

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 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 9:35 a.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. At this time I will ask that everybody be seated, and after our chaplain of the day is introduced, and after he makes his remarks and indicate that it's time for prayer, if everybody would stand at that time and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, and we'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner from the 3rd District, Commissioner Tony Center.

Chairman Scott said, when we were in the Green Room, I said that we had a mystery chaplain this morning, and it's really a pleasure to have him here, and when he's introduced, you will understand the relationship that he has to our County Manager, and really without his counterpart, I don't know where the County Manager would be this morning because he would not have been directed, but at this time I'm going to ask our Commissioner from the 7th District to introduce the chaplain of the day, and the reason that he's going to introduce him, and you will find out from the introduction, but the Commissioner from the 7th District once served as Mayor of Garden City, and his mother served on the Garden City Council for a tremendous amount of time, and our chaplain pastored for over 30 years in Garden City. At this time I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District for the purpose of introducing the chaplain of the day.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm truly honored to be able to make this introduction. This gentleman is known as Pastor Dave, actually, to many people. Reverend Rasmussen. He actually served as the pastor of the Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Garden City for 34 years, and during that time he participated in the Garden City Ministerial Association and was a voluntary chaplain for the Garden City Police Department for over 10 years, and I believe some of those years was while I was actually in office. Also during his ministry at the Good Shepherd, he was elected to serve as the Dean of the Ebenezer conference of the Southeastern ELCA and also was twice elected to serve on the council. He is retired from full-time ministry and is currently serving as the part-time interim pastor at the Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Effingham County. In addition to this man's service, he was ordained -- and in addition to his ordained ministry in Georgia, during his seminary training he spent a year as the interim at Lutheran Congregation in Washington, D.C. Prior to earning his Bachelor's degree from California State University at Fresno, he served four years in the United States Air Force, which included one year in Vietnam.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, this is the part where he becomes near and dear to the county. He's helped raise two sons and three step-daughters, and he's also enjoyed being married to probably one of the most invaluable people to ever set foot around here, which is Ms. Frances, that works directly for Russ. I can't say enough about this man, what he's meant to the community throughout the years, what he meant for Garden City. This is just a -- a truly good person, and a truly good family. At this time, I would like to introduce Pastor Dave.

Pastor Dave Rasmussen said, thank you. There's a new movie coming out about an old, old story. I've not seen the movie yet. I'm not privileged in that area, but here are some thoughts from the original story, the story about Noah and the Ark. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah started building the Ark. Stay fit. When you're old someone may ask you to do something really big. Build your future on high ground. For safety sake, travel in pairs. Speed is not an advantage, the snails were on board with the Cheetahs. When you're stressed, just float a while, and remember, as they say, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals, and remember that in the grand scope of life, we are all in the same boat, and no matter the storm, when you're with God, there is a rainbow waiting, and some of us wouldn't mind seeing some rainbows, as long as they were accompanied by spring storms to wash some of this pollen out of this air.

Pastor Rasmussen said, we are transitioning from winter to spring. That is a normal change. That is something that we are used to. Even with the pollen, we enjoy the change to spring, and that's just part of life. Life is about change, going from one place to another, from one position to another. Life is always in the constant change, and the difficulty is that we have to adapt to those changes. Sometimes that life brings us those changes while we're serving that means we have to make things a little different. The front page of yesterday's paper said that this morning the name of the nominee for the new County Manager would be presented. That change is coming and will necessitate -- necessitate some amount of adapting as to all changes we experience in life. Change is simply a given, otherwise, we would all still be children, but we have changed from children into adults. Nothing stays the same. Even the Grand Canyon changes with time. We hope though that as we as adults we

have become wiser than children. We hope that we have learned to adapt to the circumstances of life and that we as individuals can as adults make changes for the greater good of all because we are all in the same boat. Let us pray.

Pastor Rasmussen gave the invocation as follows:

Gracious God, guide those who make decisions that as changes occur their decisions may help make for a more caring and involved community. Give hope to all citizens that their leaders are aware of and are working towards the developing of workable solutions to the problems we all face. Grant us strength as individuals and as a community to face changes, knowing that change continues throughout our living. This we ask to the benefit of all people and to the praise of God Amen.

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

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Center said, join with me.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott said, before the Clerk call the roll, I will ask that the Commissioner from the 7th District and anyone else who wish to join me to present a token of appreciation to our chaplain of the day.

Chairman Scott said, and, yes, Frances [Rasmussen], you may join us as well.

Mrs. Frances Rasmussen said, thank you. That was sneaky.

Chairman Scott said, Pastor Dave, thank you so much for -- for coming, and thank you so much for leading us in devotion. I don't know about anybody else, but I sincerely enjoyed your message.

Pastor Rasmussen said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and we -- we are not allowed to compensate you for the value of your message, and we wanted you to know that we appreciate it very, very much, and we want to present you with this certificate.

Pastor Rasmussen said, thank you, very much.

Mrs. Rasmussen said, that was good.

Pastor Rasmussen said, we -- we can keep secrets.

Mrs. Rasmussen said, I had no idea he was here.

Pastor Rasmussen said, I saw them usher you with the --

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, very good. Very good. [Applause.]

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

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Albert J. Scott, Chairman
 Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
 Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One

James J. Holmes, District Two
 Tony Center, District Three
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 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 Bocook, County Clerk

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, I will ask our Vice Chair to introduce the members of the Youth Commission who are here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. We apologize for not having the report today. Two of our members could not be here today who were supposed to deliver their report to the Commissioners. However, we are very happy to have with us today Ryan Pacheco. He is a student at Early College, and he will be participating throughout the day, and we are happy to have him.

Youth Commissioner Ryan Pacheco said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Commissioner Stone said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Commissioner Farrell said, good morning. Welcome.

Chairman Scott said, thank you for being here.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1. RECOGNITION FOR THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM FOR STATE CERTIFICATION BY THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (GACP). CHIEF DAVID LYONS, GARDEN CITY POLICE CHIEF, DRUG ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION.**

Chairman Scott said, now on page two we have proclamations and special presentations, and I'm sure all of you join me in -- in this first one in really just applauding and acknowledging the fine work of -- of our narcotics team, the Chatham County Area Narcotics Team, and at this time, I'm going to recognize Chief David Lyons who is the Garden City Police Chief, but he also serves as President of the Georgia Association of Chief of Police, and he's here to make a special presentation to our own director of the Chatham County Area Narcotics Team. At this time, Chief Lyons.

Chief David Lyons said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission. I'm excited to be here this morning as President of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and to represent our 1200 plus members of that Association to recognize and honor your Chatham County Narcotics task force and to recognize them for their achievements in -- in state certification. I'm also chief of a state-certified agency, so I can tell you first hand this ain't easy. If it was easy, every law enforcement organization in the state would be say -- state-certified and this achievement would be meaningless, but it's not easy. It's very difficult, and it's even more difficult for a non-traditional law enforcement agency like the Counter Narcotics Task Force because they have to be -- they have to adjust, they have to adapt, and they have to meet the same standards that a regular traditional law enforcement agency meets, only in a different way. You can be extremely proud and confident of this Counter Narcotics Task Force. Because they are a state-certified agency, they are a policy-driven, standards-meeting law enforcement organization. What that means is every step of their daily duties is driven by a policy and is performed to a standard, and they have to meet those standards in order to continue to achieve state certification, and they do that very, very well. So it's my honor this morning to present state certification, re-certification, a token of -- of recognition to Commander Ragan. Commander --

Director D. Everett Ragan said, thank you very much.

Chief Lyons said, -- thank you for everything you do in law enforcement. Thank you for everything you do for Chatham County.

Director Ragan said, thank you, sir.

Chief Lyons said, we certainly appreciate it.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir. Thank you. Thank you.

Chief Lyons said, thank you. I have another presentation to the certification manager, Tony Aikens. This is the guy that makes stuff happen, and as I said, this is not an easy process. This is almost a daily process for three years to make this happen because you can't wait till three years are up and then do a all nighter and make this happen. This is stuff -- it has to be done every day of every year through a three-year deadline is up and then an assessment team comes in, assess the Department, and -- and you either meet the standards or you don't. So this is a very demanding job, and -- and I appreciate the work that Lieutenant Aikens has done. Thank you very much.

Lieutenant Tony Aikens said, yes, sir. Thank you.

Chief Lyons said, thank you.

Lieutenant Aikens said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, thank you, Chief, and just a -- a few brief questions - comments. The -- it's not hard for me to run a certified law enforcement agency whenever I have people like Tony Aikens who keeps us on the right track. He is the force driving this. He writes -- let's me know what we need to do, and my entire staff gets the job done, so many accolades go to Tony Aikens for this. Many accolades go to men and women of the Chatham Savannah Narcotics team for what they do every day, and we thank the county for the opportunity to serve, and we'll continue to do this for many years to come. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, I recognize our Vice Chair, Commissioner Priscilla Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you very much. Just like to again say thank you very much to both of you for the service that you render to this county. We are very proud of the fact that we too -- that we do have individuals like you that have proven that it can be done by working together, and with that, I am excited over the fact that we have made tremendous end roads to a lot of things that we probably would not have had we not had the partnerships that we now have and enjoy. So again, thank you so very much for serving in those capacities. And in addition to that I'd like to say to Chief Lyons who is the Chief of Garden City, and I was born and raised in Garden City, and I can sit here today and say to you that I am just so proud of this chief who has done exceptionally well in working with all of its constituents in Garden City and elsewhere, and we are very proud to know that we can call upon him at any time to work with each and every individual in Garden City and above. So to the three of you, thank you so very much for the services that you render to us.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll make it quick. I just -- I've kind of said this before, but I -- I just want to state that -- how much I appreciate y'all. The -- the men and women that actually work under cover, I kind of see you being much like a millionaire that donates millions to something, and you don't even put your name out there. I can't even imagine having your job where you're actually doing so much good, yet the position you're in has you looking and acting a certain way that you're probably condemned by much of society out there. Y'all are one hell of a good group of people, and really amazing. All the police in general are underpaid, and, I mean, none -- none of you went into it for the big money or anything, but at least the ones that are not working under cover can receive a thank you from people every now and then, and you people can't, and so we appreciate you. And I don't want the camera panning out there at all, but, I mean, I see one that I -- I had no clue that I've known forever, that I had no clue he was even in that. I just thought he was a terrible guy. Nah, I'm just kidding. I didn't. But -- but y'all are an impressive group, and -- and I appreciate what you're doing.

Director Ragan said, you may even be surprised to know that -- that individual you are referring to is in charge of our training and makes sure everybody stays up to date on everything.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's awesome.

Director Ragan said, he actually has -- he actually has to read and instruct, so.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, he's -- he's always been a good guy.

Director Ragan said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, always been a good guy.

Commissioner Center said, anybody else have a comment? I have a motion to make.

Chairman Scott said, not yet.

Commissioner Thomas said, and the Manager.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any -- anything else? If not --

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

Chairman Scott said, -- I recognize the County Manger.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know and Commissioner Stone and others may have been at the 20th anniversary of CNT, but this is extremely special for this community, for this region, for this state. What Director Ragan is so modest about is that we are one of only two agencies-- drug agencies in the state that have this?

Director Ragan said, we are the only --

County Manager Abolt said, the only one.

Director Ragan said, -- multi-jurisdictional agency that's certified in the State of Georgia.

Commissioner Thomas said, that is remarkable.

County Manager Abolt said, and -- and that -- Ladies and Gentlemen, that is amazing. [Applause.] I also -- with your permission, Mr. Chairman, I also want to pick up on -- on Pastor Rasmussen's invocation is to tell you that Director Ragan has been a drug agent for a while, as the former Director, Director Harris, and they were the two CNT agents on the Ark.

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2. MOTION TO NOMINATE THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS AWARD, RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSIONER CENTER.

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'm going to recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District, Commissioner Center for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Center said, and I -- I guess we're going to further honor these underpaid millionaires. Just recently we received a notice from the National Association of Counties about their 2014 achievement awards program, and it turns out it was a very good coincidence that it came in time for this recognition. The National Association of Counties Achievement Award program awards programs which seeks -- they seek to recognize innovative county government programs, and I'd move that we nominate our County Narcotics team for the 2014 National --

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Center said, -- Association Achievements Award.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second that we forward to the National Association of County Commission for the purpose of consideration for nominating -- for not -- but awarding the National Honor to the Chatham County Narcotics Team. All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. We will make sure the necessary documents get there.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 1st District.

Commissioner Stone said, I would like to thank Commissioner Center for bringing this forward and for making this nomination. I think it's well-deserved and will speak very well for the men and women in this organization, as well as for Chatham County. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to forward to the National Association of Counties, the Chatham-Savannah Narcotics Team for their 2014 Achievement Award. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Scott said, at this time I would ask unanimous consent that we suspend the rules long enough to provide for three special presentations to individuals in areas within the Chatham County Government for their work on the United Way Campaign. Is there any objection? Hearing none, we had the United Way Awards luncheon, and there were three areas within county government that received plaques, and at this time I wanted to present these plaques to these individual departments, and members of the Commission who wish to join me, please do so.

Chairman Scott said, we had our -- our county purchasing director here. Is she still with us? And this is the silver award from the United Way, and it's presented to the Chatham County Purchasing Department for outstanding service to the people in our community, United Way, 2013, and I think that she'll be here in just a second. But that's -- that's an honor and -- we wanted to present you this plaque from the United Way, the silver award for your outstanding contribution and participation to the United Way this year.

Ms. Peggy Joyner, Purchasing Director said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much, and please share it with all the staff.

Ms. Joyner said, will do it.

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

Chairman Scott said, and the next is a gold award, and this is presented -- and I wanted to do this before we went any further on the program, and I don't know if he had anything to do with it, but just in case he did, this is presented to the Chatham County Department of Engineering for outstanding service to people in our community, United Way, and this is a gold.

Mr. Al Bungard said, and Leon's over there saying, you go get it.

Chairman Scott said, the gold award for their contribution and participation in the United Way.

Mr. Bungard said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, okay. And the next to be presented, and this is going to be presented to an area where, the leader of this area, he'd just as soon be in the trenches. I guess that's the marine in him, but this is a gold award. It's presented to the Chatham County Manager's Office. I don't know if Frances [Rasmussen] is still here, but she's really the Chatham County Manager's office, for their contribution and outstanding service to the United Way, and I wanted to make sure that this award was presented to you at this meeting. Thank you so much. Ms. Frances, thank you for all you do.

Mrs. Rasmussen said, thank you.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, seriously Frances is the one who runs this campaign in our office, and also there's someone behind the camera that cannot come out now. Those of you who have been around for so many years know that we have fun. There's a kick-off of the United Way campaign. We always have something special, and Pete Nichols' creativity each year brings us something special and each year all employees of Chatham County respond and that -- that -- that goal if you will, we've exceeded our goal repeatedly now for so many years, so, this may just be our office, but I would like to present it to Frances and also Pete Nichols. It's people like Pete particularly with great enthusiasm in the interest and the success. We're very good at what we do because we have wonderful people. [Applause.]

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3. PROCLAMATION HONORING AL BUNGARD ON HIS RETIREMENT AS COUNTY ENGINEER.

Chairman Scott said, now we can get on to the item that's -- has excited the County Manager so much this morning, and -- and this is a -- we're going to present a proclamation to Al Bungard on his retirement as County Engineer, and I'm going to just read a little of it, and then I'm going to go down and present it to him, and I hope you will all join me in doing so.



WHEREAS, Chatham County strengthened its engineering fortitude when Albert G. Bungard retired from the United States Army (Chairman Scott said, for those of you who may not know, he had a whole other career with the Army Corps of Engineers) and devoted his talents to the county to further ethics and integrity in multiple projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, from his first day on the job as County Engineer on June 9, 1997, he commenced oversight of the special purpose local option sales tax program and began the recruitment and mentoring of the best engineering staff in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Al served as the program manager for over \$1 billion of capital improvement projects including the county-wide drainage improvement program, development of the first county digital elevation model in Georgia, permitting of the only publicly owned wetland mitigation bank in Georgia, which will also serve as the Al Bungard Conservation Area for the enjoyment of generations to come, and his relationships with the Georgia Department of Transportation that funded numerous road projects including the final three phases of the Truman Parkway. His previous experience brought unsurpassed knowledge of environmental regulations, that without his guidance, many of the projects in coastal Chatham County would not be constructed today.

WHEREAS, Al as the County Engineer instilled in staff to do projects right the first time and look for ways to anticipate problems and not be reactive, being true to the ethics of the engineering profession and not what is publicly popular, a man that is a representation of personal integrity. His common sense approach to engineering problems saved the citizens of Chatham County millions of dollars under his watch.

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

ALBERT "AL" BUNGARD

upon his retirement and express sincere appreciation for his dedicated service to the citizens of Chatham County and the Department of Engineering and extend best wishes for a long and healthy retirement full of new adventures. Al's foresight, wisdom and companionship will be missed in the Chatham County family.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 28th day of March 2014.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and believe it or not that part of the environmental of the State is still trying to get a hold of your bank.

Mr. Bungard said, they call all the time.

Chairman Scott said, they call all the time. Chairman Scott said, on behalf of all of the members of the Commission, we congratulate you on all the things you've done for Chatham County, and all the things that you will now be required to do at home.

Mr. Bungard said, thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, and at this time I want to recognize the County Manager for some remarks before we go any further.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Mr. -- thank you Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen. The resolution says so much, but I want to tell you about the man. It -- it -- I want to tell you about the man and what one individual has done for according to the morning paper 276,000 people. Since he's been County Engineer, he has literally changed the -- the physical appearance of Chatham County. There -- there's no place in Chatham County one can go without seeing the Bungard touch, and that is very sincere, and it's more than just asphalt and concrete. One of the still quiet contributions this man has made is the Bungard preserve which is -- we refer to it also as the Litchfield track, and from an environmental standpoint, it speaks volumes about what the Chairman said relative to this man's value as County Engineer, but for future generations, what that legacy will mean. I cannot describe it. It is amazing, and it is something that, you know, 20 years from now people will say what was it like back when Al Bungard was County Engineer, and they'll see it. Al is very close, and God bless and Sandy for having wonderful grandchildren, but I know he likes to talk to his grandchildren about, you know, what grandpa did, and the neat thing about what Al Bungard did is we can all see it. And we're going to give him a rocking chair in a minute where he can have the grandchildren sit on his lap, but in addition to that, they'll be driving around in an ATV all over the county getting into trouble, but in effect, showing those grandchildren and their children what Al Bungard did, and I cannot say enough about the man.

County Manager Abolt said, I also want to, and the Chairman eluded a little bit in the Green Room, Al, in -- in these years of service has coveted during all of these retirement ceremonies the lamp, and I would ask Frances to bring the lamp forward. We've had specific instructions when -- when Mr. Bungard submitted his resignation he -- he was -- tears were in his eyes, and the only request he made is Russ don't you give me one of those damn, ugly lamps.

Chairman Scott said, crappy lamps.

County Manager Abolt said, so -- yeah, the Chairman reminded -- crappy lamps. So -- so not -- not -- not to in effect miss our opportunity, I want the Chairman to present Mr. Bungard with a crappy lamp.

Mr. Bungard said, with a lamp. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, and we made sure it was crappy too. Here you go.

Mr. Bungard said, thank you. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, be careful what you do not ask for.

Ms. Donna Myers said, this is for your travels in case you get lost, and it's still got some water in it from the Vietnam War.

Mr. Bungard said, okay.

Ms. Myers said, and that's your emergency drinking water.

County Manager Abolt said, this is Donna Myers, who -- who is just as bad as others in -- in making Mr. Bungard's life miserable --

Mr. Bungard said, miserable.

County Manager Abolt said, -- here.

Chairman Scott said, but, unfortunately now, we have to recognize him for comments.

Mrs. Sandy Bungard said, I'm going to leave your lamp right there in the background.

Mr. Bungard said, okay. Well, I'll -- I will make this brief. Thanks to Russ for hiring me. When I first came here after the interview, he wanted, I think 12 more references than the usual three. I think he had his reservations about can I adjust after 26 years in the Army, and, so, thank -- Russ, thank you, you've been a great boss. The staff is in my opinion the best. I think I hired everybody but Dennis and Elaine, but I'm not sure. I tried -- people are still surprised I showed up in a tie. They don't think I own any. I have three, but I don't know what point they're trying to make with all the ties and bow ties out there. My first day on the job, we went out -- first week, and did the ribbon cutting on Truman Parkway Phase II, and then I was told by the way, you know, you have to do something called an EIS for the remaining three phases, and of course, we've now had the opening. I think that's -- took a long time. Every time the EPA decides to exped -- I hear today they were streamlining the

regulatory process. Every time they streamline, it adds a year or two. So, it took a while. We now have that, but a lot of projects have gone on, and not just 'cause of me. Russ said the second week, you're going to meet the DOT people, and we went to Atlanta, and I got to meet all the DOT staff. Had the good fortune to work with a bunch of good Commissioners. They would call me. I would call them, and then we would use the SPLOST program to leverage the funding for all those projects. I used to brief the State Transportation Board with a map. The first map that was all green, yellow, red. All of them -- or most of them are now in the green category. None are under construction. All the big projects are now done. Bay Street and Jimmy DeLoach Parkway on coming along with the next sales tax. It's a lot of road work. I think the county has a good road infrastructure.

Mr. Bungard said, I looked at the drainage program and said how can we do a drainage program if we're not really sure what our drainage basins are. I was told digital elevation modeling for one (inaudible) contours couldn't be done. I knew it could be based on my military background, and now we have the first county-wide digital elevation which pays its dividends in terms of saving money on construction, permitting, and we now know where all the ditches and all the waters flow. So I'm -- I'm pretty proud of that. And then -- and a lot of it's used, you know, by the staff. I'd be remiss if not I didn't -- if I did not mention on the mitigation bank. Stuart Sligh's in the room. He was very instrumental in helping me get that along. It's -- it's a -- it's a lot to go out there, and I -- and with all the permitting business, but I was told it couldn't be done. Now it's the national standard is to do mitigation out of banks, nationally, and we're ahead of that curve. Yes, Mr. Chairman, the state, they -- they come in, but that bank is only for county projects, and I think it will save the county millions, freshwater and saltwater. So having said that, thanks to all the department heads, thanks to y'all. You've been wonderful to work for, your trust and confidence in me trying to make all these value add decisions. I hope I've been a good steward of the tax payers' money and tried to save some money. And on that note, thanks to my staff again and everybody else I've worked with. It's been great. The Chairman doesn't believe I'm really retiring. When I'm on the floor, he says, can't you figure out how to retire? Sir, Sandy's been real good so far. She doesn't give me new tasks, she just reminds me about the ones that I haven't done for the past decade. So, thanks Sandy, and when she calls you, say give him something to do, Thank y'all. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much. I think -- I think Commissioner Stone of the 1st District has an inquiry.

Commissioner Thomas said, and the Youth Commission.

Mr. Bungard said, please keep it simple.

Commissioner Stone said, what are you going to do with all those snakes that you like to play with?

Mr. Bungard said, they'll stay there. I pick them up, I look at them, and then I -- I let them loose.

Commissioner Stone said, when we went out to tour the Litchfield track, he had has little snake grabber, I guess that's what you call it. I don't know what you call it.

Mr. Bungard said, it's called tongs.

Commissioner Stone said, tongs. And he volunteered to show me any snake that I wanted a closer look at, and I -- I absolutely can't stand snakes, so I thought it was very interesting that you -- that's one of your possessions is a snake tong that you carry around to get a better look at these creatures that I think are better left on the ground. But anyway, enjoy your snakes.

Mr. Bungard said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, one of the Youth Commissioners want to have a turn at it.

Youth Commissioner Ryan Pacheco said, first off on behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, we would like to congratulate you on your --

Mr. Bungard said, thank you.

Youth Commissioner Pacheco said, -- outstanding -- outstanding achievements, and my question for you is what would you say would be your greatest achievement being here?

Commissioner Thomas said, that's a tough one.

Mr. Bungard said, I don't know, doing what's right. Mentoring the staff. You know, as a young lieutenant, you know, you come in and you're taught to train, to mentor. One of my old commanders said, I'm going to judge your success by how well you're going to do -- this is during Vietnam, when you're not here, and -- in other words, how well your guys do, and I think it's the staff and -- and what we've contributed to -- to the county over all, not just any single project. There's lots -- so many projects going on. So. Does that sort of answer?

County Manager Abolt said, I'll preempt --

Youth Commissioner Pacheco said, thank you.

County Manager Abolt said, his integrity. It's absolutely, unquestionable integrity.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell of the 4th District and then Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th, and then Commissioner Shabazz of the 5th.

Commissioner Farrell said, well, Mr. Bungard, I just want to congratulate you on a -- you know the 10 years I've been here all the work that you've done on behalf -- through the county on behalf of all the citizens, too numerous to really go into all the details of all the benefits that the county has reaped through the good works of you and your department. So I wanted to thank you for that, and on a lighter note I wanted to comment that you must be really high in esteem around here because I noticed you had light bulbs in your light. A lot of lamps go out without light bulbs, it's bring your own light -- so --

Mr. Bungard said, they said the lamp works. They didn't say the bulbs work.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- well, you got light bulbs, I mean --

Chairman Scott said, you're half way there.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- that -- that's -- that's quite an indication of -- of your level of esteem through the -- the rest of the -- the staff. So anyway congratulations. Enjoy your retirement, and -- and have -- have much fun in your -- your next phase of your career.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I first met Al about 15 years ago. He was doing a presentation in Garden City, and I was the Mayor, and boy, did we butt heads. And when I got elected to come over here, I had a thought in my head of what fun we would have together through, you know, through my time here, and it didn't take me long to realize that Al was -- is one of the most driven people, one of the most intelligent people, one of the sharpest people, and a person that would just fight for Chatham County, and other than that time in Garden City, I don't think he's been wrong since I've known -- no, I'm just -- yeah - but it -- it's -- it's been a -- just truly an honor, and I'm -- I'm actually sitting here the whole time, you know, I know you've -- you've got some wonderful people trained and -- and ready to roll, but I'm a little worried. You've -- you've been the mastermind behind -- behind most all of the amazing projects that's gone on in the 13 years I've been here and how many ever years it was before that. You're going to be missed, and I'd suggest, because you and I are -- we both have that ability to just speak to a group and smooth things over so because we're both so calm, that you and I -- when I get off of here, we start a consulting firm that trains companies at that. But -- but he -- he's great --

Mr. Bungard said, you're starting to stretch your credibility.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah. Yeah. Yeah. You could always count on Al for a honest answer no matter what with the county's best interests at heart, and I sure am going to miss him and miss that. So, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz, 5th District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Congratulations for your years of service, and I would just like to say to you as an engineer, you still have the responsibility to measure twice and cut once. You understand that?

Mr. Bungard said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, oh. Okay. And another thing I want to ask you, do you feel comfortable in retiring from the county and leave -- those that you leave behind that you feel they are competent enough to handle this project -- the projects that you're leaving.

Mr. Bungard said, well, I was going to mention Leon [Davenport] later, but -- no, that's -- no, yes, I do, of course, and I -- I was going to mention I think Leon will carry on just fine.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Mr. Bungard said, and I'll get -- he is from Tennessee. You know I went to Georgia Tech, so we -- we got to factor that in, but he's a good man. I've tried to -- for six years he's been here. In fact, real quick story. He didn't come here to interview for that job. He came to interview for a job at City of Savannah. Turned around, was on the interstate back when Gwen my admin assistant said did you meet so and so? No. Get him back, and that's how he became the Assistant County Engineer, so. I'm proud of that choice. Thank you, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so, yes?

Chairman Scott said, do we have --

Mr. Bungard said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair, Dr. Priscilla Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. You certainly will be missed, and I can remember a few years that I'd first gotten elected and came on board, and we had some projects that we wanted to do in my District, and, of course, I was told that I had to really listen to what you had to say about those projects, and I said to whomever it was, who is this person? And they said, Al Bungard. I said, well, I'm very anxious to meet Mr. Al Bungard, and, of course, what amazed me mostly about Mr. Mungar -- Bungard was the fact that he was a great listener, and he wanted to help in every way that he possibly could help, and I just want to say from that day forward I had the highest respect for you, and I just wanted to say to you, thank you for all the years of service that you have rendered to this county, and I hope that your retirement years will be very beautiful and just have a wonderful time. Thank you so very much.

Mr. Bungard said, thank you. Uh oh.

County Engineer Leon Davenport said, no. No. No. Be -- be calm. I don't want to say much. All I do want to say on behalf of staff is thank you to Al. He has -- he -- he did hire just about every soul that you see in our department, and he has mentored, at one time harder than others, but he has mentored that entire staff, and --

Mr. Bungard said, what part of this don't you -- no.

Mr. Davenport said, yeah. Yeah. I've heard that one -- yeah, I've heard that one a couple of times, but I -- I just -- a simple thank you. I mean I don't know how else to put it.

Mr. Bungard said, thanks.

Mr. Davenport said, we could talk all day about the things that Al has done for the staff and for the people of Chatham County, but he will be missed as a friend and as a mentor. So. Thank you.

Mr. Bungard said, thank. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, Al, thank you so much. We've all enjoyed working with you. Thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. COUNTY MANAGER SEARCH UPDATE/NOMINATION.

Chairman Scott said, all right. The -- the next item on the agenda -- this is not a moment that I've been waiting on, but it's certainly a moment that Russ has been waiting on, and -- and first let me start by thanking him for really just being committed and willing to forego his plans for retirement to stay around long enough to ensure an orderly transfer, and the orderly finding of a new County Manager. And, after a nine-month search, nine-month long search, conducted by Stanton and Chase International, they have identified a candidate that they think is a very good fit. I've had an opportunity to interview the individual one on one. I've had -- prior to that I've had numerous telephone conversations with him, and it's hard to find a replacement for someone who has had the success that Russ has had in Chatham County, and when you really put it in perspective, he's -- he is the longest serving County Manager in Georgia, and -- and that really says a lot. That means that he has tremendous survival skills, but it also means he's a tremendous judge of character. We just got through talking about all the things that Al [Bungard] had done and meant to Chatham County. Al would not have been here if it wasn't for Russ. He hired him because he saw something in him, and he said, well, can you adjust after all those years in the military? I'm not certain Al ever adjusted, but I'm not certain he ever needed to. But anyway, it's -- it's stories like that is what make Russ Abolt a unique individual, and -- and I think that when we reflect on all the things that he's been involved in, I think that you will have to agree that perhaps he's been one of the most successful County Managers, perhaps in the country over his tenure.

Chairman Scott said, now to replace Russ, we've identified an individual by the name of William Lee Smith, III of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and today I submit his name to the members of the Commission for their consideration to succeed Chatham's [sic] County's retiring County Manager, Russ Abolt. Chatham County has been well-served with Russ's 26 years of dedicated service. I know we -- I know I will sincerely miss him, and I think it goes without saying that everybody on this Commission will miss him, and I really think that the citizens of Chatham County join us in thanking Russ for his years of service and wishing Russ and Diane the very best in their future. But now, this is not the crappy lamp moment now. Don't -- don't get -- don't think that this is Russ's last swan song. Like my grandmother used to say, all good byes are not by gones. This is simply putting forth a nominee for the next Manager of Chatham County. The members of the Commission will have to consider this nominee. He will travel to Chatham County over the weekend and next week meet individually with all the members of the Commission, and then I will ask and have it placed on the agenda at our April 11th meeting for the Commissioners to confirm the nominee based on their having an opportunity to get acquainted, to meet him, and to really have the same appreciation for his ability that the search firm felt would be a good fit for Chatham County, and after having met him and talked to him several times, I -- I concur with their assessment or I wouldn't be bringing forth his name as the nominee for the County Manager.

Chairman Scott said, let me just tell you Lee -- and his name is William Lee Smith. He asked that I call him Lee. He is a veteran County Manager with over 20 years of experience. His background includes experience in all areas of county management, cost reduction strategies, human resources management, budgeting and finance, operation and community consensus building, and he has been an accredited County Manager by the International County Managers Association since 19 -- since 2004, for the past 10 years. He's worked in several counties. His most recent is Wayne County, North Carolina, the city -- I guess the county seat is Goldsboro, but it's a county with five municipalities. It's about half the size of Chatham County. It has a military installation. So it have a lot of the similar features of Chatham County. It has a diverse community, and one of the things that -- that I took into consideration when we were looking for a manger, he has a working understanding of strategic planning. Now strategic planning will not be easy in Chatham County because we have seven municipalities and a township, and to get them to agree on a direction that this County should be going in for the next 10 to 20 years will not be an easy task, but it's one of the things that I think that we ought to pursue in this county, and that is a strategic plan. The other area that he has a working knowledge of, although our terminology is different, is zero-based budgeting. He refers to it as need-based budgeting, as well as an appreciation for public-private partnership, and economic development. I've also talked to him about his understanding of the P-3 concept, and that's a public-private partnership where the private sector actually provides a turn key project for you.

Chairman Scott said, his last assignment as I mentioned was Manager at Wayne County, North Carolina, and -- and I also mentioned he will travel to Chatham County this weekend and be available Monday morning to meet with members of the Commission, and after he's had an opportunity to meet with members of the Commission, hopefully, we'll have a chance to have a press conference and allow the members of the media to ask any questions of -- of the potential -- of the manager nominee that they see fit too, and that will afford the citizens of Chatham County an opportunity to -- to also have a chance to hear from Lee Smith, and also have an opportunity to -- to watch him and observe him field questions from members of the media and his response. And unless members of the Commission have any questions, I've placed a memorandum on everybody's desk pretty much outlining the information that I just covered. He will have with him his resume to review with each member of the Commission. He asked if I wanted him to email it, and I said no, just be prepared to review it with members of the Commission. I'm not defending his resume. I -- I will let him defend his resume. But I will tell you this about the nominee, and some of you have heard -- and all the members of the Commission has heard of the Birkman Assessment. He has participated in the Birkman Assessment, so we have an opportunity to compare him with the senior staff of the county to see how they will work together. I've participated in the Birkman Assessment at the Port Authority, so my Birkman Assessment is on file. We'll have an opportunity to compare him with my Birkman Assessment, and also we've done what's referred to as a level one background check on the nominee, and a level one consists of both financial background check, and we've gone back for 20 years. It also consists of a criminal background check. It also consists of a social media background check. For those of you who spend a lot of time on Facebook and tweeting, all that's discoverable.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I knew you were going to look at me.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and so we've also done a -- a general media background check on him, and that is any stories that appeared in any newspaper, electronic outlet in his area, and we've gone back for 20 years. We've also verified his application and -- as it relates to his educational attainment and his associations, and there were no glitches or nothing in -- in his background check. The level one background check is a check that has to be consented to by the person who's being checked because it has everything there is to know about someone in it, and -- and without their consent, some of the information you would not be able to obtain. And so, that's the due diligence that's been done by the search firm, and we wanted to go to that extreme because we did not want to -- to bring on a nominee with any sort of glitches after the fact as it relates to the necessary requirement to serve as County Manager. At this time I will entertain any questions that any member of the Commission may have.

Commissioner Thomas said, I have some comments, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Vice Chair of the Commission, Dr. Priscilla Thomas from the 8th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you very much. Thank you for giving us the information that you have thus far this morning on this nominee. I have in my possession for the first time some of the things that eludes to his qualifications and so forth. I want to state publicly that at the time that I will have an opportunity, along with other Commissioners to perhaps speak with this gentlemen, to ask him several questions when it pertains to our citizens, the public at large, and other questions that I have in mind. I hope that at that time he will be able to address those concerns, and I'm looking forward to meeting this individual and we'll go from there. And while I have the floor, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our present Manager, Mr. Russ Abolt. He is the father of this county as far as I'm concerned. I'm not saying he's your father, okay? I'm saying he is the father as far as I'm concerned. I believe if I'm correct, that I am about the longest reigning County Commissioner up here who have served with Mr. Abolt for many, many years. The very first time that I came on board, he was the same then as he is today. He makes sure that you are aware of everything that you need to be aware of. I appreciate his attentiveness in terms of making sure that all of the Commissioners are aware of things that will be germane to this Commission as we make decisions during our deliberations. He will be sorely missed by me I know, and I'm practically in tears this morning because I know where we have come from, and I'm hoping and praying that whomever replaces him will be a person who is understanding and a person who will listen and a person who will tell you the truth. Those three things are very important to me, and so, Mr. Abolt, this is not

your day to depart, but I want you and your wife to know that you're loved in this county -- county more than you will ever know, the things that you have put yourself in the forefront of ensuring that the people of this county got their full share of whatever it might have been. So I'm going to stop with that Mr. Chairman.

County Manager Abolt said, please. Please.

Commissioner Thomas said, and I just want to say --

Chairman Scott said, Madam -- Madam Vice Chair, you -- you need to stop because you know, you're going to make him cry twice. He's crying now and then --

Commissioner Thomas said, no.

Chairman Scott said, and then we're going to have to do all this over again.

Commissioner Thomas said, well, I -- I just have to say how I feel at this moment because I came on board in 1991 and up until this day it has never been a negative anything.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Thomas said, it was always a positive discussion, directions, and etcetera, and for those moments, Mr. Chairman, thank you so very much.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I'm just going to lighten it and say it is going to be hard. I've never heard Russ tell Dr. Thomas no, so it's going to be hard for her, but -- and I'm going to wait because I don't want to go through all this now and then too, so.

Chairman Scott said, let -- let -- let me just mention that whenever or if you guys confirm this nominee, Russ -- today is not Russ's last day. He's going to be around in some capacity to make sure that we have an orderly and smooth transition. He and I have had that discussion. He -- he has agreed, and so, when we bring whoever the next Manager is on board, he will have an opportunity to -- to have Russ's insight of -- of county -- of the county, and -- and the highs and lows of -- of what he might expect, as well as a chance to have an introduction to all the staff. So I've -- I've asked Russ, and -- if -- to agree to be around for -- for a while after we bring on the new Manager, so we will have an opportunity now -- and then -- and then we will have what I call a crappy lamp moment where -- where we actually have a retirement, and we're going to -- it will be impossible to outline all of his accomplishments in a Resolution, but, you know, we want to make sure that -- that Russ's 26 years of service is properly appreciated --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, -- at the appropriate time. At this time I recognize our Pro Tem, Commissioner Stone, from the 1st District.

Commissioner Stone said, well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do believe that you answered my question and my concern. I think it's phenomenal that we have a County Manager that has been with us for 26 years in an area of much transition with jobs and -- and people seeking different forms of employment, for Russ to have stayed for this long, and for the terrific things that he's done for this County. We are all -- all grateful. You answered my question. My concern was that when this new individual, which I look forward to the opportunity to meet and to ask questions comes on board that the transition would be as seamless as possible, and, perhaps, Russ would grant us the privilege of staying on and helping and if this individual is confirmed, indoctrinate him into Chatham County and make him feel welcome, as well as your treasure trove of knowledge of what he might need going forward. So you -- you answered my question. I thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and -- and I may re -- remind you all, when we adopted the budget last year, we adopted a, like a 90-day overlapping of having the two Managers on board, and so, we'll have a -- we'll have a period. This is not a hostile take over. This is not a dismissal of a County Manager. Really this is a celebration and an -- and an opportunity to honor the request of the County Manager who's asked that he be allowed to retire. But, I -- I think we hit on something earlier when we talked about Russ's judgment, when we talked about his hiring of Al Bungard, but you can just look at the quality of the staff, and if you look at our two Assistant County Managers, in -- in Linda Cramer and then -- and then Mike Kaigler, I -- I would suggest to you that we perhaps got the best staff --

Commissioner Thomas said, we sure do.

Chairman Scott said, -- of any county in the state, and perhaps the strongest bench strength. And so all of that was Russ -- Russ's judgment, and -- and being able to identify talent early on, and so, for that, we, you know, we really -- we really do have a lot to thank Russ for.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS**1. YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT ON D.C. TRIP (COMMISSIONER THOMAS.)**

[NOTE: This matter was not heard at this meeting.]

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2. FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION, AND CELL TOWER REGULATIONS (COMMISSIONER CENTER.) DR. LEWANDOWSKI, SCOTT YACKEL AND JACK BUTLER WILL BE PRESENT IN SUPPORT OF COMMISSIONER CENTER'S BRIEFING.

Chairman Scott said, and if there's no other member of the Commission who want to be recognized, at this time, I will now recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District, Commissioner Center, because if you -- if you recall Dr. Thomas said earlier she wanted to postpone her report until the next meeting. So now we'll hear from Commissioner Center to talk about the most recent trip to Washington, D.C.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I -- I appreciate the opportunity to report to my fellow Commissioners and to the public about our trip to Washington, D.C. at the end of February, beginning of March, and I'm going to ask -- oh, they're already up here, that the members that went up there come up. We had the National Association of Counties meeting February 28th through March 5 in Washington, D.C. When I first came on to the Commission a year ago, I noticed, I think it was a comment from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia about proposed cell tower legislation in the State of Georgia, and having been a -- a general counsel in the telecom business that piqued my interest right away, and also because I saw it could affect the downtown historic district, which is in District 3, it piqued my interest even more, and it turns out that the cell tower providers, manufacturers, and cell tower companies wanted to bypass all local zoning regulations on what kind of towers they put into communities and where they put them. Immediately I -- I felt that this could disrupt downtown Savannah's national historic district registration, because if you put something there that doesn't meet that registration, you lose it, and it's very difficult, if not impossible, to get it back. Also when I first came on board I tried to visit as many departments as possible, and I went out to visit our mosquito control, department headed by Dr. Henry Lewandowski, and -- and he and pilot Scott Yackel put me in a helicopter and flew me around, but I saw first hand that our helicopters to protect our citizens and mosquito spraying have to fly very low. The federal aviation administration regulates the height of towers from 200 feet up but 200 feet below it's up to local counties how they regulate, and our pilots, as Scott Yackel can tell you, have to fly sometimes lower than the height of these towers, and they fly at dawn and dusk when mosquitos breed the most to do their -- their spraying, and I learned you have to eyeball birds that fly that -- you have -- some of you may have seen the You Tube video several months ago of a bird that actually flew into the windshield of an airplane, but he has to eyeball the birds while he's flying. He has to eyeball where he's going, and these towers and fly safely to protect our citizens.

Commissioner Center said, so as I saw we were going to Washington, DC and having had some background, I said well why don't we meet with the Federal Communication Commission Commissioners. There are five of them appointed by the President of the United States, and see -- and see if we can express our concerns to them directly, and I persuaded the county. I'm very glad they did, to have Jack Butler from the MPC, who actually works on these regulations, and Henry Lewandowski and Scott Yackel. Henry runs our department and Scott flies helicopters, to go up and personally speak to these Commissioners. Let me back up and say that a year ago this legislation in Georgia with the great work of Jack Butler and ACCG was defeated even though we were told there's no way we could stop this legislation every single powerful member of the House had signed on it, the democratic leadership, the republican leadership, but that legislation did not pass. New legislation came up this year. It was watered down tremendously with the help of Jack and the ACCG, so a -- a bill that we could accept did pass, but now these cell companies want to go past the states, by the way, that was not just in Georgia, it was a nationwide effort, I think about 17 states. They have now gone to the national government and in our opinion basically asked the national government to pass legislation and regulations that would allow them to bypass local zoning.

Commissioner Center said, I also want to report on my trip. I'm going to come back to this in a moment, but I -- both Patrick -- Commissioner Farrell and I went up to the conference and Commissioner Farrell alerted me and was kind enough to take me out with him to Arlington National Cemetery where we watched the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia place a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier that honored veterans, who I now found out was Al Bungard, as well as Russ Abolt, who are both living and deceased, who have worked for or been elected to a County Commission in Georgia, and their -- their wreath was made up of 159 carnations representing one for each county, and Commissioner Farrell and I were very honored to be there and watch that presentation, and to honor not just them but all those who have served in the military who were remembered at Arlington National Cemetery.

Commissioner Center said, but we got lucky talking to the FCC Commissioners. I don't understand, when I went up to Atlanta for Savannah Chamber Day, it snowed, and the government sat down -- shut down. So I went up to DC and on February 28th and March 1, it snowed and the federal government sat -- shut down. So I was

wondering if President Obama was going to send me to Moscow to see if I can help that government shut down. But we missed all our meetings. It snows -- expected 12 inches, it snowed a lot. The government did shut down, and Dr. Lewandowski and I talked about it and said well why don't we just show up at the FCC first thing Tuesday morning and see if the two who were going to meet with us will scramble their schedules and meet with us plus the two meetings we had scheduled, and they did. They were very accommodating. On Tuesday, March 4th, Dr. Lewandowski, pilot Scott Yackel, and let me get you a exact title, but Jack will tell you his exact title, and I met personally with FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, who's from Charleston. She told us she understood the low country very well and understood mosquitos very well, but she declined our invitation to come fly in a helicopter. We met with her and her legal advisor, Louis Peraetz. We met with Nicholas Degani, who is the senior legal advisor to FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai. We met with David Goldman, who is the senior legal advisor to FCC Commissioner Jessica -- Jessica Rosenworcel, and I think most importantly all that the -- that the legal advisor to the FCC Chair, Tom Wheeler, Ms. Renee Gregory, brought with her the wireless telephone bureau chief Jane Jackson, and her attorney Peter Trachtenberg. These are the two individuals who will actually write the regulations, and we wanted to meet with them to express our two major concerns, the effect of denying us the ability to regulate on how it will protect Savannah's downtown historic district, and Jack Butler was amazing.

Commissioner Center said, I -- basically at all these meetings, and we had to do them fast, they were 30-minute meetings, I would give a brief summary, introduce our three experts and then sit back and watch them talk to the others, And everyone expressed how nice it was to have boots on the ground opinion because if you'll check these national commentary filings, there are thousands, if not hundreds of thousand pages filed from around the country, mostly by blue suits and lawyers hired, and they said we were the only community that came up there to speak to them personally, and how appreciative they were to hear boots on the ground. Now whether our comments will be effective, we won't know for months, but I can tell you these three gentlemen explained, you say eloquently, but just in plain language how important it was for Chatham County, and, therefore, also the City of Savannah and our other communities to retain local zoning regulation. Let me give you some examples of what this -- of what the industry wants. One of the new phenomenons is called DAS, something antenna system -- what's the?

Mr. Jack Butler said, distributive antenna system.

Commissioner Center said, distributive antenna systems. Basically instead of towers, technology is making the distributive ant -- antenna system smaller. You've seen, like you say a -- a tower that you've seen for DISH tv that they can slap on the side of a building or disguised as part of the looks of a building, but one of the things the industry asks for is to define the base structure so that they could have an automatic, non-regulatory increase of 10 percent or no greater than 20 feet if they asked for it, and no -- no county or city in the country could deny that, but then they asked to define the base structure as anything that could include the building to which that thing is attached. So you could slap a small antenna, and some may be no bigger than this cup, to the side of a four-story building, and then come back and use that four-story building's dimensions as your 10 percent. Of course we were opposed to that, but Jack explained in great detail how in downtown Savannah, national historic district, how we pay in such great attention to every nail that is driven into the building, to every shutter, explained how we have a low canopy, our buildings are basically a certain height, so if you change something it stands out and looks different, and while a DAS or a 10 percent in New York may not make a big difference, in Savannah it would skewer our entire process. And Dr. -- I mean Dr. Lewandowski and -- and Scott Yackel explained, we even had a video, that we -- that we left with them so they could look at it later, but they were very appreciative to -- to hear what they said in non-legal words Chatham's concerns.

Commissioner Center said, for those of you who have not visited our -- our mosquito control, we are a internationally recognized mosquito control program. What I learned, not only do people study, come from around the world and study how we do it, but private manufacturers give us their chemicals and ask us to promote the name of their chemicals so other people will buy their chemicals. We don't do that. We stay out of the commercial business, but we've been asked to promote others. You've heard about Russ Abolt's hiring capacities and Al Bungard's. I just have to tell you what a pleasure it is to have people like this working on our behalf. I mean when you say experts, if you want to call them experts or employees, to sit back and watch them explain what we do and how we do it, it -- it -- it just takes tremendous pride, and Chatham County's very lucky to have these three individuals, as -- as well as others. But I brought them here, I wanted to tell you what we're doing. We don't know if we were successful. They told us, particularly Jane Jackson, the chief, or assistant chief of the wireless telephone bureau asked us to write what they call ex parte comments. We had an ex parte meeting which means we did not notify the cable companies or those who might disagree with our opinion, we're coming up to meet with these Commissioners, so we're required by law to file a notice that we had an ex parte meeting with them and were invited to file comments, and when we got back Jack sat down and -- and -- and drafted comments. Let me give you another example. Do you remember that booklet we got last year on -- on -- on the hotel on Hutchinson Island? It's twice that thick the comments that you have to -- first the FCC's proposal is that thick, then other comments after that, you have to go read through them all to disseminate what we're going to write, and Jack did that, and so we have now filed our comments. I sent each of you written copies. If you want to go on their website too it's there officially, but Chatham County has filed our own comments about nine pages long, and we've met with these people. They said it would be several months before they wrote regulations. They were looking forward to hearing from us, and I'm very appreciative the county allowed us to go. I'm very excited that we got to meet with the FCC Commissioners, and I wanted Jack and -- and Henry and Scott to be here if you have any questions for them or for me about this. I think it was a very worthwhile trip, and hopefully it will be profitable and protect Chatham County and -- and downtown

Savannah from intrusions that we don't need. Thank you. Any questions I'll be glad to take them. Do any of you guys want to add anything?

Dr. Henry Lewandowski said, I would like to make one comment. Our -- our role in this was very easy. We got to talk about what we know and what we love, and you really need to appreciate what it took on Commissioner Center's part to arrange for these meetings. It was very, very difficult, and it took repeated contacts and phone calls, and Commissioner Center, I greatly appreciate your concern for our community. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Mr. Jack Butler said, I'd -- I'd like to echo that. I'm Jack Butler. I'm a comprehensive planner with the Metropolitan Planning Commission, and I'd like to say that it was a real pleasure working with Commissioner Center that the opportunity to act as a -- if you will, in-house consultant on a rather complicated issue, was -- was a pleasure and that's the kind of service that the MPC offers. That -- that's what we try to strive -- we strive to do that in our day to day operations, and this was a bit of a stretch for us, but I think we did excellent work in Washington, and I'm hoping that our impact will be far greater than our size. Those who say that a little thing can't have much of an impact has never spent a night in a tent with a mosquito.

Mr. Scott Yackel said, I'd just like to say thank you for the Commission and also the MPC. What you have done with this ordinance has protected not only your flight crews but also the crews of the aviators of the Army, the Coast Guard, and the EMS operators. I've been contacted by several pilots. They have said, you know, in your county, it's really weird. Have you ever seen those towers with reflection on them? And I'll say, you need to thank your Commission for that, because y'all did it for us.

Commissioner Center said, and I -- I'd like to explain that. What we have on our towers is reflective tape. It's -- these are the same kind of material you might see on the stop signs so it flashes back more and when Scott and -- and other pilot fly, they have a -- a light, you know, like a search light that flashes out, and we showed a video that when you don't shine that light, you don't see the tower at all. When that light is on, the tower shoots back at you like a Christmas tree, and that's -- and -- it costs about \$11.00 or \$22.00 a tower to put this tape on it, and the telecom industry does not want to put tape on towers around the country. That's why they're fighting us.

Mr. Yackel said, we are one of two counties in the United States that do this, so thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, very good.

Chairman Scott said, any further --

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much, and thank you all for participating, and thank you Commissioner Center for really making all the arrangements and putting the meeting together and everything else. We really appreciate it on behalf of the Commission.

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3. BUSH ROAD/SAVANNAH OGEECHEE CANAL (COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER)

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District under a Commission item to talk about the Bush Road, Savannah Ogeechee Canal. Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. On February the 21st Public Works Director Robert Drewry sent -- he was actually sent a letter from Russ Abolt, and in that letter Russ tells how Mr. Patrick Welch of 522 Bush Road called, and the issues were Mr. Welch's driveway is washing out because of eroding conditions associated with the proximity to the S&O Canal, and Russ goes on to say if it's a grey area can we step in and solve the problem? And then number two under that says the S&O Canal is backing up because of beaver dams. In addition, there's trash in the canal. Is this our responsibility or the City of Savannah? So in response on March the 21st, a letter to Russ comes from Robert Drewry, and just to highlight a couple areas, number one, it says to Russ that staff has contacted a representative of the City of Savannah. All indications show that the City will not respond. Therefore, as a courtesy, staff will remove the beaver dams and make repairs to the erosion associated with the Canal. It goes on to state that however in the future the City of Savannah is expected to maintain the Canal and the driveways located on the Canal. He -- Mr. Drewry goes on to state we appreciate Mr. Welch for notifying the county of his concern, however, for his convenience he may want to consider calling the Public Works/Public Services Department and gives the number directly to -- or go to the website to Public Works to enter a work request.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. On March 21st a letter goes out to Mr. Welch from Russ Abolt. In that he -- he states county staff as a courtesy will help out but by copy of this I am alerting Savannah City Manager Stephanie Cutter as to the background. March 24th I send an email to Russ, and I messed up the date and

corrected it with another one, but basically on the 24th I stated that on March 21st you sent a letter stating that although Savannah's responsible for the maintenance of the Savannah Ogeechee Canal, the Canal would -- that the county would clean the beaver dams and fix the eroded areas, and that -- from then on the City of Savannah would be expected to do so, and I said -- I said Mr. Welch has been in constant contact with me, please send the staff over as soon as possible to fix that driveway. Later that afternoon I received through an email a -- a -- an attachment which was a letter that -- to Robert Drewry, our Public Works Director from Russ Abolt, subject clarification on driveway maintenance, and Russ goes on to say we're helping out with the beaver dams, but that's all. Am I correct? I saw that that night, and so I thought, okay, this is interesting, but I'll just wait and see the response. I -- I've read the other. No response, but on the 27th after speaking with Mr. Welch again and learning that no work had been performed in the canal or on his driveway, I sent an email to Russ, and I said, please put Bush Road/Savannah Ogeechee Canal on the agenda under my name for the meeting.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so here we are. I've asked Mr. Welch to attend, and I think I saw him out there earlier. Is he in the audience now or not? He may have had to leave for work, but I believe I saw him out there earlier. But, the facts at this point that I know is that one, Savannah -- the City of Savannah never signed a Canal Maintenance Agreement, which we'll be hopefully approving here later for all the municipalities. It -- it appeared from the paperwork that every other city signed the agreement, but for whatever reason, Savannah wouldn't. And another fact is the county said in writing that it would actually fix both of the problems, tear down the dams and fix the eroded areas, but then a letter of contradiction followed with a question mark of aren't we just going to fix the dams? And, you know, I'm baffled, and -- and that's why I'm here asking for your help. This man's drive undoubtedly is deteriorating and falling in, and apparently the county told the gentleman that it was going to be fixed and now we're back tracking, and I need help from either the staff stating that they're going to fix this now and that whatever issues they're going to work out with Savannah to iron out definite who's responsible, but I'm -- I'm -- if I -- I need to ask staff a couple questions if I may, Mr. Chairman. Mr. --

Chairman Scott said, direct them to the County Manager if you would, please.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Russ, who is -- the homes in that -- on the Canal, they're in the unincorporated area, correct?

County Manager Abolt said, yes. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the Canal itself is owned by the City of Savannah. Is that correct?

County Manager Abolt said, I -- I will defer to the County Attorney. I know 'cause you, Dr. Thomas and maybe Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Stone were on the Commission. This has about six years of more history to it. There was an extensive legal opinion with documentation as to which jurisdiction has responsibility. I'll defer to Jon [Hart], but there's no question in our mind the City of Savannah owns it.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, the Ogeechee Canal -- the Ogeechee Canal is owned by the City of Savannah, and it is owned by the City -- City of Savannah through a -- an instrument of recording, the conveyance of the Canal to the City after the original canal entity went out of business.

Commissioner Farrell said, what --

County Attorney Hart said, there is a lease --

Commissioner Farrell said, what year was that?

County Attorney Hart said, oh, it's many years ago. If --

Commissioner Farrell said, turn of the century?

County Attorney Hart said, well, probably in the '40s or '50 'cause something came up where they needed to straighten out what should have been done in the early 19 -- 1900s, and they technically have the title to the Canal. The county does have a -- a recreational easement through an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Savannah, and that is for purposes of allowing the S&O Canal organization to maintain some of the original locks that were in dis -- disrepair, and there has even been a feasibility study done by the county as to the ability to extend the Canal back to what it was when they had barges going on it, which as a practical matter is pretty impractical because you've got two major highways, 95 and 16, that cut through there, so the Canal's never going to be what it ever was. Sections of it might eventually be able to be done like that if you've got a significant capital improvement. To complicate the matter further, the City of Savannah annexed Bush Road. At the time the City -- the county was planning to widen Bush Road and fix the very problems that you're here today talking about. At the time the City annexed Bush Road, the decision was made rightfully by the County Commission not to spend several million dollars fixing Bush Road in another jurisdiction. In addition to that, there's been some subdivisions built along there that is within the jurisdiction of the City of Savannah, and there's a question -- there are questions about whether that road from Chatham County Engineering Department could service that kind of traffic. There was a disagreement there insofar as the City of Savannah's view point of that, and so the improvements have not been made.

County Attorney Hart said, most of those homes that face onto Bush Road, there is also a canal that runs in front of each one of those pop -- properties. It's really not a canal, it's -- it's larger than a ditch and less than a ditch in some places. So most of them are culvert driven with driveways over that, and there's a question of whether they're in the -- in the easement of the Canal as it was originally conveyed. The -- the simple fact of the matter is that the county no longer owns -- doesn't own the canal and doesn't own the road out there, and that the access to and from a public interchange is subject to the jurisdiction requirements of the city that governs that or the county that governs that. Now traditionally what the county has done when the county has responsibility for that type of driveway is that they will get with the owner and say we'll give you an encroachment onto the right of way and if you will, you know, we will supply the pipe for you. We'll come out and inspect the pipe for you, and then you will have to fill on both sides of the pipe and have your approach, and then we'll assume maintenance of that. You know, it's a question of whether you want to be doing maintenance in another jurisdiction I guess.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Good answer.

Chairman Scott said, any other questions?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes. Why would we give a false hope with a letter stating that we were going to do it one time and then turn around and question that and not do it one time like we stated?

County Attorney Hart said, there's nothing that would prevent if instructed by -- if staff were instructed to do a one-time fix on that driveway culvert, but there's driveway culverts all up and down that road, so where do you draw the line.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, could -- could -- could -- would it be possible to do the one time fix as stated and this body pass something of meaning that we could mail to the City of Savannah where it's on record, the legal opinion, and -- where they are therefore officially notified. I've read in our info here that they've been notified, but I -- I'm not in receipt of any documents of where we have notified. Otherwise, a phone call stating, hey that's yours, is much different than us sending an official written --

Chairman Scott said, no. No. No.

County Manager Abolt said, you -- you -- you have communicated extensively not just from my office to the previous City Manager's office but between attorneys. There -- there's no question as to the knowledge of the City of Savannah who's responsibility this is.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well then the -- just to the basic, simple question of --

County Manager Abolt said, I -- I always have a principle --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- can we at least do the one time fix here for the people?

County Manager Abolt said, I always have the principle, that you know, the grey area, well it's like on playing baseball, the tie goes to the runner, and if it's close enough, I always give Mr. Drewry the -- the discretion to do that. It's his call and certainly he can do that, but, you know -- it's --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, his letter stated that he was going to do it, and then it's kind of contradicted.

County Manager Abolt said, I'll let him explain that, but -- but the issue becomes, you know, my letter to the City Manager where I asked her to look at it. I've given her time to look at it, and when all is said and done, Ladies and Gentlemen, there's no question as to who has responsibility. Robert.

Mr. Robert Drewry said, thank you. Robert Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services. Let me clarify a couple issues right up front to let you know that we've had equipment out there since yesterday. We are moving forward with the repairs of the -- removal of the beaver dam, and then we'll also fix the erosion -- the wash out his driveway for Mr. Walsh [sic]. But we had equipment out there and -- and it -- and they were out there yesterday, and I assume out there today. I just haven't been in the office.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you so very much, and I will notify this gentleman that we have to somehow kick Savannah in gear to do the job that they're supposed to do.

County Attorney Hart said, you can --

Mr. Drewry said, I would like to clarify the one issue. We have met with the City of Savannah representatives about a month ago maybe a month and a half ago, and there's no question they recognize that it's theirs. It was just a matter of resources. They just didn't have -- and don't have the resources to drop everything and go out there and do what we're able to do. So that -- that's why we're out there, and I hope in the future, and that's my -- the purpose of the way I wrote it out in the future that they do make provisions to -- to address these problems.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank y'all very much, and I appreciate you handling the issue. It was something that the gentleman un -- understandably is just upset and -- so thank y'all for handling it.

Chairman Scott said, okay. We've got a couple more comments and questions or questions. One is Commissioner Center from the 3rd District and then we got Commissioner Lori Brady of the 6th District.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good job Commissioner Kicklighter. As we're discussing this it -- it -- the question occurred to me and obviously not on this particular project, but apparently we have a lot of paperwork going back and forth to the City of Savannah that other and -- and agreements that other municipalities have agreed to and the City of Savannah has not, and I'm losing track of it. I wonder if I could get a summary of the things that we're asking the City of Savannah to act on that they haven't acted on. It seems like at almost every meeting or every time I pick up the newspaper I'm reading that we sent something to Savannah and requested action and we're not getting it -- either a response yes or no or a document that other people have agreed to is not getting done. And I'd like it for my tally, since I represent -- much of my District is City of Savannah to know what that is.

County Manager Abolt said, we -- we -- I believe early on we provided a notebook. It started with the CNT Agreement, which of course they have responded to. This is -- this is not the specific issue. The specific issue in this you reference later on in the agenda is the storm drainage maintenance which goes back to 1997 which is part of the inventory. I'll be glad to send you a copy.

Commissioner Center said, I'd appreciate it, and -- and -- and one other question. Can -- can a municipality annex whatever they want without County input?

County Attorney Hart said, depends on how they do it. There's a number of different ways. There's the 100 percent method, which is by statute in which an individual comes and says I own a piece of property and I'm the only owner of the piece of property and I'm contiguous to the city limits, and I want to be in the city limits, and they can annex that without the county really having any say so involved in it. The second way of doing it is called the double referendum matter where you go and take a referendum over to the city and say do you want to include this in the city, and then you go to the people that are going to be annexed and you say do you want to be annexed? Very seldom is that used because it's hard to win the double referendum. Typically the major annexations that have been done in this county have been done by municipalities by act of the legislature, and the reason they do that is because they do not have to abide by the -- the many rules that are set up in the state statute in regard to what you can annex. And at one time when I first became county attorney, we used to have cities annexed right up to the property line of a roadway and then another city would annex up to the other side of the roadway and then leave the road to the county to maintain, as well as the drainage. We managed to go back and get the legislation changed on that so that now if you annex in -- it into the -- to a municipality the municipality takes the road with it. Typically what we will do if we receive an annexation request, we will look at it, plot it out and see what property is being annexed. I'll send it up to engineering to say do we have any facilities in that area which are a substantial value to the county, and if they are, we will then ask the city that is annexing that to either a. pay us for it or b. be responsible for maintaining it. And that's pretty much the way it works. If it's an annexation by the legislature, we have very little we can do there just simply from the standpoint that as an act of legislature, and as you are well aware, most local legislations passed the last several days of the legislative session, so sometimes those type of things, although they're required to give you notice, if they were to do a regular annexation the same type of notifications do not necessarily apply through the act of the legislature.

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

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Brady said, well, this would be my perspective, and I don't know how legal it would be, but if -- Mr. Drewry's comments were that the City just did not have the resources to get someone out here to take care of this, and we -- and we're out there taking care of this. Now my perspective there is -- is that, you know, it belongs to the City, it's their responsibility, the City of Savannah, and whatever it costs the county to do this, we need to submit an invoice to the City of Savannah.

County Attorney Hart said, yes --

Commissioner Brady said, for doing it.

County Attorney Hart said, -- you -- you could submit an invoice to the City of Savannah. Getting it paid is another thing. First of all, this jurisdiction, Chatham County, cannot tell the City of Savannah how to maintain their rights of way. They are an independent governmental body. We may like to do that, but we have no right to do that. If they do not have the services to perform that, that could either mean, a. we don't have the people to put in man power to -- to perform the services or b. it could mean we do not have the financial capability to perform that at the present time. If we were to send a service bill after performing the work, I am sure the City of Savannah would take the position that that is a voluntary act on our part, and therefore, we didn't ask you to do it, and, therefore, we don't owe you the money.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and, you know, there's areas in the 6th District that I'm dealing with right now that I was shocked that the City of Savannah, you know had -- had power over. We need to figure out some type of policy or -- or something to hold municipalities accountable because the City of Savannah has more folks that work in their Public Works department then we have in ours, and we're sending our folks out there to fix

something that they're responsible for, and I -- it's just wrong. It's just wrong. I understand why we're doing it, but it's wrong, and we have to come up with a way to stop this from happening, not just with the City of Savannah but with all the municipalities within Chatham County in order to -- to say, you know, we're not going to do this anymore, and -- and it's -- and the problem with all this is -- is that the citizens, the tax paying citizen gets pulled into the middle of it while we're all struggling to try to say this is your job to do, and, you know, we're going to do it, and the county is going to be nice about this, and -- and -- and -- and I it's -- I think it's something that we need to have a -- a -- a long conversation about how we can resolve these kind of issues.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, is there anybody else have any comments before I recognize Commissioner Kicklighter again? Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'd just like to add a c., where the attorney said a. and b., Savannah could also be saying our road actually serves an unincorporated area resident who can't vote for a mayor or a councilman in or out of office, so we really don't care. And, you know, no response to a constituent who is in trouble, they may as well just throw that right on out there. You know, this gentleman, the person he can vote in and out of office for Savannah's failure is me and the Chairman. Other than that, Savannah has no elected accountability, so Savannah does not get off their butt to do their job. That's the truth behind the matter, and Savannah needs to wake up, and, you know, not necessarily do what can get you in or out of office, but just do the right thing for -- every now and then. It feels pretty good when you try. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, let me just say something about annexation, and -- we had these requests all the time when I served in the legislature. We had one incident when -- when a colleague of mine who is no longer with us had actually annexed the airport into Garden City, and -- and I don't know if it was intentional or not intentional. He said it was not intentional, and -- and we caught it and corrected the situation, but the approach for annexing property is usually go directly to the legislature so you don't have to confront the voters. You don't have to have any sort of public meeting or notifications for it except for the intent to introduce local legislation appears in the newspaper classified that nobody reads. And so that means that we have to be mindful of everything that goes on in the legislature and especially in the waning hours to make sure that properties are not annexed, and you can almost bet that when a piece of property is annexed by a municipality, it is not to provide service, it is to collect taxes, and it's either property taxes, hotel/motel taxes or a retail center is going in there. It -- it's always a motive and the motive is not to provide service, and that's just a way of life. Municipalities are creatures of the legislature, counties are constitutional creatures, and -- and so we will have to be more mindful of that, and I don't know if we will ever be able to resolve it, but we -- we need some sort of a long-range plans of who's going to provide service for areas in the county, and there are -- there are areas that municipalities have annexed they need to de-annex 'cause they can't afford it, nor can -- nor did they ever have any potential of doing anything to improve the property. It was simple there for what it may have meant -- mean to them for cash flow in the immediate time. And that's just it in a nutshell. Commissioner Kicklighter, you -- you didn't even have to bring that up, and you did good.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, 'Cause Mr. Drewry was on top of it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I appreciate it. As always.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

<p>Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*)</p>
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None.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

- 1. TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND: a)**

TRANSFER \$112,602 FROM M&O CONTINGENCY TO THE AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT, b) TRANSFER FUNDS FROM PROJECTS AS OUTLINED ON PAGE FIVE OF THE AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT, 2) IN THE SALES TAX V FUND TRANSFER FUNDS AMONG PROJECTS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED MEMORANDA (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file), WHICH INCLUDES FUNDING FOR THE LIBERTY CITY COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT, and 3) IN THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND APPROPRIATE \$187,298 UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO TRASH COMPACTORS.

Chairman Scott said, and now we are -- we are on the portion of the calendar for Individual Action. First item is to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: transfer \$112,602 from the M&O Contingency to the Aquatic Center Project, transfer funds from projects as outlined on page five of the Aquatic Center Project, and in the Sales Tax V Fund transfer funds among projects as outlined in the attached memorandum, which includes funding for the Liberty City Community Center Project; and in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$187,298 unrestricted net asset for the purchase of two trash compactors.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, I move for approval.

Commissioner Stone said, I second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Is there any discussion?

Commissioner Center said, yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 3rd District.

Commissioner Center said, I just wanted to point out that we were advised in our pre-meeting that transferring funds from two projects, Ambuc Stadium and the other one into Liberty City will not jeopardize the other two projects.

Chairman Scott said, that's -- that's correct. That was staff's statement. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: a) transfer \$112,602 from M&O Contingency to the Aquatic Center Project, b) transfer funds from projects as outlined on page five of the Aquatic Center Project, 2) in the Sales Tax V Fund transfer funds among projects as outlined in the attached memoranda, which includes funding for the Liberty City Community Center Project, and 3) in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$187,298 unrestricted net assets for the purchase of two trash compactors. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: March 28, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

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FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Director of Public Works and Park Services is requesting \$225,000 to replace two Aquatic Center filter tanks. Funds have been identified within the Capital Improvement

Program Fund as outlined on page five. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's Meeting File).

2. The Assistant County Engineer has requested project modifications in the Sales Tax V Fund. This includes funding for the Liberty City Community Center project. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's Meeting File).
3. The Director of Public Works and Park Services is requesting an \$187,298 transfer from unrestricted net asset in the Solid Waste Management Fund. The funds will be used to purchase two trash compactors. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Solid Waste Management Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's Meeting File).

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the Capital Improvement and the Sales Tax V Funds. The budget amendment will establish funding in the Solid Waste Management Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND

Transfer funds to the Aquatic Center project as outlined on page five.

SALES TAX V FUND

Transfer funds among projects as outlined in the attached memoranda (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's Meeting File).

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND

Appropriate \$187,298 unrestricted net assets for the purchase of two trash compactors.

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. **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND TO USE THE WALTER PARKER PIER AND PAVILION ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION, TYBEE SEABAR, TO HOST MONTHLY FIREWORKS ON EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM APRIL 2014 TO DECEMBER 2014.**

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 on the Action -- Individual Action Calendar, Board consideration of a request from the City of Tybee Island to use the Walter Parker Pier and Pavilion on behalf of an organization, Tybee Seabar, to host monthly fireworks on every third Friday of each month from April 2014 to December 2014.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, I move for approval.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the request from the City of Tybee Island to use the Walter Parker Pier and Pavilion on behalf of an organization, Tybee Seabar, to host monthly fireworks on every third Friday of each month from April 2014 to December 2014. Commissioner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: March 28, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Robert Drewry Director, Public Works and Park Services Department

ISSUE:

The City of Tybee Island is requesting the use of Walter Parker Pier and Pavilion on behalf of an organization, Tybee Seabar, to host monthly fireworks on every third Friday of each month from April 2014 to December 2014.

BACKGROUND:

The Walter Parker Pavilion is open to the general public from 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM, daily and was constructed using SPLOST funds in 1996. Department rental procedures states a portion of the pavilion remains open leaving space for the general public to access the bathrooms, concession, and the fishing pier.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This event would close the Pier for nine days from April to December.
2. The Pavilion would also be closed to the public the entire day preventing the County's ability to rent the facility.
3. The public will have access to the restrooms and the concessions.
4. The County has in the past granted the City of Tybee Island permission to have a fireworks display for the Independence Day and New Year's Eve celebrations.

FUNDING:

Anticipated loss of rental revenue of the Pavilion is from \$4,500 to \$9,450.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That Board approves request to allow City of Tybee Island to close the Walter Parker Pier and Pavilion on behalf of an organization, Tybee Seabar, to host monthly fireworks on every third Friday of each month from April 2014 to December 2014.
2. Do not approve request.
3. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

There is currently no precedent in place to allow an organization to close the Tybee Pavilion to the public during normal operating hours. Staff is concerned that this request will create a precedent to current procedures which may cause additional problems and loss revenues in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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3. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Scott said, third item we do not have to take a vote on. We will now entertain the CNT monthly report. Will be given by Director Ragan. Welcome.

CNT Director D. Everett Ragan said, good morning again Ladies and Gentlemen, and again thank you for being here and thank you for all the nice things that were said earlier. For the month of February we initiated 69 investigations, 32 of those have been closed out, with an agency assist. We spent about 20 hours with the US Postal General -- Inspector General's office here in Savannah, and one of their supervisors out of Florida that I will get to later in explaining the investigation. For the year to date we are at 129,590 drugs seized. We seized 48,000 again last month, most of that bulk being in marijuana that we have seized. Three more weapons were seized and total arrests were 24 for the month, 54 for the year. Again, there's the break down by Districts of the people arrested and cases within each individual's -- Commissioner's District. We see that the West Chatham Precinct, we had over 997 hours out in West Chatham, and 479 in the downtown precinct, 797 in central, which is about -- downtown and midtown. Again with the hours expended in municipalities, we see that 3477 expended in the City of Savannah. The other municipalities breaking down into lower numbers primarily because a couple of investigations we're on now are centered on the City of Savannah area.

Director Ragan said, significant events, is the case I mentioned in reference to the Postal General's office, Inspector General's office. An -- an individual working for the post office, and again, this is the third time we've

seen it in the last six or seven months, a postal employee who was not at work one day and a package was sent out to be delivered on his route. Of course, it was determined that the address did not exist. It was a vacant lot. The package was placed back in the -- back in the -- on the shelf at the post office. The next day the postal carrier was there. He took the package out again, raised suspicions. He had already caught the attention of the Postal Inspector General's office, and we sat up surveillance. He took the package out, took it to two individuals -- made a phone call. When he got to the area, two individuals in a car pulled up. He handed the package to the individuals inside the vehicle, and they fled. They were caught, and the marijuana was inside the package. So, again, it was an inside job from the Postal Office to -- mailing packages to a vacant lot and postal carrier involved in it. So he was arrested along with the other two for trafficking marijuana.

Commissioner Center said, that -- that package originate in Chatham County or outside the state?

Director Ragan said, no, sir, it did not. The package originated from California.

Commissioner Center said, so the postal employee had to have contact with someone in California?

Director Ragan said, no, sir. The bad guys had contacts in California. He had -- he had contacts with the bad guys here. Actually one of the bad guys had gone to California and purchased the marijuana, mailed it, and flew back and waited on the package to come back, and that's -- that's how they've been doing it for the last couple of organizations we had. And that's all I have. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, good job.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions or comments? Thank you, Director Ragan.

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, next is the Action Calendar.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, we ask whatever motion is made you would pull Item K off the agenda.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, we're going to recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I was going to move that we approve all the items but Item 8-K.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, everybody understand the motion? We're approving everything on the Action Calendar except for K. Hearing the motion. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to vote on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 8 and under Item 8, Items A through K, with the Exception of Item 8-K. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: 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 MARCH 14, 2014, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 6, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 19, 2014.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period March 6, 2014 through March 19, 2014, in the amount of \$4,411,061. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO A LEASE AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2011, BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY (LANDLORD) AND UNION MISSION, INC. (TENANT) REFLECTING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BUILDING AND CONTENTS INSURANCE AND DESTRUCTION OF/DAMAGE TO 107, 120, AND 125 FAHM STREET.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of Amendments to a Lease Agreement dated November 22, 2011, between Chatham County and Union Mission, Inc., reflecting responsibilities for building and contents insurance and destruction of/damage to 107, 120 and 125 Fahm Street. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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

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

ISSUE:

To approve amendments to a lease agreement dated November 22, 2011 between Chatham County (Landlord) and Union Mission, Inc. (Tenant) reflecting responsibilities for building and contents insurance and destruction of/damage to 107, 120 and 125 Fahm Street.

BACKGROUND:

On November 22, 2011, Chatham County entered into a lease agreement with Union Mission for the use of property located at 107, 120 and 125 Fahm Street. Copies of the lease (pages 3-7) and staff report (pages 8 and 9) are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Under the original lease agreement, Paragraph #1 identifies the "Premises" as 107 and 125 Fahm Street, but has omitted 120 Fahm Street. 120 Fahm Street is included in the physical description as indicated in "Exhibit A" [of the lease agreement] which is included as an attachment (Pages 6 and 7) (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. It is important to include 120 Fahm Street to establish an insurable interest in the Premises and confirm the property insurance carrier this location is owned by the County.

3. Paragraph 9, Destruction of/Damage to Premises of the original lease states that the Tenant (Union Mission) shall use any insurance proceeds to make repairs or reduce debt. The lease should read the Landlord will use insurance proceeds to make repairs and reduce debt since the County (Landlord) is the owner and insurer of the Premises.
4. The County (Landlord) will discontinue insurance coverage of the Tenant's personal property located at 120, 125 and 107 Fahm Street based on Paragraph 18 (a.) that requires the Tenant (Union Mission) to insure personal property.
5. Paragraph 18 (a.) requires the Tenant (Union Mission) name the Landlord (Chatham County) as an additional insured with regard to commercial general liability. It is recommended the Landlord (County) not be named an additional insured in order to maintain the County's sovereign immunity defense.
6. It is further recommended the Tenant (Union Mission) provide the County with evidence of property insurance for all personal property. Evidence of personal property coverage shall be provided to the Landlord on or before each anniversary renewal date.
7. Implement recommended changes via First Lease Addendum. See Page 10 for a copy of the First Lease Addendum.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize staff, via Lease Addendum #1, to amend the existing lease between the County and Union Mission.
2. Do not authorize recommended amendments and provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Implementing recommended changes will clarify responsibilities of the Landlord and Tenant and formally establish the County's insurable interest in the property, and responsibility of the parties in the event of destruction of or damage to the Premises.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE CHATHAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CEMA) TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM LOCAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY (GULFSTREAM), GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval for the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) to accept funding from local business and industry (Gulfstream), Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: March 28, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

SUBJECT: Fund Acceptance

ISSUE:

CEMA is requesting authority to accept funding from local business and industry (Gulfstream), Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

BACKGROUND:

1. CEMA has developed funding sources for a major disaster recovery planning project that will involve a partnership between Gulfstream, GEMA and DHS. This initiative will include recovery planning for the private sector as well as municipalities and the county.
2. Gulfstream, GEMA and DHS have offered to commit \$60,000.00.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

By establishing a joint public-private partnership, CEMA will have assembled the ultimate mutual-interest cooperative agreement through working together to develop local and government disaster recovery plans. CEMA will provide a major staffing and management commitment throughout the duration of this project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve acceptance and commitment to recovery planning of the three funding opportunities of \$60,000.00 each.
2. Do not approve acceptance and commitment to recovery planning of the three funding opportunities.

FUNDING:

No local funding or funding match will be required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

1. The safety and preparedness of its residents has always been one of the highest priorities of the Commission.
2. It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to accept funding that is in the interest of the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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**5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH EACH PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITY FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE CANAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.
[ALL DISTRICTS.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with each participating municipality for the County-wide Canal Maintenance Program. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: March 28, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request Board approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with each participating municipality for the County-wide Canal Maintenance Program.

BACKGROUND:

In 1997 the Board determined a need for a county-wide drainage maintenance program to assist the various municipalities with maintenance of the major canals within their city limits.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In October of 2008 the Board entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with each participating municipality for canal maintenance. The 2008 agreements have expired. As a result, staff is requesting the Board to renew our commitment to provide this service by entering into another agreement with each municipality.

2. The maintenance program is a three part program that consist of: 1 - canal cleaning to remove silt, vegetation, and debris; 2 - spraying herbicide to reduce the aquatic growth; and 3 - mowing canal right-of-ways. Any additional or supplemental maintenance is the responsibility of the municipality within their jurisdiction.
3. Currently, the County-wide Canal Maintenance Program has identified 49.92 miles of canals in the Unincorporated County and 85.6 miles within a municipal jurisdiction.
4. Staff has presented the agreement to each of the seven participating municipalities with the only exception being the Town of Vernonburg who does not have any canals. To date, staff has received executed agreements from the following municipalities:
 - City of Bloomingdale
 - City of Garden City
 - City of Pooler
 - City of Port Wentworth
 - City of Thunderbolt
 - City of Tybee Island
5. The City of Savannah has not provided staff a signed agreement. Since the inception of the County-wide Canal Maintenance Program in 1997, the City of Savannah, has *never* been willing to enter into an agreement with the County. However, the County continues to provide the service with the exception of the mowing function. Mowing within the City of Savannah was discontinued in FY 2012-2013 due to budget cuts.

FUNDING:

Funds are budgeted annually for the program from the M&O General Fund.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

An Intergovernmental Agreement is required for services provided within municipalities.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approve to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with each municipality for the County-wide Canal Maintenance Program.
2. Board not approve request and provide staff with other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative #1.

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6. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER: PATRICK JAMES DRISCOLL, D/B/A DEB'S PUB & GRUB, LOCATED AT 2130 NORWOOD AVENUE. [DISTRICT 3.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. Petitioner: Patrick James Driscoll, d/b/a Deb's Pub & Grub, located at 2130 Norwood Avenue. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6

AGENDA DATE: March 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 for beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. Petitioner: Patrick James Driscoll d/b/a Deb's Pub & Grub, located at 2130 Norwood Avenue, Savannah, GA 31406.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Driscoll requests approval of a transfer beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets with 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 Marshal 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 3

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Acting Chief Juliette Tolbert

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7. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER: ALLISON LYNN BLAKE, D/B/A BLAKE'S FRESH LOCAL DINING, LOCATED AT 346 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD, SUITE B. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the transfer of the beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2014 for petitioner Allison Lynn Blake, d/b/a Blake's Fresh Local Dining located at 346 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Suite B. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: March 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 for beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2014. Petitioner: Allison Lynn Blake, d/b/a Blake's Fresh Local Dining, located at 346 Johnny Mercer Blvd., Suite B, Savannah, GA 31410.

BACKGROUND:

Ms. Blake requests approval of a transfer beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets with 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 Marshal 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 4

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Acting Chief Juliette Tolbert

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Annual contract with four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide cellular telephone service, air cards and new or replacement phones	I.C.S.	Verizon Wireless	Varies by service	•General Fund/M&O - Various Departments •SSD - Various Departments •Solid Waste •Water and Sewer
B. Scheduling and Time & Attendance system for the Detention Center, Sheriff's Office and K9	Detention Center	Visual Computer Solutions	\$146,287	CIP - Detention Center
C. Construction of the Liberty City Community Center Addition	Building and Safety	R L Construction Group, Inc.	\$834,238	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Liberty City Community Center (pending budget transfer)
D. Annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide grounds maintenance at well sites and lift/pump stations	Public Works and Park Services	Blankenship Landscape, Inc.	\$5,400	Water and Sewer
E. Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract to provide passenger vehicle tires	Fleet Operations	SOS Radial Tire Service, Inc.	Varies	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various
F. Telephone Intercept System with Analytical Software	C.N.T.	Pen-Link, Ltd.	\$188,549	CNT Confiscated Funds - Other Equipment

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
G. Replacement helicopter fan drive shaft, engine drive shaft, main transmission drive shaft and thirteen fan tension/torsion straps	Mosquito Control	Helimart, Inc.	\$46,453	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
H. Aecdec Pro-strait prisoner safety seats and repair kits	Detention Center	Jatal Incorporated	\$38,034	General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
I. Construction contract for the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp Improvements	Engineering	TIC - The Industrial Company	\$3,856,786	•SPLOST (2008-2014) - Unincorporated County Projects - Turner's Creek •CIP - Turners Creek
J. Three (3) professional services on-call contracts for miscellaneous civil design related projects for two (2) years	Engineering	•CDM Smith •Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung •Thomas & Hutton	Not to exceed \$250,000	Sales Tax I, II, III, IV, & V SPLOSTs, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Special Service District (SSD)
K. Amendment No. 1 to the contract for inmate health services to provide two (2) Licensed Professional Counselors to meet mental health requirements for accreditation	Detention Center	Corizon Health Services, Inc.	\$182,757	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

AGENDA ITEM: X-8 A thru K
AGENDA DATE: March 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 to award an annual contract with four (4) additional one (1) year terms, from the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) State Contract, with Verizon Wireless to provide cellular telephone service, computer air cards, and new and or replacement phones to various departments and agencies of Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: This GTA contract has been in effect statewide since January 1, 2014 and is available to all state and local agencies.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- The County already participates in the Verizon Wireless Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) Contract. The new GTA contract will reduce the County's costs for cellular telephone service. The estimated savings are as follows:

Current average monthly cost	\$8,786.64
Estimated cost of new plan	\$7,835.30
Estimated monthly savings	\$1,131.34
- It is anticipated that the new contract will save the County \$13,576 per year.
- The County currently has 242 lines in service.

4. Phones and related equipment are discounted below in-store pricing and accessories are discounted 30%.
5. Staff believes the cost plan provided under the GTA contract to be the most advantageous to the County.

FUNDING:

- General Fund/M&O - Various Departments
- SSD - Various Departments
- Solid Waste
- Water and Sewer

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract with four (4) additional one (1) year terms, from the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) State Contract, with Verizon Wireless to provide cellular telephone service, computer air cards, and new and or replacement phones to various departments and agencies of Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment and services for communications.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$146,287 purchase from Visual Computer Solutions of a Scheduling and Time & Attendance system for the Detention Center, Sheriff's Office and K9. Visual Computer Solutions (VCS) will provide the hardware, software, maintenance and implementation for a first year cost of \$146,287. Annual maintenance for years two (2) and three (3) will be \$59,400 and future year increases shall not exceed 2%.

BACKGROUND: In May of 2013, the Board approved the movement of monies from operating budget to CIP to facilitate the implementation of a scheduling and payroll system. This software will provide scheduling and time & attendance. The County's financial program that generates paychecks will accept the upload of data which virtually eliminates the need for manual data input. The Sheriff's complex houses approximately 1/3 of the County's employees. There are many benefits of this software; tracking leave time, tardiness, absenteeism and automatic call-in of available employees when shifts are short.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A request for proposal was publicly advertised and three vendors responded. Two (2) proposers were short-listed and provided demos of their proposed system.
2. Visual Computer Solutions provided the lowest cost solution and was the highest ranked proposer. See evaluation matrix on page 15.

Visual Computer Solutions, Inc.
Freehold, NJ

Kronos, Inc.
Chelmsford, MA

ExecuTime Software
Broken Arrow, OK

FUNDING: CIP - Detention Center
(3503326 - 54.25001 - 35030518)

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases that would allow for time and cost-saving technology.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$146,287 purchase from Visual Computer Solutions of a Scheduling and Time & Attendance system for the Detention Center, Sheriff's Office and K9. Visual Computer Solutions (VCS) will provide the hardware, software, maintenance and implementation for a first year cost of \$146,287. Annual maintenance for years two (2) and three (3) will be \$59,400 and future year increases shall not exceed 2%.
2. Provide staff other direction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an \$834,238 contract to R L Construction Group, Inc., for the construction of the Liberty City Community Center Addition.

BACKGROUND: The Liberty City Community Center Addition is an approximately 5,000 square foot area. The addition shall contain a multi-purpose room, reading room/library, computer room, fitness/exercise room, game room and storage. The facility shall contain special allocations to accommodate programs directed by the City of Savannah.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Additional on-site parking shall be included to accommodate the occupants of the multi-purpose addition.
2. This project was properly advertised and seven bids were received and opened on February 27, 2014. The bids are as follows:

*	R L Construction Group, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 834,238
	WBM Construction, Inc. Metter, GA	\$ 838,000
	Energy Smart Building Systems Dublin, GA	\$ 858,816
*	Paul S. Akins Company, Inc. Statesboro, GA	\$ 880,850
*	Collins Construction Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 885,276
	Tippins-Polk Construction, Inc. Statesboro, GA	\$ 887,200
	JTVS Builders, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 988,325

* WBE firm

3. Staff finds the bid from R L Construction Group, Inc. to be fair and reasonable and within the construction estimate.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Liberty City Community Center (pending budget transfer)
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32470347)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an \$834,238 contract to R L Construction Group, Inc., for the construction of the Liberty City Community Center Addition.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____

MARK BUCALO

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$5,400 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Blankenship Landscape, Inc., Richmond Hill, Georgia, to provide grounds maintenance at well sites and lift/pump stations for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: In recent years, the Water and Sewer Section has not had the necessary staff to provide facility/plant maintenance and perform grounds maintenance. In 2008, bids were solicited for a contractor to provide grounds maintenance services to meet inspection requirements and minimize concerns from surrounding residents and staff. That contract has expired, and approval is being sought for the award of a new annual contract for grounds maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Water and Sewer Section does not have sufficient staffing or equipment to accomplish ground maintenance required on sites.
2. An annual contract provides the means to meet routine grounds maintenance requirements and enables staff to focus on the primary responsibilities of system maintenance, repairs and customer service.
3. Bids were publicly advertised and opened February 27, 2014. Bid responses are as follows:

Blankenship Landscape, Inc. Richmond Hill, Ga	\$5,400
Southern Landscape Management, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$9,088
Pressures on Us Richmond Hill, GA	\$9,450
Complete Lawn Care Savannah, GA	\$10,080
* All In One Service Savannah, GA	\$10,160
All Season Long Landscaping Savannah, GA	\$11,880
Seascape Excavating Richmond Hill, GA	\$12,400
A.D. Williams Construction Company, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$25,040
* DeVillars Lawn Care & Pressure Washing Richmond Hill, GA	\$29,536

*MBE

4. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "lowest bid" the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the "lowest" bid. If the local firm does match the "lowest" bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the "lowest low" bid. Southern Landscape Management, Inc. was asked if they would match the outside firm's low bid, but they declined.

FUNDING: Water and Sewer
(5054400 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$5,400 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Blankenship Landscape, Inc., Richmond Hill, Georgia, to provide grounds maintenance at well sites and lift/pump stations for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other directions.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval to issue Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with SOS Radial Tire Service, Inc., to provide passenger vehicle tires for Fleet Operations.

BACKGROUND: On October 11, 2013, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to SOS Radial Tire, Inc., to provide passenger vehicle tires.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. SOS Radial Tire, Inc., provided notification of price changes associated with the manufacturer imposed price increase due to the escalating costs in energy, transportation, packaging and raw material. As a result SOS has raised the price of the items below. SOS Radial Tire, Inc., has provided documentation to support the manufacturer imposed price increase. Price changes are effective March 1, 2014.
2. New Price will be as follows:

Item No.	Description	Old Price	New Price
5	P215/60R16	\$70.13	\$70.83
7	LT225/75R16	\$102.46	\$103.48
10	P235/70R17	\$138.81	\$140.20
12	LT255/75R16	\$104.20	\$105.24
14	LT245/75R17	\$127.76	\$129.24
15	LT245/70R17	\$121.27	\$139.10
21	235/55/17	\$103.32	\$140.35
22	225/60/16	\$87.44	\$88.31
23	235/50/18	\$129.46	\$130.75
24	265/60R17	\$115.06	\$116.21
25	245/55/18	\$123.43	\$124.66

3. Staff believes the request for the County to contractually recognize the manufacturer imposed price increase to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to issue Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with SOS Radial Tire Service, Inc., to provide passenger vehicle tires for Fleet Operations.
2. Provide staff other directions.

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 _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$188,549 purchase from Pen-Link, Ltd., of a Telephone Intercept System with Analytical Software for Chatham County C.N.T.

BACKGROUND: On December 6, 2013, the Board approved the appropriation of Confiscated Funds to CNT in the total amount of \$188,549.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Pen-Link is the sole source manufacturer and direct distributor of a Telephone Intercept System with Analytical Software for Law Enforcement. This software is necessary to be compatible with existing systems.
2. This Telephone Intercept System has been selected based upon its design to accommodate the various different operations and custom scenarios along with the ability to interface with public telephone company files and law enforcement databases which will expedite results in extraction of information for undercover operations.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$188,549 to be fair and reasonable. The manufacturer advises that the cost for this software is below General Services Administration (GSA) pricing.

FUNDING: CNT Confiscated Funds - Other Equipment
(2103222 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$188,549 purchase from Pen-Link, Ltd., of a Telephone Intercept System with Analytical Software for Chatham County C.N.T.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve technology purchases necessary for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$46,453 purchase from Helimart, Inc., for a replacement helicopter fan drive shaft, engine drive shaft, main transmission drive shaft, and thirteen Notar fan tension/torsion straps for Mosquito Control.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County owns and operates four aircraft: three MD 500 helicopters are used for mosquito surveillance inspection flights, both immature and adult mosquito control missions, police operations, fire fighting, and several emergency support functions including search and rescue, and damage assessment; one (1) Air Tractor airplane is used for immature mosquito control and fire fighting.
2. Our Notar helicopter was purchased in 2010. The helicopter fan drive shaft, engine drive shaft, main transmission drive shaft, and thirteen Notar fan tension/torsion straps are reaching the new maximum allowable FAA time limit of 10 years. The fan tension/torsion straps are reaching the new maximum allowable FAA time limit of five (5) years. All these components must now be replaced.
3. The drive shaft assemblies in question have been in service since October 1992, when the helicopter was originally manufactured. The fan tension/torsion straps have been in service since May 2009.

4. Without replacing the helicopter fan drive shaft, engine drive shaft, main transmission drive shaft, and thirteen Notar fan tension/torsion straps, the aircraft must be grounded no later than May 31, 2014 and cannot be flown after this date.
5. Mosquito Control Aviation staff have received three (3) quotes:

Vendor	Price
MD Helicopters, Inc. (all new parts)	\$74,077
MD Helicopters, Inc. (Kamatic shafts overhauled, other parts new)	\$51,209
Helimart, Inc. (Kamatic shafts overhauled, other parts new)	\$46,453

6. Helimart, Inc., provided the lowest quote of \$46,453 for the helicopter fan drive shaft, engine drive shaft, main transmission drive shaft, and thirteen Notar fan tension/torsion straps.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$46,453 purchase from Helimart, Inc., for a replacement helicopter fan drive shaft, engine drive shaft, main transmission drive shaft, and thirteen Notar fan tension/torsion straps for Mosquito Control.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
(1005144 - 54.22004)

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$38,034 sole source purchase for Aecdec Pro-strait prisoner safety seats and repair kits from Jatal Incorporated, Auburn, Washington, for the Chatham County Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: The Detention Center has a need for additional restraint chairs in the new housing units six (6), seven (7), eight (8), and nine (9), the medical unit and transport.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Aecdec Pro-strait chairs are currently in use at the Detention Center and it is advantageous to purchase the same brand and model of chair to keep consistent throughout the facility.
2. The Aecdec Pro-strait chairs currently on hand are in great need of upgrade. The base of the older chairs are more narrow allowing them to tip over easily causing an inmate safety issue. The repairs kits are to upgrade and repair the older restraint chairs already in use.
3. Jatal Incorporated, Auburn WA, quoted staff a total cost of \$ 38,034. Staff believes this cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$38,034 sole source purchase for Aecdec Pro-strait prisoner safety seats and repair kits from Jatal Incorporated, Auburn, Washington, for the Chatham County Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchase necessary security equipment in the interest of public safety.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$3,856,786 construction contract to TIC - The Industrial Company for the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp Improvements.

BACKGROUND: The project includes base, paving, storm drainage improvements, a retaining wall, new boat ramp, new floating dock, additional parking and bank stabilization/restoration with oyster bags. The invitation to bid also included construction of a new restroom and pavilion.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised. Three (3) bids were received and opened on February 26, 2014. The bid results are as follows and include construction of the restroom and pavilion:

**	Collins Construction Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$2,921,165 (Apparent low bidder)
	TIC - The Industrial Company Savannah, GA	\$4,368,786
*	Pioneer Construction Savannah, GA	Not Responsive

* MBE firm **WBE firm

2. Collins bid price for the retaining wall was more than \$350,000 below the engineer's estimate. When asked to verify the bid price for the wall, Collins notified staff the sub-contractor that provided the estimate could not perform the work and they were unable to find another contractor to build the retaining wall at the price bid. Collins subsequently requested the County reject their bid for the project. The project cannot be completed without the retaining wall.
3. Staff reviewed TIC's bid for the project and found it fair and reasonable except for price of the restroom and pavilion. TIC bid \$512,000 for the restroom and pavilion and the engineer's estimate was \$195,000. Staff recommends removing the line item for the restroom and pavilion from the project and awarding a contract to TIC for the remainder of the project in the amount of \$3,856,786. The restroom and pavilion will be constructed under a separate contract at a later date.
4. The contract time for construction is 425 calendar days.

FUNDING: •SPLOST (2008-2014) - Unincorporated County Projects - Turner's Creek
(3244220 - 57.30101 - 32470397) \$3,000,000
•CIP - Turners Creek
(3506100 - 54.14009 - 35030867) \$856,786

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$3,856,786 construction contract to TIC - The Industrial Company for the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp Improvements.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval to authorize three (3) professional services on-call contracts with a total amount not to exceed \$250,000 over a two (2) year term with various engineering companies for miscellaneous civil design related projects.

BACKGROUND: There are small projects that can be done by a variety of professional engineering companies that have demonstrated their capability to accomplish quality and timely work for the County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The contracts will be managed by task orders. Each task order will contain specific tasks with deliverables for either lump sum or not to exceed amounts (i.e., time and materials). The task orders will not exceed \$75,000 for any single project.
2. The companies listed in this report are not intended to be all inclusive of "qualified" companies. Their selection was evaluated through a quality based selection process. See matrix on page 16-19. Eleven proposals were reviewed and scored. The following firms were the highest rated from the list of proposers and are recommended to receive contract awards in the amounts indicated.

CDM Smith (NTE \$250,000)
Columbia, SC

Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung (NTE \$250,000)
Savannah, GA

Thomas & Hutton (NTE \$250,000)
Savannah, GA

FUNDING: The costs will be charged to appropriate projects budgeted in the Sales Tax I, II, III, IV, & V SPLOSTs, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Special Service District (SSD).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to authorize three (3) professional services on-call contracts with a total amount not to exceed \$250,000 over a two (2) year term with various engineering companies for miscellaneous civil design related projects.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent to award professional services to the highest scoring firms.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$182,757 Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Corizon Health Services, Inc., to provide two (2) Licensed Professional Counselors to meet the basic on-site mental health required by the Medical Associates of Georgia. The cost for years 2-5 will increase 2% annually.

BACKGROUND: At their meeting of January 17, 2014, the Board awarded an annual contract to Corizon Health Services, Inc., to provide inmate healthcare services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Medical Associates of Georgia require licensed counselors for the Detention Center to remain accredited. The licensed counselors also protect the County from liability. Previously, the County contracted with Annashae Corporation to provide a psychologist; however they were unable to provide services as required under the contract. The Detention Center will terminate this contract and utilize that funding for part of this amendment.
2. Currently, there is a vacant Counselor I position, position number 669, which will provide a savings of \$57,700. Additionally, the current contract for Psychiatric Services with Annashae Corporation has a minimum annual budget of \$65,520. The combined savings associated with eliminating one Counselor I position and discontinuing the current contract with Annashae Corporation results in a total savings of \$123,220. The remaining balance can be covered through a transfer from the Uniforms account in 1003326.
3. The addition of two (2) Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) will enable Chatham County Detention Center to meet the basic on-site Mental Health Services required by The Medical Associates of Georgia.
4. The Basic Mental Health Services include:

- Identification and referral of inmates with Mental Health need
 - Clinically screen inmates requesting medication prior to referring to Psychiatrist or Nurse Practitioner
 - Crisis Intervention Services
 - Individual counseling, group counseling, psychosocial/psycho-educational programs
 - Treatment plan documentation and follow-up
 - Prompt evaluation of suicidal inmates. An evaluation conducted by a LPC determines the level of risk, level of supervision needed, and the need for transfer to an inpatient mental health facility.
 - To provide counseling to any inmate sexually assaulted as required under the PREA standard.
5. Implementation of this program will provide continuity of care and ensure that Policy and Procedures are followed and accreditation standards are met.
 6. Staff has reviewed the proposed fees and believes that they are reasonable for the services provided.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
 (1003326 - 52.12006)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$182,757 Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Corizon Health Services, Inc., to provide two (2) Licensed Professional Counselors to meet the basic on site mental health required by the Medical Associates of Georgia. The cost for years 2-5 will increase 2% annually.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to amend existing contracts if it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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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 have no First Readers.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Chairman Scott said, there are no Second Readers.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, and there are informational items that you all can review at your leisure.

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: March 28, 2014

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Software maintenance agreement for security cameras	I.C.S.	Kintronics, Inc.	\$5,942	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Maintenance agreement for web design software	I.C.S.	Dotnetnuke Corporation	\$5,000	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
One (1) tablet computer	Engineering	Duncan-Parnell, Inc,	\$3,445	SSD-Engineering
Subscription for Ford technical training	Fleet Operations	Helm, Inc.	\$2,750	General Fund/M&O -Fleet Operations
Restroom partitions	Public Works and Park Services	Home Depot, Inc.	\$3,947	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Two (2) fleet management software licenses for Fleet Operations	I.C.S.	CCG Systems, Inc.	\$6,700	General Fund/M&O -Fleet Operations
Lumber and plywood to construct platform, stairs and walkway for modular building at Firing Range	Detention Center	Home Depot, Inc.	\$7,093	SPLOST (2008-2014) Law Enforcement Training Construction
Elevator door protection device	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Otis Elevator Company	\$6,486	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
Two (2) laptop computers for Detention Center	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$4,753	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Air flow monitoring system for medical section	Detention Center	Nelson & Company LLC	\$4,200	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Identification card printer	Detention Center	Police and Sheriff's Press, Inc.	\$9,889	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Ten (10) training firearms	Detention Center	Ed's Public Safety	\$4,540	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Tax sale advertisements for month of March	Tax Commissioner	Morris Publishing Group	\$5,310	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Mailing of tag renewals for month of March	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$5,649	General Fund/M&O -Tax Commissioner
Stormwater systems software	Engineering	Streamline Technologies, Inc.	\$3,190	SSD-Engineering
Five (5) laser jet printers for Superior Court Administrator	I.C.S.	GHA Technologies, Inc.	\$3,509	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court Administrator
One (1) commercial mower	Detention Center	Screven Outdoors	\$6,959	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
40 cases ammunition and 1000 targets	C.N.T.	Precision Delta Corporation	\$9,130	C.N.T. Confiscated Funds
Nurse/patient intercom station in medical section	Detention Center	Cornell Communications, Inc.	\$9,190	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
300 cases copy paper	Detention Center	VIP Printing & Office Supply	\$8,967	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
50 cases hydration drink	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company	\$5,717	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Lights and ballasts	Detention Center	Savannah Winlectric	\$2,635	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
100 cases multi-surface cleaner	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company	\$3,980	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Ten (10)-55 gallon drums floor cleaner	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company	\$8,400	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
1500 identification card blanks	Detention Center	Police and Sheriff's Press, Inc.	\$4,552	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) law enforcement radar system	Sheriff's	West Chatham Warning Devices, Inc.	\$4,740	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
Telecommunication racks and panels	Sheriff's	Graybar Electric, Inc.	\$3,085	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Elevator repair and code upgrade	Detention Center	Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation	\$3,324	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Telecommunication supplies for new training classroom	Detention Center	B & H Photo Video Pro Audio	\$5,547	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Liquefied petroleum gas and maintenance on radio tower sites	I.C.S.	Savannah Communication & Electronics	\$3,709	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Installation of voice mail system	I.C.S.	Integrated Network Solutions, Inc.	\$6,173	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Preventative maintenance agreement for audio visual equipment in multiple courtrooms	Superior Court Administrator	Stage Front Presentation Systems	\$4,953	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court Administrator
Oil leak repair on unit #212 - Public Works refuse collection truck	Fleet Operations	Yancey Brothers Company, Inc.	\$2,863	General Fund/M&O -Fleet Operations
Online webinars for Microsoft 2013 software	I.C.S.	Skillsets Online Corporation	\$4,900	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Telephones, wireless headsets, license and software	I.C.S.	Mitel Business Systems, Inc.	\$3,503	General Fund/M&O - Communications

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS

AGENDA DATE: March 28, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Construction substantially complete. Project open to traffic on March 14, 2014.

2. Whitefield Avenue. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Scheduled completion was October 2013. Completion unknown at this time.
3. Bay Street Widening. The GDOT authorized right of way acquisition on May 9, 2013 (in progress).
4. Jimmy Deloach Parkway, Phase 2 and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design is on-going. PIOH (Public Information Open House) for Phase 2 and a PHOH (Public Hearing Open House) for the Interchange is scheduled for January 23, 2014 at Bloomingdale City Hall. ROW authorization expected fiscal year 2014.
5. SR 307 Widening from US 17 to I-16. Construction substantially complete for section from I-16 southward to Hardin Canal. Bid opening for contract to pave remainder to US 17 held February 19, 2014.
6. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Design is underway on a high level bridge to replace the bascule bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway on Islands Expressway. ROW authorization expected fiscal year 2014. Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) scheduled for March 26, 2014.
7. Local Roads.
 - a. Hunt Drive and Faye Road Bridge Replacements. Notice to Proceed with construction issued May 1, 2013. Construction underway on Hunt Drive bridge.
 - b. Walthour Road Bridge Replacement. Pre-construction meeting held February 10, 2014. Road will be closed for construction beginning April 7, 2014. Construction completion anticipated November 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: March 28, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal. The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Construction of improvements upstream of Dean Forest Road to the west side of the airport is underway with completion scheduled for August 2014.
2. Ashley Road Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve a drainage system from the Ashley Road cul-de-sac along Wilmington Island Road to the box culvert crossing of the road. Design work and permitting are underway.
3. Gateway-Henderson Drainage Improvements. The project will improve portions of the drainage system in the northeast quadrant of I-95 and SR 204. The project includes construction of maintenance access and drainage improvements. A design work is underway.
4. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work, permitting, and acquisitions are underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road.
5. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the canal. Design of improvements along the Marshall Branch Canal is underway and includes construction of maintenance access and culvert replacements.
6. Cottonvale Road Drainage. The project will relieve drainage and maintenance access issues causing nuisance flooding in the Cottonvale Road area. Acquisition of a required easement is complete. Permits have been acquired and the bidding process is underway.

7. LaRoche Culvert. The project will replace a drainage culvert located under LaRoche Avenue north of Lansing Avenue. The culvert replacement is in response to a deteriorating brick arch culvert with several cracks. The construction contract was awarded by the Board on September 27, 2013. Work is expected to begin in January 2014 scheduled for completion by November 2014. Laroche Avenue is closed between Neva Avenue and Lansing Avenue and will remain closed for the duration of the construction period.
8. Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide access for maintenance for the Remington Canal from Ferguson Road to the outfall at Moon River. The outfall passes through the Winterberry private development. Design work is underway.
9. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. A project to replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch is underway. Acquisitions of required easements are complete. Final design work and permitting are underway.
10. Little Hurst Canal. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance along the canal. A design scope of work is under development.
11. Hampton Place Drainage Improvements. The project will improve the drainage system within Hampton Place Subdivision on Quacco Road by routing a portion of the stormwater into an existing canal located on the west side of Quacco Road. Acquisition of a required easement, design work and coordination with the City of Pooler are underway.
12. Willow Lakes Drainage Improvements. The project will relieve internal drainage issues within the Willow Lakes subdivision. The project will increase the storage capacity of the pond by lowering the existing water elevation. A design work is underway.
13. Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvements. The project will relocate a drainage feature on private property into the County right-of-way, with outfall to a channel in an acquired easement. Design work is underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, is anything else to come before the Commission? If not I'll entertain a motion for executive session.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. All right. We are now headed into Executive Session.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

The Board recessed at approximately 11:30 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was 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 12:50 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2014.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION