of ammunition and targets. An opinion from the County Attorney and a staff report are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

The budget amendment will establish funding in the General Fund M&O. Funds are available in the Special Service District contingency and the Confiscated Revenue Funds for the transfers.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) Increase Energy Excise Tax revenue \$120,000.
- b) Increase Energy Excise Tax payments \$120,000.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

Transfer \$16,200 from contingency to Public Works.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND

Appropriate \$9,130 to the Counter Narcotics Team for the purchase of ammunition and targets.

2. Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE COMMISSION'S FISCAL YAR 2015 MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS AS IDENTIFIED AT THE BOARD'S BUDGET WORKSHOP OF FEBRUARY 6, 2014.

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 is to request Board approval --

Commissioner Shabazz said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, -- for the Commission Fiscal Year 2015 mission statement and goals as identified at the Board's budget retreat and workshop at the Trade Center on February 6th.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Chairman -- Chairman I move that we approve the Commission's Fiscal Year '15 -- 2015 mission statement and goal sessions.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, any discussion?

Commissioner Stone said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner from the 1st District.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. During our goal session I made mention of the fact that I had sort of hoped that we could expand or work with or get involved with however you want to phrase it with Savannah Impact, and I did not see that anywhere in here, and the reason I'm bringing this up is -- in reference to our jail population and Recidivism in this community, Savannah Impact has done a fabulous job, in taking individuals -- did I miss it? Okay.

County Manager Abolt said, yeah. It is right here.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Then I'm sorry. I apologize. I just wanted to make sure that -- okay. It -- it's not phrased that way, it just talks about the Intergovernmental Agreement and Savannah Impact. So, I apologize Mr. Chairman. Obviously I didn't read it thoroughly.

Chairman Scott said, well, you mentioned it at that budget retreat. I thought you just wanted to re-emphasize it.

Commissioner Stone said, no, sir. I -- I feel very strongly about it. Anything we can do to help eliminate Recidivism in this community would be a blessing. So -- and to help these individuals that are coming out of our prison system be prepared to become citizens -- working citizens, does nothing but enhance our community. So it's just something that I feel very strongly about. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And -- and it would be a savings to the tax payers as well.

Commissioner Stone said, exactly. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Okay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shabazz moved to approve the Commission's Fiscal Year 2015 Mission Statement and Goals as identified at the Board's budget workshop of February 6, 2014. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2014

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

ISSUE:

To request Board approval of the Commission's Fiscal Year 2015 Mission Statement and Goals as identified at the Board's budget workshop of February 6, 2014.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Commissioners held a budget workshop on February 6, 2014 for the purpose of identifying goals and priorities for the next fiscal period. In prior years, goals stated at the workshop have been summarized as a mission statement and list of goals that have been affirmed by the Board.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board of Commissioners' Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget workshop was held on February 6, 2014 at the Trade Center. All Commissioners were in attendance.
2. Several department heads and elected officials came forward to provide the Board with information about their operational concerns. Capital budgeting concerns and compensation issues were also summarized and conveyed to the Board.
3. The County's mission statement and goals as identified from last year's workshop are:

Current Board Mission Statements and Goals:**To provide all citizens the best place to live, work and play:**

- 1) **By protecting everyone's public safety**
- 2) **By providing outstanding recreational services and facilities community-wide**
- 3) **By stimulating economic growth through cooperative practices**
- 4) **By establishing and maintaining effective management of the County's resources**
- 5) **By funding essential services first and considering other programs as funding becomes available**
- 6) **By developing and maintaining road and drainage infrastructure, and**
- 7) **By pursuing State legislation supportive of the County's goals and objectives.**

4. As the meeting concluded, each Commissioner was asked to identify his/her goals for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff has compiled a listing of the items brought forward by the Board members (see Attachment I). All but two of the items discussed fall under the County's existing goals:
 - a. Improve quality of life funding for culture and the arts -- While this item falls into the general mission statement of the County, it is not currently listed as a goal. It appears to conflict with another goal that prescribes priority funding to essential services.
 - b. Allocate funding for Educational Programs for youth & families -- there is no current goal directing the County to provide educational programs.

Since there was no overall consensus by the Board to add these two items, further direction from the Board would be needed to add them to the goal list.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Budget Retreat provides the Board with an opportunity to focus on its goals and objectives for the next fiscal period. The County Manager will give the Board's adopted mission statement and goals his full consideration during development of the annual budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt the Current Board Mission Statement and Goals to guide development of the fiscal year 2014/2015 budget, or
2. Provide staff with other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1 is recommended.

Attachment I

**Goals identified at the Board of Commissioners' Goal Setting Workshop
February 6, 2014**

Current Board Mission Statements and Goals:**To provide all citizens the best place to live, work and play:**

- 1) **By protecting everyone's public safety**
- 2) **By providing outstanding recreational services and facilities community-wide**
- 3) **By stimulating economic growth through cooperative practices**
- 4) **By establishing and maintaining effective management of the county's resources**
- 5) **By funding essential services first and considering other programs as funding becomes available**
- 6) **By developing and maintaining road and drainage infrastructure, and**
- 7) **By pursuing State legislation supportive of the County's goals and objectives.**

Goal	#VOTES	Existing Goals	New Goal
No tax increase/look for tax reduction/no staff increases	6	4	
Strategic Financial Planning efforts including: develop an overall strategic plan for the County, cut costs and trim budget, fund new items by decreases in other areas, look for solutions through zero based budgeting, increase fund balance, pay down unfunded liabilities like pension & healthcare, use performance measures (workloads) to allocate dollars, do not fund any more reoccurring liabilities, use SPLOST funds for CIP needs when available	5	4, 5	
Review Intergovernmental Agreements: renegotiate SCMPD agreement, enable Savannah Impact to receive county-wide funding, look for win-wins	4	1, 4	

Find solutions to compensation issues including: how to incentivize employees, how to have more productive employees (less who do more), review jobs and pay issues, fund merit plan	4	4	
Resurface unincorporated area roads/pave Osteen Road	3	6	
Animal Control - identify concerns & a plan to resolve them	2	1	
Juvenile Court - funding increases, especially education/think about how to address issues presented	2	5	
Consolidate services with other cities	2	4	
Increase Funding for Public Safety	1	1	
Provide funding for community centers	1	2	
Create separate recreation department with a recreation director	1	2	
Construct Hitch Village Library with allocated SPLOST Funds	1	2	
Fund the Mother Mathilda Beasley Master Plan, add soil & irrigation system	1	2	
Reopen Aquatics Center on Sunday 1-5, September to May	1	2	
Fund and construct the Soldier field CIP project	1	2	
Include funding for strategic planning initiatives - ask voters what they are willing to fund	1	4	
Review department needs presented at workshop; work to fill needs	1	4, 5	
Improve quality of life funding for culture & the arts	1		yes
Allocate funding to Educational Programs for youth & families	1		yes

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3. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN. NOTE: DELAYED FROM FEBRUARY 14, 2014 MEETING.

Chairman Scott said, we will now entertain our CNT monthly report by Director Ragan. Welcome.

CNT Director D. Everett Ragan said, good morning Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. It's -- it's been since December I've been here, and I got to tell you, being out of your presence for over a month is like a -- a month without sunshine. I'm just very happy to be back this morning. So, I'll keep -- I'll keep it short.

Commissioner Brady said, what do you want?

Chairman Scott said, we have -- we have been as depressed as you have.

Director Ragan said, I --

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to point out he's -- he has access to mind altering drugs.

Chairman Scott said, it sounds like he's been taking them.

Director Ragan said, ah, no. No. No. No. January was a fairly good month for us. Just a couple things we want to talk about. We initiated 104 investigations in the month. We did three agency assists. Actually in the month we recovered almost \$80,000 worth of drugs. A good bit of marijuana. One thing I want to mention, and you'll see in one of the highlights is that -- you know, if you've been watching the national news, you've been -- you've been hearing about the new heroine problems that are -- that are cropping up. We are seeing those in Savannah. We are seeing more heroine coming in, and we are on top of it, and one of our -- one of our significant events is -- are two individuals, a mother and daughter, who -- who have been involved in the heroine trade -- trade for quite a while, and they're both still in the county jail. We got them.

Director Ragan said, seized five weapons, made 30 arrests, a couple of agency assists. We -- we assisted Garden City, Georgia State Patrol, and Metro. Our drug complaints, we had about 56, and we've already assigned 54 of those. The next pages are the individual statistics for your Districts, involved in those. Our charts again we -- notice the amount of time we spend in the precincts and in the unincorporated area -- area, and then in the City of Savannah. We are spending a -- a good bit of time still in the City, of course, based on agreement, and then based upon some of our active investigations that we have now. Then -- then again the two significant events were the -- on West Street, was a significant drug seizure, a lot of weapons and everything else. Had been a bit of a persistent problem, community complaints coming in on the residence, and we were able to take those and -- and get drug buys out of the house, and arrest those individuals, and again the other significant event was the mother and daughter team on the selling of heroine. She had had her daughter involved in the business since the daughter was about -- about 14 years old. The mother has 22 recorded

arrests, and five of them by CNT over the past years, so. And the -- the daughter who was only 20 -- she was 27 now, like I say had seven bookings, and two of them by CNT.

Director Ragan said, one thing I would like to mention, something that we are very, very proud of and certainly would not have taken place without the support from this Commission, is March 2014 is the 20th anniversary of CNT, when we were formed. I hope you've gotten your invitations. On March the 11th at 11:00 o'clock, we'll be having a ceremony at the Thomas Sprague complex and providing lunch thereafter, and we certainly hope that each and every one of you can attend and -- and be a part thereof, and help us celebrate 20 -- 20 good years of CNT.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what's the location?

Director Ragan said, 71 Ross Road, sir. Any -- any questions?

Chairman Scott said, yeah. I might add, though, Commissioner Shabazz, you have to be blindfolded before you can go there. Go ahead. Ms. Mesa.

Youth Commissioner Mesa said, I want to know what does CNT stand for?

Director Ragan said, the -- actually the -- the whole big name is the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team. So that's the -- we're the -- the primary investigation unit for drugs within Chatham County.

Youth Commissioner Mesa said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning Mr. Ragan.

Director Ragan said, good morning, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, a number of constituents within the 5th District have asked me about a breakdown of drug activities within the District.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, like Liberty City, Tatemville.

Director Ragan said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Sylvan Terrace area, Cuyler Park, Beach High area. Is there any way I can get that information to --

Director Ragan said, we do it on a monthly basis. It's -- it's in the copy of the report. Your -- all your District arrests for your District are outlined in the monthly report, so it's -- it's in there that every case we make within that -- with the address and the charges for that -- for that -- are in there.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't have -- I don't have a question.

Chairman Scott said, Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't have a question, but I -- I -- I would like to commend you and your staff for an outstanding job that you do relative -- you know, with this. I've had several calls from members of the 8th District, and they were very, very pleased with the progress that you're making, and making it more safer for those residents. So we just want to thank you very much.

Director Ragan said, you're -- you're more than welcome, and I have a lot of good people --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Director Ragan said, -- that I work with, and it's -- most of the time it's done in -- in spite of me rather than because of me.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Director Ragan said, but they do -- they do an excellent job.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, okay. Yes, ma'am?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone. Commissioner Holmes, did you want to be recognized as well?

Commissioner Holmes said, no. Just trying to get my colleague.

Commissioner Stone said, he's watching out for me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I also would like to commend you for the work, and these reports are very helpful, and Mr. Chairman, it brings up a -- a question that at one time we asked to have a -- a briefing from our police department, and I think we did for a couple of months, and it's fallen off, and I'm -- I thought that that was the will of this Commission to also have that as well, because it is -- this information is very helpful.

Chairman Scott said, we can have -- we can get a briefing at any time, and at the last briefing, it was at -- at my request, but we will instruct the County Manager to schedule a briefing at our next meeting.

County Manager Abolt said, be glad to.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. 'Cause this is very helpful to be able to, when you have discussions with your constituents, you know, what's going on, and how we are attacking the war on drugs, and I think that the -- the better informed we are, the better our citizens feel about where they're tax dollars are going.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am. One other thing I would like to add. Yesterday we received official notice from the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police by letter and plaque that the Chatham-Savannah Narcotics Team has -- has been re-certified, is an accredited agency.

Commissioner Thomas said, great.

Director Ragan said, we will schedule at a later date to -- Chief Dave Lyons, who is president of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, he will -- will make a presentation in front of the council for, excuse me, the Commission for our plaque and our letter certifying us again as the -- and we are the only --

Chairman Scott said, congratulations.

Director Ragan said, thank you. We are the only State certified drug enforcement multi-jurisdictional unit in the State of Georgia. So.

Commissioner Thomas said, fantastic.

Commissioner Holmes said, congratulation.

Commissioner Thomas said, wonderful.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Director Ragan said, anything else?

Chairman Scott said, any further questions? Did you -- did you want him to go over the arrests in your -- in your District or anything else?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah, well, I -- I see where he has a breakdown by precincts in our Districts, but I just have to identify what precincts is within -- is within the District.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further questions? We've got some from the Youth Commission.

Director Ragan said, good.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Mason.

Youth Commissioner Mason said, thank you. What made you want to go into this field?

Director Ragan said, oh I've been a police officer ever since December of 1973. I started out as a uniform police officer, and you -- you don't go into law enforcement with a desire to make money and get rich. You go into law enforcement with a desire to help your community and to serve the public, and I've been fortunate enough to be able to keep that fire and keep that desire going for 40 years in this.

Commissioner Thomas said, wow.

Director Ragan said, and I retired from the Savannah Metro Police Department, and the opportunity to lead CNT came available, and I've been very fortunate to be selected to do that. So, it's something that is -- that grows within your heart, and it's something that -- as these Commissioners feel the need and the desire to work in

public service, that's what police officers do. It's not to get money and not to make money and not to become rich or famous. Yes, sir?

Chairman Scott said, Youth Commissioner McGee.

Youth Commissioner McGee said, I would like to thank you for all your hard work and your dedication to this community in which it does show. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, thank you very much, son.

Chairman Scott said, no further questions?

Director Ragan said, thank you. I hope it won't be a month again. So.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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 now on our Action Calendar, page six of your agenda.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, I move for approval of the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second that we approve the Action Calendar. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of approving the Action Calendar please vote yes, opposed no. The Action Calendar is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 6 and under Item 6, Items A through G. Commissioners Thomas and Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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

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- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2014, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2014, as mailed. Commissioners Thomas and Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 5, 2014 THROUGH FEBRUARY 19, 2014.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period February 5, 2014 through February 19, 2014, in the amount of \$6,681,335. Commissioners Thomas and Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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3. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2014: PETITIONER: YANXIN QIAO, D/B/A HEIWAS, LOCATED AT 7401 SKIDAWAY ROAD, 31406. [DISTRICT 1].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved for approval of a transfer of a beer and wine retail license for 2014. The Petitioner is Yanxin Qiao, d/b/a Heiwas located at 7401 Skidaway Road. Commissioners Thomas and Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2014

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2014. Petitioner is Yanxin Qiao d/b/a Heiwas located at 7401 Skidaway Road, Savannah, GA 31406.

BACKGROUND:

Yanxin Qiao requests approval of a transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 1

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Juliette Tolbert

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO REMOVE THE STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT FROM THE EMERALD POINTE SUBDIVISION AND REFUND \$23,040 TO THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING UPGRADES TO THE STREETLIGHTS WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION. [DISTRICT 3.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved for approval to remove the streetlight assessment from the Emerald Pointe subdivision and refund \$23,040 to the Homeowners' Association (HOA) for the purpose of making upgrades to the streetlights within the subdivision. Commissioners Thomas and Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUES:

To remove the streetlight assessment from the Emerald Pointe subdivision and refund \$23,040 to the Homeowners' Association (HOA) for the purpose of making upgrades to the streetlights within the subdivision.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County established a streetlight assessment district for Emerald Pointe in 1997. The 40 property owners paid \$36 per year to Chatham County for the streetlight energy and maintenance costs. In addition to the assessment paid to Chatham County, the HOA maintained the streetlights with dues paid by property owners within the subdivision. While performing a streetlight inventory, staff discovered the discrepancy. The HOA requests the County remove the assessment and refund the fees previously paid. The HOA will assume full responsibility for the maintenance and energy costs of the streetlights.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Emerald Pointe is a private, gated, single family residential subdivision located on President Street. This subdivision consists of 40 lots. The subdivision was constructed in 1997. The developer installed the streetlights at that time and Chatham County created a streetlight assessment district for the maintenance of the streetlights. The assessment rate is \$36 per year.
2. Georgia Power did not transfer the lighting bill to Chatham County and continued to bill the HOA.
3. The HOA wishes to be refunded the \$23,040 previously paid to Chatham County for the upkeep of the streetlights. The HOA will use the money to make necessary repairs and upgrades to the streetlights and then assume full responsibility for future maintenance and energy costs.
4. Upon approval, staff will notify the Board of Assessors to remove the streetlight assessment from the annual tax bills of the property owners.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To remove the streetlight assessment from the Emerald Pointe subdivision and refund \$23,040 to the Homeowners' Association (HOA) for the purpose of making upgrades to the streetlights within the subdivision.
2. To not approve the request.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in Fund Source 214-4260.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This action is consistent with the Streetlighting Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 3

Prepared by: Suzanne Cooler

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE CREATION OF A STREETLIGHTING DISTRICT WITHIN EAST PINES SUBDIVISION TO INCLUDE RIVERVIEW ROAD, PINE ROAD AND MARSHVIEW ROAD. [DISTRICT 3].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved for approval of the creation of a streetlighting district within East Pines subdivision to include Riverview Road, Pine Road and Marshview Road. Commissioners Thomas and Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE:

That the Board approve the creation of a streetlighting district within East Pines Subdivision to include Riverview Road, Pine Road and Marshview Road.

BACKGROUND:

The residents living within the southern portion of East Pines Subdivision have enjoyed the lumination of streetlights for many years at no cost. The absence of a streetlighting district was discovered during a routine audit of the East Pines streetlighting account by staff. The residents were given the option to maintain service by establishing a streetlighting district or to have the current service terminated. Voting ballots were delivered by way of the United States Postal Service (USPS). A majority of the property owners voted in favor of maintaining streetlights with the establishment of a streetlighting district at \$29 per year per parcel owner.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The southern portion of East Pines Subdivision is composed of 41 parcels. Zero streetlight dollars are collected from these parcel owners. Georgia Power receives zero dollars for the illumination and maintenance of the twelve streetlights that are operating within the subdivision.
2. Each of the 41 tax parcels will be assessed \$29 per year. All rates are subject to increases depending on Georgia Power's future rates. This streetlighting district will be added to Chatham County's master bill summary account as East Pines.
3. Property owners were notified of the proposed assessment and the date and time of the meeting via letters delivered by the USPS. Public notice was also provided via an article in the Savannah Morning News.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the creation of a streetlighting district within East Pines Subdivision to include Riverview Road, Pine Road and Marshview Road.
2. To not approve the creation of the streetlight district.

FUNDING:

Funding for the streetlights is available in Fund Source 214-4260. The expenditures will be reimbursed by the tax assessment as established in the Streetlighting Ordinance.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

That the Board must approve establishing streetlighting districts in Unincorporated Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

District 3

Prepared by: Michael Blakey, Civil Engineer

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

AGENDA ITEM: X-6 A thru G

AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2014

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 \$20,663 sole-source purchase for 171 annual software license and maintenance agreements with Citrix Online for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: These annual service agreements cover user software licenses and system maintenance required for technical support, "bug" fixes and software updates for the GoTo My PC software which is used by all departments.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Citrix Online is the only company permitted to make changes or updates to their proprietary software, thereby qualifying these agreements to fall under a sole-source procurement.
2. GoTo My PC is a web based application used by numerous departments to remotely access their office computer from home or while traveling.
3. Staff believes this total cost of \$20,663 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Various

ALTERNATIVE:

1. Board approval of a \$20,663 sole-source purchase for 171 annual software license and maintenance agreements with Citrix Online for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential license agreements and maintenance contracts.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 5 to the annual contract with Paper Chemical Supply Company, of Savannah, Georgia, to provide various warehouse supplies for various departments within Chatham County.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Paper Chemical Supply Company has recently provided a notification of price changes associated with the manufacturer imposed price increases due to the escalating costs in energy, transportation, packaging and raw material has raised the price of brown paper bags. Paper Chemical Supply Company has provided documentation to support the manufacturer's price increase.
2. New pricing will be as follows:

Item: Description	Old Price	New Price
52. Brown paper bags, DURO 8007	\$ 26.82	\$ 30.57

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 5 to the annual contract with Paper Chemical Supply Company, of Savannah, Georgia, to provide various warehouse supplies for various departments within Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$202,100 contract to Complete Demolition Services, LLC, to remove 18 buildings to be obtained by Chatham County on West Bay Street.

BACKGROUND: The project involves the removal of 18 buildings to be obtained by the County on West Bay Street between East Lathrop and West Lathrop in preparation for future widening. The Bay Street Widening project is in the Coastal Region (CORE) Transportation Improvement Plan for construction in Fiscal Year 2016. A design contract was awarded to McGee Partners, Inc., by the Board on November 5, 2010.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised and nine (9) bids were received and opened February 6, 2014. The bid results are as follows:

Complete Demolition Services, LLC Carrollton, GA	\$202,100
Tristar of America, Inc. Norcross, GA	\$225,656
* SABE, Inc. Vidalia, GA	\$235,000
** American Logistics International, Inc. Morrow, GA	\$278,140
River Bend Enterprises Richmond Hill, GA	\$289,999

**	Wrecking Corp. of America, LLC Duluth, GA	\$292,105
*	Brownstone Construction Group, LLC Savannah, GA	\$438,273
	DRC Emergency Services, LLC Mobile, AL	\$478,799
*	Warner Construction Services Bloomington, GA	\$625,000
	* MBE firm ** WBE firm	

- Staff believes the bid from Complete Demolition Services is fair and reasonable.
- It is anticipated that work will begin within 60 days of award of the contract and be complete within one year.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) - West Bay Street Widening
(3224220 - 54.14005 - 32250975)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval to award a \$202,100 contract to Complete Demolition Services, LLC, to remove 18 buildings to be obtained by the County on West Bay Street.
- Provide staff other direction.

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 _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract with a year one cost of \$23,877 with automatic renewal options for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, to Kevin C. Dickinson, DDS to lease a site to house an Employee Health Clinic. The first year cost includes the lease amount and a one month security deposit of \$1,837. The second and third year will include a \$.65 per square foot escalation rate.

BACKGROUND: At the July 26, 2013 meeting, the Board authorized staff to proceed with implementing an employee health clinic. At the February 14, 2014 meeting, the Board approved a contract with Marathon Health to operate the clinic.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- Staff has located a facility at 813 E. 68th Street that meets the specifications outlined by Marathon Health. This location is in the medical arts district in midtown and is centrally located to employee residences based on a review of employee population zip codes.
- The facility is currently vacant and was previously used as a medical facility. It is 1520 square feet and is equipped with a reception area, front office, exam rooms with sinks, two restrooms, and offices. The facility is in near move-in ready condition, and requires cosmetic improvements only, including new flooring and painting. The lessor will provide a \$2.50 per square foot remodeling allowance, totaling \$3,962.50 to allot toward the improvements.
- Marathon Health has reviewed the specifications of the facility, and find them to be adequate and acceptable.
- The initial lease rate is \$14.50 per square per year for the initial three-year term, and a \$.65 per square foot escalation rate for years two and three. The total lease amount for the first year is \$23,877, and \$23,028 for year two and \$24,016 for year three. Chatham County will be responsible for all utility charges.

FUNDING: Health Fund - Wellness Program
(6509140 – 57.30001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract with a year one cost of \$23,877 with automatic renewal options for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, to Kevin C. Dickinson, DDS to lease a site to house an Employee Health Clinic. The first year cost includes the lease amount and a one month security deposit of \$1,837. The second and third year will include a \$.65 per square foot escalation rate.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

1. The Board of Commissioners has shown support for the health of employees through its approval and support of wellness initiatives. Adding an employee onsite health clinic will not only improve the health of employees, but also reduce the overall cost of healthcare in the forthcoming years.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a not to exceed \$29,950 sole source professional services contract with James M. Anderson and Associates for surveying services for the Canebrake Road Pedestrian Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The Canebrake Road Pedestrian Improvement project will provide a multi-purpose trail and sidewalks along Canebrake Road, from the existing terminus of the Basin Road Bike Path to Gateway Boulevard. James M. Anderson and Associates is the surveyor of record for the Basin Road Bike Path, as well as for the Bamboo Farm Entrance Improvement project on Canebrake. The proposed pedestrian improvements along Canebrake will connect to both projects.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A concept plan for the Canebrake Road Pedestrian Improvements was developed by McGee Partners in October 2013.
2. Prior to completing preliminary plans for the project, a database survey must be completed. The survey includes topography, trees, utility locations and property boundaries.
3. James M. Anderson and Associates have survey control set-up from the previous surveys and his staff is familiar with the site conditions. Approval of this contract will minimize the potential for errors between the projects by utilizing the same surveying firm.
4. Approval of the contract will save the County time and money by not having to go through QBS process, including reviewing proposals and interviewing consultants.
5. James M. Anderson and Associates is qualified to perform the work. Staff reviewed the proposal for the work and finds it to be fair and reasonable based on the scope.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1985-1993) - Canebrake Road
(3204220 - 52.12003 - 32056803)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a not to exceed \$29,950 sole source professional services contract with James M. Anderson and Associates for surveying services for the Canebrake Road Pedestrian Improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the award of contracts.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$13,500 design/engineering contract to Thomas & Hutton, Inc., to prepare a Master Plan for L. Scott Stell Community Park.

BACKGROUND: L. Scott Stell Community Park was built and opened to the public in the late 1970's to early 1980's. The County developed the park with a wide range of uses randomly located without any prior planning efforts. It is the goal of Chatham County to have a creative Master Plan for improving the roads, parking lots, drainage and water systems, and other facilities at the park.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Proposals were solicited for Design/Engineering Services for a Master Plan for L. Scott Stell Park. Five proposals were received. The proposals were scored by the evaluation committee and the top three high scoring firms were interviewed. After the interviews were scored, the fee proposals that were submitted by the three finalists were opened and scored. After adding the scores from the proposal, interview and fee proposal, Thomas & Hutton is the high scoring firm. (See attached matrix on pages 9 and 10 for detailed scoring (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.))

FUNDING: CIP - Recreation Department
(3506100 - 54.13009 - 35030327)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$13,500 design/engineering contract to Thomas & Hutton, Inc., to prepare a Master Plan for L. Scott Stell Community Park.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award design/engineering contract to the highest scoring firm.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$15,145 purchase order to MetalCrafts, Savannah, GA, to provide roof repairs, metal work, masonry repointing and interior water damage repairs at the Administrative/Legislative Courthouse located at 124 Bull Street.

BACKGROUND: The Administrative/Legislative Courthouse roof repairs are located at the north east corner of the Bull street entrance. As a result of the damaged roof, water is overflowing from the roof scupper and gutter system.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The cooling tower discharge line is undersized for the amount and force of water leaving the cooling tower. The existing scupper and gutter system is also leaking from the force of water from the cooling tower.
2. As result of the roof damage, water intrusion has caused the northeast corner to become saturated causing water to back into the exterior building walls.
3. A Request for Bids was publicly advertised and three (3) bids were received.

MetalCraft Savannah, GA	\$15,145
* RPI Residential ,Inc. Richmond Hill, GA	\$22,740
Coating Application & Water Proofing St. Louis, MO	\$32,030

*WBE

4. Staff believes the lowest bid price of \$15,145 is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance
(1001565 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$15,145 purchase order to MetalCrafts, Savannah, GA, to provide roof repairs, metal work, masonry repointing and interior water damage repairs at the Administrative/Legislative Courthouse located at 124 Bull Street.

2. Provide staff other directions.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to make necessary repairs to County Facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

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

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **AMEND THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE, ARTICLE II, SECTION 22-201 221(2)(21), "VACCINATION AND LICENSE REQUIRED" OF THE CODE OF CHATHAM COUNTY AND TO AMEND THE CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE TO REDUCE AND IMPOSE FEES FOR LATE REGISTRATION OF RABIES LICENSE TAG FOR DOGS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Chairman Scott said, we do have a Second Reader that we will look at, and once it's read, it -- it will require a motion, and -- and this is on page nine, a Second Reader. Amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance, Article II, Section 22-201 sub (2) and (21), vaccinations and license required of the code of Chatham County and to amend the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to reduce the impose fees for late registration of rabies license tag for dogs and other purposes.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we adopt that amendment.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor vote yes, opposed no. The Amendment to the Ordinance is adopted.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to adopt the Amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance, Article II, Section 22-201(2)(21), "vaccinations and license required" of the code of Chatham County and to amend the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to reduce and impose fees for late registration of rabies license tag for dogs and other purposes. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~

AGENDA DATE: February 14, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1

AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

To adopt the amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance, Article II, Section 22-201(2)(1) "Vaccination and Licensing Required" of the Code of Chatham County and to amend the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to reduce and impose fees for late registration of rabies license tag for dogs and other purposes.

BACKGROUND:

To amend the Animal Control Ordinance and Revenue Ordinance allowing the County to assess the \$15.00 late fee currently mandated without the necessity of issuing a citation prior to collection of the fee that was adopted on April 26, 2013.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The current Animal Control Ordinance requires all dog owners to register the pet within a time certain or face a \$50.00 late fee. This is a proposal to lower the late fee to \$15.00, which is more in keeping with the regulatory cost.
2. The previous wording of the Animal Control Ordinance allowed officials to assess the late fee only in conjunction with a citation being issued for failure to timely register the dog. With the adopted amendment, the late fee can be assessed without citation. This will simplify the paperwork process from an administrative standpoint.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

County officials should be able to assess the late fee outlined in our Code without the need of issuing a citation. The late fee should reflect the cost of administration. However, such enforcement should not begin until sufficient notice has gone out to those affected to ensure fair and just administration.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Allow the amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance, Article II, Section 22-201(2)(1) "Vaccination and Licensing Required" of the Code of Chatham County and the adopted amendment to the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance allowing the County to assess the \$15.00 late fee currently mandated without the necessity of issuing a citation prior to collection of the fee.
2. Do not allow the amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance, Article II, Section 22-201(2)(1) "Vaccination and Licensing Required" of the Code of Chatham County and the adopted amendment to the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance allowing the County to assess the \$15.00 late fee currently mandated without the necessity of issuing a citation prior to collection of the fee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL AND REVENUE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners as follows:

Article II, Section 22-201 (2)(a), "Vaccination and Licensing Required," is hereby stricken and a new Section 22-201(2)(a) is adopted and shall read as follows:

- a. Any person owning a dog or cat and does not comply with this shall be in violation of this ordinance, provided that a person shall register his or her dog or cat within thirty (30) days of the rabies vaccination, or thirty (30) days after becoming a resident of Chatham County. Non-compliance shall result in a set fine of \$15.00 in addition to the fee for registration.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this ____ day of February, 2014.

ALBERT J. SCOTT, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

JANICE BOCOOK, Clerk
Chatham County Commission

[SEAL]

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, we've included a number of items for information purposes 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: February 28, 2014

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Interior window blinds	Public Defender	Home Depot	\$3,489	General Fund/M&O -Public Defender
30" diameter single coil razor wire	Detention Center	Savannah Fence & Entry Systems	\$5,775	General Fund/M&O -Detention Center
Warning devices for two (2) transport vehicles for Detention Center	Fleet Operations	Alliance Bus Group, Inc.	\$6,100	General Fund/M&O -Detention Center
12 handguns	Detention Center	Ed's Public Safety	\$4,908	•General Fund/M&O -Sheriff - \$1,227 •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$3,681
Overhaul to propeller	Mosquito Control	Sensenich Propeller Service, Inc.	\$6,025	General Fund/M&O -Mosquito Control
Maintenance stock parts	Detention Center	Savannah Winnelson	\$3,181	General Fund/M&O -Detention Center
Elevator repair at Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Otis Elevator Company.	\$2,535	General Fund/M&O -Facilities Maintenance and Operations
Ceiling tiles and grids for modular buildings at Firing Range	Detention Center	Capitol Materials of Savannah, Inc.	\$6,227	SPLOST (2008-2014) Law Enforcement Training Construction

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Training ammunition	Detention Center	Master Cartridge	\$6,153	•General Fund/M&O -Sheriff - \$1,539 •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$4,614
Tax sale advertisements for month of February	Tax Commissioner	Morris Publishing Group	\$6,155	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Fertilizer	Public Works and Park Services	Bulloch Fertilizer Company	\$3,192	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Two (2) shredders	Sheriff's	VIP Printing & Office Supply	\$2,790	•General Fund/M&O -Sheriff - \$1,359 •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$1,395
One HVAC system	Mosquito Control	Mingledorff's Inc.	\$3,449	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, I will state that there will be need for a special session. We have a legal briefing from the attorney.

County Attorney Hart said, it will be about litigation.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we --

Chairman Scott said, and I would also add litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Center said, okay. I move that we go into executive session for purposes of discussing litigation and personnel.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Second by the Commissioner from the 2nd District. All in favor of the motion to move to executive session indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Thank you. We are now heading for executive session.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and personnel. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 10:45 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present; Commissioners Holmes, Center and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION