

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 23, 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 9:45 a.m. on Friday, May 23, 2014.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome to Chatham County Commission meeting. At this time I will ask that everybody be seated. I ask that you be seated until such time when our devotional leader indicates that it's time for prayer. If you would stand at that time and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. We would appreciate it. If you have cell phones we ask that you please cut them off or put them on vibrate at this time please. It's a pleasure for us to have with us this morning Pastor Alton Carter. He's the pastor of the Coastal Cathedral. If you don't know where that's at, that's in the Berwick area. And I'm delighted that he has agreed to come and serve as our devotional leader. And at this time I recognize Pastor Alton Carter for the purpose of leading us in devotion.

Pastor Alton Carter said, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Pastor Carter said, let me say first of all what an honor and a privilege it is to be here. I'm always very grateful and also very humbled when I'm given an opportunity to share with those that choose to lead us and serve us. I don't believe in chance encounters. That being said, as I was thinking about coming today, I wanted to share an encounter that I had several years ago. I encountered a young man named Mike who was telling his story of whenever he was a boy. He said I was swimming in the lake and I was waiting on my mom to have lunch ready, and she came out to the porch and she called for him to come up and he didn't come, and so she said well maybe he can't hear me, so she approached closer, and she called again, and he still didn't come. And so she walked all the way down to the lakeside where she saw him thrashing about, hands in the air, moving around, and her immediate thought is, you know, my son's drowning, so she jumps into the water, gets to where he is. She grabs him by the arms, and she pulls him, and then something pulls back, and she realizes that there's a -- a large alligator attached to the feet of her son. He wasn't drowning, he was being eaten. So she continued to pull, and she continued to pull. She dug her feet in the mud, and she dug her fingers into his wrists, and eventually, she pulled him free. He was carried to the hospital where he had numerous surgeries. Ligaments and tendons were re-attached. Years of rehab and surgeries, and thousands upon thousands of stitches, but Mike later on became a high school athlete. He played football; he ran track; he did all of these things, and in my encounter with him through FCA and things like that, I remember somebody in the group as he was telling the story, they said, can I see your legs, and so, he said, sure, and he pulls up his pants legs and there were no scars. After surgeries and years of rehab and thousands of stitches, there were no scars left, and I remember remarking to him, I said, that's amazing, that you went through all that, and you have no scars. He said, oh, I have scars, and then he pulled up his sleeves, and all of his scars were -- were -- were on his arms where his mother grabbed him, and said, I will not let you have my son. You cannot take him.

Pastor Carter said, that was a pivotal moment in my life. It changed the way I thought about everything. Are there really any chance encounters? I believe that God allows people to come in and out of our lives every day, and we need to choose who we're going to grab a hold to, and who we're going to hang on to, and who we'll never let go to. I often wonder if -- if one day somebody will stand on a platform, and they'll have a story of success, and when people ask them how did you make it? How did you get here? If they'll show the scars that I left on them when I said I won't let you go. I encourage everybody in this room to always be mindful of every opportunity, every encounter that you have to speak into somebody's life, to share with somebody, to touch somebody. Always leave a mark on everybody that you speak to. Leave an impression with everybody that you encounter. Never waste a breath, never waste a minute. Again, I'm so thankful to be able to be here with you today. I'm thankful for the scars in my life where people refused to let me go. It's -- the ladies and gentlemen that I stand before today, I'm sure that if you look back and reflect, you can remember a time when somebody touched you and somebody affected you and somebody made an impact on you. My prayer this morning is also that as you lead us, and it is not an easy job. I do not envy your position, nor do I envy your task, and I challenge anybody that would be critical of you until they've had to sit in the chair that you sit in. I applaud you. Thank you for everything that you do for Chatham County. Thank you for serving. I'm sure that you're often criticized about what you didn't do because somebody didn't agree with your choice, but they weren't in that seat, and they didn't have to make that choice. Thank you for leaving a mark on us. Don't give

up on us. Changes, challenges, lead us where we need to go. With that being said, let's all stand together, and let's have a word of prayer.

Pastor Carter gave the invocation as follows:

Father, we're so thankful to be able to gather today in -- in what is truly the land of the free and the home of the brave. We thank you for these men and women that stand before us that you've given us to lead us. Speak to us again. Show us your plan, your will, your design, and your desire. Instruct us; inspire us; press us into our destinies. And Father we pray blessings upon this Commission, every man and every woman, God, that your hand will be upon them. That your face would smile upon them. That you would give them favor. And we pray all of this in your name. Amen.

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

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Scott said, we'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Pro Tem Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, on this Memorial Day.

Commissioner Stone 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, Pastor, we are not allowed to compensate you, but I did want to give you just a Certificate of Appreciation. Thank you so much for being here, and I look forward to worshipping with you soon.

Pastor Carter said, thank you very much. [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: Lee Smith, County Manager
- R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
- Janice Bocook, County Clerk

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

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

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor to introduce to you those serving today from the Chatham County Youth Commission. Mohammad Abdallah, he is a student at -- attending Woodville-Tompkins, and we're very delighted also that he is a state

officer of Georgia of DECA. He does a great job for us. Cordell Woods, he's a -- a student at Benedictine Military School, and Tanardjah Washington, from Savannah Early College. We're delighted to have them with us today.

Chairman Scott said, thank you all for being here. Welcome.

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SPECIAL INTRODUCTION

Chairman Scott said, at this time for those who are perhaps not present in the Commission room, and even for those who are present in the Commission room, as well as those who may be viewing, I want at this time to introduce our new County Manager, William Lee Smith. Lee, would you just stand and just say -- and just say hello to everybody. For those of you who don't know, this is his first official Commission meeting. He's been with us now for two weeks --

County Manager Lee Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, -- and we welcome you, Lee --

County Manager Smith said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, -- and -- and look forward to great things.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. I do also. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, very good.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1. RECOGNITION OF RETIRED SAVANNAH POLICE LT. JOHN WHITE WHO HAS BEEN NAMED BY THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AS "HONORARY POLICE CHIEF" FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2014 THROUGH MAY 23, 2014.**

Chairman Scott said, the next item is a -- a -- really an item of celebration, and we wanted to recognize the service of the very first person of color that was hired by then the Savannah Police Department, now the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department, and that is Lieutenant John White, and he was named by the Savannah -- Savannah City Council and by the Metropolitan Police Department as the honorary chief for the week of May 16th through May 23rd, and we are delighted to have Lieutenant White with us this morning, and I invite members of the Commission who -- who care to join me, I'm going to go down and present Lieutenant White with a proclamation, as well as a medallion as the outstanding citizen of Chatham County award, and at this time, those who care to join me.

Chairman Scott said, Chief. And this a -- this is a terrific honor.

Chairman Scott read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, Chatham County is honored to have dedicated and professional law enforcement officers who place their lives in jeopardy and give 110 percent to ensure the safety of the lives and property of our citizens, and today we express our pride and appreciation to Honorary Police Chief, Retired Lt. John A. White;

and

WHEREAS, Honorary Police Chief White was wrapping up a tour as one of the first contemporary U.S. Marines when his mother submitted his name to become one of the first black officers for the City of Savannah Police Department. In May 1947, he along with eight others became the first African American police officers sworn in by the City of Savannah and became known as the Original Nine; and

WHEREAS, Honorary Chief White, the last member of the Original Nine, served our citizens for 38 years and received numerous local and national awards and recognitions. He received an award from former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover for arresting a serial killer and was honored by former President Ronald Reagan in 1984. In 2012, he received a Congressional Gold Medal for his historic service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. Scott Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 23, 2014 as:

HONORARY POLICE CHIEF JOHN A. WHITE DAY

in Chatham County for not only being one of the first black officers in the City of Savannah, but in the State of Georgia and extend grateful appreciation for paving the way for others to follow.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia, to be affixed this the 23rd day of May 2014.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, what an honor. What an honor. And at this time with great pride I present you with this proclamation. In addition to this proclamation, I know you have a lot around your neck, but I want to present to you Chatham County outstanding citizen's award. [Applause.] And -- and Chief, I -- I will invite you to -- for comments, and then I'm sure many members of this Commission will have comments following your remarks.

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to say to Chief for today, you may not remember, but you did a lot for me as I was coming along, and one of my cousin, I don't know whether you remember, Mr. Leroy Wilson?

Honorary Chief John White said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Thomas said, that was one of -- a member of my family, and I just want you to know that I was a young girl at that time, and I met you, and you told me to hang in there, everything was going to be all right, and everything was okay. So thank you so very much for having been there for me too. Okay?

Chief White said, all right.

Commissioner Thomas said, and we are so proud of you.

Chairman Scott said, Chief, you care to make any remarks?

Chief White said, good evening everyone. I am proud to receive this honor today having been -- received an honor from the United States government, now the City of Savannah, which accumulate all of my life of -- of the service that I have done. I am proud to have been one of the first black Marines in America. I'm also proud to be the first black police officer in the State of Georgia, and to be able to serve this community with distinction. I thank you for allowing me to be your -- in your -- in your presence today. Amen. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you Chief White.

Commissioner Thomas said, good job.

Chairman Scott said, any members of the Commission have any further comments? I recognize the Commissioner from the 2nd District, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, congratulation Mr. White. This is of course James Holmes. I know you see me. I know you heard me. Let me have a few words with you. Sometime ago when I met you you was walking through the boy of Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club. You came to a Christmas party when I was a little boy picking up some gift, and I remember you saying something to the kids at Frank Callen and the staff that if you want to get where you was at, stay in touch with Frank Callen. Well, here's one of them little boys, one of your

products that came through the doors just like you at Frank Callen to serve the citizen of Savannah. Congratulation, Chief, and enjoy your moment. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th District for the purpose of making remarks.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Chief White, we congratulate you this morning for your accomplishments, and your hard work, your sojourn, or your journey. I know it hasn't been easy, and we honor and respect you because your -- on your shoulders we stand today and all the other officers that are coming behind you, if they follow that example, I'm quite sure that they will be all right. And we thank you. In honoring you, we honor the best of ourselves. Thank you very much, sir. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District for the purpose of making remarks.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to congratulate you, sir, and let you know I'm truly honored to meet a man of such bravery. You -- wow, first, I believe you just said, black police officer in Georgia, as well as the City of Savannah. You're a man that was willing to, and I'm sure you walked through some fires of hell to get -- get to where we are today, and I'm truly appreciative, and I admire and respect to meet someone as brave as you are, sir. So, congratulations to you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, Chief, thank you, and I think we ought to make this an annual event, so we look forward to seeing you here next year this time. Congratulations.

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2. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN WILLIAM (BILLY) JAMERSON, III.

Chairman Scott said, moving on with the agenda, Item 2, I recognize our Vice Chair for the purpose of presenting a proclamation to Dr. John William, everybody knows as Billy, Jamerson, III.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, is he here?

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't see him.

Chairman Scott said, yes, he's -- he's in the back.

Commissioner Thomas said, he's back there?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, Dr. Jamerson?

Chairman Scott said, he's here.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh. Okay. He's -- he's hiding.

Dr. Billy Jamerson said, I've lost some weight.

Commissioner Thomas said, I'm going to ask the Chairman to join me, please. This is truly a great honor for me to make this presentation of this proclamation to a very fine man who has done so much in our city and our county, and I did not want the work that he has done to go unnoticed, and so today, I'm very honored to read this proclamation on behalf of the Chatham County Commission, as well as all of the citizens of Chatham County. And the proclamation reads as follows.

Commissioner Thomas read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, Chatham County is fortunate to have among its citizenry individuals that will go the extra mile to ensure the success of organizations, and in that we regard we salute with great pride, Dr. John William (Billy) Jamerson, III; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Savannah High School and Savannah State College, he continued his education and graduated in 1980 from Howard University's College of Dentistry with a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. After securing his Georgia Dental License, he joined his father in one of the longest continuous dental practices in the south which was begun by his grandfather, Dr. J. W. Jamerson, Sr. In 1905. This Savannah dental practice was begun by his grandfather Dr. J. W. Jamerson, Sr. in 1905; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jamerson authored professional articles in "**ACTION**" the "**Official Journal of the Georgia Dental Association**" and a chapter in "**SESQUICENTENNIAL**" **A History of the Georgia Dental Association (GDA) 1859 – 2009.**" The GDA is Georgia's leading organization of Dentists with over 3000 statewide members. He was State Chairman of the GDA's Awards Committee at the discretion of three Presidents; and

WHEREAS, between 2007- 2013, Dr. Jamerson joined the Board of Directors of the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, Inc. serving as Board Chairman from 2008 - 2013. During his tenure, the museum was officially designated by the Georgia State Legislature as "**Georgia's Official Historic Civil Rights Museum.**"

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

DR. JOHN WILLIAM (BILLY) JAMERSON, III

for his unselfish dedication in serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, Inc. and express heartfelt appreciation for a job well done.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 23rd day of May 2014.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Commissioner Thomas said, and we salute you and thank you so much. [Applause.] This man -- this man gave so much of his time and -- and of his service to this museum, and to this day we are hoping and praying that we will be able to continue your legacy.

Dr. Jamerson, said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, would you like to make some comments?

Dr. Jamerson said, yes. I'd just like to say welcome, Mr. Smith. I see you're a third too, and I hope you don't have the problems I do. I -- that's why I like to go by Billy because it's so much easier. And I also want to salute Captain -- Lieutenant White because Lieutenant White is one of the reasons why I work so hard at the civil rights museum because accolades like that for what this man has done actually came -- they had its foundation in Ralph Mark Gilbert, who was the -- the undeniable leader of Savannah civil rights movement. Through his actions, political actions, he was able to establish a political base that got John Kennedy elected as Mayor of Savannah, and as he was elected Mayor of Savannah, that Mayor had something in turn that therefore he supported black officers on the police department. So, little facts like that would not be known had it not been for a civil rights museum. I embrace that museum with 100 percent of my -- my -- my tenacity and wanted to do -- do everything I could to make sure it was successful, and this Commission stood by us day and night. Had it not been for this Commission and even Commissioners who are not here, like Deannie Frazier, had it not been for them, we would not be here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

Dr. Jamerson said, so we would not have been able to become Georgia's official historic Civil Rights museum. So for that, all the Commissioners, I thank you dearly. I thank my coach from Crawford Square who -- who made sure that I had some hard licks on that clay as I played football for him, and just like Lieutenant White influenced him, he has influenced me. I hope I've influenced others. Thank you so much for this high accolade. [Applause.]

Commissioner Holmes said, Dr. Jamerson?

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 2nd District.

Commissioner Holmes said, I -- I -- I -- I -- I must say something to you in regards to the statement you just made. To my former football player --

Dr. Jamerson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, Billy.

Dr. Jamerson said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, to my dentist, Dr. Jamerson.

Dr. Jamerson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, and to my dear friend, congratulation on the work that you have done, what you are doing, and I must say, Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club was well representative here today with a lot of congratulation and a lot of work that we have done. I cannot sit here -- I need to let everybody know, and I should have done it when Dr. White -- Mr. White was here. The young lady who presented that to Mr. White, is also a girls clubber. She's a member of the alumni association, and she also, Billy, came through the boys club like you, and that is Chief Tolbert. So we are well-represented here. Mr. Enoch, let the Board know at the Boys and Girls Club we are well representative. Thank you, Billy. Keep the good work up. [Applause.]

Dr. Jamerson said, thank you so much. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, that's -- that's quite a recognition when you consider that someone family has been in practice since 1905.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

Chairman Scott said, and I -- I happen to have known his father quite well, and he was quite involved in everything progressive in -- in this City and County, and thank you, Billy, for your continuing following what I consider in your father's footsteps. Commissioner Mohammad.

Youth Commissioner Mohammad Abdallah said, I'd like to congratulate -- on behalf of the Youth Commission I would like to congratulate Dr. William Billy Jamerson, III.

Chairman Scott said, pull the mike a little.

Youth Commissioner Abdallah said, yes, sir. On behalf of the Youth Commission I would like to thank Dr. John William Billy Jamerson, III for all you do for Savannah, and even though I'm still young, and I never knew what he really did, I hear great stories and great recognition for him. So I'd like to congratulate him.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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3. RECOGNITION OF BETHESDA ACADEMY'S CHESS TEAM.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Next I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District, Commissioner Kicklighter, for the purpose of reading a proclamation, and then I will join him, in -- in making presentation to a group of accomplished kids at Bethesda. Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am honored to stand here this morning and be able to present this, and I appreciate you allowing me to read it. It's my honor to present this to this wonderful school, these great students, and you know, this school, actually is the -- it was founded in 1740, and it's the oldest child-caring institution in the country, and their mission has never changed. Although it was once known for being a boys' home, it's now one of the finest private schools teaching middle and high school young men that we have around today, and it's my honor to read this and present this today. I'm going to -- at this point I will tell you that when put on the agenda, the person I'll introduce to bring up here, and then have her bring everyone with them, she was the admissions director, but I will introduce all of you and call her up. My wife is now the principal of Bethesda Academy. Ms. Megan Kicklighter, I'd like to call her up, as well as all of the students and -- and the staff at the school. I will read the proclamation, and then, for every student, we have a identical proclamation, which you will receive with your name in here. The Chairman will help me hand it out.

Commissioner Kicklighter read the proclamation as follows:



The County of Chatham
Georgia
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Bethesda Academy, founded in 1740 by Rev. George Whitefield, has the distinction of being the oldest child caring institution in the country and was visited by many of the country's founding fathers, and found one of its earliest supporters in Benjamin Franklin; and

WHEREAS, chess originated from the two-player Indian war game, Chatarung, which dates back to 600 A.D. American chess was happened upon by founding father and chess enthusiast Benjamin Franklin, who in 1750 penned "The Morals of Chess," an article that praised the social and intellectual development that chess inspires; and

WHEREAS, on April 4-6, 2014, Bethesda Academy Chess Team participated in the United States Chess Federation National Chess Tournament in San Diego, California where four team members in the under 1200 ratings placed 13th in the nation, seven team members in the under 800 ratings placed 9th in the nation and one team member placed 28th in the nation out of 221 players in the under 1200 ratings.

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

BETHESDA ACADEMY CHESS TEAM

for these very impressive wins and extend best wishes for continued success as they pursue the game of chess and all future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 9th day of May 2014.

ATTEST:

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Commissioner Kicklighter said, congratulations. I will present that.

Ms. Megan Kicklighter said, I appreciate that very much. [Applause.]

Commissioner Kicklighter said, out of a courtesy to you young men, I will not shake your hand, 'cause as you can hear, I have a cold, and I do not want you all to miss any school this week. So.

Ms. Kicklighter said, well, they're done.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Ms. Kicklighter said, they're done. So.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, good. Would you like to present the names --

Ms. Kicklighter said, sure.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and the Chairman and I will --

Ms. Kicklighter said, sure. Absolutely. Sure. Sure. Okay. Great. All right. I didn't know we were going to do this one by one or I would have had y'all line up. This is for Chance Carroll.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, this is the Chairman.

Ms. Kicklighter, Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, congratulations.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll do a fist pump.

Ms. Kicklighter said, this is our last day of school, so these boys showing up today we're real -- just real happy about that. Antonio Dukes is here with us. Nicholas Brown. Jonah Eckmann. Donte Perry. Kearston Berksteiner. Tyler Gregory, and last but certainly not least, Mr. Khalief Kelly. I'd like to also present to you the two staff members that actually make this happen, Ms. Althea Clark, and Ms. Annette -- and Ms. Annette Young. They -- they are the ones -- the -- the force that actually makes this happen at our school, so I want to present these -- to them. [Applause.]

Commissioner Center said, ma'am?

Commissioner Thomas said, yes, before they leave -- before you sit down, Mrs. Kicklighter, and to the staff, and to the young people, we are so proud of you. It makes me proud to sit here, and I am just like in awe feeling so good knowing that yes we have young people that are doing great things. All of our young people are not doing things that they should not be doing, so you are a great example of what else is to come. So we want to encourage others to do as well. Again, thank you so very much. We are very proud of you, and I'm going to be talking a lot about you as well. Okay?

Ms. Kicklighter said, thank you, Commissioner Thomas. I would also like to say if -- just for a brief moment that the -- the collection of boys you see in front of you, obviously wonderful chess players or they wouldn't have gone where they went, but these are also students who excel in school.

Commissioner Thomas said, great.

Ms. Kicklighter said, these are student athletes, and this is just another addition to what they do during the day, and I will tell you, all of our boys walk in with very -- I mean they just come to school with very little chess knowledge, but when they come, we -- it's -- it's that time involved in getting them and developing that passion. So it's some during the school day, but as -- there's a very large collection of boys that actually with their parents' help go to the Jepson on Sunday afternoons and play, and they find other opportunities to play within -- within our city and within our county, so they put a lot of time and effort, you know, into doing that. Of course we have -- the parents of some of these boys are here today, so I would like for them to stand up 'cause without them we would have never made it to San Diego. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, yes. Exactly.

Ms. Kicklighter said, the wonderful Bethesda Alumni actually helped us in getting there as well, so I wanted to -- to thank them. Also would like to -- we actually have a couple of our Bethesda Board members here today. Mr. Michael Kaigler, we appreciate you lending him to us.

Commissioner Thomas said, great.

Ms. Kicklighter said, as a Board member and also Ms. Maggie Gill, I saw her here, so I'd also like to thank them for their ongoing support as well. And again to you County Commissioners, I appreciate the -- the minute of recognition for these young men, and I felt that it was something that was deserved because it was something that not everyone else does in their daily life as young men, and I think it was a perfect example of something that needed to be recognized.

Commissioner Thomas said, very good.

Ms. Kicklighter said, so I appreciate your time this morning.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and now I recognize Commissioner Center from the 3rd District for some comments.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh no.

Commissioner Center said, yeah, well I want to thank Commissioner Kicklighter for bringing this forward and congratulate all of you on your success. I've played chess a long time. I -- I kind of stopped because it gets so intense mentally. I know when you compete thinking step and steps and steps ahead. I invite you to come down to Ellis Square on that big chess board outside and show us your talents, and please explain to my colleague, Commissioner Kicklighter, that little horsey thing is called a rook.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you got it I know. That's why I'm so impressed. I know nothing about chess. So, you know.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 5th District, Commissioner Shabazz for comments.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Good morning. Good morning, and I honor and respect your -- your accomplishments and congratulations. Also, I'd like to congratulate and thank Mrs. Kicklighter for your leadership, along with your staff, and the young scholars that you're producing there. It's -- it's just great to see like my colleague from the 8th District said that all young men are not doing things that are mischievous, and this is something that's productive. And I'd also like to thank the parents for supporting them.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and those who are here today because when we take an active role in our children's live, they are much more successful. And thank you once again for your dedication and obedience to this team. Thank you.

Ms. Kicklighter said, thank you very much. Thank you, Commissioner. I appreciate it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Ms. Kicklighter said, and I was -- I did make a mistake, it was not Donte Perry, it was Donte Curry. And I -- I apologize. I have another student with Donte Perry, and I'm sorry about that. I wanted to recognize Tyler Gregory. Tyler could you step forward and just -- and Tyler was the player who ranked 28th in the nation in the under 1200 division with the [Applause] -- yeah, out of 221 players. I wanted to especially recognize him. Thank you very much. We appreciate your time. Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Thomas said, good job. Very good. Very good.

Chairman Scott said, again, thank you all for being here.

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4. MEMORIAL HEALTH UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ANNUAL UPDATE PRESENTED BY MAGGIE GILL, CEO: HARRY HASLAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE MEMORIAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND DON WATERS, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

Chairman Scott said, at this time, Item 4. We will recognize Memorial Health University Hospital for their annual update, and at this time I will recognize the Chief Executive Officer of that facility, Ms. -- Mrs. Maggie Gill.

Ms. Maggie Gill said, good morning, and I think Don [Waters] has a few opening remarks.

Mr. Don Waters said, thank you very much, and before we do speak about Memorial, I have to add my congratulations to Billy because I'm very proud to say he's a member of the Board of Advisors of my company because we're in the dental business, but I'm quite proud of Dr. Jamerson and his contribution to the success of our business. I'm here before you today as the Chairman of the Chatham County Hospital Authority, and today we're presenting a collaborative report showing shared responsibility among the Hospital Authority, the Board of Memorial, and it's staff, and with the support of Memorial Board that's led by Harry Haslam, CPA, and also I'm pleased to turn the presentation over now to our CEO, Ms. Maggie Gill, who has led the institution through a very difficult economy and a -- amount of tremendous change in health care. So Maggie.

Ms. Gill said, thank you Don. And it's a pleasure to be here this morning. I said it feels like old home week because we were here, Memorial was here for many, many months a couple of years ago, and so I'm here to give you an annual update and also share some of the great products that have come out of the good work and the support of the Chatham County Commission. Let me start by just talking about where we focused in 2013, and after two years of sustained turn around, we launched a five-year strategic plan in February of 2013, and we focused on quality and safety, reaffirming our mission, which, Memorial was founded for the -- as a living memorial to those who gave their life for our country, and so this particular weekend holds a special place in our heart, and we recognize all those who were -- who -- who -- who serve our country, all those men and women who day and night protect us, and -- and so we want to make sure that we remember who we are and where we came from.

Ms. Gill said, we launched a new campaign of experience excellence, and from that a new vision statement that we will be the healthcare system of choice by demonstrating excellence in everything we do. And so I want to share some accomplishments from the first year of our strategic plan, lay out a little bit of the priorities going forward with the first goal being, providing safe, reliable, and patient/family-centered care, and that's really -- that's our number one goal. That's what we do. Last year we had a very successful joint commission survey. It happens about every two years. It is the national accrediting body for hospitals. We're also the only hospital in the region that is -- has Joint Commission accreditations for certain specialty services, including joint replacement, spine, and stroke. We also continued our excellent safety record and made top box medicare quality rankings in -- in some key areas.

Ms. Gill said, we also, by U.S. News and Reports -- World Reports was ranked number five in the state and the highest in our region and had ten high performing specialties that were recognized, as well as receiving

accreditation with commendation and outstanding achievement awards for our Anderson Cancer Institute, and again, we're the only one of three in the state and the only in the region to achieve such an award. And these awards are important because they validate the good work that our team does.

Ms. Gill said, we decided to place an extra emphasis on service. We know we have a responsibility to provide high quality care. We also have responsibility to provide high touch service, and so we have established an executive committee, and we are involving patients and their families in decision-making around how we interact, how we schedule, how we treat, how we communicate so that we can make sure that we are addressing not only the clinical side but the human side of care. As an example we have established a rounder -- rounding ambassador program where we have people who will come and just check on our patients and make sure their needs are taken care of. You don't want to have to depend on a call light to make sure that you're receiving the high touch care that we think our patients deserve.

Ms. Gill said, wellness. So we have a responsibility not only to treat injury and illness but to promote wellness and health in our community, and so we've really put a lot of emphasis on our childhood wellness program, and Gulfstream has been a good supporter of that. Last year we went into our school cafeterias and changed -- trained school cafeteria managers on health eating and healthy lifestyles for children. We're also the sponsor for Safe Kids Savannah, and so we teach safety in boating safety and bike safety, wearing your helmets, wearing your seatbelt, those kind of things. We're also moving into population health, and what that means is -- is that we are willing to invest resources to help our patients take better care of themselves. As an example, we have a patient-centered medical home with our family medicine practice, so we have a partnership with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. We have hired care coordinators to help diabetics take care of themselves, manage their A1Cs and make sure they're not coming to the hospital unnecessarily.

Ms. Gill said, being the employer of choice. That's important for us. We are a large employer, one of the largest in the region, and we have a -- a tremendous resource in our team, so we have -- we have placed a strong emphasis on succession -- succession planning -- say that three times, succession planning and internal promotions into leadership positions. This year alone we've created 63 new jobs because we've been able to grow our patient services, and we also have a program called Healthy for Life which is a wellness program for our team members. Creating a regional integrated network. So this is important because we need to make sure that as people are receiving care that we are communicating with their care givers wherever they are, that we're breaking down the barriers and the redundancies in health care to create a more efficient system.

Ms. Gill said, in late 2012 we announced a strategic partnership with Novant Health in North Carolina. By working together, so far we have been able to achieve about \$6 million in savings by leveraging economies of scale and sharing best practices. We also in December of last year announced a partnership to build a free-standing children's hospital. Actually, we're not building it, we're moving it to our existing rehabilitation services building and finding a new home for those great services that we provide. But we are very excited about this. We believe that Savannah and the region needs a dedicated children's hospital, and so we're growing to be able to -- to meet that need. As you can see on the presentation, 69,000 pediatric visits in 20 -- 2013. And here's a picture of what it's going to look like.

Ms. Gill said, our audit results were published, and you may have seen the article in this morning's Savannah Morning News. We have had our third good year in a row which is always -- always important for everyone. It is getting tougher though. The Affordable Care Act has not made it easier on -- on hospitals, and so we are experiencing some pretty significant decreased funding, and so we're working very hard to be able to accommodate that. In 2013 the important thing for you to know is that our net assets, which is the value -- the value of Memorial went up \$6.7 million or 3.6 percent and our total patient volumes have continued to grow. Our patients are sicker, and the demands continue to -- to exceed our current capacity, so the timing of refinancing our bonds and really investing in our infrastructure, which I'll go into, is very important.

Ms. Gill said, advancing our educational mission. You probably know that we have a partnership with Mercer School of Medicine, and we have a four-year medical school on our campus. We graduated our first four-year class in 2012, and we are in the process of expanding what is currently the Hoskins Building on the -- it's sort of the backside of campus, the southside of campus, into the permanent home for the four-year medical school. And so what you see on this slide is a picture of what that building will look like. So Mercer and Memorial are joint-venturing the building and Mercer will make a substantial investment in building out the building, and we will have a beautiful home for our four-year medical school on campus which very much compliments Memorial's residency programs. You probably know we have six physician residency programs, heavily focused in primary care, which is certainly a need in our region, and we have grown our residents up to 141, and you should know that we are only funded for 91. So 50 residents we pay for out of operating income because we still believe in our mission that we were founded for the purpose of bringing medical education to this region, and that we are under served and we need to continue to support growth in physician services.

Ms. Gill said, investing in our infrastructure. So we've done a whole lot since we closed on that bond refinance in May of 2012. We have broken ground on our emergency department and -- and trauma expansion. We are fortunate that Mr. Greg Parker has added to -- to that and gave us a significant gift of \$1 million, and so that's a two-year project, and we will grow to 74 treatment areas, and essentially double our current capacity. So, about the first part of 2016 we should be open, and you may have seen in the newspaper last Sunday we published a picture of what that will look like going forward. So we're very excited about that. Very much -- very much needed. We're also expanding the number of beds that we have, adding 32 beds in our heart and

vascular tower. We're happy that those will be opened by the end of this year or the first of 2015, and that -- that is also very, very much needed. We're expanding our surgical capabilities by adding four out-patient surgery operating rooms. We've begun that, and so many of these construction projects -- projects will all come to fruition about the same time.

Ms. Gill said, and lastly our community benefit. So we're a not for profit. We're here to serve the community, and this is a -- a snap shot of what is shown on our 990 form, and that is our community benefit, excluding bad debt. Bad debt is our -- our amounts that are patient responsibility that don't get paid. Excluding those bad debt numbers our community benefit is \$61 million, which far exceeds our tax exempt status, and if you were to add in bad debt, it would be closer to \$100 million. So we provide the lions share of charity care for the community, which you know. We also provide support to the Safety Net and other community health organizations. We subsidize services that the community needs that don't necessarily pay for themselves, and we support our educational mission. So I'm going to now ask Mr. Haslam to come up here, Harry, to give some closing remarks, and I just want to share my personal thank you for your support, and we look forward to coming before you next year and sharing some additional good news.

Mr. Harry Haslam said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Mr. Haslam said, as chair of the Board I can tell you that the senior management has 100 percent of the confidence of our Board as we appreciate what they do and -- and all the team members at Memorial. We are particularly appreciative to this County Commission for their guarantee of our bonds, which has allowed us to do a lot of the programs that Maggie just went through, and also your stellar appointments to the Authority who four of them are now on the Hospital Board, and they are all very active Board members and we appreciate their presence. So thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, you're welcome.

Ms. Gill said, happy to take any questions anyone might have.

Chairman Scott said, I have Commissioner Holmes from the 2nd and then we have members of our Youth Commission.

Ms. Gill said, oh, wonderful.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Washington and Commissioner Woods would like to ask you questions.

Commissioner Holmes said, good report, Maggie.

Ms. Gill said, thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, very, very much appreciate it.

Ms. Gill said, thank you, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, a couple of questions I want to ask. The wellness program that you have, do you have the data on how many youth you have served and how do you serve them? In what area?

Ms. Gill said, yes -- don't ask me to say numbers right now.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Ms. Gill said, but -- because I don't have them -- yes, we -- we do have that data. We actually have a team member who is fully dedicated to childhood wellness, and actually I met with their team just a few weeks ago, so in terms of how -- how -- how we reach people, so as I mentioned, through the public school system, we try to reach people by educating people who the -- in the cafeteria and the people who work in the cafeteria. We also have -- provide dietician services to the public schools because the public schools don't have access to a dietician in every school. And so by trying to leverage the resources we have, we are trying to reach as many children as we can. And Safe Kids, which is -- I consider also wellness because it's injury prevention. So we -- we hosted and -- and participate in many outreach events. Like one last year that was at Tybee where we focused on boating safety, and we had hundreds of kids who showed up there that morning and learned about boating safety and swimming safety and things like that. So, we try to use as many connections and events as possible to reach as many children as possible. And we're going to continue to grow that. We think that -- that childhood wellness and -- and health is important.

Commissioner Holmes said, that's great -- it's -- it's -- I agree with you. Now, the -- the 63 new jobs that you created.

Ms. Gill said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, what level of work was the employee was that?

Ms. Gill said, those were -- are mostly clinical physicians and patient care people who are involved in patient care. Our overall patient volume numbers have grown right about 3 percent over the past two years, so year after year, so cumulative of about 6 percent, and so we have added the necessary resources that we need to take care of patients.

Commissioner Holmes said, thanks, Maggie.

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner Shabazz of the 5th District, then our Vice Chair, but before we get to them, I want to entertain at least one question from our Youth Commission, Washington, and then we'll hear from Commissioner Shabazz, and then we'll hear from our Youth Commissioner Woods.

Youth Commissioner Tanardjah Washington said, my question is roughly how many people receive the population health services?

Ms. Gill said, oh, that's a great question. And I -- I don't have that -- I -- I don't know the exact number of patients. I can tell you this, that our -- our family medicine practice serves literally thousands of patients in our region, and they are certified patient-centered medical home. I can't tell you what percentage of those have diabetes, but I can tell you that diabetes is prevalent in our community and in our region and -- and just in our general geography. Our goal is to make all of Memorial's primary care practices patient care medical home certified within the next 18 months. So we're taking what we're doing in one practice and that population of diabetics that we treat, and we're in the process of expanding that so that we can serve more.

Youth Commissioner Washington said, okay.

Ms. Gill said, thank you. Great question.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Do you have a wellness center at the -- and is it a center that's -- that accommodates exercise and fitness and stuff like that?

Ms. Gill said, we have a fabulous gym and wellness center. It's on the third floor of the building that is known as the Center for Advanced Medicine. So where we have a lot of our out patient diagnostic, we have classes, we have a gym, we have wellness coaches, health coaches, people who can help with -- with diet planning, so -- and we have it all in one location.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Ms. Gill said, and that's free to employees.

Commissioner Shabazz said, oh, it's free to employees. Is it free to the general public?

Ms. Gill said, team members.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what about the general public? Can they come?

Ms. Gill said, and -- and -- yes, they can.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Ms. Gill said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and another thing, do you have anything -- do you have the go strong program there?

Ms. Gill said, the -- I'm sorry, the what?

Commissioner Shabazz said, go strong program?

Ms. Gill said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you have go strong?

Ms. Gill said, golf strong?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah, like a diabetes management type.

Ms. Gill said, yes, we do. Yes, we do.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. You have that?

Ms. Gill said, that's what I was just -- just describing in -- in our patient-centered medical home with family medicine, yes. So we have a program that helps manage chronic dia -- diabetics. So we do it two different ways. So our team members can engage through our wellness center to help manage their diabetes or their hypertension or any other chronic issues that they may have. Through our physician practice group, we help manage those patients in the community, and so we're doing it right now with our family medicine group, and we're in the process of expanding it through all of our primary care groups. So we have actually hired six care coordinators and those care coordinators will reach out to patients and help them manage their A1Cs, help them get the right education, and help them manage their chronic disease so that they don't become acute. They stay healthier and they don't end up back in our emergency department.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you, ma'am.

Ms. Gill said, thank you. Mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Let -- let me hear from Youth Commissioner Woods and then our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas.

Youth Commissioner Cordell Woods said, hello. When you was talking about the Memorial and Mercer, like the residence -- residency program.

Ms. Gill said, yes.

Youth Commissioner Woods said, I would like to know what that is.

Ms. Gill said, okay. So, you go from medical school to a physician residency program. So four years of medical school, after you get a undergraduate degree, and those four years can be done on Memorial's campus through Mercer School of Medicine. Once you complete your medical school training, and I see you're writing this down. This is -- this is good, then you move into a physician residency program and that's where you choose your speciality. So if you want to go into surgery or pediatrics or we have radiology, then you can do that at Memorial through our physician residency program. So literally, you can have -- you can go to medical school and you can do your physician residency program and go right into practice and never leave Savannah. It's a tremendous asset. We'd love to see you there.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Thomas from the 8th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. First of all let me thank you for your leadership. I can recall the first time that you came before this Commission. I was very much impressed then, and I'm more impressed now because I have seen the growth of Memorial. I want to tell you that my husband, he goes to Memorial four times every morning [sic] in your wellness program, and he has done exceptionally well. The other thing I want to emphasize that I am excited about are your outreach programs, and I -- I think those are great because in talking with various members of the community who are taking part in -- in those programs, they are very excited about it. So we do get the reports about what goes on, and I think -- I just wanted to say to you that -- just keep up the good work because I have seen, you know, the kind of growth since you have been there as the CEO, and I just applaud you and your staff for that.

Ms. Gill said, thank you Commissioner Thomas. We have a great team. I appreciate your support. Thank you.

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

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also reiterate what Dr. Thomas just said and I'm very grateful for all that you all have done. I'm very pleased that the County was able to assist with the -- with the restructuring of the bonds, but I do have a concern, and it is not a concern based on anything that you all have done, but with the rising demand of health care, especially in the emergency health care, and is there any data on how many emergency patients you take from other counties? And if so, it is still alarming to me that there is no financial contribution from those other counties, thus the -- the burden is put on this county and the tax payers in this county. So I -- I don't know what if anything can be done about that, but it is a little bit troubling to me. I -- I don't know the statistics.

Ms. Gill said, well I -- and -- and -- and I know that's been an ongoing concern of yours Commissioner Stone, and yes, we do have those numbers. I will tell you that the burden of uncompensated care lies in our own community, and there is no doubt that the folks in the region depend on us, and there is no doubt that a -- a good portion of our emergency department visits and stays in critical care result from people in the region who -- who can't handle the patients that they have, but of the -- that \$30 million of charity care that you saw, about 70 percent of it resides right here at home, and so -- and the vast majority of that was within the -- the City of Savannah limits, and so when you think about the proportions there, it's probably about -- about the same in terms of absolute numbers of visits, so about 30 percent of our volume comes from the region, but we, you know, our -- our mission in this community is definitely reflected in the -- in those numbers.

Commissioner Stone said, well I understand that, I just -- it's -- it's just a concern that that number could grow and then how ultimately will it be handled, and, you know, I just -- I -- I don't know. I'm not in the business but it is a concern of mine.

Ms. Gill said, well, it's -- you're -- you're -- you're right on track because, you know, four -- last year four rural hospitals closed.

Commissioner Stone said, right.

Ms. Gill said, and when the hospitals close, the physicians leave the community. You may have seen that I was named to the Governor's Rural Stabilization Committee, and so, you know, we're happy that our community has a seat at the table when you start thinking about the infrastructure in the region because one of the reasons that we get patients from outlying communities is because they don't have the resources to take care of those patients. So what are they going to do long term? How are we going to establish, for example, free standing emergency departments or enhance their primary care capabilities so they have doctors in their communities. I certainly don't have the answers, but at least the -- the Governor's had the forethought to put the -- put a group together to try to help -- find some resolutions.

Commissioner Stone said, well, that's good because I -- in reading about some of these rural hospitals closing and the concern of more and more patients coming to this area, it would just seem to me that some forward thinking would be -- you know, what would be a fair way for compensation for patients that come from outside of -- of Chatham County. That's all. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Brady from the 6th District has a question.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. Gill, I just wanted to take a -- a moment to commend you for your leadership and the leadership of the Memorial board in turning things around at Memorial. It was a great article, Operating in the Black. That's what we want, and I appreciate your presentation today and all the efforts that you're doing for wellness purposes for the citizens of this community. Fabulous job on all of your part, and -- and I certainly appreciate it as I well -- as my colleagues do.

Ms. Gill said, thank you Commissioner Brady. Thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, a member of our Youth Commission, Commissioner Abdallah.

Youth Commissioner Abdallah said, you spoke about the -- the first class graduating in 2012, right?

Ms. Gill said, mm-hmm.

Youth Commissioner Abdallah said, what's the average amount of graduates and is it rising?

Ms. Gill said, 4 -- we have 40 per class, and that is growing to 60 with our expanded medical school capabilities in the new building. Mm-hmm. Another great question, and I love it -- I love the interest here in that.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Gill said, well thank you all very much. We appreciate it.

Chairman Scott said, any other members of the Commission have any comments? All right. The County Manager has --

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. With Commissioner Stone's comment, I guess looking at the strategic planning effort forward, we would hope and in talking with the Chair and some of the members of the Board in the last few weeks, that, you know, with, not only just medical, but the community health, and looking at how we do that as a region, so it would not just be Chatham County, but the counties around us, so, I definitely appreciate that, that we would definitely include that as we move forward in the next 20 years.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Gill said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thanks Ms. Gill. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have a question for him.

Chairman Scott said, and Chairman Haslam and -- and Chairman Waters, thank you all for being here. I recognize the Commissioner from the 5th District that has a question for the County Manager.

Commissioner Shabazz said, County Manager, can you tell us briefly how -- how can you do that about getting participation from the region for Memorial?

County Manager Smith said, well I think in a strategic planning process the one thing that you will look at not only will we bring in municipalities but it's important that we talk to our regional partners, you know, other medical facilities, as -- as Maggie pointed out, but also the other communities, other cities, other counties, because we are taking on a burden from the region so how do we share -- as Commissioner Stone said, how do we share in that cost? Is there a way to do that? I don't know, but there may be some partnerships where we can actually go after federal grants. There's all sorts of things that we can do, and if that's the case and we can, you know, plead our case to the federal government, the state government, then there's some opportunity. So I think it's just going to be a part of that strategic planning to make sure we have all the players at the table when we start.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY MANAGER.

Chairman Scott said, if y'all will follow me, the next item would be Item VI, which is the Chairman's Item, and what we have there is the confirmation of the contract with our new County Manager. The contract is an open-ended contract. It simply sets out that the County Manager will be paid \$195,000 a year. He will be afforded a transportation allowance, and he will participate in -- in the county's retirement and medical plan, and in the event that you all decide to terminate the County Manager for any reason, he will be given six months severance the first year and then after the first year, we will hopefully move that to nine months severance after the first year. That's basically a summary of what's in the contract.

Commissioner Center said, do you need a motion?

Commissioner Thomas said, do you need a vote -- I mean a --

Chairman Scott said, and if there are -- at this time I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Thomas said, I'll move. So moved --

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- to confirm the County Manager.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we confirm the County Manager's contract. Hearing the motion, is there any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Center said, congratulations.

Commissioner Farrell said, welcome aboard.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager, your -- your contract is now confirmed.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to confirm the County Manager's contract. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, there's nothing under Commissioner Items.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Scott said, we do have a couple items that's been tabled, and some of it we need to entertain a motion in which to clear it up.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I --

1. AT THE BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2014, PURCHASING ITEM F WAS POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
F. Construction contract for the Montgomery Cross Road at Sallie Mood Drive Intersection Improvements	Engineering	JHC Corporation	\$384,400	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated County Roads, Sallie Mood/Montgomery

NOTE: Staff has requested that this item be postponed until the May 9th meeting.

NOTE: At meeting of May 9, 2014, item was postponed until the next meeting.

NOTE: The award of contract appears on the Purchasing agenda for today's meeting, May 23, 2014.

Chairman Scott said, Item 1 is at the Board meeting on April 11th, 2014, Purchase Item F was postponed until the next meeting. This item, what we really need to do is just take it off the table, then it will become part of the Action Calendar. When you adopt the Action Calendar, you will award this contract. At this time I'll entertain a motion from the Senator -- the Commissioner from the 3rd District, please.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we remove Item 1 from the table.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Hearing the motion is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. That item is now off the table, back on the Action Calendar.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to remove the item, Purchasing Item F, from the table. Commissioners Stone and Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. AMEND THE CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE SOLID WASTE FEE DRY TRASH FROM \$43 ANNUALLY TO \$85. NOTE: At meeting o May 9,2014, item was tabled. See additional memo from staff.

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 under Tabled Item -- Items was to Amend Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to Increase the Solid Waste Fee for dry trash from \$43 to \$85 annually. And as we discussed in the Green Room, we need to dispose of this Item, and we will have a modified staff recommendation at our next meeting for consideration that will subsidize the dry trash fee, as well as add \$1.00 a month, and we'll discuss that further at the next month meeting, but right now, we need to take this off the table, and then once it's taken off the table we will entertain a second motion.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, I make a motion that we take Item number 2 off the table.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Okay. The Item is off the table. If anybody would like to make a motion that we dispose of it we'll now recognize them for that motion. I recognize Commissioner Kicklighter from the 7th District for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'd like to make a motion that we dispose of this item, Number 2.

Chairman Scott said, okay. There's a motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that -- that we dispose of Item 2 that's been tabled for quite some time, and we will entertain a -- a different proposal at our next meeting. All in -- hearing the motion is there any further discussion?

Commissioner Center said, yes, sir. Just to make sure --

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

Commissioner Center said, when -- when we say -- when we vote to dispose of this, what are we doing?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, disposing of it.

Chairman Scott said, we're -- we're really just voting this proposal down.

Commissioner Center said, okay. So we're voting down this particular proposal?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Motion carries. The proposed \$42 increase is dead, and as I stated, at the next meeting, we will entertain a different staff recommendation that only increase the dry trash fee by \$1.00 a month or \$12 total for the year, and we will vote on that at our next meeting.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Brady moved to remove Item 2 from the table. Commissioners Shabazz and Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to dispose of this matter, to amend the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to increase the solid waste fee for dry trash from \$43 to \$85 annually. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: a) TRANSFER \$25,000 FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT ADMINISTRATORS BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (CIP) FUND, b) TRANSFER \$250,000 FROM THE COURTHOUSE BOND ISSUE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP, 2) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$15,200 FOR MINI GRANT AWARDS FROM THE ACCOUNTABILITY COURT FUNDING COMMITTEE, 3) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$275,000 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND M&O, b) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$25,000 FOR COURTROOM E, c) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$250,000 AND ESTABLISH A PROJECT FOR**

STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVES, and 4) AMEND THE WATER AND SEWER FUND TO APPROPRIATE \$36,200 FUND BALANCE.

Chairman Scott said, Items for Individual Action. One, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in General Fund M&O: a transfer of \$25,000 from the Superior Court Administrators Budget to Transfer Out of the Capital Improvement (CIP) Fund, transfer \$250,000 from the Courthouse Bond Issue Department to Transfer Out to CIP; 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures by \$15,200 from the mini grant award from the Accountability Court Fund Committee; 3) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund an increase revenues by \$275,000 Transferred In from General Fund M&O, and b) increase expenditures by \$25,000 for the courthouse [sic] E, c) increase expenditures of \$250,000 and establish a project for Strategic Planning Initiative; and 4) amend the Water and Sewer Fund to appropriate \$36,200 fund balance.

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

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Hearing the motion is there 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 for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$25,000 from the Superior Court Administrators Budget to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement (CIP) Fund, b) transfer \$250,000 from the Courthouse Bond Issue Department to Transfer Out to CIP; 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$15,200 for mini grant awards from the Accountability Court Funding Committee; 3) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: a) increase revenues \$275,000 Transfer In from General Fund M&O, b) increase expenditures \$25,000 for Courtroom E, c) increase expenditures \$250,000 and establish a project for Strategic Planning Initiatives; and 4) amend the Water and Sewer Fund to appropriate \$36,200 fund balance. Commissioners Center and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$25,000 from the Superior Court Administrators Budget to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement (CIP) Fund, b) transfer \$250,000 from the Courthouse Bond Issue Department to Transfer Out to CIP; 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$15,200 for mini grant awards from the Accountability Court Funding Committee; 3) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: a) increase revenues \$275,000 Transfer In from General Fund M&O, b) increase expenditures \$25,000 for Courtroom E, c) increase expenditures \$250,000 and establish a project for Strategic Planning Initiatives; and 4) amend the Water and Sewer Fund to appropriate \$36,200 fund balance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Superior Court Administrator has requested a transfer of \$25,000 from the Superior Court Administrators budget to CIP to cover the cost associated with public access issues in Courtroom E. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Assistant County Manager has requested a transfer of \$250,000 from the Courthouse Bond Issue department to CIP for a Strategic Planning Initiatives project. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The Chatham County Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veteran's Treatment Court and the Juvenile Family Dependency Court have been awarded Accountability Court Funding Committee Mini Technology Grants in the amount of \$3,800 each, to be used for technology. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

4. The Public Works and Parks Services Director has requested an appropriation of \$36,200 net assets in the Water and Sewer Fund for the purchase of Radio Controlled Water Meters and a submersible pump. \$54,300 was appropriated on May 9, 2014 for 300 Radio Controlled Water Meters. An additional \$18,900 is being requested for an additional 100 Radio Controlled Water Meters. A staff report and a resolution to amend the Water and Sewer Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O for the transfers. The budget amendments will establish funding in the Capital Improvement, the Multiple Grant, and the Water and Sewer Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) Transfer \$25,000 from the Superior Court Administrators operating budget to Transfer Out to CIP for work in courtroom E.
- b) Transfer \$250,000 from the Courthouse Bond Issue department to Transfer Out to CIP for the Strategic Planning Initiatives project.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

Increase revenue and expenditures \$15,200 for mini grant awards from the Accountability Court Funding Committee as outlined in the attachment (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

- a) Increase revenues \$275,000 Transfers In from General Fund M&O.
- b) Increase expenditures \$25,000 for Courtroom E.
- c) Increase expenditures \$250,000 and establish a project for Strategic Planning Initiatives.

WATER AND SEWER FUND

Appropriate \$36,200 net assets for Radio Controlled Water Meters and a Submersible Pump.

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. TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CHATHAM COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

Chairman Scott said, the next item is to hold a public hearing. A public hearing was advertised on May 9th, 2014, in the Savannah Morning News, which is the legal organ of Chatham County to be held on Friday, May 23rd, 2014. At this time I will invite anyone in the audience, ladies and gentlemen, if -- this hearing is being held in compliance with -- with state law relative to Chatham County proposed fiscal year 2015 budget. We will be discussing the total budget with all the various funds. There are information packets showing the proposed budget for all funds are available at the front entrance. A list of -- is being passed around now, so anyone who wishes to make comments before this Commission, if you would please sign in with your name and address, and the purpose of this is to document the public input and solicitation. We will --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, if I may, I can see a little confusion in the audience. Only sign in if you want to speak on the budget.

Chairman Scott said, only sign in if you want to speak on the budget. That's correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, sorry to butt in.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And staff has a -- a sign in sheet that's going around, and only sign in if you want to speak on the budget. We have one organization that wants to speak on the budget, and -- and this is AWOL, Incorporated. And I don't know who will be speaking for AWOL, Tony [Jordan] is it you? Okay. We will -- since you're the only one speaking, the only thing I ask is that if you would avoid being redundant, and if you would keep it as brief as possible, I would appreciate it.

Mr. Tony Jordan said, yes. First, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Mr. Jordan said, Youth Commission and to the Commissioners. I'm Tony Jordan, the founder of AWOL, All Walks of Life, Incorporated, which was started on the Savannah State University campus. The mission then and the mission today is to promote and provide self-awareness through the use of poetry, hip hop and life, and we provide after school programs for juvenile delinquents in the areas of theater, performing arts, music recording, film, and photography, and computer recycling. LaKesha Green.

Ms. LaKesha Green said, I'm LaKesha Green. I'm the arts and youth development director for AWOL, and we've had the opportunity to work and succeed our contract for last year, and we would like to be considered for this year's budget, the 2015. A report was sent to you all for you all to look over, yes. Thank you Commissioner Brady, for you to look over for your consideration, so I hope that you had the opportunity, and if you have any questions or concerns.

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th District has a question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, good morning.

Mr. Jordan said, good morning.

Ms. Green said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it's good to see you again.

Mr. Jordan said, likewise, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I -- I read your report and I -- I've viewed your report, but really, myself, personally, I don't really need the report because I have confidence in what you all are doing and things that you have accomplished with the youth in this community, and also I -- I believe that if -- to my colleagues, if we are strong in our actions toward developing and saving our youth for today, then we can't be expected to be hastened forth by the next generation because if we don't address these concerns that's plaguing our youth today through organizations such as AWOL, then I don't think that we will have very much of a future, if we don't take the necessary actions to develop them like you all are doing. And I commend you all for your work and continue the good work.

Ms. Green said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and I'm in favor of whatever you -- support that you need.

Mr. Jordan said, thank you.

Ms. Green said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any other questions? Can you tell us how many referrals you've gotten from the Juvenile Court?

Ms. Green said, we have gotten -- to date, we have gotten 24 referrals. To date 14 students have completed. In our contract it was only said that we had to meet seven, so we are very proud of that accomplishment.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further questions?

Mr. Jordan said, may I make a comment, sir?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Mr. Jordan said, I just would like to say thank you to -- to the Commissioners and just the community in general. It's a humbling experience being here today, but more importantly just realizing the work that we've done collectively in this community, and really I wouldn't even -- we wouldn't be here if we wouldn't -- if we wouldn't have gotten the last funding or just funding and community support. So I really wanted to just say thank you. Just for the opportunities in the past to -- to -- to embark on a young person's life, and so we've taken that very serious and we've grown a lot of relationships with institutions of higher learning, where we've afforded kids four-year scholarships into colleges. We've had opportunities for kids to pursue their GED if they were high school drop outs, and they've went on to college, and so we wouldn't have been able to do any of those things if we hadn't gotten y'all support in the past, and so I just wanted to say thank you for your past support and hopefully, you know, just thank you for the opportunity of being here today and consideration of future support as well.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Ms. Green said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, keep up the good work.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, I might also just point out that this is one of several -- one of multiple public hearings that we will have, and -- before we adopt a budget on Friday, June 27th. The budget is for fiscal year 2015, which covers the period from July 1st, 2014 to June 30th, 2015, and again, copies of the proposed budget are available at the public -- the public and the finance -- from the finance department, the main library of the Live Oak public libraries, and -- and we invite participation at our next hearing. If there is nothing else, I declare the public hearing now closed.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2014

DATE: May 13, 2014
TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To hold a Public Hearing on the Chatham County fiscal year 2015 budget as required by State Law.

BACKGROUND:

State law requires that Chatham County follow certain steps in its budget process prior to adopting an annual budget (O.C.G.A. Code Section 36-81-5). The County should provide its residents with information concerning the proposed budget and allow its citizens to be heard during a public budget hearing held at least one week prior to the adoption of a budget ordinance or resolution.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A Public Hearing was advertised on May 9, 2014 in the *Savannah Morning News* to be held at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 23, 2014.
2. Copies of the proposed budget were made available to the public in the Finance Department and the main branch of the Live Oak Public Library on the date the budget was presented to the Board, which was May 9, 2014. Copies of the proposed budget are available at all branches of the library.
3. On a date at least one week before adoption, Chatham County is required to hold a public meeting. The budget adoption must be advertised at least one week in advance.
4. The budget adoption was advertised on May 15, 2014 in the *Savannah Morning News* for Friday, June 27, 2014 budget adoption.
5. The budget for fiscal year 2015 covers the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Proceed with the public hearing on May 23, 2014 and adopt the FY 2015 budget on June 27, 2014.
2. Reschedule the hearing and adoption of the FY 2015 budget and re-advertise within limits established by State Law.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State Law requires that an annual budget be adopted by the Board, after advertising the dates of a public hearing and budget adoption and allowing persons to appear and comment on the proposed budget in accordance with the Code Sections below.

Georgia Law 36-81-5.(f)

“At least one week prior to the meeting of the governing authority at which adoption

of the budget ordinance or resolution will be considered, the governing authority shall conduct a public hearing, at which time any persons wishing to be heard on the budget may appear.”

Georgia Law 36-81-6.(a)

“On a date after the conclusion of the hearing required in subsection (f) of Code Section 36-81-5, the governing authority shall adopt a budget ordinance or resolution making appropriations in such sums as the governing authority may deem sufficient, whether greater or less than the sums presented in the proposed budget. The budget ordinance or resolution shall be adopted at a public meeting which shall be advertised in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (e) of Code Section 36-81-5 at least one week prior to the meeting.”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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3. TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION OF THE TAX YEAR 2015 MILLAGE RATE, AND THE ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

Chairman Scott said, and Item 3 is to provide information on the schedule for adoption of the tax year '15 millage rate, and the advertising the public hearing required by state law. Have we -- have we got a copy of those dates that we can -- I was looking for them here in my packet.

Commissioner Center said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, they're on page one and two.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Okay. You will also have the budget adoption it will be advertised on May 15 -- it was advertised in May 15th for Friday, May [sic] 27th adoption. I mentioned that this public hearing was advertised in May 9th, 2014, and I mentioned the year in which the budget will be adopted for, which is to July 1, 2014 to July -- June 2013 [sic]. Any other member of the Commission have any comments in reference to it? If not --

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Amy J. Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To provide information on the schedule for adoption of the tax year 2015 millage rate, and the advertisements and public hearings required by State Law.

BACKGROUND:

State law requires that Chatham County follow certain steps prior to adopting an annual millage rate (O.C.G.A. Code Sections 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1). This includes advertisements and public hearings. The information below outlines the requirements and the schedule for the current year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) O.C.G.A. Code Section 48-5-32 requires each levying authority to publish a report containing the digest information and the proposed millage rate for the current calendar year and the preceding five calendar years. This report shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the county. This report must appear at least two weeks prior to the establishment of the millage rates.

- (2) If the millage rate is not rolled back, the levying authority must notify the public that taxes are being increased. O.C.G.A. Code Section 48-5-32.1 requires three public hearings allowing public input into the proposed tax rates. One of the public hearings may coincide with the hearing required by O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 when the millage rate is finalized. One of the three public hearings must begin between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM in the evening. The county must publish a notice in the paper and on its website one week in advance of each of the public hearings and issue a press release explaining its intent.
- (3) The county may adopt a millage rate below the advertised rate without additional advertisements or hearings. If a millage rate that exceeds the advertised rate is considered, the procedures and hearings must begin anew.
- (4) The Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar sets the following key dates:
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| June 4, 2014 - | Advertisement of 5-year history and 1 st and 2 nd Public Hearings on Millage Levy to newspaper |
| June 9, 2014 - | Advertise 1 st and 2 nd Public Hearing on Millage Levy to be held on June 17 th at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Advertise year 2014 Tax Digest and 5-year history (two weeks prior to millage levy as required by State Law - House Bill 66, Act. No. 478). |
| June 13, 2014- | Year 2014 Tax Digest and 5-year history to Board as information. |
| June 17, 2014- | Hold 1st and 2nd Public Hearing on Millage Levy - 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Advertise 3rd Public Hearing on Millage Levy to be held on June 27 th at 9:30 a.m. |
| June 27, 2014- | (1) Hold 3rd Public Hearing on Millage Levy at 9:30 a.m.
(2) Adoption of year 2014 Chatham County M&O, SSD, and Chatham Area Transit Millage Levy by the County Commissioners. |
| July 29, 2014- | Adoption of year 2014 Chatham County Board of Education Millage Levy by the County Commissioners. |
- (5)
- (6) Examples of the required Notice of Property Tax Increase and the accompanying explanation are attached.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

For information.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State Law requires advertisements and public hearings on the proposed millage rates in accordance with the Code Sections below.

Georgia Law 48-5-32

(b) Each levying authority and each recommending authority shall cause a report to be published in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the county:

(2) At least two weeks prior to the establishment by each levying authority of the millage rates for ad valorem taxes for educational purposes and ad valorem taxes for purposes other than educational purposes for the current calendar year. Such reports shall be in a prominent location in such newspaper and shall not be included with legal advertisements. The size and location of the advertisements shall not be grounds for contesting the validity of the levy.

(c) The reports required under subsection (b) of this Code section shall contain the following:

(1) For levying authorities, the assessed taxable value of all property, by class and in total, which is within the levying authority's taxing jurisdiction and the proposed millage rate for the levying authority's purposes for the current calendar year and such assessed taxable values and the millage rates for each of the immediately preceding five calendar years, as well as the proposed total dollar amount of ad valorem taxes to be levied for the levying authority's purposes for the current calendar year and the total dollar amount of ad valorem taxes levied for the levying authority's purposes for each of the immediately preceding five calendar years. The information required for each year specified in this paragraph shall also indicate the percentage increase and total dollar increase with respect

to the immediately preceding calendar year. In the event the rate levied in the unincorporated area is different from the rate levied in the incorporated area, the report shall also indicate all required information with respect to the incorporated area, unincorporated area, and a combination of incorporated and unincorporated areas;

(3) The date, time, and place where the levying or recommending authority will be setting its millage rate for such authority's purposes.

Georgia Law 48-5-32.1

(c) (1) Whenever a recommending authority or levying authority shall propose to adopt a millage rate which does not exceed the roll-back rate, it shall adopt that millage rate at an advertised public meeting and at a time and place which is convenient to the taxpayers of the taxing jurisdiction, in accordance with the procedures specified under Code Section 48-5-32.

(2) In those instances in which the recommending authority or levying authority proposes to establish a general maintenance and operation millage rate which would require increases beyond the roll-back rate, the recommending authority or levying authority shall advertise its intent to do so and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business weekday. The recommending authority or levying authority shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation serving the residents of the unit of local government and post such advertisement on the website of the recommending or levying authority, which shall read as follows:

"NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The (name of recommending authority or levying authority) has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by (percentage increase over roll-back rate) percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of (proposed millage rate) mills, an increase of (millage rate increase above the roll-back rate) mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than (roll-back millage rate) mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of (average home value from previous year's digest rounded to the nearest \$25,000.00) is approximately \$ (increase) and the proposed tax increase for nonhomestead property with a fair market value of (average nonhomestead property value from previous year's digest rounded to nearest \$25,000.00) is approximately \$ (increase)."

Simultaneously with this notice the recommending authority or levying authority shall provide a press release to the local media.

(3) The advertisement shall appear at least one week prior to each hearing, be prominently displayed, be not less than 30 square inches, and not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear and shall be posted on the appropriate website at least one week prior to each hearing. In addition to the advertisement specified under this paragraph, the levying or recommending authority may include in the notice reasons or explanations for such tax increase.

(4) No recommending authority shall recommend and no levying authority shall levy a millage rate in excess of the proposed millage rate as established pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection without beginning anew the procedures and hearings required by this Code section and those required by Code Section 48-5-32.

(5) Any notice or hearing required under this Code section may be combined with any notice or hearing required under Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 or Code Section 48-5-32.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Prepared by: _____
Read DeHaven

Attachment I

EXAMPLE**Tax Year 2013 ad****NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 13.49 percent in General Maintenance and Operations taxes, 17.18 percent in Special Service District taxes and 45.20 percent in Chatham Area Transit Authority taxes.

All concerned citizens are invited to the two public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Commission Meeting Room on the second floor of the Old Courthouse, 124 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia, on June 20, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A third public hearing on this tax increase will be held at the Commission Meeting Room on the second floor of the Old Courthouse, 124 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia, on June 28, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

This tentative increase will result in a General Maintenance and Operations millage rate of 12.54 mills, an increase of 1.491 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 11.049 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$74.55 and the proposed tax increase for nonhomestead property with a fair market value of \$250,000 is approximately \$149.10.

This tentative increase will result in a Special Service District millage rate of 4.16 mills, an increase of .61 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 3.55 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$225,000 is approximately \$45.75 and the proposed tax increase for nonhomestead property with a fair market value of \$250,000 is approximately \$61.00.

This tentative increase will result in a Chatham Area Transit Authority millage rate of 1.240 mills, an increase of 0.386 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than .0854 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$19.30 and the proposed tax increase for nonhomestead property with a fair market value of \$250,000 is approximately \$38.60.

Additional information concerning this advertisement is presented below.

Attachment II

EXAMPLE**EXPLANATION OF NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The "Notice of Property Tax Increase" must be written as presented to meet the requirements of Georgia law; however, it should be clarified that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners has not tentatively adopted a millage rate. Use of the phrase "tentatively adopted" applies only to the legal notice, since the Chatham County Board of Commissioners has not taken any action either "tentative" or otherwise on adopting a millage (tax) rate.

The "Notice of Property Tax Increase" puts taxpayers on alert that the proposed increase cannot exceed this amount. No action will be taken until after the public hearings at the Old Courthouse, 124 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia, on June 20, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and June 28, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. If it is determined that these hearings are not required by state law, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners may decide to cancel the unnecessary hearings and take action at their regularly scheduled meeting on June 28, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

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4. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Scott said, at this time we will hear the CNT monthly report given by Director Ragan.

Director D. Everett Ragan said, good morning Mr. Chairman and Board.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Director Ragan said, once again, pleasure to be in front of you for the monthly report. For the month of April 2014 we -- narcotics team initiated 72 investigations. We seized over \$48,000 worth of drugs. So far to date we're at \$295,000. On the graph you can see where we're -- actually powder cocaine and -- is still one of our

main drugs that we're seeing. Not so much as crack as we have seen before, but we are seeing more powder cocaine coming up. We only recovered one firearm this year, however -- excuse me, not this year, last month, however this -- this month we've already assisted with the recovery of 51 guns, and four of them having been stolen, so we'll report on that next -- next month. Out of the -- we've had 20 total arrests for the month. I was not present at the last meeting, Deputy Director Thomas was present. A request from Commissioner Shabazz as far as where people are coming from that we are arresting, CNT, have it -- have it broken down on a geographical locations of where our -- the -- the people are from -- are from. Out of those 20 arrests, 14 were from Savannah and just one out of Pooler, one out of Tybee, Thunderbolt, Alpharetta, Hazelhurst, and Ellabell. We adopted one case from state probation. We assisted precinct 3 in a community meeting presentation. The graphs, again, pretty much speak for themselves as to where we were spending our time. Again, you see a lot of the City of Savannah. I must say, this month, with the City of Savannah's graph, we have a -- we have an -- an event going on that is requiring a lot of time within -- within our headquarters, and -- and so when you look at those hours as spent, a lot of it is being spent in our headquarters doing -- doing this case that we're working on now, so. Then we spent up two -- over 2,000 hours in all the precincts; 365 in the municipalities and in the unincorporated area of Chatham County it was 218 hours that we spent.

Director Ragan said, significant events, again, we intercepted a package working with the postal service with marijuana that we got on the southside and for the first time that I've seen in my three years at CNT, is a -- the interception of 22 pounds of khat, which -- it is very -- it's self explanatory that that is -- and if anybody's watched the movie, Captain Phillips or has kept up with the events in Somalia, it's the -- it's the plant that they chew. It's a cathinone. It's a -- it's a natural grown amphetamine, speed-like thing that a person gets pretty hyper with. We have seen -- customs has just got hit -- hit a load here, and like I said, we intercepted 22 pounds that was going to a -- to an address in Chatham County. So we have not made an arrest on that. We kind of hit a dead end on it, but we're -- we're still proceeding as -- as much as possible.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what's that called?

Director Ragan said, khat. K-H-A-T. It's a weed that gets you high. It's like the old rabbit tobacco you used to have Mr. Kicklighter back growing up, but it's a --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I've heard about it.

Director Ragan said, you've heard about it? It is -- if you watched the movie -- the film, Captain Phillips, that's what the Somali pirates were on was -- is -- is the khat.

Commissioner Brady said, oh, I saw that movie.

Director Ragan said, mm-hmm. So, any questions? Yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. On -- on the hours expended in the municipalities, you said a great deal of the City of Savannah is administrative work 'cause that's where --

Director Ragan said, where headquarters are.

Commissioner Center said, -- the -- the offices are.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, but in the others you have it broken down. Can you break down administrative versus operative work in the City of Savannah?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir, we -- we can. I can -- I can do that. We actually do -- when you see a lot of the administrative hours, we -- we do continue -- that we do contain in the report, you can subtract some of those hours from the City of Savannah's 'cause that's -- that's where --

Commissioner Center said, it would be -- be more reflective because when we -- when I look at this, I'm thinking operative, you know, out there in the --

Director Ragan said, operations, yeah, I understand.

Commissioner Center said, yeah.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir, but we -- but in the -- in the event we're -- we're setting on a -- a case that we have to operate room out of, then we spend a lot of time in that room, so.

Commissioner Center said, right. And on this khat.

Director Ragan said, khat.

Commissioner Center said, does that come in through the ports? I mean there's no roads from Arabia and East Africa to here.

Director Ragan said, no, sir, it came through -- it came through shipping mail.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Director Ragan said, is where it came from, and it's surprisingly you see it showing up here because doing a little research on khat, once it's been cut, it actually loses its potency within -- very rapidly, within two or three days, but these were kept moist with towels and everything else, so. They were -- they were still moist here.

Commissioner Center said, do you have an informant? I mean? Something moist came into the post office?

Director Ragan said, I can't tell you, sir.

Commissioner Center said, okay. That's all right.

Director Ragan said, it's okay.

Commissioner Center said, one too many.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter has a question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm just curious, what makes something like that illegal? I mean if we've never had it around? How do they -- how do y'all?

Director Ragan said, it is a cathinone.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, mm-hmm.

Director Ragan said, and a cathinone, like I said is a -- it's a naturally grown amphetamine, and it comes under as a Schedule I drug, so even though we may have not seen it here, some of the other communities with a -- a population that uses khat, then they may have seen it, but the federal government has already had it. It's already listed as a Schedule I, so, yes, it's -- it's there. And what you see is the synthetic cathinones that we've had here for a while, which are your bath salts and your spice. Those are synthetic cathinones that they -- they've changed and added to.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it -- it --

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

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, for this new drug, khat.

Director Ragan said, khat.

Commissioner Shabazz said, who -- who's the market for that? I mean?

Director Ragan said, you would -- you would imagine it would be a person who has had a history of using it. It would probably be an immigrant from that region where it is -- where it is grown -- grown, and there would probably be a -- a segment of the community who's had a history of using it or has used it in the past, and there may be a potential market. They may see a potential market opening up here for that. So that's what we would look at.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And you -- you say guns were confiscated?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir. We have. It's still an open investigation, but we assisted an agency and recovered 51.

Commissioner Shabazz said, 51 guns were confiscated?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Those guns do you -- do you do some type of history on those guns?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir. We're -- there is -- that's still in the process. We've already identified four as having been stolen and yeah, there is a history being run on every one of them, and -- and it was a -- illegal gun sales, so we took them off the street.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so are -- are any of these guns -- have any of these guns been used in some of the city's murders or homicides?

Director Ragan said, do not know yet. However, I do know -- I will be able to tell you that they are -- will all be run through NIBIN, which like I said, is a national data base for ballistics, that we're working closely -- well ATF is working very closely with every agency in this county to run all fire arms with a data base, primarily shell casings, some ballistics, and with NIBIN, they have identified some guns used in other crimes here, and whether these guns are showing up in that, I do not know yet, however, they will be checked.

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

Director Ragan said, yes, sir. Anything else? Thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

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

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Scott said, next item is Item X, the Action Calendar, and at this time I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve the Action Calendar. Hearing the motion, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I would -- I'd like to pull 7-C.

Chairman Scott said, you're -- you're a little late on 7-C, aren't you, Mr. Kicklighter? I mean --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's fine. I'll just vote no. We don't need to complicate it.

Chairman Scott said, there's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed, no. The Action Calendar is adopted.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 7 and under Item 7, Items A through R. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Kicklighter being the lone no 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 MAY 9, 2014, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2014, as mailed. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Kicklighter being the lone no vote.

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2014 THROUGH MAY 14, 2014.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of May 1, 2014 through May 14, 2014, in the amount of \$2,754,653. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Kicklighter being the lone no vote.

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ACCEPT GIFT DEED FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN PART OF LOT 94, SILK HOPE FARMS, CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, FOR USE BY THE SHERIFF OF CHATHAM COUNTY FOR TRAINING FACILITIES AND/OR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FOR EMPLOYEES, AND SUCH USES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve acceptance of a gift deed for property known as the northern part of Lot 94, Silk Home Farms, Chatham County, Georgia, for use by the Sheriff of Chatham County for training facilities and/or recreational purposes for employees, and such uses as may be determined by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Kicklighter being the lone no vote.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: May 9, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

Request approval by Board of Commissioners to accept Gift Deed for property known as the northern part of Lot 94, Silk Home Farms, Chatham County, Georgia, for use by the Sheriff of Chatham County for training facilities and/or recreational purposes for employees, and such uses as may be determined by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County.

BACKGROUND:

A parcel of land known as the northern 95 feet of lot 94, Silk Hope Farms, Chatham County, Georgia, is currently owned by the Georgia non-profit corporation known as The Police Association of Chatham Savannah, Inc. The organization desires to become inactive and wishes to convey the property to Chatham County to be used by the Sheriff of Chatham County for training facilities and/or recreational purposes for employees and should such activities cease, then such uses as determined by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, as being in the best interest of the citizens of Chatham County.

The property will be titled in Chatham County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, in order that it may be owned by a legal entity. This agenda item is to confirm acceptance of said property. It is the desire of the Sheriff of Chatham County that the Board of Commissioners accept said property.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A parcel of land known as the northern 95 feet of lot 94, Silk Hope Farms, Chatham County, Georgia, is currently owned by the Georgia non-profit corporation known as The Police Association of Chatham Savannah, Inc.
2. The organization desires to become inactive and wishes to convey the property to Chatham County to be used by the Sheriff of Chatham County for training facilities and/or recreational purposes for employees.
3. The property will be titled in Chatham County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, in order that it may be owned by a legal entity.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The opportunity has arisen for a domestic non-profit corporation holding property to convey such property to Chatham County in order that it may be used for training facilities for the Sheriff, recreational purposes for employees, or such uses as may be determined by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County to be in the best interest of the its citizens.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Gift Deed with the Police Association of Chatham County, Inc.
2. Do not approve Gift Deed with the Police Association of Chatham County, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board Consideration

STATE OF GEORGIA)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Police Association of Chatham Services, Inc., is a Georgia Domestic, Non-Profit Corporation, properly licensed and registered in the State of Georgia to do business and owns a property located in Chatham County, Georgia known more commonly under the current numbering system as 6 Fall Avenue, Savannah, GA 31406 and more particularly described as N pt of Lot 94, Silk Hope Farms; And,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and Officers of Police Association of Chatham Services, Inc., at a regularly scheduled meeting did discuss and determine that it would be in the best interest of the organization, given its limited resources, to convey title to the above referenced property to an entity that can hold title and fulfill the intent of the organization and its desire to assist law enforcement ; And,

WHEREAS, upon motion being made and properly seconded, the Officers did unanimously agree to convey the property to Chatham County, A Political Subdivision of the State of Georgia; And,

WHEREAS, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the officers of the organization to execute any and all documents as may be necessary to convey the property to Chatham County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Georgia and let the property be used by the Chatham County Sheriff, as a training facility and/or for recreation use by Chatham County Sheriff's department employees and should this use of the property ever cease by the Chatham County Sheriff's department that Chatham County should have the right to use the property in any matter as determined by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County as they deem to be of the benefit of the citizens of Chatham County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the aforementioned recitals be incorporated by reference into this resolution and that Police Association of Chatham Services, Inc., by and through their officers are authorize to execute a Gift Deed and any and all documents as may be necessary to effectuate the transfer of the described above unto Chatham County, A Political Subdivision of the State of Georgia.

This Resolution so ADOPTED and PASSED this____ day of _____, 2014.

POLICE ASSOCIATION OF CHATHAM SERVICES, INC.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Witness

Notary

By:
Its:

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Witness

Notary

By:
Its:

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Witness

By:
Its:

Notary

SEAL

After recording return to:
Hart & Associates Law Firm
6349 Abercorn Street, Suite D
Savannah, GA 31405

COUNTY OF CHATHAM
STATE OF GEORGIA

DEED OF GIFT

THIS INDENTURE, made this ____ day of _____, 2014 between **POLICE ASSOCIATION OF CHATHAM SERVICES, INC.**, as Party (ies) of the First Part, and **CHATHAM COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**, as Party (ies) of the Second Part.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Police Association of Chatham Services, Inc., is a Domestic Georgia Non-Profit Corporation which has filed an Amendment to Articles of Incorporation on August 6, 2007 to change its name from the Chatham County Police Department Association, Inc., to Police Association of Chatham Savannah, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, The Police Association of Chatham Services, Inc., is the owner of the property herein by virtue of a Gift Deed from Silk Hope Community Club, Inc., dated February 8, 2011 and recorded February 10, 2011 in Deed Book 367 Q, Page 202 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia Land Records; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Police Association of Chatham Services, Inc., to become inactive and it does desire to convey the legal title to the property herein to a legal entity, Chatham County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Georgia for the purposes and the use of the Chatham County Sheriff a training facility and/or for recreational use by Sheriffs employees and should the property ever cease to be used of by the Sheriff's department for said purposes, Chatham County shall have the right to use the property in any manner as is determined by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County as they deem to be the benefit of the citizens of Chatham County; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Association of Chatham Services, Inc., by virtue of the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State of Georgia and by virtue of their Bylaws, have acted through their officers and directors of said non-profit corporation and have passed a resolution giving authority to transfer the title to Chatham County, for the purposes set forth within this Deed of Gift. A copy of said resolution is attached to this deed; And,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County did at its regular scheduled meeting (May 23, 2014) did vote to accept this conveyance of said property. The acceptance of which are noted in the official minutes of the commission.

NOW, Therefore, said Party of the First Part, for and in consideration of the charitable public gift by the First Party and the Second Party acceptance, herein, the First Party has given, granted and conveyed, and by these presents does give, grant and convey and confirm unto the said Party of the Second Part, in fee simple, together with every contingent remainder the right of reversion and to the successors assigns of said Party of the First part, all of the following described tract or parcel of land to

wit:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO

TOGETHER WITH ALL AND SINGULAR, the house, improvements, easements, rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Party of the First Part has hereunto set his hand on the day and year first above written.

POLICE ASSOCIATION OF CHATHAM SAVANNAH, INC.

_____(L.S.)
By:
Its:

_____(L.S.)
By:
Its:

_____(L.S.)
By:
Its:

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Witness

Notary Public

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- 4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (OJP), BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA), U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) TO ENHANCE THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY DRUG COURT (SCCDC) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ITS SUBSEQUENT AWARD.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for Board approval submission of application for grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to enhance the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Kicklighter being the lone no vote.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Jean Cottier, Coordinator, Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court
DATE: May 1, 2014

ISSUE:

To request Board approval for submission of application for grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to enhance the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court (SCCDC) and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. SCCDC is applying for Grant BJA-2014-3842 from (DOJ), (OJP), (BJA), (HHS), and SAMHSA for a Joint Adult Drug Court Solicitation to Enhance Services, Coordination, and Treatment. The application may request up to \$975,000 to enhance the drug court program with residential treatment beds, job coaching, and sober pro social activities over a 3-year period.
2. The County is named as local fiscal sponsor for the grant.
3. The Commission Chairman is named the Authorized Representative for the grant. The grant requires that the Authorized Representative have the authority to enter the county into a legal contract with the federal government.
4. There is a 25% match requirement for the BJA portion of the grant which will be executed in kind with budget items currently in place.

FUNDING:

The grant receipt and disbursement will be reflected in the Multiple Grant Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award; or
2. That the Board deny approval and provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The grant solicitation requires that awards be administered by a unit of local government.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR CHATHAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CEMA) TO APPLY FOR A \$15,243 PORT SECURITY GRANT IN ORDER TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A WEATHER STATION ON THE COUNTY'S MOBILE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (MEOC).**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for Board approval for Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) to apply for a \$15,243 port security grant in order to purchase and install a weather station on the county's Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC). Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Kicklighter being the lone no vote.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Dennis Jones, Deputy Director, Chatham Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Request Approval to Submit a Port Security Grant for a Weather Station

ISSUE:

To obtain approval for the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) to apply for a \$15,243.00 Port Security Grant in order to purchase and install a weather station on the County's Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC).

BACKGROUND:

The MEOC is deployed during natural disasters and other events where having accurate weather information is important in making command decisions affecting both first responders and the citizens of Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The weather station will provide Global Positioning System (GPS) locations, temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, wind direction and wind speed which will allow Emergency Managers to more accurately assess current weather conditions.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve CEMA to apply for a Port Security Grant in order to purchase a weather station for the MEOC.
2. Do not approve for CEMA to apply for the Port Security Grant.

FUNDING:

No funding from the County is necessary. This is a 100% reimbursable grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to allow for application of grant funding that is in the interest of the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board adopt Alternative #1.

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6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR CHATHAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CEMA) TO APPLY FOR A \$45,000 PORT SECURITY GRANT IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A PORTABLE GENERATOR FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY'S MOBILE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (MEOC).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval for Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) to apply for a \$45,000 port security grant in order to purchase a portable generator for use in conjunction with the County's Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC). Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Kicklighter being the lone no vote.

AGENDA ITEM: X-6

AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Dennis Jones, Deputy Director, Chatham Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Request Approval to Submit a Port Security Grant for a Portable Generator

ISSUE:

To obtain approval for Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) to apply for a \$45,000 port security grant in order to purchase a portable generator for use in conjunction with the County's Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The portable generator will provide a continuous power supply to the MEOC during deployments. This will allow continuity of operations which will in turn allow CEMA, as well as local partners, to continue efforts in assisting the community without interruption.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve CEMA to apply for a Port Security Grant in order to purchase a portable generator for the MEOC.
2. Do not approve for CEMA to apply for the Port Security Grant.

FUNDING:

No funding from the County is necessary. This is a 100% reimbursable grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to allow for application of grant funding that is the interest of the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board adopt Alternative #1

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to award bids as follows: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.) Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Kicklighter being the lone no vote.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Annual maintenance for System Z software support and updates	I.C.S.	Zortec International Corp.	\$10,000	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
B. Annual software license and maintenance agreements	I.C.S.	Sungard Public Sector, Inc.	\$73,749	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
C. Eight (8) dive platforms	Public Works and Park Services	Recreonics, Inc.,	\$16,012	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
D. 400 Neptune radio controlled water meters	Public Works and Park Services	Delta Municipal Supply Company	\$73,200	Water and Sewer
E. 8 inch solids handling vacuum assisted pump	Public Works and Park Services	Thompson Pump and Manufacturing Company	\$64,996	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Storm Drainage
F. One (1) year lease with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for SendSuite Shipping system with Connect+ 3000 Mailing Center	Administrative Services	Pitney Bowes (State of Georgia contract)	\$14,148	General Fund/M&O – Administrative Services
G. Annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to perform preventive maintenance and repairs to the HVAC systems at the Chatham County Detention Center	Detention Center	Boaen Mechanical	\$59,264	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
H. Replacement of the environmental control system in the server room at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department	Sheriff's	Boaen Mechanical	\$21,701	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Department

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
I. Stainless steel toilets and parts for the Chatham County Detention Center	Detention Center	Morgan Brothers Supply	\$110,363	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
J. Evidence lockers for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department	Sheriff's	Richmond Supply Co.	\$10,053	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Department
K. Change Order No. 2, to the annual contract for elevator services to add the two (2) elevators located at the Pete Liakakis Building to the scope of service	Facilities Maintenance	Otis Elevator Company	\$3,780	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance
L. Annual maintenance agreement for maintenance of the telephone communications switches, voice mail, and related equipment throughout the County	I.C.S.	Integrated Network Solutions	\$85,345	General Fund/M & O - Communications
M. Annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide moving services for County surplus transport and for departmental moves	Facilities Maintenance	Nilson Van and Storage, Inc.	•\$20 per man hour •\$39 per truck hour	Various Departments
N. Furniture for the two (2) Live Oak Public Libraries- Garden City Branch and Islands Branch currently under construction	Building and Safety	•Mason, Inc. •Modern Business •National Office Systems •McWaters, Inc.	\$312,673	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Libraries
O. Construction of a playground for disabled youth in Forsyth Park	Special Projects	J.T. Turner Construction Company	\$20,000	General Fund/M&O - County Commissioners
P. Confirmation of an emergency purchase of a submersible pump for the Central Avenue Lift Station for Public Works and Park Services	Public Works and Park Services	Custom Pump & Controls, Inc.	\$17,242	Water and Sewer
Q. One (1) Ford Focus for Juvenile Court	Fleet Operations	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$16,953	General Fund/M&O - Juvenile Court
R. Construction contract for the Montgomery Cross Road at Sallie Mood Drive Intersection Improvements	Engineering	JHC Corporation	\$384,400	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated County Roads, Sallie Mood/Montgomery

AGENDA ITEM: X-7 A thru R
AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2014

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: MICHAEL A. KAIGLER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER
SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$10,000 renewal for System Z software support and updates from Zortec International Corp., for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The County's Judicial Information Management System (JIMS) is written in System Z format and this is the application that all the courts use.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. System Z support has not increased over the years. It has remained at \$10,000.
2. I.C.S. programmers, system analysts and support staff are knowledgeable in System Z application support and programming.
3. System Z is a legacy application system used by numerous departments and is proprietary.
4. I.C.S. believes the renewal cost of this software and maintenance agreement to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$10,000 renewal for System Z software support and updates from Zortec International Corp., for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
 NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$73,749 sole-source annual software license and maintenance agreements with Sungard Public Sector, Inc., for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: These annual service agreements cover user software licenses and system maintenance required for technical support, "bug" fixes and software updates for the Financial Management Information System (FMIS) which is used by all departments.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Sungard Public Sector of Bethlehem, PA, is the only company permitted to make changes or updates to their proprietary software, thereby qualifying these agreements to fall under a sole-source procurement.
2. Four (4) agreements are included in the total purchase of \$73,749. The new fiscal year shows an increase of 3% from last year maintenance resulting from third-party application changes to the current custom programming and software modifications.
3. Staff believes the cost of \$73,749 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$73,749 sole-source annual software license and maintenance agreements with Sungard Public Sector, Inc., for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
 NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$16,012 purchase of eight (8) Paragon Dive Platforms from Recreonics, Inc., for the Aquatic Center.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Aquatic Center is host to numerous swim meets throughout the year. The swim meets are competitive both on a local level as well as a national level. These meets attract visitors from all the State of Georgia and the Southeast Area of the United States. In order to host a swim meet, the Aquatic Center is required to meet the USA Swimming Guidelines for a facility and diving platforms.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The dive platforms will be used during swim meets as well as swim team practices at the Aquatic Center. The Aquatic Center has a short course swim season (25 yards) and a long course swim season (50 meter).
2. During the long course swim season there are no dive platforms for use at the end of the pool for a 50 meter set up. Funding is available during the current budget year (2013-2014).
3. The dive platforms are an essential part of training by the swim teams before a meet. In order to continue to host competitive swim meets, the Aquatic Center needs to provide a facility that meets all standards required by USA Swimming.
4. Quotes were requested and received. Quote responses are as follows:

Recreonics, Inc. Louisville, KY	\$16,012
Duffield Aquatics Anderson, SC	\$16,458
Lincoln Aquatics Concord, CA	\$16,462

5. Staff believes the quote of \$16,012 from Recreonics, Inc to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
 (1006124 - 53.12901)

ALTERNATIVE:

1. Board approval of a \$16,012 purchase of eight (8) Paragon Dive Platforms from Recreonics, Inc., for the Aquatic Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to procure items that are necessary to support programs run by the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 MELVA SHARPE

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$73,200 purchase for 400 Neptune radio controlled water meters from Delta Municipal Supply Company for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has a requirement that water systems owners and operators replace a percentage of their water meters every year. All old meters are now being replaced with the new technology that permits reading meters with a hand-held unit. These meters are more accurate than the original mechanical meters, and using the hand-held reader unit allows meters to be read more quickly and accurately. The Water and Sewer Section of Public Works and Park Services has been using this type of meter since, March, 2009. The Board previously approved three additional purchases of 300 of meters in October, 2011, 400 meters in June, 2012 and 400 meters in May, 2013. This purchase is a continuation of the replacement program to bring the entire water system into the new automatic reading technology.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In 2011, staff solicited quotes for radio controlled water meters and received two (2) responses. Delta Municipal Supply Company provided the low quote of \$183 per meter. Delta Municipal Supply Company is the Neptune distributor in Georgia and they have agreed to honor their pricing.
2. Replacement of a percentage of all existing meters must be done every year due to a mandate by EPD.
3. The Board has previously approved purchase of 300 meters in October, 2011 and 400 meters in June, 2012 and in May, 2013. All of the previously purchased meters have been installed.
4. Using the automatic meters versus the old mechanical meters provides the following increased efficiencies and accuracy levels: (1) allows meter reading by drive-by or walk-by reducing the time devoted to meter reading and increases meter reading accuracy; (2) allows a 3 month data logging from individual meters, which permits easy usage information retrieval, minimizing customer billing disputes; (3) permits retrieval of information regarding either continuous or intermittent water leaks in individual systems; (4) meter reading information can be directly downloaded from the hand-held device(s) eliminating the need for manual data transfer into the County billing system eliminating clerical data entry and billing errors.

FUNDING: Water and Sewer (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
(5054400 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$73,200 purchase for 400 Neptune radio controlled water meters from Delta Municipal Supply Company for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases in order to comply with governmental requirements.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$64,996 purchase of an 8 inch solids handling vacuum assisted pump from Thompson Pump and Manufacturing Company for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The vacuum assisted pump is used by Public Works and Park Services for dewatering storm sewer structures, detention ponds, and storm pipes in emergencies and routine maintenance. These functions are an essential part of the Chatham County municipal separate storm sewer system.

1. Bids were properly advertised and opened on April 24, 2014. Bid responses are as follows:

Xylem Water Solutions, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$60,495
Thompson Pump & Manufacturing Company Port Orange, FL	\$64,996
Xylem Dewatering Solutions North Charleston, SC	\$111,385

2. Staff evaluated the bids submitted and found Xylem Water Solutions, Inc., did not meet several key equipment specifications.
3. Thompson Pump & Manufacturing Company met all criteria and bid specifications.
4. The purchase of this unit is required to satisfy the emergency demands of Chatham County and to protect the life and property of its residents.
5. The unit is completely portable and comes with a one (1) year manufacturer's warranty, which includes a substitute pump program if the pump fails within the warranty period.
6. Staff believes the cost of \$64,996 is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Storm Drainage
(3234250 - 54.21003 - 3238051Z)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$64,996 purchase of an 8 inch solids handling vacuum assisted pump from Thompson Pump and Manufacturing Company for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide Staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$14,148 one (1) year lease with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Pitney Bowes, from the State of Georgia contract, for SendSuite Shipping system with Connect+ 3000 Mailing Center for Administrative Services.

BACKGROUND: Administrative Services handles mailing services for all County departments. Pitney Bowes mailing systems are utilized to provide efficient and economical mailing services. To keep up to date with U.S. Postal Services guidelines, the current mailing system must be upgraded.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Pitney Bowes SendSuite system will compare rates and check residential code status to prepare labels, track packages, and electronically confirm deliveries for First Class parcels, Priority Mail, and Certified mail request.
2. The SendSuite system will improve on product performance, rate change protection, and postage time and guarantees. All equipment and software updates are under full maintenance included in the lease agreement.
3. The pricing is from the State of Georgia contract for mailing systems. Staff believes the cost of \$14,148 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O – Administrative Services
(1001580 – 52.23201)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$14,148 one (1) year lease with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Pitney Bowes, from the State of Georgia contract, for SendSuite Shipping system with Connect+ 3000 Mailing Center for Administrative Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment, hardware and software for daily operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$59,264 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, with Boaen Mechanical of Savannah, GA, to perform preventive maintenance and repairs to the HVAC systems at the Chatham County Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: The Detention Center has several complex mechanical and environmental systems that require preventative maintenance service.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A request for bids was properly advertised and four (4) bidders responded. The bidders are listed as follows:

Boaen Mechanical Savannah, GA	\$59,264
Daikin Applied, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$103,625
Southeastern Air Conditioning Co., Inc. Savannah, GA	\$113,931
Siemens Industry Savannah, GA	\$146,732

2. The day to day preventative maintenance of the systems require technicians with very specific certifications. Failure to use certified technicians could result in irreparable damage to one or more of the systems.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$ 59,264 for the preventative maintenance to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$59,264 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, with Boaen Mechanical of Savannah, GA, to perform preventive maintenance and repairs to the HVAC systems at the Chatham County Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts for mandatory preventative maintenance.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$21,701 "out of scope" repair for replacement of the environmental control system in the server room at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department from Boaen Mechanical, Savannah, GA.

BACKGROUND: Boaen Mechanical currently holds the annual contract for the HVAC preventative maintenance and repair services for the Detention Center and has received the contract for the next five years.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current environmental control system installed in the server room is several years old. The system has proven to be inadequate for the high temperatures experience with the storage of the servers. Server rooms of this type have to be kept at fairly low temperatures on a low humidity level.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$21,701 for the environmental control system to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Department
(1003326 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$21,701 "out of scope" repair for replacement of the environmental control system in the server room at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department from Boan Mechanical, Savannah, GA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve expenditures necessary to purchase critical equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$110,363 purchase of stainless steel toilets and parts for the Chatham County Detention Center from Morgan Brothers Supply, from Crystal River, FL.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Detention Center has a requirement to replace old, worn out porcelain toilets with stainless steel toilets.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A request for bids was properly advertised and four (4) bidders responded. The bidders are listed as follows:

Morgan Brothers Supply, Inc. Crystal River, FL	\$110,363
Tech Mech Supply, LLC Pittsburgh, PA	\$111,574
Erickson Associates, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$122,801
Cornerstone Detention Products, Inc. Madison, AL	\$161,504

2. The older sections of the Detention Center were originally equipped with porcelain toilets. The toilets are cracking, chipping, breaking and are in need of replacing.
3. During the expansion, the newer sections were equipped with stainless steel toilets. The purchase of stainless steel toilets will allow for replacement of the porcelain in the high security and mental health area providing a safer environment and uniformity of facilities.
4. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the low bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm to match the low bid. If the local firm agrees to match the low bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. Erickson Associates, Inc., was asked to match the non-local firm's bid and Erickson Associates, Inc., declined.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$110,363 purchase of stainless steel toilets and parts for the Chatham County Detention Center from Morgan Brothers Supply, from Crystal River, FL.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for safety issues.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$10,053 purchase of evidence lockers for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department from Richmond Supply Co., of Savannah, GA.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Sheriff's Department has a requirement to store and control confiscated evidence after hours.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A request for bids was properly advertised and two (2) bidders responded. The bidders are listed as follows:

Richmond Supply, Co. Savannah, GA	\$10,053
Patterson Pope Norcross, GA	\$23,335

2. In the past, evidence confiscated during after hours or evidence returned from a court trail after regular working hours could not be secured using the best chain of custody standards.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$10,053 for the evidence lockers to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Department
(1003300 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$10,053 purchase of evidence lockers for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department from Richmond Supply Co., from Savannah, GA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$3,780 per year Change Order No. 2, to the annual contract for elevator services with Otis Elevator Company to add the two (2) elevators located at the Pete Liakakis Building to the scope of service.

BACKGROUND: The Board, at their meeting of July 23, 2010, approved an annual contract for elevator services with Otis Elevator. The service contract has an automatic renewal for (4) additional (1) year term contracts.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Elevators included in the original contract are located at the following (5) facilities.
- Judicial Courthouse
 - Courthouse Tunnel
 - Parking Garage
 - Temporary Records Depository
 - CNT
2. The Pete Liakakis Building needs to be added to the contract since it is out of warranty.
3. Facilities Maintenance staff reviewed the quote from Otis Elevator and believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

Original Contract Amount (07.23.10)	\$26,500/Year
Change Order No. 1 (01.17.14)	\$ 1,500/Year
Change Order No. 2 (Pending)	<u>\$ 3,780/Year</u>
Revised Contract	\$30,280/Year

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$3,780 per year Change Order No. 2, to the annual contract for elevator services with Otis Elevator Company to add the two (2) elevators located at the Pete Liakakis Building to the scope of service.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent Board policy to approve change orders to annual contracts that recognize additions to the scope of service.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$85,345 annual maintenance agreement with Integrated Network Solutions for maintenance of the telephone communications switches, voice mail, and related equipment throughout the County.

BACKGROUND: This maintenance agreement is required to maintain the telephone switches and telephones installed throughout various County facilities.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Integrated Network Solutions has a fully trained staff for the maintenance of our system. They guarantee 24/7 service to make any necessary repairs or troubleshooting to the County communication system.
2. The equipment to be covered includes the County's Nine (9) PBX switches which provide telephone service to all County staff. The PBX switches are located at the Judicial Courthouse, Administrative Courthouse, Sheriff's Complex, County Administrative Annex, Public Works, Citizens Service Center on Eisenhower Drive, Mosquito Control, Records Center, and Pete Liakakis Government building. The maintenance agreement also covers the active voice mail systems.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$85,345 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Communications Dept.
(1001536 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$85,345 annual maintenance agreement with Integrated Network Solutions for maintenance of the telephone communications switches, voice mail, and related equipment throughout the County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve maintenance agreements for critical County equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Nilson Van and Storage, Inc., Savannah, Georgia, at a rate of \$20 per man hour and \$39 per truck hour to provide moving services for County surplus transport and for departmental moves.

BACKGROUND: Moving furniture was once performed by in-house maintenance staff. Staff is no longer able to perform duties such as this due to not having adequate equipment and personnel. This task should be handled by professionals that provide the needed safety requirements to move the County's surplus.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bid were properly advertised and made available to service providers. On May 8, 2014, five (5) bids were received from local vendors. The bids were as follows:

	<u>Man per hour</u>	<u>Truck per hour</u>
Nilson Van and Storage, Inc. ** Savannah, GA	\$ 20.00	\$ 39.00
Two Men and a Truck Savannah, GA	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00
VIP Office Furniture and Supply** Savannah, GA	\$ 39.50	\$ 10.00
MBW Office Installation * Savannah, GA	\$ 45.00	\$ 10.00
Coastal Moving and Storage, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$450.00	\$150.00

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2. Staff believes the bid from Nilson Van and Storage, Inc., to be the most advantageous to the County.

FUNDING: Various Departments

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Nilson Van and Storage, Inc., Savannah, Georgia, at a rate of \$20 per man hour and \$39 per truck hour to provide moving services for County surplus transport and for departmental moves.
2. Provide staff other directions.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts that are essential to the County's daily operation.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$312,673 purchase of furniture for the two (2) Live Oak Public Libraries- Garden City Branch and Islands Branch currently under construction. The award includes Mason, Inc., of Savannah, GA, for \$7,274; Modern Business of Savannah, GA, for \$178,530; National Office Systems of Savannah, GA, for \$22,102; and McWaters, Inc., of Savannah, GA, for \$104,767.

BACKGROUND: The Live Oak Public Libraries of Chatham County has a requirement for furniture for the new Garden City Branch, near 100 Central Avenue; and also for the Islands Branch at the corner of Whitmarsh Island Road, and Johnny Mercer Boulevard. The buildings will both be ready for occupancy in early September 2014.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The bid was properly advertised and four (4) vendors responded on May 6, 2014. The bid was for 164 line items that included furniture setups for open circulation, two (2) staff offices, one (1) break room, work areas, children's learning areas, three (3) meeting rooms, one (1) conference room and storage. The responses are as follows: (See attached matrix on pages 19-24.)

Mason, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$70,614
Modern Business Savannah, GA	\$330,964

National Office Systems \$370,779
Savannah, GA

McWaters, Inc. \$453,399
Savannah, GA

2. Furniture specifications have been approved by the Library Director with all conforming to the approved specifications. Items from Mason, Inc., were submitted as alternates. During evaluation, it was determined that ten (10) items submitted by Mason, Inc., can be considered equal. Each line item is to be awarded based on line item pricing and on meeting the required design specifications.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Libraries
(3234980 - 54.13011 - 32360217)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$312,673 purchase of furniture for the two (2) Live Oak Public Libraries- Garden City Branch and Islands Branch currently under construction. The award includes Mason, Inc., of Savannah, GA, for \$7,274; Modern Business of Savannah, GA, for \$178,530; National Office Systems of Savannah, GA, for \$22,102; and McWaters, Inc., of Savannah, GA, for \$104,767.
2. Provide Staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve furniture purchases necessary for the operation of the new Live Oak Public Library Branches - Garden City Branch, and Islands Branch.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$20,000 payment to J.T. Turner Construction Company for construction of a playground for disabled youth in Forsyth Park.

BACKGROUND: The Rotary Club of Savannah has asked the County to provide partial funding for a playground for disabled youth. The playground will be located in Forsyth Park. The total cost of the playground is \$325,000.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. The Rotary Club of Savannah is coordinating efforts to build a playground for disabled youth in Forsyth Park. The club has asked the County to provide funding of \$20,000 for the playground, which is approximately 6% of the total project cost.
2. J.T. Turner Construction Company will provide construction services for the project. The County would make payment to J.T. Turner Construction Company directly for its cost share.
3. The Rotary Club has approached the City of Savannah and other community members for a similar commitment.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The County has previously participated in community oriented projects that have been funded by multiple parties. The County has no on-going responsibility to maintain the playground once construction is completed.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - County Commissioners
(1001110 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$20,000 payment to J.T. Turner Construction Company for construction of a playground for disabled youth in Forsyth Park.
2. Provide staff other direction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of a \$17,242 emergency purchase of a 100 HP submersible sewage pump for the Central Avenue Lift Station from Custom Pump & Controls, Inc., for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The lift station at Central Avenue supports the transportation of waste for four (4) Chatham County residential areas. The lift station is supported by two (2) submersible pumps that assists in removing sewage delivered from the various residential areas and diverts the sewage to the City of Savannah.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On May 5, 2014, the Central Avenue Lift Station malfunctioned, which resulted in the sewer system backing up causing raw sewage to enter into the storm system and made its way into Herb Creek. The area that was affected was contained and cleaned as appropriate.
2. The lift station operates with two (2) pumps working alternately with each other. One (1) of the pumps was sent in for repair, however, due to the cost and age of the pump purchasing a new pump is more cost efficient. Staff was in the process of preparing a solicitation to purchase a new pump when the remaining pump malfunctioned. It is essential to have pumps that are functional to prevent future sewage spills and to limit the health risk such spills pose to the citizens of Chatham County and the harm it may cause to the ecosystem.
3. The Lift Station is currently being operated by a rented bypass pump.
4. Staff obtained two (2) quotes from the following vendors:

Custom Pump & Controls Inc. Jacksonville, FL	\$17,242
Templeton & Associates Engineering Suwanee, GA	\$18,682
5. Due to the nature of the incident, staff requested emergency approval from the Chairman. The Chairman concurred (see attached page 25) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.

FUNDING: Water & Sewer
(5054400 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of a \$17,242 emergency purchase of a 100 HP submersible sewage pump for the Central Avenue Lift Station from Custom Pump & Controls, Inc., for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases to maintain the safety and welfare of the citizens of Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$16,953 purchase of one (1) replacement 2014 Ford Focus SE from J.C. Lewis Ford for Juvenile Court.

BACKGROUND: On November 22, 2013, the Board approved an annual price agreement for the purchase of "as needed - funds available" various vehicles.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This vehicle will replace a 2005 Ford Taurus which has high mileage and is beyond economical repair.
2. The pricing for the purchase of the 2014 Ford Focus SE will be \$16,953 based on the price agreement from November 22, 2013.
3. Staff believes the total cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Juvenile Court
(1002600 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$16,953 purchase of one (1) replacement 2014 Ford Focus SE from J.C. Lewis Ford for Juvenile Court.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM R

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$384,400 construction contract to JHC Corporation for the Montgomery Cross Road at Sallie Mood Drive Intersection Improvements.

BACKGROUND: The project includes replacement and upgrade of the existing traffic signal at Montgomery Cross Road and Sallie Mood Drive, as well as installation of pedestrian and pavement improvements.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised. Two (2) bids were received and opened on March 18, 2014. The bid results are as follows:

JHC Corporation Palmetto, GA	\$384,400
E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	Not Responsive

2. JHC Corporation's original bid was \$407,400. Because JHC was the only responsive bidder, staff negotiated the cost of the work and reduced the overall project cost to \$384,400.
3. Staff believes the bid for JHC Corporation is fair and reasonable based on recent bids received for similar work.
4. This project will be partially reimbursed using the 2013 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) awarded by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).
5. The contract time for construction is 175 calendar days.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated County Roads, Sallie Mood/Montgomery
(3234220 - 54.14001 - 32356817)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$384,400 construction contract to JHC Corporation for the Montgomery Cross Road at Sallie Mood Drive Intersection Improvements.
2. Provide staff with 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

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

- 1. TO REPEAL THE CURRENT CHATHAM COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE (FDPO) AND ADOPT A NEW VERSION TO MAKE CHANGES MANDATED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND TO REFLECT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW DIGITAL FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS (DFIRMS).**

Chairman Scott said, First Readers, Section XI, to repeal the Chatham County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and adopt a new version to make changes mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, and to reflect the effective date of the New Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps. It's a First Reader. We'll have it for your further consideration at our next meeting.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

- 1. THE PETITIONER, DBL, INC., IS REQUESTING REZONING OF 604 WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD FROM A P-R-3-4.25 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - 4.25 UNITS PER NET ACRE) DISTRICT TO A T-B (TOURIST BUSINESS) IN CONJUNCTION WITH A GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (FILE NO. P-131211-00116-1; SEE ATTACHMENT "A") AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 4-6-5(1)(a) TO RESTRICT HOW THE PROPERTY CAN BE USED AND DEVELOPED IF REZONE TO T-B. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL. MPC FILE NO. Z-13122-00115-1. [DISTRICT 4.]**

Chairman Scott said, item XII on the agenda, Second Readers, Item 1, Petitioner, DBL, Inc., is requesting rezoning of 604 Wilmington Island Road from the P-R-3-4.25, which is Multi-Family Residence, 4.25 Units per Net Acre District, to a T-B, Tourist Business District, in conjunction with general development plan. File Number P-131211-001161-1. You see the attachment A as provided in Section 4-6-5 to restrict how the property can be used and developed if rezoned to T-B. The Planning Commission recommends denial. At this time we will recognize Marcus from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission. I'm Marcus Lotson with the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Regarding number 1 under Section 11 of the Ordinance, the subject of this petition is a request to rezone property at 604 Wilmington Island Road in conjunction with a proposed site development plan. The property in question is a one and three quarter acre parcel located at 604 Wilmington Island Road which abuts Turner's Creek. You all are probably familiar with the property as you make the big bend on Wilmington Island Road, right there, next to Turner's Creek. The site is currently zoned P-R-3 as the Chairman mention -- mentioned, which is a multi-family classification. This classification was established at this property in 2006 with the rezoning at that time it was being considered for a multi-family residential development on that property. That development, however, never occurred. The property is currently vacant and not -- not being used at this time. The petitioner is requesting the change to the -- from the current zoning to the tourist business classification, which is a classification designed to accommodate the expansion of the Sail Harbor Marina, which is immediately adjacent to the subject property. The Sail Harbor Marina is a boat storage facility a -- adjacent. The site plan submitted with the rezoning request indicates that the petitioner's intent it to expand the marina facility and marina related activities onto the subject property to include vehicle parking, boat storage, office use and retail use of the site. The development pattern in the immediate vicinity includes both singular and multi-family residential uses, as well as the Wilmington Island Golf Club which is immediately across the street and the Savannah Police Recreation Camp which is also adjacent to this property. The proposed T-B zoning district includes those commercial uses that are designed to accommodate the needs of travelers and vacationers which can include such uses as motels and restaurants, service stations, as well as the water marina uses that the petitioner is concerned with, such as marine supplies, boat launching facilities, etcetera. The Planning Commission found that the T-B zoning classification would permit uses that were incompatible with the residential character of the general area. This coupled with the fact that the requested zoning classification is inconsistent with the comprehensive plan and future land use classification results in a recommendation of denial coming from the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has made this recommendation for you today.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Center from the 3rd.

Commissioner Center said, good after -- good morning.

Mr. Lotson said, good morning.

Commissioner Center said, I was a little confused following the procedure at the Planning Commission in the materials was furnished to us. It says MPC staff recommended approving the original petition.

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir. When the -- when the petition was considered by our -- a staff member who worked on this particular petition, the recommendation that was brought to the Planning Commission at that time was for approval of the rezoning with the site development plan that you have attached, and there's a variance associated with that also. After consideration by the Planning Commission, along with public testimony, the Planning Commission moved at that time to recommend denial.

Commissioner Center said, that was my next question, yes. Thank you.

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further questions? Any further questions for the MPC staff? Thank you.

Mr. Lotson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, is there anybody in the audience who wish to speak on this? Please -- please identify yourself. I would also like to know your name, as well as your address. If you're -- are here representing somebody please state who you are representing and in what capacity are you representing them.

Mr. Robert McCorkle said, my name is Robert McCorkle, of the firm McCorkle and Johnson. Address is 319 Tattnell Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. I am here on behalf of the petitioner. I am the agent for the petitioner. I have some handouts for you.

Chairman Scott said, would you -- would you just give them down at the end here.

Mr. McCorkle said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. McCorkle, you got five minutes.

Mr. McCorkle said, well, I'd appreciate the time and I appreciate if y'all would bear with me with some patience on behalf of the petitioner. Part of our issue today is that we don't believe our petition was heard at the MPC, and so one of the reasons we are looking forward to this hearing today and wanted to meet with y'all today is because the hearing we had at the MPC kind of turned into something that went away from what was actually being considered. If --if -- if you'll look at the map on the front, if you'll turn to item B, this is the subject property that we are discussing. It is on the curve down by the Sheraton on Wilmington Island Road. It is immediately next to Sail Harbor Marina and Boat Yard. This is not actually currently the boat yard. You can see on picture B there the boat yard next to it with the docks coming out from the side. If you turn to picture C, Sail Harbor Marina, which is in the pink area down there is one of several marinas that is located on a 1.15 mile stretch of road on Wilmington Island Road. At the end of the property, you've got the Carson property which used to be the Lightship and used to be a sail harbor, the police camp next to it, Sail Harbor Marina next to that, and then the subject property. As you come around the curve you've got Young's Marina, Ms. Judy's Charter, Hogan's Marina, as well as Sasser's Marina. Everything to the west of our property is already zoned T-B, so our lot is truly a buffer between what is already zoned T-B and some residential single family next to us. Part of the purpose of T-B is to create and protect commercial water recreational areas, and the Sail Harbor Marina exists essentially to provide access to the water to individuals who do not live on the water with deep water docks or cannot afford to live on the water with deep water docks, and for that purpose in our community provides an important service.

Mr. McCorkle said, what the petitioner is -- what we are proposing is to locate vehicular parking, an office -- an 819 square foot office, and a bathroom with trailer and boat parking on the adjacent piece of property. My client originally went to the MPC staff to work with them in an attempt to do this without rezoning. He did not go to the MPC staff looking to rezone his property. He went there looking to be able to use this piece of property for essentially a parking lot for his existing Sail Harbor Marina. This is important to him because as it currently exists the parking lot is in the front of the property and his clients are having to walk through an operating boat yard when they go to the dock for the marina, and it's a somewhat dangerous situation, and so he purchased this piece of property to alleviate that danger for his people. I want to make a couple specific points about the plan. It is not an expansion of the operation of the boat yard or the marina. There will not be additional slips added. There will not be additional boat yard use. There will not be any repair being done on the piece of property. This is an opportunity for us to create a permanent buffer on this property which will provide for a transition from the boat yard to the residential site next door. It will provide a much safer area of the people to park who are using Sail Harbor Marina, and ultimately, we feel that it will have zero effect on the surrounding neighbors due to the fact that the boat yard and marina are there and have been in existence.

Mr. McCorkle said, Sail Harbor Marina was established in 1972 on the Carson piece of property which is on the end of that piece of property on the map on page C. It was the 618 Wilmington Island Road. Lighthouse -- Lightship Tavern was put there -- Lightship Restaurant was put there in 1983. DBL, my current client, purchased the prop -- or purchased the lease in 1985. He also purchased the property and constructed a boat yard where

Sail Harbor Marina is currently there in 1986. So the Marina has been in this location as it currently exists since 1986. During that time, the subject property that's before you today was always zoned T-B. My understanding is from the adoption of the zoning ordinance the property that we're talking about today was always zoned T-B. In 2002 the County down zoned the property that we're talking about today from T-B down to R-1-A. The policy analysis that the staff and the County Commission adopted was at the time was that it was down zoned in order to recognize the existing use of the property. Until that time there were two residential houses located on the property even though it was zoned T-B. The purpose was to remove the existing non-conforming use for the property and make it consistent with the future land use plan which was residential use. The owners at the time who were not my client actually sued the county claiming that their property had been taken without just compensation because there was no use applicable for the property at that -- as R-1-A because it's located immediately adjacent to a boat yard, and I think the reality they were trying to say was no one's ever going to build a single family residence on the river next to this operating boat yard.

Mr. McCorkle said, so since that time, the property has been vacant. So that's been vacant now for going on 12 years. In 2006 the property was purchased by Richard Gerard and was rezoned to its current zoning. I want to talk to you a minute about the current zoning. If you will turn to Exhibit H on the handouts I gave you, the property was rezoned in order to create a buffer at the time that it was done between the residential and this marina. The staff report and it -- when it was adopted by the County Commission said the subject site is located adjacent to an intensive non-residential use that is likely to continue. Because of this rezoning the site to a zoning classification that would allow higher density when permitted in existing R-1-A would be appropriate. However, the maximum density should be suitable transition from the commercial use to the existing conventional single family residential properties while protecting the character and the nature of the surrounding land. So, it was adopted for the specific purpose that it allowed multi-family on this site in order to create a buffer. If you flip over -- or if you look at H first, that is the general development plan that was adopted in connection with that rezoning in 2006. As you'll see, what's currently approved and can be built there now is six condominium buildings and a pool. My -- our proposition to you is that this is a much more intensive use and a worse use for the neighbors than what we're proposing. If we have six residences and a pool and common areas you're talking about probably 24 people. You're talking about probably 12 additional cars on what's considered a dangerous curve, I would say, children playing on that same curve.

Chairman Scott said, you have a question here from Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so there's too intense for this property?

Mr. McCorkle said, excuse me?

Commissioner Shabazz said, you said something earlier about using it for -- as a parking lot.

Mr. McCorkle said, I believe that what is currently proposed is more intensive than what we're ultimately proposing to use it for.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. McCorkle said, it's going to cause a greater burden on traffic and surrounding property owners. The height restriction is 50 feet. I'm going to get to the restrictions that we've already offered to put on our property, and I believe they're less restrictive than what we're allowed to do now.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. What do you plan to do? You plan to do multi-family?

Mr. McCorkle said, no. What we're planning on doing, if you turn -- if you turn back to item D. We purchased the property in 2002 and made -- and went to the MPC to figure out how to use this piece of property as a parking lot essentially. And so our plan is -- or what's being proposed to you today is to rezone the property through Section 4-6.54 of the ordinance which ties our rezoning to a general development plan. Item D is the general development plan that was presented to the MPC. The good thing about this particular structure is that what's shown on the plat exactly as it's shown becomes part of the zoning. So the scary list of uses that are on the T-B, which is attached by the staff report does not -- actually none of them are relevant to the piece of property. The -- the site plan becomes the zoning. So there is no other use allowed. You can't even move the buildings without changing the zoning and coming back to where we are. According to the ordinance, any desired change in land use for the property that is not consistent with the approved general development plan will be resubmitted in the same manner as the original general development plan for recommendation by the MPC and approval to the County Commission. So, I think this is a crucial point to understand in this is that T-B seems like a broad commercial zoning, but we're not asking for any of the uses that are allowed in T-B other than exactly what's shown. You'll see that what you've got here is you've got parking spaces which will move the -- the -- the actual car parking spaces from the front of the Sail Harbor Marina on to this site. You've got --

Chairman Scott said, you have a question from Commissioner Stone from the 1st, and then once she asked her question and you're able to answer it, you -- you really need to be in your closing at that point. Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I was listening very carefully Mr. McCorkle to your statement about the site use plan. My question and -- and really is of concern to me. In looking at what is allowed in this District, the

actual zoning, I mean, things like a carpet and display sales, private sewage treatment facility, a telephone service center and a truck stop. Those are uses that are allowed in this zoning. Now what you're saying is your site plan will prohibit those uses, my question would be what happens if that property is sold and this zoning stays with it? Would that site plan then be bound?

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, it would be?

County Attorney Hart said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, so there's no chance --

County Attorney Hart said, well you can't say there's no chance. The new purchaser might say, you know, I want to change the use, and -- but they'd have to go back before the MPC and jump through all the hurdles just like they -- they're doing now.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand. My -- I guess my real concern is what is allowed in this zoning district for this area. I mean some of these are clearly not compatible with what is in the area right now. So that's my concern is that how binding is this site plan upon new ownership for the area.

Mr. McCorkle said, the purpose --

Commissioner Stone said, that --

Mr. McCorkle said, the purpose of this particular section of the ordinance is to make the site plan the zoning. It will be the zoning for the property just the same as that list of uses is on T-B would be the zoning if we weren't tied to a site plan. That would be the zoning. It ties all future owners. It's no different -- if we sell the property in the future, it will be no different than if the future owner came back before you and asked to rezone the property to something else. They would have to do that in order to change a single thing that's on that site plan.

Commissioner Stone said, so this site plan is --

County Attorney Hart said, can't be changed unless y'all decide to change it.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, the MPC decides to change it, yes.

Mr. McCorkle said, we have to come back here also.

Chairman Scott said, yes. I understand that.

Mr. McCorkle said, and if you flip --

Commissioner Stone said, but I thought. Sorry.

Mr. McCorkle said, go ahead.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone, go ahead.

Commissioner Stone said, I thought that site plan only was approved by MPC.

Mr. McCorkle said, not under the ordinance -- not under the ordinance in which we are operating. The whole purpose of the MPC staff who recommended approval of this, their purpose for recommending it and using this particular portion of the ordinance was that we would have to come back through -- back through the Commission. The section of the ordinance again says any subsequent desired change to the land use of the property that is not consistent with the general development plan shall be resubmitted in the same manner as the original general development plan and shall require review and a recommendation by the MPC and review and approval of the County Commission.

Commissioner Stone said, is that --

Mr. McCorkle said, so, it is a rezoning.

Commissioner Stone said, that's just normally not the --

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Stone said, -- the regular way it goes --

County Attorney Hart said, this is sort of a handcuff situation.

Commissioner Stone said, -- so -- this is -- this is a little bit confusing to me because and -- and -- and my prior years on the MPC, that was where site plan review was approved.

Mr. McCorkle said, I think --

Commissioner Stone said, so I'm just asking questions that I want to make sure that I understand because this is a little bit out of the norm here.

Mr. McCorkle said, I think this is -- I think this is very helpful to your question. You know, one thing that's interesting about staff reports is when you get a staff report that goes to the MPC Commission and it recommends approval, if the MPC, no matter what they base it on, denies or recommends denial, what they do at the staff level is they go to the seven questions which are out of the zoning ordinance, and they change the answers from yes to no, and they send a staff report to y'all which deletes out what was in the original staff report. So you don't actually get to see what the staff review was. The staff review answered no to all seven questions in connection with both the general development plan and the zoning. Their comment to your question was -- this is their analysis and conclusion, without the submittal of a general development plan in conjunction with the rezoning request, a T-B zoning district would be inappropriate for the subject property because of the numerous commercial uses that are allowed. With the general development plan submission in conjunction with Section 4-605, which is what we're discussing, it is possible to control the uses permitted on the property, the development standards, and all the use conditions. The rezoning will allow the existing marina boat yard to move its office and customer parking. It will also permit service parking and storage of boats. By moving the office and parking, customers do not have to walk through the service area to reach the dock. The rezoning would also prevent residential uses from a location next to a boat repair operation preventing possible nuisances related to repair work such as noise and vibration. In other words, we want to limit -- we don't want to have a residential use immediately next to a boat yard, and this parking lot creates not only a safer situation but permanent buffer. They also address --

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you.

Mr. McCorkle said, they went on to address the future land use development plan. In the future land use development plan comment --

Chairman Scott said, we have -- we have additional questions. If there's no one else, I will recognize Commissioner Center from the 3rd District for a question.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Mr. McCorkle, in -- in reading some of the letters I got from the residents out there who opposed it, they're concerned about trailers turning and getting in there. Can you address that? Are you familiar with that?

Mr. McCorkle said, sure. We've done a lot -- I think my client has actually bent over backward to try to -- to address what the -- what the member -- the nearby neighbor concerns are. If you look at item E, I think that will help us talk about this a little bit. We've actually made some revisions to the site plan trying to work, and I do want to note, we met with the neighbors. My client had a meeting with the neighbors on December 12th, and after that meeting went back to the MPC to specifically address their concerns, and he sent a follow-up letter to them that said we committed to the MPC that there would be no boat repair work on the property. We'll leave the existing fence. There will be no recreational vehicle parking or overnight stays. We have revised the plan to enhance the front part and add to the buffer. The gazebo area and the marsh will be reduced in size. There will be no commercial use of the -- of the gazebo use whatsoever, and so we went and addressed that through that. If you look at item E, you will see that what we've further done from the original site plan approval, if you look down there -- just a little help from here. Is this on? No. Okay. You'll see that along the property line next to the marina, we have actually moved all of the trailer parking over to that property line. So there will be no trailer boat parking at all along the residential property line. You'll see that we've created greenspace almost the entire length of the property line along the residential, and what you'll -- the only thing you'll have on the residential side is 23 car parking spaces, and the plan -- actually the general development plan limits them to car parking and says there can't be boats there. So like I said before, that becomes part of the zoning. All that can ever be done on that site will be 23 car parking spaces on the property line. So people will be able to come in -- that drive that exists there in that picture, it's already there, okay? The -- the -- the infrastructure was put in for the potential six condo development, so that drive is -- is very wide. You can easily fit two cars going in both directions. So people will pull in there and back boats on to the other side. If you flip back -- if you flip to the next page on F & G --

Commissioner Center said, they'll be able to turn around in there and not have to back out onto -- onto the road?

Mr. McCorkle said, no. There will be no backing out. You -- when you -- it's actually a little bit off the road. There's a -- there's a in -- right in and right out kind of right there at the front of the property, and when you pull in, that first parking space is probably 70 feet from the front of the property for the boats. So you'll be 70 feet from the entrance. So there will be no backing in and out of a side. Another thing that's important to note, there will be zero cars added and zero traffic concern. We're not adding slips to the marina, we're moving parking spaces from the adjacent site to this site. There will be no additional traffic, no additional use on public services

of any kind. The building we're talking about putting up is 816 square feet and one story. It's less than -- we're required to have 40 percent lot coverage, it will be less than 1 percent lot coverage on the one we're talking about building.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Is there any further questions from member of the Commissioner? Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir, I just want to clear -- I just want to clear something up, and it's my belief that where you stated that the MPC staff said -- basically approved it and said yes and followed the criteria, this, I believe, you said seven-step criteria, and once it was reversed by the Board, by the MPC Board, that they basically had to write no on the criteria. It's my understanding that on rezoning matters you don't have to prove based on the criteria whatsoever. You just have to approve if you're requesting to actually do something that is allowed within the existing zoning for a property. So, while it's nice to meet the criteria, when you're requesting a -- a different zoning, I believe it's a little misleading to tell this body that you have to follow the seven steps, because that's just not the case. Am I correct, Mr. Attorney?

Chairman Scott said, do you have a question of Mr. McCorkle?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I just -- I just asked it.

County Attorney Hart said, those criteria are in our -- in our zoning ordinance, and they're -- they're indicators of whether you should or should not rezone. Okay? If you can meet the indicators, you've pretty well eliminated a lot of reasons not to rezone, okay? So you're in a situation that --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I agree, but I'm asking a legal question.

County Attorney Hart said, yeah, from your standpoint, you -- you can follow those recommendations. Y'all have the broadest discretion you have when you decide to re -- rezone or not rezone.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, and you can either accept the rezoning, reject the rezoning, or send it back to the MPC for further consideration or put some restrictions on the zoning. In this particular case, you've got a -- a broad -- wide abundance of uses and he's within his use, okay? Or is asking for T-B with these wide abundance of uses. He's got a site plan, development plan that's going to be approved, and they become the restrictions to the use. In other words, it may have 142 uses, but he's stuck with what he's asking you to do today if you grant it, and then if the next guy comes along and wants to do something different, it's like starting all over. He's almost got to go back and have a -- in fact, have a rezoning of that use.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I -- and I understand all that, and my -- my question I guess would be to you is did you state that the previous owners sued someone because they thought that they're prop -- when the property was rezoned because they felt as if their property was pretty much valueless because no one would build a single family home next to a boat yard? Is that what you said?

Mr. McCorkle said, I made the comment that the prior owners back in 2006 filed a suit claiming the property had been taken by the down zoning but then dropped the suit.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well, let me ask you, is that property I see on the map sitting right next door to where you're proposing the extension of the boat yard, is that a single family home?

Mr. McCorkle said, on the other side of what is our now vacant land is a single family home, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, it is your opinion that it would value that home valueless?

Mr. McCorkle said, I don't -- I don't believe that what we're doing is going to devalue the home in any way. That marina has been in existence since -- a long time. Any devaluation of any property values would already be taken into effect. A house a few doors down sold in the last three weeks for almost \$1.5 million. I don't -- I'm not suggesting that this action is going to devalue it at all, what I'm suggesting is the prior owners believed, as the MPC staff did at the time it was rezoned, that this property has always and is a buffer between a police camp, a prior marina, an existing marina and boat yard and a residential, and the staff's concern was is we need to keep this a buffer, and we need to avoid the conflict of having the direct contact between the two. The beauty of what my client is suggesting which will become the zoning for the property is that the only thing that will be on this site is parking and some boats on trailers with absolutely no stacked storage. We are -- we have agreed to --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. You -- if -- if I can just follow-up. That -- you -- I was just confused why you would make part of your presentation something that said there was a lawsuit that was dropped or whatever that valued the property as like down, yet if that was single family next door they're wanting the same thing because a few boats parked in the yard qualifies as a boat yard.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's it.

Mr. McCorkle said, and -- and let me say I was not trying to be misleading. The ordinance says --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I didn't think you were, sir.

Mr. McCorkle said, well, you said -- you said -- the ordinance said the -- the Commissioners shall evaluate the merits of any map amendment based on the following criteria, and those are the seven criteria --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mr. McCorkle said, -- the MPC suggests you -- I -- I wasn't trying to be misleading.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I didn't -- I didn't think you were trying to be, but -- but the info itself based on law was a bit misleading.

Mr. McCorkle said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and -- and -- but I didn't think you were trying to.

Chairman Scott said, if there are no further questions, Mr. McCorkle, you're time's up.

Mr. McCorkle said, well, I mean -- I'd -- I'd appreciate it if I'd at least have the opportunity to -- to summarize.

Chairman Scott said, you're -- you're time's up.

Mr. McCorkle said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Is there anyone else who wish to speak on this? Is there anyone else who wish -- I saw a hand in the back first. Please if you would state your name and your address.

Mr. Bruce Little said, would you like for me to come forward?

Chairman Scott said, yes, you have to come forward to do so.

Mr. Little said, my name is Bruce Little, and I have resided at 910 Debbie Street on Whitemarsh Island for the last 30 years, and for the past 15 years I've had a couple of small sailboats at Sail Harbor, and I've seen the -- the Sail Harbor Marina undergo many improvements through those times, and I believe that this proposed project is actually a significant improvement that --

Chairman Scott said, so you're here to -- you're here to ask that we --

Mr. Little said, I'm here to support --

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Little said, -- the improvements.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Little said, I'd say -- actually it's improvements that serve both to protect probably as well as we can the property owners who already own water on the property, and I understand how they want to protect the value of that. I respect that. They're our neighbors, and we don't want to downplay their concerns. However, the proposal that we -- that is being made, we think is a reasonable compromise that will provide a -- a long-term buffer between properties which are residential and properties which already are being used in the fashion that they've been used for over 20 years. The -- I'm not an attorney. I don't understand all of the -- the dashes and the prefix letters and all those kinds of things, that's for you to -- to deal with. I'm just a layman, and from my standpoint what I see is a lot that has not been used that is going to provide us with a -- a new parking lot for the marina, and that parking lot, by the way, it hasn't been mentioned, the changes are being proposed seem so low -- low impact on the environment. The parking lots are basically going to remain grass and gravel. The only concrete that's there is gravel that's -- is concrete that's already there and was approved before. The marina office as I understand the proposal is going to be now closer to the water. We have access to the docks so that we can move people -- are you -- are you waiving at me or are you?

Chairman Scott said, nope. Go ahead.

Mr. Little said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, kill that light.

Mr. Little said, the -- so moving the parking lot makes a lot of sense. I don't believe that the marina now is really unsafe for us to go through because they've been very cognizant of the fact that we have people who -- who are with their children, and I wrote to Commissioner Farrell about my 89-year-old mother-in-law who, one of her requests was to be able to spend a night on a sailboat.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Little said, it was a simple request, and for the matriarch of the family, you just don't deny those kinds of things, but we had to walk her through the lot, and it was a very long lot. If we had closer access to it, not only would it be safer, it would certainly be more convenient. Also, what's proposed is the -- a small recreational area. It's not large. We're really not asking for anything -- our neighbor -- my boat sits on the dock closest to the residential lot, and we see those folks out there with their family and with their friends having a good time, doing the things that family and friends do together. That's all we're asking to be able to do. We're paying -- we're not paying the same kind of premium that they are because I can't afford it, but we do collectively pay to the Sail Harbor Marina so that we can use that. We're not loud. We're not misbehaving. We're just asking for you to give us an opportunity to get to our boats which help support the -- the local economy in a way that's a little bit safer and a little bit more convenient with low impact on the environment, and in a way that I think serves both the needs of the marina and -- and the businesses that grow up around it, as well as the -- the residents.

Chairman Scott said, most of what you're saying have been presented eloquently by Mr. McCorkle, so unless you have something new to add, we have others here who wants to speak on this.

Mr. Little said, that's fine.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Little said, did you have something that you wanted to ask me?

Chairman Scott said, we have a question here.

Mr. Little said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, yeah, I -- I -- I didn't know where your address was. You live on Wilmington Island?

Mr. Little said, I live --

Chairman Scott said, Whitemarsh.

Mr. Little said, -- on Whitemarsh Island.

Commissioner Center said, Whitemarsh Island.

Mr. Little said, and I have been a boat owner -- I've kept my boat there at Sail Harbor Marina for about 15 years.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Okay. Thank you so much. Does anyone else want to speak on it? Please state your name and let us know -- and address and let us know whether or not you're for it or against it, please.

Mr. Dennis Chandler said, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission, my name's Dennis Chandler, I live at 526 Wilmington Island Road, which is two lots over from this adjacent property at 604. Mr. McCorkle, when he stated about this property being T-B at ten years past, only thing that was ever T-B on that property there was like about a 10-foot stretch on this side where the fence that the original boat yard is at right now was T-B. The rest of that property's always been residential. Family dwelling, the Lamas' lived on that property until the last -- Billy Lamas passed away, then the two houses were rented out. Then they got in poor condition. Harvey's bought the property. They tore it down. They then tried -- they came before this Commission and they were denied. They tried to get it approved. That was in 2006. I think he was speaking of about -- they were talking about lawsuit, what have you. The Commission denied it. The property when it was rezoned back to multi-family, this gentlemen, Gerard, I don't know the whole details, but it turned out he lost the property. It went back to the bank. It had a lot of improvements done on it. As it sits now, it is vacant, of course. No it's not vacant. It's got boats, and it's got trailers and everything there now. When Mr. Long called his first meeting for the neighbors, we showed up. We had the meeting. First thing Mr. Long asked, he said, I want to know who made the statement that I wanted to put an RV park here? I did, because that's the statement he made, and then 10 minutes, 15, oh, no, I don't want that. Fifteen minutes later, a gentleman there that was representing for Mr. Long, talked -- speaking for Mr. Long asked the question, said, well, you don't want RVs there. Oh, no. I didn't say that. I didn't say that. I do, but I'm not going to let people live in them though. It wasn't a few days later after that I went out of town to see a brother, come home, and there's RVs on the lot. So the County, Mr. -- I forget the gentleman's name at -- at Mr. Anderson's office, Sebek, I think it is. He had to go out, and he went -- they finally removed those.

Mr. Chandler said, well, he called another meeting. We didn't go because there was no interest to go because we feel like we're residents there. This piece of property, he talks about it being a buffer between residents and

the boat yard. It's not a buffer. Yeah, I'd much rather have six cottages there, know who's there. Mr. McCorkle mentioned, well, you're going to have 24 -- about 24 cars on a dangerous curve, well he wants to put 35 parking places on that dangerous curve with boats and trailers pulling in and out of there. It's one of the most dangerous curves around. We ended up you've got T-B -- in his same letter that he sent to us, Mr. McCorkle stated in that letter that Mr. Long was going -- this is what he's going to do and what he is not going to do. Well, when it turned out, in his own letter, he admitted, all he's got to do is go back to the MPC and come before you people and get it changed, and he can do anything he wants to do. It leaves a wide open gate. And this is what concerns us. We'd like to keep -- between Sail Harbor Marina and Young's Marina, we have one stretch of residential that's been there -- my wife's family been on this property since the '40s. Most all of them have been there. Today we're not represented, well some of the people had to leave that we had here. A gentlemen just bought the house next -- two doors over from me. He just paid well over a million something dollars for the home. He had to go -- leave to go to work. The young lady that represents the Costa property, that's married to the Costas, she had to go pick her children up, but they're all against any rezoning. We'd like to keep it as it is, residential. We'd much rather -- he spoke of 50-foot high, well, I think there's an ordinance like 35-foot, I believe it is, on Wilmington Island, but I'm not quite sure of that. I've -- I've heard that.

Mr. Chandler said, we do not -- as far as all the neighbors along that strip, and I speak -- as a matter of fact, I have a couple of emails here. This one is from Dr. Tanner who owns property. He says that he owns the property at 508, 512 Wilmington Island Road. I'm opposed to rezoning proposal being considered for 604 Wilmington Island Road. I authorize Dennis Chandler to represent me on this matter, and I'm currently in North Carolina and unable to attend proceedings regarding this matter. Yours truly, David Tanner. I have right here, Dr. Basil [phonetic], who has just built one gorgeous -- probably about a \$3 million home right down from us there. He wasn't able -- being a doctor he's not able to be here, but he says, yeah, I'm writing this an opinion for the rezoning of the lot and marina. I'm against any rezoning whatsoever. I purchased my lot and built a home -- built a house to be in a neighborhood, and I do not wish to encroach -- any encroachment on my original vision. Any change zoning would jeopardize not only my vision but values of all properties nearby. I pay a fair amount of taxes every year to the County for the right to have a nice view and land with a stable future. Please do not vote to do anything that would change not only my future but the pocketbook if land values were to decrease because of the rezoning. Thank you Drs. Jim and Kelly Basil [phonetic]. And then I think Mr. Hart you have a letter, also, I think from --

Chairman Scott said, now, let's not -- we don't need to question what Mr. Hart has. Do you have any --

Mr. Chandler said, well I was just -- well I didn't want to read it since he may have already gave it to you folks.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Chandler said, from Mr. Forrester. Okay. Well, it was sent to me. This is -- it says I wish to add my objection to Sail Harbor zoning. As you know I -- he redid the Sheraton Hotel building and still owns property on the site, and he said he personally believes it will be a serious overcrowding with additional boat and trailer parking, and I thank you, Bill Forrester. And, of course, the other people that just left. They're against that also. Wish to remain to keep it residential, and we'd ask you all to consider that fact if you would because it's a very dangerous curve. The situation that's going to be there is going to be -- it's just going to totally add more. I mean, I can't see how Mr. McCorkle says building six cottages there would add more traffic then what you're going to have with 35 parking places and boats and trailers and what have you. I appreciate your time. Thank you very much. And I'd appreciate if you'd recon -- if you would consider the fact of leaving the property residential and giving us just a fair fight -- what we have. Thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, you're welcome, sir. You have a question that was -- that hasn't been answered?

Commissioner Center said, yes, following up what he said. I just want to ask Jon if it was true.

Chairman Scott said, you've got a question --

Commissioner Center said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, -- of counsel?

Commissioner Center said, yes. I -- I -- he talked about the recreational vehicles not supposed to be there. If we -- if this were to be adopted as Mr. McCorkle's client wants, can they park recreational vehicles there?

County Attorney Hart said, I -- I'm not sure. That's the first time I've heard that. You could probably store a recreational vehicle there, but if you inhabited it, it's -- it's not zoned for that, and we'd make them move that.

Mr. McCorkle said, can I respond to that?

Chairman Scott said, anybody else want to speak? I see three hands, and we'll close it out with those three. Yes, and then the two ladies on the front row.

Mr. Jim Bulloch said, my name is Jim Bulloch and my address is 114 Wingate Road, which is about a mile from the marina. I've had boats in there since the mid '70s, and it's been a big part of the community, a big part of

my life and my family's life. We really appreciate having that opportunity, as Mr. Little said, to have a boat on the water without having to pay the prices of -- of the property which we can't afford. I heard a few things here that just concerned me that were different than what was presented in -- in my hearing. May -- maybe you heard it differently, but I heard Mr. McCorkle say that they were going to add 23 not 35 parking places, and those 23 parking places were going to --

Chairman Scott said, we -- we don't want to be redundant on what Mr. McCorkle says because we have a written --

Mr. Bulloch said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- presentation from him.

Mr. Bulloch said, okay. Then -- then let's go back to that representation that you have written Mr. Chairman and say that they -- I did hear also that the site plan becomes the law. That it becomes the zoning once it's approved. Does the site plan show RV parking? I don't think so.

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. McCorkle in -- corrected me a minute ago and said that the site plan does contain language that -- that prohibits RV parking there.

Mr. Bulloch said, there's no RV parking, and I don't understand the objection to that when it's not on the site plan. I don't understand the parking issue when it will be the same cars that are pulling into Sail Harbor now will be parking there. The -- the -- the dangerous curve issue, the same cars that are pulling in and out of Sail Harbor now will be in -- instead parking on the lot next door. So I don't understand that. I don't understand the comments about impaired vision --

Chairman Scott said, all right. It -- it really --

Mr. Bulloch said, -- since there's nothing going to be done on the water.

Chairman Scott said, but much -- much of your argument and -- and all due respect are -- are the type of arguments that would be better made at your community meeting, and I hope they were because there -- there's a lot of redundancy in what you're saying.

Mr. Bulloch said, I -- Amen. I -- I -- I --

Chairman Scott said, and --

Mr. Bulloch said, -- heard things against what was said --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mr. Bulloch said, -- that didn't make sense, and you didn't stop them. So if they weren't talking about the site plan, I felt like it was important to come back to the site plan and say --

Chairman Scott said, we've -- we've --

Mr. Bulloch said, -- what you have in front of you is what's proposed.

Chairman Scott said, we've heard -- we've heard from the site plan. If there's anything new that you want to add.

Mr. Bulloch said, no. Just wanted to correct some issues that were not in the site plan that you let into the meeting.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Bulloch said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Yes, the lady --

Ms. Meredith Lamas said, hi. My name is Meredith Lamas, and I own the property at 402 Wilmington Island Road. We have purchased the property relatively recently, but we have been residents of Wilmington Island, my husband's grown up there his entire life, and I moved right out of college, so probably 20 year residents of that area. We too are boaters. We do -- we too are sailors. I have a husband who is an avid sailor here. Until very recently, we didn't have our own dock, and we have never had a shortage of public access for being to use those facilities. There is a boat ramp right on Wilmington Island. We used it as recently as this past weekend. So I don't feel as though that the city or excuse me, the county needs any more access for tourists and business to be able to get to the water because I have never had a problem getting there myself even though we have already -- you know, always lived here in this area. I also do feel as though with the parking lots, one of the things that they did not mention is, if it was your personal lot, you don't want 20 something cars parked down

beside your house, just like you don't want a home built too closely to your property. I also think you don't want to have 20 something additional cars between the two. Our other concern is that if we do change this to T-B, then it's going to be a battle that we're constantly going to be taking off half days of work and having to come up here and fight again and again and again every time the use of the property wants to be changed. I understand it would have to be heard again to be re-changed, but right now, it just kind of opens that door to say okay, well, six more months come n.

Chairman Scott said, it has -- it has to be more than heard. It will have to be heard before the MPC and the County Commission, and they both would have to agree.

Ms. Lamas said, right, but we would all have to continue and there's about 10 of us today that have taken time from our day to continue to dispute it, and we think that it just opens the door for us to continue having rezoning with this one particular property. They are able to get to the boat ramps now. There are other open spaces in other marinas that are accessible on our street, and there is a long stretch of residences between it. They indicate there's a boat -- it makes it sound as though there's a boat yard, a couple houses, boat yard, couple houses. There's not. There are numerous houses on either side of me buffering between me and that marina, and we would like to keep it that way and not open it up for continuing encroachment if it's -- if it's approved.

Chairman Scott said, all right. Do you have a question?

Commissioner Center said, yes, but I want to ask -- I don't see anything on the site plan about boat slips. I'm hearing -- I'm hearing that if we don't approve this people are going to lose their access to the water.

Chairman Scott said, there -- there isn't --

Commissioner Center said, this has nothing to do with how many boats are out there, does it?

Ms. Lamas said, there are -- I mean slips for -- for parking the physical boats, not necessarily on the water, but parking places on the property itself is what I was referring to.

County Attorney Hart said, I would point out that the site plan that -- my bad eyes can't read this small print, --

Chairman Scott said, thank you for your presentation.

County Attorney Hart said, -- but the general development plan --

Chairman Scott said, Jon, excuse me.

County Attorney Hart said, -- states no boat will be allowed on the site. No R -- RVs on the site.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Thank you for your presentation.

Ms. Lamas said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and we'll get clarification on that one. The -- the -- the lady --

Ms. Ann Howell said, my intention is just to put a face with the letter that I sent to all of you. My name is Ann Howell, and I live at 700 Wilmington Island Road in the old Oglethorpe Hotel, which is now Plantation Condominiums and just to consider our concerns as homeowners in the -- what we're finally getting to the point where we will have our nice homes and would like to rebuild our -- our property value -- values again. I know you're all aware probably of the problems we've had over the years, so this is just a -- a step for us. We don't want to step backward, we want to step forward, so please consider my -- my letter when you make your decision. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Is there anybody else wants to speak against it? Against it? This is the last presenter, and then I'm going to allow Mr. Corkle [sic] three minutes to correct any -- anything that may have been in error before we vote.

Mr. Jim Martin said, good afternoon. I guess it is afternoon already, right?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Mr. Martin said, Mr. Chairman and --

Chairman Scott said, please introduce yourself and where you live.

Mr. Martin said, I'm sorry. My name is Jim Martin. I live at 520 and 518 Wilmington Island Road, which is three doors removed from the proposed property amendment. Mr, Chairman, I beg your indulgence. I'm going to revisit this dangerous curve issue because there's a couple things that have not been made aware -- you've been made aware of. First of all, Sail Harbor, the present Sail Harbor, does have access to Wilmington Island Road and there is traffic that goes in and out of that -- in and out of that gate. However, that exit is on a side

road that is not on -- directly onto Wilmington Island Road. The proposed property that we're talking about exists directly onto Wilmington Island Road, which you probably know is one of the most dangerous curves in Chatham County. Now it was interesting to listen to the attorney who said that there would be boat launchings on that property or from that property what have you. How are you going to get boats to launch if you're not hauling them in and out with trailers directly on to Wilmington Island Road by non-professional drivers that may or may not have skills. I urge you to consider the danger that we may be adding to this if this amendment is approved.

Mr. Martin said, secondly the attorney said that the -- the users of Sail Harbor would be able to have better access to their docks. Well I don't have a map that you have in front of you, but you should consider that the entrance to the docks are on the left side of the Yacht Works property. They have direct access walking down the left side of that property to those docks. The property in question is on the right side of this existing Sail Harbor property. So it's interesting to me how you can access the docks without having to walk directly across this existing Sail Harbor property. That's not easier access, it's more difficult access.

Mr. Martin said, the third point I'd like to make about the property is that there is property at 618 -- the old Sail Harbor property that is already zoned commercial. If Sail Harbor wanted to expand that, they could have purchased that property already zoned commercial -- commercial and on the left side which is closest to their -- their -- to their existing docks. Third thing I'd like to talk about is in the site plan there is provision for what I will call a party platform. Well the party platform or gazebo whatever you'd like to call it, who's going to police -- what restrictions are on there? Is there going to be parties there at 3:00 o'clock in the morning with a whole bunch of people who are having a good time and making noise and whatever? The same -- so -- so who's going to police this? The same question I have is that the parking -- they have nicely told you that there's going to be parking, it's going to be segregated and a certain kind of parking in one place and another. Well, who's going to police that? Who's going to police that next month, next year, two years from now? Who are we to call if we have complaints about the way this property is being used? When they tell you we're going to not have trailers and boats and RVs and whatever on that property and all the sudden they show up there, how are we to rectify that situation as neighbors?

County Attorney Hart said, you would call the Zoning Administrator and make a complaint, and it would be looked at by Building and Regulatory Services.

Mr. Bulloch said, yeah, well, that's great, you know. Who -- who has time to monitor and call and complain and whatever. Why should we as neighbors be forced to do this? The other question is -- the other point that was raised is that there are existing marinas on the -- on -- on Turner's Creek and there's existing commercial property on -- on Turner's Creek. Please note that that commercial property is on the I guess it would be the west end of Wilmington Island Road and on the far east end of Wilmington Island Road. We're talking about expanding that commercial property now into existing residential property. We just don't think that's the right thing to do. So I guess my final comment is I would like you all to affirm the action of the Metropolitan Planning Commission who unanimously, without an exception, unanimously -- unanimously voted to deny the application, and I'd like to consider that -- consider -- have you consider that and the staff work that went into that that they had all kinds of time to evaluate this -- this -- this application and unanimously voted against it.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Bulloch said, thank you. Any questions for me?

Chairman Scott said, no, thank you. We don't have any for you.

Mr. Bulloch said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, there was -- there was a mis-statement though. The staff recommendation really was for approval and the MPC recommended denial. And I at this time I'll give Mr. McCorkle three minutes to summarize or to respond since they were referring to you by name.

Mr. McCorkle said, sure. I'm going to respond, and I'm going to respond specifically, and I appreciate the time, Mr. Chairman. One, there was a comment about RV parks. If y'all will turn to Exhibit E, this is our revised site plan. I've highlighted several pieces of language on there for you. I want to specifically address the things that were raised by the -- by the people -- by the folks here.

Chairman Scott said, three minutes.

Mr. McCorkle said, there will be -- one, there will be no boat repair or boat launching on this piece of property, both of which things were said. There will be no RV parking on this property which was said. There will be no stacked storage on this property. The gazebo, my client has agreed to limit the gazebo to only users -- clients of the boat yard, to restrict it by hours of usage, and to not rent it out to anybody else. They wouldn't know this because as -- Mr. Chairman, you asked the question about raising issues at the community meeting. I sent out a letter -- I sent the letter for a meeting on April 22nd to meet with all these home owners and said we want to work this out. We want to address every single one of your issues. I said specifically how we were going to address some of them. We sat there. We had cookies and -- and -- and tea and everything sitting at the church down the street. Not a single person showed up. Y'all ever heard of that? Y'all ever heard of a -- of a petition like this where you got a bunch of angry neighbors and not a single person showed up except for our people

in support and the Chatham County police showed up because they are next door and they were supportive of what we were doing. So they don't want to talk to us. They're not even aware of what our responses is. There's obviously a great deal of confusion. As I said, no boat slips, no boat launch. The height restriction currently is 50 feet. What the MPC suggested for our site is 36 feet. We've agreed voluntarily to reduce it to 25 feet. So -- we've also moved all the boats onto the other side of the property. If you look at the picture -- just bear with me. If you look at the picture real quick on R. R is the side of the boat yard that already exists. There is no vegetation. There's no nothing. So our boats will be parked over there where there already are sailboats up so you won't even see what additional boats are added because they're already masked.

Mr. McCorkle said, and the last thing I want to talk about particularly is the buffer. If you look at the pictures on K, starting with K. The reason that this isn't going to impact these folks, I'm standing -- I took these pictures, and I'm standing at the door of the next door piece of property on K, and I'm taking panoramic pictures. Flip the pages, K, L, M, and N, that's my car in N. That's the view from the immediate next door piece of property. You can't even see the boat yard when you're standing on the ground. You can't even see it. So I think the staff recognized all of this. And let me just make -- finish with this one request. We have the option as Mr. Hart said earlier. The County Commission has four options, either approve us, deny us, make your own changes to the site plan or hold the rezoning in abeyance and send us back to the MPC. The owners refused to meet with us on April 22nd. Didn't even want to discuss the issues, so my feeling is I don't think they're really all that concerned about what the real issues are, but what I'd ask you to do, if you have hesitation since there's obviously confusion. They think we're doing RV parking and all these things which -- none of which we're doing, and which are going to be on the site plan which becomes the zoning. It's like a covenant that says we cannot do it. I would ask that you would operate under the fourth option, hold our zoning petition in abeyance and send us back to the MPC who also hasn't seen our revisions to the site plan and let us continue to work with staff to address any issue they might have, and please encourage these folks if they want to address these specific issues, we're trying to meet with them. We sat there for an hour with no one there to appear. So I would ask that if -- if y'all got reservations and you're seeing the confusion about what it is that we're actually doing that exists here, I would ask that you operate that fourth option, hold our zoning in abeyance and send us back to MPC --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can I ask a question?

Mr. McCorkle said, -- so we can try to get this worked out because obviously there's a lot of misunderstandings. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, you have a question?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I have a question and with your permission I'll make a motion.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize you for the purpose of a question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, was the property -- okay. When the current owner purchased the property was it zoned like it's zoned right now?

Mr. McCorkle said, it was.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Thank you.

Mr. McCorkle said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further questions of Mr. McCorkle? If not, thank you so much.

Mr. McCorkle said, thank you.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll --

Commissioner Center said, I was going to move that we send it back to MPC.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I will make a motion, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, we've got one.

Commissioner Center said, go ahead. Go ahead. I --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, at this time based on the MPC's recommendation and based on the fact that the petitioner actually purchased this property with the way that it's currently zoned, I will make a motion to deny the request.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, well, I don't think that's an appropriate motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, I do, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, well, you -- you have on here that the staff is recommending denial.

Commissioner Stone said, no. The staff recommended --

Commissioner Center said, the staff recommended approval.

Chairman Scott said, and so if you -- if you want to deny it, then you would have to uphold --

Commissioner Stone said, the staff recommended approval.

Chairman Scott said, -- the staff recommendation -- the MPC recommendation.

Commissioner Stone said, Commissioner --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well, I -- I make a motion to deny the request for rezoning is what I stated.

Commissioner Brady said, he's saying you have to make a motion to uphold --

Chairman Scott said, well the Planning Commission recommendation --

Commissioner Stone said, is denial.

Chairman Scott said, -- is denial, so you would be upholding --

County Attorney Hart said, uphold the Planning Commission recommendation for denial.

Chairman Scott said, -- the Planning Commission recommendation. All I'm saying to you is your motion doesn't make sense.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, great. As the Chairman stated I recommend denial. I think that's apples and oranges in language, but that's fine. If that makes everybody more comfortable that's great.

Commissioner Farrell said, you need to make a motion to uphold the MPC's recommendation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, MPC's recommendation to deny period.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's your motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that is my motion.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, I think that's more clear.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second that we accept the Planning Commission recommendation of denial. That's really is where we're at.

Commissioner Farrell said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, discussion.

Chairman Scott said, hearing the motion, second, any discussion?

Commissioner Center said, yes. I -- I would prefer that my -- my colleagues consider sending this back to the MPC to let them try again before it comes to us rather than just deny it outright and leave it. If we send it back to the MPC, let them have a shot at it, and I -- that's why I'd prefer that we not pass this motion and then take another motion to send it back to the MPC.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion?

Commissioner Holmes said, is that a motion? Call the question.

Commissioner Center said, no that's discussion. I'm just asking you to vote against the motion so we can now bring up a different motion.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Well you can --

County Attorney Hart said, somebody moved for the question to be called?

Commissioner Holmes said, I did.

Chairman Scott said, he wasn't recognized for that, though.

Commissioner Farrell said, that was an unrecognizable motion.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion that the Planning Commission recommendation of denial be upheld. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to uphold the recommendation of denial made by the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-2 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone, Farrell, Shabazz, Brady, Kicklighter and Thomas voting yes and Commissioners Holmes and Center voting no.

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LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The petitioner, DBL, Inc., is requesting rezoning of 604 Wilmington Island Road from a P-4-E-4.25 (Multi-family Residential-4.25 units per net acre) district to a T-B (Tourist Business) district in conjunction with a general development plan (File No. P-131211-00116-1; see Attachment "A") as provided in Sec. 4-6.5(1)(a) to restrict how the property can be used and developed if rezoned to T-B. **File No. Z-131211-00115.1.**

ISSUE:

A request to rezone 604 Wilmington Island Road from a P-R-3-4.25 (Multi-family Residential-4.25 units per net acre) zoning classification to a T-B (Tourist Business) zoning classification in conjunction with a General Development Plan as provided in Sec. 4-6.5(a)(1). The existing Environmental Overlay (E-O) district is not proposed to be eliminated.

BACKGROUND:

The subject property, 1.73 acres, is located on the west side of Wilmington Island Road and abuts Turner's Creek to the west. The property was rezoned from R-1-A (One-family Residential) in 2006 for a multi-family residential project which was never developed; however, infrastructure to support the development was installed. Rezoning is requested to allow for the expansion of the adjacent Sail Harbor Marina and Boatyard to the south. The subject site is proposed to be limited vehicular parking for customers, uncovered surface boat storage (i.e., no stacked storage/racks), a relocated office/marina store, bathroom and shower facilities for boaters and a pavilion for customers.

A general development plan has been submitted in conjunction with the rezoning (File No. P-131211-00116-1). The "unusual or extraordinary" provision in Sec. 4-6.5(1)(a) allows the Planning Commission to recommend conditions, including design standards, at the time of rezoning which could control the site and the operation of

the proposed use (including limiting the use of the property to the above-mentioned uses and activities). If rezoning is approved, the plan and conditions would become part of the approval.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Public Notice:** The property is located in an area (Turner’s Creek) which does not have a known neighborhood association. However, MPC sent mailed notice of the Planning Commission meeting to all property owners within 300 feet of the property on December 19, 2013. The petitioner held a neighborhood meeting on December 10 at Frank Murray Community Center, which was subsequently moved to Islands High School because the community center was not opened. A follow-up letter was sent to meeting attendees regarding their concerns. The letter, dated December 12, 2013, is attached.
2. **Existing Development Pattern:** The subject property is located in an area that is predominantly residential, including single-family residential and multi-family residential (Wilmington Plantation). However, there are a few non-residential uses nearby including the Wilmington Island Club, a private club and golf course, across from the subject property. The applicant owns a marina and boat yard adjacent to the southern property line of the subject property; the adjacent property to the south of the marina/boat yard is the Savannah Police Recreation Camp, also zoned T-B.

The land uses and zoning districts surrounding the subject property include

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	1-F Residential	R-1-A/E-O [1]
East	Wilmington Island Road/The Wilmington Island Club	PUD-M-1/E-O [2]
South	Sail Harbor Marina & Boatyard	T-B
West	Turner’s Creek	n/a

[1] R-1-A = One-family Residential
 [2] PUD-M-1 = Planned Unit Development Multi-family

3. **Transportation Network:** The property has frontage on Wilmington Island Road, a two land collector street. In 2011, the street had an average daily traffic count of 4,120 vehicles for the segment extending from Johnny Mercer Boulevard to the northeast and Winchester Drive to the southeast.
4. **Public Services and Facilities:** The property is served by the Metropolitan Police Department, Southside fire protection and by City of Savannah water and sewer services. The closest Chatham Area Transit bus stop is Johnny Mercer Boulevard and Penn Waller Road, which is on the East Savannah Route.
5. **Land Use Element:** The Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designates the subject property as Residential-Suburban Single Family. The intent of the Residential-Suburban Single Family land use is for “Areas identified for single-family detached residential dwellings at gross area densities of five units per acre and less.” The designation is not consistent with the proposed zoning for the property (R-3-4.25) or the proposed zoning district (T-B).

Rezoning to a commercial zoning classification typically implies a FLUM reclassification when the zoning and FLUM designations are inconsistent. It is unclear why a marina use was placed into the T-B district, which is predominantly a retail and service district for those traveling by vehicle. Many of the T-B permitted uses are not appropriate for areas where marinas are located, often in predominately residential areas.

Though inconsistent, it is recommended that the Residential-Suburban Single Family FLUM classification remain if the property is rezoned. This is the same FLUM designation for the existing marina property to the south. Should the marina cease operation in the future (if approved), re-use of the property would most likely to be residential.

6. **Existing P-R-3 Zoning District:**
 - a. **Intent of the P-R-3 District:** The intent of R-3 district is “to create an area in which one-family, two-family, multi-family and certain non-dwelling uses are permitted in order to help ensure a healthful living environment and functional open space in multi-family areas. The net dwelling density for this zone shall be established at the time of rezoning. The density to be established shall be recommended by the Metropolitan Planning Commissioner, but shall not be more than 24 units per net acre...”

The "P" designation is the Planned District designation, which is an overlay district that requires that a site development plan be submitted to the MPC for review and approval before construction plans can be approved.

- b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the R-3 district are attached in Table 2 (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). This district is predominantly for single-family detached residential; however, limited non-residential uses are permitted that have been long-standing, traditional uses in residential areas, either as a matter-of-right (e.g., religious institutions) or with Zoning Board of Appeals approval (e.g. child care centers and country clubs).
- c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the R-3 district appear in the attached table (Table 1).
7. **Proposed T-B Zoning District:**
- a. **Intent of the T-B District:** The T-B district is intended to "provide and encourage the proper grouping of roadside services area that will accommodate the needs of the traveling public in a manner that prevents traffic congestion, traffic hazards, and blight on the streets, roads and highways within Chatham County and to create and protect commercial water recreational areas."
- b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the T-B district include uses that are intended to accommodate travelers, such as restaurants, motel, service stations and truck stops. The district also permits water-oriented uses which include: marinas, marine supply and service facilities, fish camps, boat launching facilities, and commercial watercraft. The T-B district also permits an array of uses such as general agriculture, cocktail lounges, package stores, nursery schools, specialty shops, banks and manufactured home sales. The uses allowed within the T-B district are attached in Table 3 (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the T-B district appear in the attached table. (Table 1).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

1. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would create traffic volumes, noise level, odor, airborne particulate matter, visual blight, reduce light or increased density of development that would adversely impact the livability or quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood?
- Yes No
2. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would adversely impact adjacent and nearby properties by rendering such properties less desirable and therefore, less marketable for the type of development permitted under the current zoning?
- Yes No
3. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would generate a type or mix of vehicular traffic on a street or highway that is incompatible with the type of land use development along such street or highway?
- Yes No
4. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate greater traffic volumes at vehicular access points and cross streets than is generated by uses permitted under the current zoning district to the detriment of maintaining acceptable or current volume capacity (V/C) ratio for the streets that provide vehicular access to the proposed zoning district and adjacent and nearby properties?
- Yes No
5. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses or scale of development that would require a greater level of public services such as drainage facilities, utilities, or safety services above that required for uses permitted under the current zoning district such that the provision of these services will create financial burden to the public?
- Yes No
6. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would adversely impact the improvement or development of adjacent and nearby properties in accordance with existing zoning regulations and development controls deemed necessary to maintain the stability and livability of the surrounding neighborhood?
- Yes No

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The submittal of a general development plan in conjunction with the rezoning of the subject site would help to mitigate the adverse impact of the numerous commercial uses on the residential properties in the general vicinity. However, a general development plan in conjunction with Sec. 4-6.5(1)(a) would potentially permit commercial uses that would be incompatible with the residential character of the general area. Because of these factors the rezoning of the subject site to a T-B classification would be inappropriate and potentially impact surrounding properties. Also, the proposed zoning classification and intended use would be inconsistent with the Chatham County-Savannah Comprehensive Future Land Use Map.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approval of the T-B zoning classification in conjunction with approval of a general development plan consistent with the “unusual or extraordinary” provision in Sec. 4-6.5(1)(a). See Attachment “A”.
2. Recommend an alternate zoning district.
3. Denial of the petitioner’s request.

RECOMMENDATION: The Planning Commission recommends **DENIAL** of the request to rezone the subject property from a P-R-3-4.25 (Multi-family Residential - 4.25 units per net acre) zoning classification to a T-B (Tourist Business) zoning classification.

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director
Development Services

February 4, 2014

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Table 1: Comparison of Development Standards for the Existing R-3-4.25 and Proposed T-B Zoning Districts

	R-3 District	T-B District
Minimum Lot Area	6,000 sf	Ordinance does not identify requirement
Minimum Lot Width	60 ft	Ordinance does not identify requirement
Front Yard Setback	From the centerline of the following roadways: Freeway: 115 ft Major Arterial: 85 ft Secondary Arterial: 70 ft Collector: 60 ft Residential: 50 ft Access Easement: 36 ft	From the centerline of the following roadways: Major Arterial: 85 ft Secondary Arterial: 85 ft Collector: 67.5 ft Minor: 55 ft Marginal Access: 55 ft
Minimum Side Yard Setback	5 ft	No requirement unless adjacent to an Residential district, then 10 ft is required
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	25 ft	No requirement unless adjacent to an Residential district, then 30 ft is required
Maximum Height	50 ft	Ordinance does not identify requirement (see general development plan)
Maximum Building Coverage	30%	Ordinance does not identify requirement (see general development plan)
Maximum Density	4.25 units per net acre	n/a (residential not permitted in the T-B district)



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----- M E M O R A N D U M -----

DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2014
TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:
DBL, Inc., d/b/a Sail Harbor Marina and Boatyard, Applicant
604 Wilmington Island Road
File No. Z-131211-00115-1

MPC ACTION: Denial of the request to rezone the subject property from a P-R-3-4.25 (Multi-family Residential - 4.25 units per net acre) zoning classification to a T-B (Tourist Business) zoning classification based on the findings identified in the report.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the request to rezone the subject property from a P-R-3-4.25 (Multi-family Residential - 4.25 units per net acre) zoning classification to a T-B (Tourist Business) zoning classification. The recommendation for approval was in conjunction with approval of the general development plan.
(File No. P-131211-00115-1)

MEMBERS PRESENT: 8 + Chairman

Shedrick Coleman, Chairman
Adam Ragsdale
Ben Farmer
Tanya Milton
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Lacy Manigault, Treasurer
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*Stephanie Cutter
*Russ Abolt
*James Overton

FOR APPROVAL: 8

FOR DENIAL: 0

ABSTAINING: 1

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

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2. THE PETITIONER, TERRY COLEMAN, AGENT FOR BARBARA LIENTZ, IS REQUESTING APPROVAL TO REZONE A PORTION OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 32 ISLAND DRIVE FROM THE EXISTING R-1-C/EO (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 1.35 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE/ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLY) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO THE R-1A/EO (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 3.5 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE/ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY) ZONING CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

Chairman Scott said, Item 2, the Petitioner, Terry Coleman, agent for Barbara Lientz, is requesting approval of -- to rezone a portion of the property located at 32 Island Drive from the Existing R-1-C/EO, One Family Residential to 1.35 Dwelling Units per Acre/Environmental Overlay Zoning Classification to RAR-1A/EO, One Family Residential 3.5 Dwelling Units per Acre/Environmental Overlay Zoning Classification. The MPC recommends approval.

Commissioner Stone said, I was just going to make a motion. I -- I was -- when you're ready for a motion, I'll make a motion.

Commissioner Center said, let's approve it.

Chairman Scott said, any explanation.

Mr. Lotson said, Mr. Chairman, I can give you a -- a -- a very brief overview of this if the -- if the Board -- if the Commission would like to hear it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we don't need it.

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

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman I recommend that we approve the motion.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the rezoning of a portion of the property located at 32 Island Drive from the Existing R-1-C/EO, One Family Residential to 1.35 Dwelling Units per Acre/Environmental Overlay Zoning Classification to R-1A/EO, One Family Residential 3.5 Dwelling Units per Acre/Environmental Overlay Zoning Classification. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-2~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~May 9, 2014~~

AGENDA ITEM: *XII-2*

AGENDA DATE: May 25, 2014



CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The petitioner, Terry Coleman, Agent for Barbara Lientz is requesting approval to rezone a portion of a property located at 32 Island Drive from the existing R-1-C/EO (One Family Residential 1.35 dwelling units per acre/Environmental Overlay) zoning classification to the R-1-A/EO (One family residential 3.5 dwelling units per acre/Environmental Overlay) zoning classification.

ISSUE:

The petitioner is requesting approval to rezone a portion of a property located at 32 Island Drive from the existing R-1-C/EO (One Family Residential 1.35 dwelling units per acre/Environmental Overlay) zoning classification to the R-1-A/EO (One family residential 3.5 dwelling units per acre/Environmental Overlay) zoning classification.

BACKGROUND: The subject property is an approximately 1.5 acre parcel of land developed with a single family residence and located on Isle of Hope between Island Drive and McIntosh Drive. The existing residence was constructed in 1995. The portion of the property under consideration is a 0.54 acre portion of the 1.48 acre parcel which abuts McIntosh Drive. In 1994 a Zoning Text Amendment was adopted rezoning a number of properties from the previous R-1 classification to one of the newly created districts. Although the 1994 Staff

Report does not speak to why individual properties were given a chosen classification, it is likely that lot size at the time of rezoning was an important factor. The subject property, which is approximately 1.5 acres, was rezoned to R-1-C.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Public Notice:** As required by the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, a notice of the proposed rezoning was mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of the subject property and a sign was posted on the property.
2. **Site:** The subject property is a single residential lot approximately 1.5 acres in size. Under the current zoning, the minimum lot size required is 32,000 square feet.

Although the property could be subdivided into two lots under the current zoning, this would infringe upon the existing residence. The block in which the subject property is located is bounded on three sides by McIntosh Drive, Barnett Drive and Island Drive. To the east are three river front lots that abut the subject property's eastern boundary. The adjacent properties along McIntosh Drive and Island Drive average approximately 18,500 square feet in size, slightly less than half an acre; the river front lots east of the subject property range in size between one and a half and three and a half acres.

3. **Existing Development Pattern:** The development pattern in the vicinity of the subject property is characterized by larger single family lots along the river west of the subject property and smaller single family lots on the interior streets east of the subject property. The petitioner's proposal would create one new lot consisting of 0.54 acres, the remainder of the current parcel would be 0.94 acres. These lot sizes are consistent with adjacent properties and do not negatively impact the development pattern of the neighborhood.

The land uses and zoning districts surrounding the subject property include

Location	Land Use	Zoning
North	McIntosh Drive Single Family Residential	R-1-A/EO
South	Island Drive Single Family Residential	R-1-B/EO
East	Single Family Residential	R-1-C/EO
West	Single Family Residential	R-1-A/EO

4. **Proposed R-1-A/EO Zoning District**

R-1-A/EO (One Family Residential 3.5 Units per Acre) Zoning District

1. **Intent of the R-1-A/EO District:** According to the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of this district shall be to create an environment in which one-family dwellings and certain non dwelling uses are permitted in order to promote stability and character of low density residential development with adequate open space. A maximum density of 3.50 dwelling units per acre of net residential land area shall be permitted in this district.
2. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the R-1-A/EO district appear in the attached chart.
3. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the R-1-A/EO district appear in the attached table (Table 1 attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.)

5. **Existing R-1-C Zoning District:**

R-1-C (One Family Residential 1.35 Units per Acre) Zoning District

1. **Intent of the District:** According to the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of this district shall be to create an environment in which one-family dwellings, and certain non dwelling uses, are permitted in order to promote stability and character of low density residential development with adequate open space. A maximum density of five dwelling units per acre of net residential land area shall be permitted in this district.
2. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the R-1-C district appear in the attached chart.
3. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the R-1-C district appear in the

attached table (Table 1).

6. **Land Use Element:** The Future Land Use Map designates the subject property as Residential Suburban Single Family. Both the existing and proposed zoning classifications are consistent with this designation, therefore no amendment to the Future Land Use Map would be necessary if the requested zoning change is adopted.
7. **Public Services:** The site is served by the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and the Isle of Hope Fire Department. The site is also served by the Chatham Area Transit Authority, bus route Number 31 Skidaway/Sandfly/Oglethorpe Mall. The nearest bus stop is at the intersection of Cornus Drive and LaRoche Avenue.
8. **Public Services and Facilities:** The property will be served by a private water system and public sewer utilities and by the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

1. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would create traffic volumes, noise level, odor, airborne particulate matter, visual blight, reduce light or increased density of development that would adversely impact the livability or quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood?
Yes _____ No X
2. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would adversely impact adjacent and nearby properties by rendering such properties less desirable and therefore, less marketable for the type of development permitted under the current zoning?
Yes _____ No X
3. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would generate a type or mix of vehicular traffic on a street or highway that is incompatible with the type of land use development along such street or highway?
Yes _____ No X
4. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate greater traffic volumes at vehicular access points and cross streets than is generated by uses permitted under the current zoning district to the detriment of maintaining acceptable or current volume capacity (V/C) ratio for the streets that provide vehicular access to the proposed zoning district and adjacent and nearby properties?
Yes _____ No X
5. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses or scale of development that would require a greater level of public services such as drainage facilities, utilities, or safety services above that required for uses permitted under the current zoning district such that the provision of these services will create financial burden to the public?
Yes _____ No X
6. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would adversely impact the improvement or development of adjacent and nearby properties in accordance with existing zoning regulations and development controls deemed necessary to maintain the stability and livability of the surrounding neighborhood?
Yes _____ No X
7. Will the proposed zoning districts permit development that is inconsistent with the comprehensive land use plan?
Yes _____ No X

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the petitioner's request to rezone the property from an R-1-C classification to an R-1-A classification.
2. Approve an alternate classification.
3. Deny the petitioner's request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The proposed R-1-A zoning classification is appropriate for the subject property and would not impact the existing residential development pattern. Many of the existing lots in the vicinity of the subject property are similar in nature to the proposed lot. The fact that the proposed .54 acre lot is insufficient for future subdivision in accordance with the development standards of the proposed zoning; as well as the fact that a deed restriction preventing further subdivision is proposed, helps to ensure that the desired lot size on Isle of Hope will remain.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission recommends **approval** to the County Commission of the request to rezone 32 Island Drive from the existing R-1-C/EO zoning classification to the R-1-A/EO zoning classification.

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director
Development Services

April 1, 2014

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES



CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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-----MEMORANDUM-----

DATE: APRIL 1, 2014
TO: THE CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:

Barbara Lientz, Owner
Terry Coleman, Agent
32 Island Drive
File No. Z-140303-00025-1

MPC ACTION:

Approval of the petitioner's request to rezone 32 Island Drive from the existing R-1-C/EO zoning Classification to the R-1-A/EO classification

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the petitioner's request to rezone 32 Island Drive from the existing R-1-C/EO zoning Classification to the R-1-A/EO classification

MEMBERS PRESENT: 12 Chairman

Shedrick Coleman, Chairman
James Blackburn, Jr., Secretary
Stephanie Cutter
Ben Farmer
Tanya Milton
James Overton
Joseph Welch

Murray Marshall, Vice Chairman
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Adams Ragsdale

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VOTING AGAINST MOTION

Stephanie Cutter

***ABSENT OR **FAILING TO VOTE**

*Russ Abolt

Tanya Milton
Susan Myers
James Overton
Adam Ragsdale
Joseph Welch

FOR APPROVAL: 12

FOR DENIAL: 1

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

The MPC recommends that the following described property 32 Island Drive be rezoned from its present R-1-C/EO (one family residential 1.35 dwelling units per acre/Environmental Overlay) zoning classification to the R-1-A/EO (one family residential 3.5 dwelling units per acre/Environmental Overlay) zoning classification.

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Commencing from a point [X: 1001909.6127 Y: 723423, 744007], located at the approximate intersection of the centerlines of the Barnett Drive and Island Drive,

thence proceeding in a Southeasterly [S 75-0-5 E] direction along the centerline of Island Drive for approximately 564.3 ft. to a point [X: 1002454.72446 Y: 723277.696932], said point being, THE POINT OF BEGINNING

thence proceeding in a Northeasterly direction [N 4-50-0 e] along a line for approximately 377.3 ft. to a point, a point located on the approximate centerline of McIntosh Drive,

thence proceeding in a Southeasterly direction [S 74-34-46 E] along the approximate centerline of McIntosh Drive for approximately 211.45 ft. to a point,

thence proceeding from the approximate centerline of McIntosh Drive in a Southwesterly direction [S 4-44-14 W] along a line, for an approximately 375.9 ft. to a point, a point located on the approximate centerline of Island Drive,

thence proceeding along the approximate centerline of Island Drive, in a Northwesterly direction [N 75-0-5 W] for an approximately 211.8 ft. to a point [X: 1001909.6127 Y: 723423.744007], said point being , THE POINT OF BEGINNING

The property is further identified by the Property Identification Number as follows:

P.I.N: 1-0265-04-017

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- 3. **THE CREATION OF AN O-I (OFFICE INSTITUTIONAL) DISTRICT INCLUDING AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: SECTION 4 (ZONING DISTRICT) SECT 4.1 ESTABLISHED DISTRICTS; SECTION 4-5.2 PROVISIONS REGARDING USES IN THE B&I DISTRICTS) SECTION 4-6.2 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR NONRESIDENTIAL USES) SECTION 7 (SIGNS) SECTION 7-3(a)(2) MAXIMUM HEIGHT FOR FREESTANDING SIGN; SECTION 7-3(D)(3) ANNOUNCEMENT SIGN REQUIREMENTS; SECTION 7-3(I)(3) PRINCIPAL USE SIGN; MAXIMUM SIGN AREA; SECTION 7-3(J) SUPPLEMENTAL USE SIGN; AND SECTION 7-3(K)(3) DIRECTORY SIGN. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**
FILE NO. Z-140106-00001-1

Chairman Scott said, Item 3, the creation of an O-I, Office Institutional District, including amendments to the following sections: Section 4, Zoning District; Section 4.1, Established Districts; Section 4/5.2 provisions regarding uses in the B&I Districts; Section 4-6.2 development standards for nonresidential uses; Section 7, signs; Section 7-3(a)(2) maximum height for freestanding sign; Section 7-3(d) announcement sign requirement; Section 7-3(l)(3) principal use sign; maximum sign area; Section 7-3(j) supplemental use signs; and Section 7-3(k)(3) directory signs. The MPC recommend approval. File Number Z-140106-00001-1.

Commissioner Center said, will you take a motion?

Mr. Lotson said, Mr. Chairman, just very briefly, this amendment that has been brought to you today is regarding the creation of a new zoning district. This amendment doesn't actually rezone any property. This is one of the districts that we developed in our review of the new zoning ordinance, and we wanted to institute it now as their

tends to be a use for a district around the county that allows office uses but does not allow retail uses.

Chairman Scott said, hearing the explanation is there a motion?

Commissioner Center said, I move that we adopt the MPC recommendation -- approve it.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the creation of an O-I, Office Institutional District, including amendments to the following sections: Section 4, Zoning District; Section 4.1, Established Districts; Section 4-5.2 provisions regarding uses in the B&I Districts; Section 4-6.2 development standards for nonresidential uses; Section 7, signs; Section 7-3(a)(2) maximum height for freestanding sign; Section 7-3(d) announcement sign requirement; Section 7-3(l)(3) principal use sign; maximum sign area; Section 7-3(j) supplemental use signs; and Section 7-3(k)(3) directory signs. Commissioners Thomas and Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-3~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~May 9, 2014~~

AGENDA ITEM: **XII-3**

AGENDA DATE: May 25, 2014



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The creation of an O-I (Office Institutional) district including Amendments to the following sections: Section 4 (Zoning District) Sec. 4.1 Established Districts; Section 4-5.2 Provisions Regarding Uses in the B&I Districts) Section 4-6.2 Development Standards for Nonresidential Uses) Section 7 (Signs) Section 7-3 (A) (2) Maximum Height for Freestanding Sign; Section 7-3(D)(3) Announcement Sign Requirements; Section 7-3(l)(3) Principal Use Sign; Maximum Sign Area; Section 7-3(J) Supplemental Use Sign; and Section 7-3(K)(3) Directory Sign. The MPC recommends approval. File No. Z-140106-0001-1.

The establishment of an O-I (Office-Institutional) zoning district for the purpose of having a district with a predominantly office and institutional orientation, including some service uses, but that does not include residential or retail uses.

BACKGROUND:

1. Although there are 51 established zoning districts in the Chatham County zoning ordinance, none of them specifically provides for an office and institutional environment that excludes retail and/or residential uses.
2. That absence of a true office and institutional district has been problematic in primarily two areas: 1) when properties in close proximity to existing residential are considered for nonresidential development; and 2) as properties in some areas of the county are transitioning from their original residential use -- typically, single-family detached -- but are not in areas where retail is appropriate.
3. Examples of transitional areas are Skidaway Road between Montgomery Cross Road and Ferguson Avenue and Johnny Mercer Road from Penn Waller Road eastward to Highway 80. Because of their locations on increasingly traveled roads, these areas are no longer as desirable for their original use as owner-occupied residences. As a result, some homes have converted to residential rental units or commercial uses (both retail and office), or have been pressured to do so.

4. Such areas have typically been rezoned to P-N-T (Planned Neighborhood Transition), PUD-IS-B (Planned Unit Development-Institutional), I-P (Institutional-Professional) or B-N (Neighborhood Business).

None of these districts are ideal transitional districts. The P-N-T can be too limiting with regard to permitted uses and building size, and the district also requires a site plan to be submitted at the time of rezoning. The PUD-IS-B allows hospitals and multi-family development with a density up to 24 dwelling units an acre; this district also requires a substantial 50 foot buffer when there is an adjacent residential use. The I-P district permits a variety of retail uses (e.g., pharmacies, groceries and specialty shops), including restaurants. The B-N district also has a retail orientation.

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4. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) ORDINANCE TO SET COMMUNITY OPERATIONAL STANDARDS THAT ARE NO LONGER ENFORCED BY REGULATIONS AT THE STATE LEVEL.

Chairman Scott said, Item 4, request approval of an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) ordinance to set community operational standards that are no longer enforced by regulations at the State level.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, with your permission I will make a motion to approve.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize --

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, -- the Commissioner from the 7th for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Center said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) ordinance to set community operational standards that are no longer enforced by regulations at the State level. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-4~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~May 9, 2014~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-4

AGENDA DATE: May 25, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart

ISSUE:

Request approval of an emergency medical services (EMS) ordinance to set community operational standards that are no longer enforced by regulation at the state level.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County currently contracts for emergency medical services. The EMS rules and regulations of the Georgia Board of Public Health modified its regulations which formerly focused on the delivery of services to be limited to those rules stated in the state statute. The Public Health Board has elected to minimize regulations and not focus on the details as to the level of service. (For example: response times). The current County contract for EMS services refers to state regulations that now have less inclusive details related to the level of service. This ordinance would reinstate the level of service requirements and standards. The County will contract for services to be regulated by the standards set by the Emergency Medical Advisory Council with approval of the Board of Commissioners.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Chatham County contracts for the delivery of EMS services. The state has limited the regulations and rules in regard to standards of level of services and this local ordinance will ensure that emergency medical service contracts set the standards regulated by the Emergency Medical Advisory Council subject to Board of Commission approval.

The ordinance will provide standards that may be used with emergency medical service providers to sure they comply with County and citizen expectations.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Chatham County has undertaken to establish an Emergency Medical Services ordinance to protect the public health and safety and promote the general welfare of its citizens.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt ordinance.
2. Do not adopt ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt ordinance.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

ARTICLE I

IN GENERAL

101 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

102 DEFINITIONS

103 CHATHAM COUNTY EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

104 COMPLIANCE

101 Statement of Purpose. Chatham County has undertaken to establish this Emergency Medical Services ordinance to protect the public health and safety of its citizens and to promote the general welfare of the citizens residing within the County. Emergency Medical Services play a vital, lifesaving role in Chatham County; strong emphasis is placed on maintaining a high quality Emergency Medical services System that represents the established excellent Community Standard of Medical Care. This ordinance is intended to comply with O.C.G.A. Title 31 Chapter 11 and the EMS Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Board of Public Health.

102 Definitions. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

1. Designated or Zoned Provider: Means an agency or company providing ambulance services and operating under a valid license issued by the Georgia Department of Public Health, office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma which is granted a specific territory or zone and meets the requirements to provide services in accordance with the Regional Zoning plan.
2. Public Call: A request for ambulance Service from a member of the public to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) or a request by any law enforcement agency, fire department, rescue squad or any other public safety agency.
3. Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP): The public safety agency or entity which receives incoming 911 telephone calls and dispatches appropriate public safety agencies to respond to such calls.
4. Designated Zone: A specific territory granted to a specific ambulance provider by the regional EMS council and approved by the Georgia Department of Public Health for the purposes of providing emergency medical transport services following a public call.
5. Region 9 EMS Council: The council appointed by the Georgia Board of Public Health pursuant to O.C.G.A. 31-11, and Georgia EMS Rules and Regulations 511-9, and empowered to establish the regional zoning plan for Southeast Georgia.
6. Chatham County EMS Advisory Council: a council appointed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to provide oversight of the EMS system in Chatham County, to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners, and to promulgate Chatham County EMS

system standards to insure a high quality of pre-hospital care is maintained in Chatham County.

7. Noncompliance with Chatham County EMS system standards: means failure to meet any written standard for EMS operations established by the Chatham County EMS Advisory Council and approved by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and maintained in the records of the Region 9 EMS Council.
8. Chatham County EMS systems standards: Written standards of EMS operation as determined by the Chatham County EMS Advisory Council, and approved by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

103 Chatham County EMS Advisory Council: The Chatham County EMS Advisory Council will establish, and recommend to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, Chatham County EMS systems standards. In addition to all Federal and State minimum requirements Chatham County EMS system standards will include but not be limited to, response time requirements, personnel training standards, equipment requirements, and business operational standards. Upon approval by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, designated or zoned providers will incorporate the Chatham County EMS system standards into their operation. These standards will represent the established standard of care in Chatham County.

104 Compliance: When any designated or zoned provider fails to meet the Chatham County EMS system standards established by the Chatham County EMS Advisory Council, the Chatham County EMS Advisory council, and/or the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Shall:

1. Upon the first occurrence of noncompliance with established standards within any continuous 12 month period. The Chatham County EMS Advisory Council Chair shall issue to the designated or zoned provider a letter of warning detailing the nature of the non-compliance.
2. Upon the second occurrence of noncompliance with established standards within any continuous 12 month period. The Chatham County EMS Advisory Council Chair, in conjunction with the Chatham County Manager shall issue a second letter of warning, signed by both the Chatham EMS Advisory Council Chair and the County Manager, detailing the nature of the noncompliance, and advising that any subsequent noncompliance may result in action by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. It is not necessary that the noncompliance be of an identical nature in order to result in action by the Chatham County EMS Advisory Council/Chatham County Manager.
3. Upon the third occurrence of noncompliance with established standards within any continuous 12 month period, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners may request that the Region 9 EMS Council open zoning pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 31 Chapter 11, for the purpose of seeking another designated or zoned provider. It is not necessary that the noncompliance be of an identical nature in order to result in action by the Chatham County EMS Advisory Council/Chatham County Board of Commission.
4. Egregious or willful violations may result in immediate action by the Chatham County Board of Commissioner requesting the Region 9 EMS Council to open zoning for the purpose of seeking another designated or zoned provider.
5. Exceptions may be granted by the exercise of the discretion and judgment of the Chatham County EMS Advisory Council to Chatham County EMS system standards in the event of extraordinary circumstance such as natural disaster, large festivals with massive population increase, etc...
 - A. Should the County exercise its discretion and judgment and contract with a third party provider to provide EMS services pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance, then the duty and responsibility to perform all requirements of this Ordinance rests with the contracted third party provider and not the County.

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5. TO AMEND THE CHATHAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ORDINANCE AND CHATHAM COUNTY PERSONNEL PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MERIT PAY PROGRAM AND EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL PROGRAM.

Chairman Scott said, Item 5, to amend the Chatham County Personnel Ordinance and Chatham County Personnel Procedure to facilitate and implement of a merit pay program and employee performance appraisal program. We have our HR director if anybody needs any further explanation. If not, I'll recognize --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I would --

Chairman Scott said, -- Commissioner from the 3rd District for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we approve it.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, yes. It's been properly moved and second. Any discussion? I recognize Commissioner from the 7th District --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, -- for the purpose of discussion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm going to approve along with everyone here I assume, I just -- I -- I do want to state just a couple of my concerns at this point. The first one would be under Facts and Findings in the staff report, it states the current merit increase provision in the Personnel Ordinance provides the Board of Commissioners shall provide funds for merit increases on an annual basis. That just concerns me because we don't know what will be available from year to year, what kind of financial troubles the county will be in, but just -- just to state that. I don't know -- and I'm curious would we have to change an ordinance if this is passed if -- should they not be --

County Attorney Hart said, you've got discretion on it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Ms. Carolyn Smalls said, may I address that?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, you have -- you have discretion and you approve a pool of money for this purpose or you -- the pool could be anywhere from \$1.00 to millions of dollars to zero.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well I'll -- I'm ready to vote if everybody else is then.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the amendment to the Chatham County Personnel Ordinance and Chatham County Personnel Procedure to facilitate the implementation of a merit pay program and employee performance appraisal program. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-5~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~May 9, 2014~~

AGENDA ITEM: *XII-5*

AGENDA DATE: May 25, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart

ISSUE:

To amend the Chatham County Personnel Ordinance and Chatham County Personnel Procedures to facilitate implementation of a Merit Pay program and Employee Performance Appraisal program.

BACKGROUND:

The Personnel Ordinance and the Personnel Procedures Manual, which were adopted in 1990, contain provisions related to merit pay and employee performance appraisals. Those provisions have not been amended since the adoption of the Ordinance. Chatham County is implementing a merit pay program and revising the employee performance appraisal process. The proposed changes to the Ordinance are necessary to implement the new plan and process for a July 1, 2014 implementation date.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current Merit Increase provision in the Personnel Ordinance provides that the Board of Commissioners shall provide funds for merit increases on an annual basis. The proposed language provides that the Board may approve funds at other than annual intervals. The proposed language also clarifies that the amount or percentage of any merit pay increase will be based on an employee’s performance appraisal rating.
2. The proposed Ordinance updates the “Employee Performance Appraisal Program” section to clarify that a performance appraisal must be conducted prior to the award of a merit increase. The related “Employee Performance Appraisal Program” Procedure provides detailed procedures regarding implementation of the program.
3. The Personnel Procedure entitled “Salary Range Maximum” was revised to allow employees who have reached the top of their salary range to receive a lump-sum payment equal to the amount of the merit pay increase the employee would have received. The lump-sum payment will not increase the employee’s base pay.

FUNDING:

No additional funding is required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board has authority to amend the Personnel Ordinance and Procedures Manual. It is the policy of the County to recognize and reward employee performance through a sound employee performance appraisal system and merit pay plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To amend the Chatham County Personnel Ordinance to facilitate implementation of a Merit Pay Program and Employee Performance Appraisal program.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
 COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

CHATHAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ORDINANCE

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ORDINANCE

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

Section VII, “Classification and Pay Plan,” subsection VII-3.0, “Merit Increase” is hereby stricken and a new subsection VII-3.0 is adopted and shall read as follows:

Funds shall be recommended by the County Manager and approved by the Board of Commissioners annually, or at such other interval at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners, to provide merit pay increases to employees. The amount or percentage of pay increase awarded to individual employees shall be based on the employee’s performance as reflected in the overall rating on the Performance Appraisal instrument.

Section VIII, “Employee Performance Appraisal Program,” is hereby stricken and a new section VIII is adopted and shall read as follows:

The Human Resources Director shall administer a program, subject to approval by the County Manager, for evaluating the job performance of County employees covered under the County’s merit appraisal plan. The performance evaluation shall be prepared using a performance appraisal instrument provided or approved by the Human Resources Department. Performance appraisals shall be conducted on employees at least annually, and must be conducted prior to the award of a merit increase. Employee appraisals may be conducted on a more frequent basis as deemed appropriate by the Department Head. The employee’s Performance Appraisal form shall become a part of the employee’s permanent personnel record.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of May, 2014.

 Albert J. Scott, Chairman
 Chatham County Commission

Janice E. Bocook, Clerk
Chatham County Commission

STATE OF GEORGIA)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

CHATHAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ORDINANCE

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ORDINANCE

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

Article V, Section V-104.0, "Merit Increase - Establishment and Distribution," is hereby stricken and a new Section V-104.0 is adopted and shall read as follows:

V-104.0 MERIT INCREASE

Funds shall be recommended by the County Manager and approved by the Board of Commissioners annually, or at such other interval at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners, to provide merit pay increases to employees.

- a. Eligibility for a Merit Increase
Regular full-time and regular part-time employees will be eligible to receive a merit increase. Employees serving an initial probationary period after hire during the time that annual performance appraisals are performed will not be eligible for a merit increase. Employees serving a probationary period following promotion to a position in the same or different department will be eligible to be considered for a merit increase. Employees must receive an overall rating on their performance evaluation of 3.0 (Meets Job Requirements) or above to be eligible for a merit increase.
- b. Merit Increase Awards
The amount or percentage of a pay increase awarded to an individual employee shall be based on the employee's performance as reflected in the overall rating on the Performance Appraisal instrument. The Human Resources Director will be responsible for determining the percentage increase applicable to each range of performance appraisal scores.

Article V, Section V-111.0, "Salary Increase Maximum," is hereby stricken and a new Section V-111.0 is adopted and shall read as follows:

V-111.0 SALARY RANGE MAXIMUM

When an employee reaches the maximum rate of the salary range for his or her position, no further adjustments may be made to the employee's base salary unless (1) the position is reclassified to a higher pay range; (2) the employee is promoted to a position with a higher pay grade and range, or (3) the pay grade and range for the position is increased. Employees whose salaries are at the maximum of the pay range may receive a one-time lump sum payment equal to the amount of any pay increase the employee would have received under the merit pay plan. The lump-sum payment will not be used to increase the employee's base pay and will not be used in any calculation under the County's retirement plan.

Article VII, "Employee Performance Appraisal Program," is hereby stricken and a new Article VII is adopted and shall read as follows:

Article VII

EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL PROGRAM

VII-101.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Employee Performance Appraisal Program is to create a formal mechanism for dialog between managers and employees regarding performance and work issues, to provide a consistent, fair and uniform approach to reviewing and rating the work performed by employees, and to recognize and reward high achievement.

PROCEDURE

The employee performance appraisal program is one aspect of a comprehensive performance management system. Performance management is an annual cycle that begins with setting performance goals and expectations, continues with monitoring and documenting performance, and culminates with planning and conducting the performance appraisal.

- a. Performance appraisals will be conducted using a common anniversary date of June 30 for all employees. The evaluation period will begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of each year. If the employee began in the position after July 1, the evaluation period shall begin on the date that the employee was hired, promoted, or transferred into the position. If an employee held different positions within a department under the same supervisor during the evaluation period, the supervisor may evaluate the employee based on the entire evaluation period. Employees who transfer to a different department or supervisor within three months of the end of the evaluation period shall be evaluated by the outgoing supervisor prior to the employee's transfer, and the evaluation sent to the new supervisor.
- b. Performance appraisals shall be conducted with employees beginning in July of each year for the evaluation period ending on June 30. Performance appraisals shall be conducted on employees at least annually, and must be conducted prior to the award of a merit increase. Performance appraisals may be conducted on a more frequent basis as deemed appropriate by the department head or elected official.
- c. Department heads and elected officials will be responsible for ensuring that performance evaluations are properly conducted for each employee. Evaluations shall be prepared by the employee's immediate supervisor and reviewed by the appropriate department head or elected official. A supervisory employee who is leaving the position shall be required to submit performance evaluations on all employees under his or her supervision who have not been evaluated within the previous six month period.
- d. The performance evaluation shall be prepared using a performance appraisal instrument provided or approved by the Human Resources Department. The performance appraisal instrument utilizes a 5-point rating scale as follows:

5 = Outstanding - Performance and results achieved always exceed the standards and expectations for the position requirements and objectives.

4 = Exceeds job requirements - Performance and results achieved often exceed the standards and expectations of the position requirements and objectives.

3 = Meets job requirements - Performance results achieved consistently meet the standards.

2 = Below job requirements - Must improve to meet requirements - Performance and results achieved frequently do not meet the standards and expectations of the position requirements and objectives.

1 = Unsatisfactory/Fails to meet minimum requirements - Performance and results achieved consistently do not meet the standards and expectations of the position requirements and objectives.
- e. Employees will be evaluated on each performance factor on the performance appraisal instrument using the 5-point rating scale. The ratings for all performance factors will be totaled and divided by the number of performance factors rated to obtain the overall performance rating score. Employees must receive an overall rating on their performance evaluation of 3.0 (Meets Job Requirements) or above to be eligible for a merit increase.
- f. Evaluators should provide comments on the evaluation regarding the employee's strengths, accomplishments, areas for improvement, and future goals. Evaluators must provide comments on the evaluation that support ratings of 1 - Unsatisfactory, 2 - Below job requirements, or 5 - Outstanding.
- g. Departments using a performance appraisal instrument other than the form provided by the Human Resources Department shall have the instrument reviewed and approved by the Human Resources Director. The Human Resources Director and appropriate department head or elected official shall determine how the rating scale will apply to the eligibility and award of any merit pay increase.
- h. Completed performance appraisals shall be signed by the employee, the evaluator(s), and the department head or elected official, and forwarded to the Human Resources Department for review and inclusion in the employee's personnel file. The department head or elected official shall provide the employee with a signed copy of the employee's performance appraisal form.
- i. Employees who disagree with their performance appraisal should first attempt to resolve the issues informally with their supervisors. If the issues cannot be resolved informally, employees may file a formal grievance using the procedures in Article VIII of the Chatham County Personnel Procedures Manual.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of May, 2014.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Janice E. Bocook, Clerk
Chatham County Commission

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, Item XIII is informational items.

Commissioner Center said, I have one question on that.

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: May 23, 2014

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Supply/install swing gate and post at Public Works Facility	Public Works and Park Services	Savannah Fence & Entry Systems	\$3,100	Reserve Deductible
Spring youth soccer officials	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Soccer Association, Inc.	\$3,936	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Twenty (20)-125 gallon water tanks for hurricane preparedness	Detention Center	Screven Outdoors, Inc.	\$6,240	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Steering and brake repair on unit #222 - Public Works refuse collection truck	Fleet Operations	Roberts Truck Center, Inc.	\$3,097	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Stock oil and lubricants	Fleet Operations	Stubbs Oil Company, Inc.	\$2,775	Inventory Account
Office furniture	District Attorney	VIP Printing & Office Supply	\$4,923	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Large capacity shredder	Clerk of Superior Court	Staples Business Advantage	\$5,469	General Fund/M&O - Clerk of Superior Court
Middle school baseball league officials	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Umpires Association	\$2,800	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
13 hard drives for medical section	Detention Center	Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC.	\$5,408	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
18 battery packs for voting machines	Elections Board	Election Systems & Software, Inc.	\$3,682	General Fund/M&O - Elections Board

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Four (4) laptop computers for District Attorney's Office	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$7,404	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Development of a homeland security grant request	I.C.S.	Silver Business Development, Inc.	\$9,775	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Repairs to kitchen epoxy floor	Detention Center	Armstrong Painting, Inc.	\$4,000	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Batteries for uninterrupted power source	Detention Center	Advent Power Protection Systems	\$7,729	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Fire alarm test/inspection service agreement for Citizens Service Center	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Simplex Grinnell LP	\$2,850	General Fund/M&O - Various SSD - Various
Two (2) laptop computers for Voter Registration	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$3,702	General Fund/M&O - Voter Registration
Concrete pad driveway installation at Hunter's Ridge lift station	Public Works and Park Services	Land-Co Landscaping, LLC.	\$4,900	Water and Sewer
Industrial grade sand	Mosquito Control	Standard Sand & Silica Company, Inc.	\$4,940	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Software for telephone switches, voice mail and recording devices	I.C.S.	Mitel Business Systems, Inc.	\$8,009	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Replacement pump for Hunter's Ridge lift station	Public Works and Park Services	Thompson Pump & Manufacturing, Inc.	\$5,216	Water and Sewer
100 traffic drums used for uniform traffic control	Public Works and Park Services	Transafe	\$3,670	CIP - Public Works
Traffic sign posts and anchors	Public Works and Park Services	EPH and Associates, Inc.	\$4,180	CIP - Public Works
Replace heat pump on HVAC at Police Precinct #5	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Air Services and Refrigeration Specialties, Inc.	\$2,740	Reimbursable Expenses
Four (4) video projectors for four (4) courtrooms to be used by District Attorney's Office	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$2,924	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Test and inspection of fire alarm, sprinklers, extinguishers and alarm and detection monitoring	Juvenile Court	Simplex Grinnell LP	\$5,770	General Fund/M&O - Juvenile Court

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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: MAY 23, 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. Whitefield Avenue. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Road open to traffic. Construction of the soundwall at the Mistwood Subdivision is the only remaining construction item, contract time is 100 days.
2. Bay Street Widening. GDOT authorized right of way acquisition on May 9, 2013 (in progress).
3. 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. Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) scheduled for April 23, 2014, for the Interchange project. ROW authorization expected in 2014.
4. SR 307 Widening from US 17 to I-16. Construction substantially complete for section from I-16 southward to Hardin Canal. Construction contract award for remainder awarded by the Board on May 9, 2014 to Reeves Construction.
5. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Design is underway on a high level bridge to replace the bascule bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway on Islands Expressway. PFPR held March 26, 2014. ROW authorization expected in 2014.
6. 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. Construction underway. Road closed for construction April 7, 2014. Construction completion anticipated November 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: MAY 23, 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. Bids are due at the end of May. Beginning of construction is anticipated for August 2014.

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 began 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. The bidding process has begun.

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. Field surveying and wetland delineation are under way.

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. The bid package will e complete in June 2014.

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. 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, and there will -- it is necessary for an executive session.

County Attorney Hart said, the purpose of executive session will be personnel only.

Chairman Scott said, personnel only.

Commissioner Center said, well I can move that we -- for executive and I'd like to ask a question under information items before we go to executive session.

Chairman Scott said, please.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. County Manager, I noticed on these items, you don't need our approval but there was \$3,000 requested by the District Attorney to purchase projectors. We have these ELMO projectors in the courtroom, and I'd just like some kind of clarification on what we're purchasing if we already have ELMOs and why the District Attorney rather than the Superior Court asked for this.

County Manager Smith said, I don't know the answer to that.

Commissioner Center said, you don't need to give it to me now.

County Manager Smith said, but I can get that, sure.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, absolutely.

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

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. All in favor of us -- any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of moving into executive session indicate by voting yes, opposed no. We are headed to executive session. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to recess to executive session for the purpose of personnel. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 12:33 p.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: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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2. APPOINTMENTS

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to reappoint Vaughnette Goode Walker and Lisa White to the Historic Preservation Commission with terms set to expire April 7, 2015. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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CHATHAM COUNTY RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMISSION

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to reappoint Meddy Settles, Larry Miles, Jr., and Paul Wolff to the Chatham County Resource Protection Commission with Mr. Settles and Mr. Miles' terms set to expire June 30, 2015 and Mr. Wolff's term set to expire June 30, 2016. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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COASTAL REGION MPO - CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to reappoint Daniel Brantley, Anthony Abbott, and Phillip Cooper to the Coastal Region MPO - Citizen Advisory Committee with terms set to expire June 30, 2016. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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Zoning Board of Appeals

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to reappoint Coren Ross to the Zoning Board of Appeals with her term set to expire August 1, 2016. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF JUNE, 2014.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION