

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 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 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 13, 2014.

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ORDER OF AGENDA

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. We are going to deviate just slightly from our program. I'm going to ask at this time if the BC Color Guards would present the colors.

[NOTE: Benedictine Military School color guard presented the colors and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you. You may be seated at this time.

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[NOTE: The Invocation was given after the Roll Call and introduction of the Youth Commission members.]

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, and our worship leader, the Rabbi, went to a wrong location, and before we go any further, I'm going to ask Reverend James, who's pastor of First Bryan, if he would come up and offer a prayer, please.

Pastor Aaron M. James, Sr., said, to Commissioner Scott, and all the Commissioners this morning, this is a little bit of a surprise for me this morning, but I'm grateful.

Chairman Scott said, you know what they say, though, you always be prepared.

Pastor James said, be ye always ready. Yes. So.

Chairman Scott said, you never know when you're going to be called on to save a soul.

Pastor James said, yeah. That's right.

Commissioner Farrell said, you got a room full today.

Pastor James said, yeah. All right. Let us -- let us pray.

Pastor James gave the invocation as follows:

God, we thank You this morning for just another chance and another opportunity just to have life and just to be alive, God, because we know that this is a chance to get closer to You, and we thank You for this day. We thank You for this County Commission. We thank You for every Commissioner and for the tasks that You have assigned their hands to do. God, we even thank You for our Youth Commissioners and for the way that You're leading them and You're guiding them and You're directing them. We just ask You, oh, God, to bless every soul under the sound of my voice this morning. Bless, oh, God, even the agenda that is being brought before us this morning, and we just ask You to be in our midst and to bless us and to keep us, and even as we leave this place today, we ask that You would forever keep Your hand upon us and lead us and guide us and direct and protect us and -- and just order our steps in Your word. It is in Jesus name that we ask all of these blessings, and for his sake. Amen.

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

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman. May I please make a quick comment? Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Dr. Thomas, no.

Commissioner Thomas said, no.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I know you want to recognize --

Commissioner Thomas said, I want to recognize --

Chairman Scott said, -- the fact that that's your pastor.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes I do. That's my pastor. That's my pastor, and I'm proud.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize -- I recognize -- I recognize the Commissioner from the 8th District for the purpose of comments.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right. That is my pastor and his lovely wife that -- that's with -- with him this morning, Mrs. James, and we're just delighted to have them with us today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, you're welcome, but I think you've started something. Now Commissioner Shabazz want to say something.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Commissioner Thomas said, uh-oh.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. Good morning, everyone. Pastor James, that was just a slice of the pie, but he's a very dynamic pastor, and I thought he was going to scream for a minute, but I'm glad that he didn't. Thank you very much, Pastor.

Pastor James said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, and I know that Reverend James said that he was surprised, but any preacher that's worth his salt never leaves home without a prayer in mind, and we do thank you. I appreciate it.

Pastor James said, thank you.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Benedictine Military School color guard with the presentation of the colors.

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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, at this time I will ask our Vice Chair of the Commission, Commissioner, Dr. Priscilla Thomas, if she would introduce the members of the Youth Commission who's here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, it is our pleasure to have with us this morning, Simone Greene, who is the secretary-elect. She is a student at St. Vincent's Academy; Mohammad Abdallah, he is the Chair-elect. He attends Woodville-Tompkins; and Lindsey Mitchell. She is the vice-Chair-elect, and she attends Windsor Forrest.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you.

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[NOTE: The invocation was given at this time.]

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. RECOGNITION OF THE 2014 GHSA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL TEAM AT BENEDICTINE.

Chairman Scott said, at this time we have a -- a very special occasion, and it's really an honor to -- to have these kids here, and I'm talking about the 2014 Class AA baseball championship team. That's what I'm in reference to, and at this point, I'm going to recognize Commissioner Farrell for further introduction and to bring the team on for special recognition.

Commissioner Farrell said, well, looks like Commissioner Center brought his baseball glove and his -- and his balls, he's ready to suit up. You've already inspired -- no, it -- it's a great honor to have amongst us so many fine young men and young women with the Youth Commission, but right now the young men from Benedictine Military School, who have achieved something that hasn't been done at that school since 1961, and that is a state championship Georgia High School Association in baseball, which they just did about three weeks ago on Memorial Day. [Applause.]

Commissioner Farrell said, for that honor, we -- we have a proclamation that we'd like to read into the record and present to Coach Farmer. I want to give a special thanks to Colonel LaRosa and his color guard team from Benedictine for coming on their summer off day to -- to -- to get back in the uniform and present the colors for us, and for -- for that I thank y'all. But at this time, if we could have -- I want to ask for the team to come up when I read this proclamation, but we also in attendance today, we have probably -- we have the coach from 1961 AAA Georgia High School Association baseball team that won the game in 1961, and I would like for Coach Charlie Moore to come and join us when we read the proclamation, and -- and I'd like for him to introduce some of his players that played on that team in 1961. So, Charlie, if you could come up and -- and -- and do that, and then we'll have Kevin [Farmer] come up and we'll -- we'll work on this -- we'll do this proclamation here in just a second. But I'd like to give a warm welcome to Coach Charlie Moore. Probably the youngest, winningest -- winning coach of a state championship in the State of Georgia to date. [Applause.]

Coach Charlie Moore said, well, thank you, Pat and thank you Commissioners. It -- it's an honor to be here, but it's not about me, it's about these great young kids and -- and the fine coaching staff that we have, and I'm -- I'm so proud that it happened in my lifetime. Back in '61, it was a long time ago, and unfortunately, we've lost a lot of players, but, today with me I have, I know no stranger to any of you, Charlie Russo. Believe it or not he could play baseball, but he did a good job, and also Stan Friedman, who I know all y'all know, and the rest of them sadly like I say, we've had four deceased, and the rest of them are out of town, but, thank y'all so much and just thank you for what -- what you're doing for this group of people. And like people say, now we don't have to listen to Charlie Russo. This team -- this -- these are the people now.

Commissioner Farrell said, a new group with bragging rights --

Coach Moore said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- in -- in Chatham County, Savannah.

Coach Moore said, right. Right.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. That's a good thing.

Coach Moore said, thank y'all very much.

Commissioner Farrell said, but it -- it just goes to show the tradition that has been started for over a century here in Savannah, Georgia, Chatham County, with the Benedictine Military School run by the -- the monks from -- from Benedictine.

Coach Moore said, when you talk about the -- the history, and it only can happen at Benedictine because of the history. I have two grandsons that play on this team. So, that is really something that really is hard to believe that 53 years later, you know, you could still have some -- and that's why they won it. They had some Moores on there. [Applause.]

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. There you go. Well, I -- I can't thank y'all enough for -- for coming and joining us on this momentous occasion. Again, the spotlight is on the 2014 championship team, so I'm going to come down and -- and read this proclamation at the podium, and I'd like for the -- for -- well, before we start, Kevin [Farmer], could you get up and introduce your coaching staff that was able to make it today, and then we'll get started. This is the head coach.

Coach Kevin Farmer said, thank you so much. Appreciate it. Thank you Commissioner and all -- and everyone in the District for allowing us to be here and the recognition today. Again, also, you know, to Coach Moore and the 1961 team, we're, you know, we're privileged to still hang their banner of State championship on that field. In fact, it was the only banner that we left up during the State championship game. We had to take the other ones down to allow the spectators to come and -- and watch the game because it was such a, you know, big crowd that came out to support us, and, you know, without the support of Savannah, Chatham County, you know, we really appreciate it. But also in regards to our families and our friends and our cadets, but, you know, it's just a great team work in regards to, you know, what we, you know, preach at Benedictine Military School. But our success is laid upon the foundation of -- of team work and hard work, and with my coaching staff, Jack Holland, who helped many years, even before I was here. Jack, you can come on up. He coached our pitchers. Coach Coleman, who also coaches football and basketball at Benedictine Military School. He coached our JV team, and -- and our -- and our hitters and outfielders, and my brother, Kyle Farmer, who coached our infielders, and he's a big part -- these guys are a big part of our program and our success, but again, you know, it's not all about coaching, it's about the players, and so the players we have with us today -- and there's some coaches that are not here today, Coach Bill Curley. He's up in Connecticut at his home; Coach Worthington, he's off at a football camp down in Florida, you know, and another assistant coach, Brandon Collins. He's not here with us today as well. He's out of town. But our players consist of, you know, a unique group of young men who are talented and, you got to have talent to -- to succeed, and -- but you've got to always have hard work, and these boys did a good job this year working hard. Brad Stewart, he'll be returning next year. I can't see who's to the right of you there. Warren Wright, Ben Wright, Clay Moore, Chase Marini, Joseph Holguin, Mike Huggins, Steven Tate, Justin Greene, Adam King, Cooper Marini, Shane Alberino, Chipper Wiley, Austin McBroom, Ryan Woiwode, Dylan Aldridge, and Phillip Moore. Those are all my guys. [Applause.]

Coach Farmer said, of course there's a couple guys who are traveling baseball and couldn't be here today, but without them as well we would -- would not have had the success we had this season.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, as a proud alumnus, I'm going to join Mr. Farrell down there.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize -- I recognize the Commissioner from the 4th District for the purpose of reading a resolution.

Commissioner Farrell said, at this time I'd like to ask the -- the champions to come and join us as we read the proclamation into the record. If any of you do a history project in the next 100 years, you can look this up on the county record, and it will be in there. Of course, everything else we do is in the record, too, so, be careful. If I could have the class of '61 stand up here with us in this proud moment.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter, you know this isn't about football, now.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir. I'm still proud though.

Commissioner Farrell said, that's right. All right.

Commissioner Farrell read the proclamation as follows:



The County of Chatham
Georgia
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Benedictine Military School is a Catholic, Benedictine, college preparatory school which forms and educates young men from diverse backgrounds, supports a deeper commitment to their faith, prepares them for life through a quality academic program, and instills leadership skills through a JROTC program, athletics, extra-curricular activities and community service; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is fortunate to have this educational facility that seeks to form men of virtue and integrity, through instruction and discipline, who are prepared for life-long learning and service to their faith and civic communities; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 26, 2014, Benedictine won its first state championship since 1961 with a 31 - 7 overall record to become Region 2-AA champions. Chatham County 4th District Commissioner, Patrick Farrell '79, along with his sons John '22 and Chase '23 personally witnessed the magnificent victory of game three of the championship. The team which consists of six seniors, eleven juniors, three sophomores, four freshmen, had a 18-0 (let me read that again) Region 2-AA record and a .332 team batting average. This outstanding record resulted in the selection of nine Benedictine Cadets and their coaching staff to perform in the all Region Team. (Outstanding numbers.)

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

BENEDICTINE MILITARY SCHOOL'S CADETS BASEBALL TEAM

for their impressive performance in winning the AA State Championship and applaud Benedictine Cadets' baseball coaches Kevin Farmer '92, Kyle Farmer, Bill Curley, Wes Worthington, Jack Holland '04, Trevor Coleman and Brandon Collins for their skills and leadership making it possible for the team to achieve this high honor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 13th day of June 2014.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Commissioner Farrell said, and at this time I would like to present this to Kevin Farmer on behalf of the -- for the Benedictine school and baseball team.

Coach Farmer said, thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Farrell said, before we go, I have -- I have something -- if I could get the players from 1961 to please come to the podium. If you would pull out a name and call out the name. I'd like these guys to present them. We have some commemorative baseballs that we'd like to hand to the players, and we're going to do this from the class of '61 to the champion 2014 team.

Coach Farmer said, Cooper Marini, Brad -- Brad Stewart, Ben Wright, Chipper Wiley. Coach Moore, I want you to hand this one. Clay Moore.

Coach Moore said, oh.

Coach Farmer said, he gets it now.

Coach Moore said, back then we were slow learners.

Coach Farmer said, Shane Alberino, Warren Wright, Ryan Woiwode, Justin Green, Steven Tate, Dylan Aldridge, Adam King, Phillip Moore, Austin McBroom, Mike Huggins, Chase Marini, and Joseph Holguin.

Commissioner Farrell said, at this time, I would like to ask Coach Charlie Moore to come forward. Would you do the same thing.

Coach Farmer said, Coach Kyle Farmer.

Commissioner Farrell said, now this is coming from the Coach from 1961 to the Coach of the 2014 team.

Coach Farmer said, Coach Trevor Coleman, Coach Jack Holland, and finally me. Thank you. I appreciate all your support.

Coach Moore said, couldn't have happened to a nicer guy.

Coach Farmer said, I appreciate all your support.

Coach Moore said, great job.

Coach Farmer said, thank you. Appreciate it.

Commissioner Farrell said, wonderful. All right. We have one last thing. We have a -- a copy of each of the proclamations, and we will give that to Coach Farmer for distribution so that every -- every player and coach can have a copy of the proclamation, and of course, the framed proclamation will go to the school to do as they choose fit.

Coach Farmer said, great.

Commissioner Farrell said, now, there is one more baseball that I'd like to ask Chris Phillips to come up to the podium, please. Chris Phillips is going to make a presentation on behalf of Benedictine.

Mr. Chris Phillips said, thank you very much. Thank you, Chairman. I'd like to present this to my brother-in-law, Pat Parker, who was instrumental in -- I don't know if any of y'all have gone to the baseball field, but it's -- it's -- had a complete renovation over the last year, thanks a lot in part to my brother-in-law, and my sister, who did it in honor of my nephew, Brian Parker, who played on this team several years ago, but unfortunately died in a tragic accident recently. So, my brother-in-law and sister have -- have donated money to -- to revamp the -- revamp the -- the school's baseball facility, and I'd like to present this on behalf of my nephew, Brian Parker.

[Applause.]

Mr. Pat Parker said, can I say one word, and it's --

Chairman Scott said, yes, go ahead.

Mr. Parker said, Chris called me and said where are you going to be Friday at 9:00, please come. I didn't know what it was for, but I've got one thing to say, he didn't invite his sister, my wife, and he is in big trouble. Thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, and there's no excuse for that.

Commissioner Farrell said, well, we'll -- we'll send Mr. Phillips to the disciplinarian action at the coach's office at -- at 12:00 noon today for proper discipline. I'm sure he's been there many times in the past. This concludes my part of the presentation. If there's anybody --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Farrell said, I'll turn the program back over to the Chairman for -- for further comments.

Chairman Scott said, let's -- let's give the team a hand, please. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, and just thanks to the team members for interrupting their summer vacation to come participate with us, and I was reminded why they invited the team of -- of '61 champions here, and that's so you can sort of get a reflection of what you're going to look like in 53 years.

Mr. Charlie Russo said, Al, the coaches are too humble, but we'll see y'all here next year too.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, but -- but anyway, good luck to you all in the future.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, I -- I also want to thank Colonel LaRosa and the cadet corp for presenting the colors today from BC. Thank you so much for being here. At this time I'll recognize our Vice Chair for the purpose of comments, Commissioner Thomas from the 8th District and then Commissioner Kicklighter from the 7th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you very much --

Chairman Scott said, and then Commissioner Stone from the 1st, Commissioner Holmes from the 2nd, in that order, please.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you --

Chairman Scott said, and Commissioner Brady from the 6th.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and then we have a Youth Commissioner who wish to make comments.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to be very brief, but I am just so excited about what's happening here this morning that we're able to have before us a large group of young people who have excelled, and I want to say to those young people who are not here today just take a look at this video today at some point in time, and it will say to you that hard work, ethics, leadership in your classroom, as well as on the ball field, you can get anywhere, and I want each and every one of you to know how proud I am of you, as well as the coaches and the previous coach from 1961. So, again, thank you so very much, and I hope you will continue to do as well as you have done thus far. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to just point out a couple of things. First, you stated that the players -- thanked the players for taking the time to be here. They're probably thrilled to be here 'cause Coach Farmer would probably have them out practicing in the heat right now, probably. So. But, I'd just like to say congratulations to everyone. I would also like to point out a -- a huge part of what I believe brought the championship other than the great coaching and the great players, you can look out in the audience and see the great parental support. Without that base --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- there -- there -- you know, none of the others would get to work that hard, so, that's important for any other team out there looking. The parents need to get involved to help out. I also would just like to say y'all have been exciting to watch. I came to a few games this year. Actually saw the shootout right before you won the state championship was like 19-16 or something like that. That was the best game I've ever watched in baseball period. But I would also like to say for the other teams watching out there, you better get to practicing hard right now because I'm aware of these seniors on this team because my daughter cheered for BC when they were sophomores, and I saw the ath -- the athletes that they were back then, but they're loaded with the youngsters out here too. Great example is, I believe we have Chipper Wiley, which was the player of the year for the entire coastal empire, and I believe -- he's -- the young man's only a sophomore, so watch out State of Georgia, here they come again. So proud of y'all. Proud to be an alumni. Keep up the good work. Coach Farmer great job. Thanks. [Applause.]

Coach Farmer said, thank you.

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

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very, very proud of you all, your accomplishment, and as a parent of a 2008 graduate of BC and having done lunchroom duty for four years, I can tell you that these young men exhibit discipline, character and integrity, and for that purpose, it will take you so far in life, and I'm so proud of you, and I'm proud to have been a small part of Benedictine School, and I enjoyed my days of lunchroom duty. You will not find finer young men anywhere. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes from the 2nd District.

Commissioner Holmes said, congratulation BC. Congratulation to the coaches. Me coming from a coaching background, I understand the work that was put into what y'all accomplished here today, but I must say to all of you all, y'all have just made a group of athletes on your campus mad. You know your football team went twice, two years consecutive and came up short. How many guys on this baseball team play football? So you know, you know what you just did. I'm going on record to say that your football team will be state champ coming up in 2015. Congratulation. [Applause.]

Coach Farmer said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, our Youth Commission Chair-Elect, Commissioner Abdallah.

Youth Commissioner Mohammad Abdallah said, just a short notice. On behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, I would like to congratulate the 2014 state champion baseball team at Benedict [sic]. You know, hard work, you know. This is a honor over years and years. You've come from '61 to 2014. You've gained your pride and your leadership. Thank you guys. [Applause.]

Coach Farmer said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady from the 6th District.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to offer a personal congratulations to the players, the coaches and the parents, as Dean said, the parental support that I know all of you give these students. As a life long resident, and actually a graduate of Windsor Forest High School. I was out there, you know, back in the day in '61 -- well, not '61, I was born that year.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Commissioner Brady said, but there's some parents in the audience that have students on this team that actually graduated high school with me. There's -- there's a player on the team, I'm not going to name him 'cause I don't want to embarrass him, I've seen him since he was a little baby crawling around the office that I actually work in. So it's been a tradition that has been embraced by Chatham County and the City of Savannah, Benedictine, Mil -- Military School, forever. I appreciate the tradition that you offer this community, and we are so proud to call you part of this community, and keep up the good work. Congratulations.

Coach Farmer said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Again, congratulations and thank you so much, and I'm going recognize Commissioner from the 4th District for the final word.

Commissioner Farrell said, final word is that I do not want to join my classmate from 1979, Mr. Chris Phillips, in the disciplinary office at 12:00 o'clock today at the -- at the Benedictine coaching staff, therefore, I would like to recognize that my wife and my children are here today. Sherry Farrell, John and Chase, so I just want to let -- let them know that they are --

Chairman Scott said, will the Farrell family please stand? [Applause.]

Commissioner Farrell said, and now, we can move on.

Coach Farmer said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, again, congratulations and thank you all so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, beautiful.

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2. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE RECOGNIZING STATE CERTIFICATION BY THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF DAVID LYONS, PRESIDENT OF THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION.

Chairman Scott said, is -- is Chief Lyons here?

Commissioner Farrell said, he is.

Commissioner Stone said, there he is.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I saw him there.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, Chief, if you'd come forward. At this time I'm going to recognize Chief David Lyons who is the Chief of Police for the Garden City Police Department, but Chief Lyons is also the president of the Georgia Association of the Chief -- Chiefs of Police, and for those of you who may not know how you become president of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, but you have to campaign for it. You have to run; you have to be elected by all the chiefs throughout Georgia. So it's quite an honor for our Garden City Chief of Police to be president of the Georgia Association of the Chiefs of Police, and at this time I'm going to recognize Chief David Lyons for the purpose of presenting a plaque in recognition of the State certification by the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department. Chief Lyons.

Chief David Lyons said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Chatham County Commission, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for the opportunity to come before this body again as representing the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. As I've said many times to you, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police are on the leading edge of law enforcement of Georgia, and they have created numerous innovative programs for law enforcement throughout the state, and one of those programs is state certification program. State certification program was created to establish standards of professionalism for law enforcement, and I'm pleased to be here this morning to say that the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department has met those standards, and I am here to award certification status to Chief Julie Tolbert in recognition of their accomplishments. [Applause.]

Chief Julie Tolbert said, thank you.

Chief Lyons said, thank you. I have another quick presentation. As I've said before, state certification is a difficult process. It is not easy, and because it's not easy there are only 130 agencies across the State that have achieved the status. To achieve state certification requires two things. One it has to be top-driven and there has to be an individual or a series of individuals in the department that make it happen, and the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department is very fortunate to have Sergeant Roger Flannery as their state certification manager, so I'm pleased to present him with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts. [Applause.]

Sergeant Roger Flannery said, thank you.

Chief Lyons said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Chief, you have any comments?

Chief Tolbert said, good morning Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. I would like very much so to thank Chief Lyons for taking the time out to come and present this award to the PD. We are very grateful to him for everything that he has done to assist us when -- with achieving this accomplishment. But I would also like to thank Sergeant Flannery and his assistant Ms. Mamie Bolton. This was not an easy challenge for them. It takes a lot of work to reach the standards -- to make the standards, as well as to come up in compliance, and they did this, and we are very grateful to them, especially in light of all of the distractions that the agency has been under lately. They stayed focused and they did an outstanding job these last few months, and we are reaping the ward -- the rewards today. So thank you Sergeant Flannery and Ms. Bolton.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Sergeant Flannery, you have any comments?

Sergeant Flannery said, just briefly. Mamie has been a great assistant for me, but it also takes the support of the upper staff, the majors, the chief, the assistant chief, as well as all of the officers that I hounded for doc -- for documentation to get us in compliance, so thanks to them too.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And on behalf of the Commission, thanks to all of you all for what you do every day to keep us safe and to protect this county. Thank you.

Chief Tolbert said, thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank y'all.

Chairman Scott said, we have -- Commissioner Brady would like to make some comments.

Commissioner Brady said, well, what I was going to ask, Mr. Chairman, is -- is if the Chief could introduce her leadership staff. They were all standing up there, and -- and the public doesn't realize who they are.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Okay.

Chief Tolbert said, sure.

Commissioner Brady said, if you don't mind.

Chief Tolbert said, I'll start with the assistant Chief, Chief Terry Enoch; Major Richard Zapal; Major Dean Fagerstrom; Major Larry Branson; and Major James Barnwell.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you. We appreciate your hard work. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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3. GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION CLASS OF 2014.

Chairman Scott said, as you know, every -- every beginning has to have an end, and this is the end of one chapter in their lives, and -- and the start of a new chapter, and at this time I would like to ask Van Johnson, if he'll come forward, and we're going to have a graduation ceremony for the Chatham County Youth Commission class of 2014.

Mr. Van Johnson said, thank you. Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, let me also thank all the parents of the members of the Youth Commission of class of 2014 for being here, and I know you're very proud of your sons and daughters, and congratulations to you as well.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Councilman.

Mr. Johnson said, Commissioner Thomas, Ladies and Gentlemen of this Honorable Commission. Unfortunately much of the media attention, too much of the media attention today is focused on young people doing bad things. So thank you for taking the time this morning, very precious time, to recognize young people that are doing good things and on their way to greater things. Certainly with your recognition of the state champions today, and also people -- young people that we think are pretty special as well. The Chatham County Youth Commission has become a national model of best practices of youth engagement and in development. We are known by NACo because your young people are there. We are known by ACCG because your young people are there. Through your support and the support of your predecessors, you have provided a direct service to the youth of this community by allowing them a vehicle to learn about government, and most importantly participate actively in the governmental process. Through your support these young people have individually -- individually donated over 150 hours of community service in the last nine months, collectively over 2,000 hours. Through your support they have created opportunities for young people to be engaged and connected to their county government, and for that we are thankful to you. We thank you for your support in now our 22nd year.

Mr. Johnson said, we certainly thank Dr. Thomas who has been here every step of the way for her vision -- her vision and her enthusiastic support of these young people. We thank her for hanging in there with us when the bus broke down and two flat tires and stuck in snow for six hours, and she could have gone to a nice, warm hotel room, but she stayed out in the cold with us, and we thank her for that. And we thank Mr. Michael Kaigler, our new director, Mrs. Carolyn Smalls, county department heads, and my wonderful team of Debra Allen, Marilyn Rodriguez, Octavia Brown, Leigh Herald, Ms. Linda Polite, Ms. Takiyah Martin, and, of course, Mr. Pete Nichols. I also take the privilege to mention one of our former advisors, Connie Roberts, who passed away last week, and our thoughts and prayers are with her family. We also, Mr. Chairman, as you said, thank our partners in progress, as we like to call them, the parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, friends of these young people. We have cried with them during the bad times, and, yes, we've celebrated with them during the good times. You allowed us to challenge your young people, to hold them accountable, to make them mad. Sometimes make them real mad, but you also allowed us to help them to grow to face their fears, to aspire and to dream. Will all of the parents and family members of our graduates please stand and let's recognize them. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, and finally to our graduates, my children. I can only offer you these famous but true words of wisdom paraphrased. If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you, if you can trust yourself when men doubt you, but make allowance for their doubting too; if you can wait and not be tired of waiting, or be lied about, don't deal in lies; or being hated, don't give way to hating, and yet don't look too good, nor talk to wise; if you can dream and not make dreams your master; if you can think and not make thoughts your aim; if you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two imposters the same; if you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken twisted by knaves to make a tramp for fools, or watch the things you gave your life to, broken, and stoop and build them up with worn out tools; if you can walk with crowds and keep your virtue, or walk with kings and not lose the common touch, if neither foes or loving friends can hurt you, if all men count with you but none too much; if you can fill the unforgiving minute with 60 seconds of distant run, yours is the earth and everything that is in it, and which -- which is more, you will be a man, my son -- and you will be a woman my daughter. You come to us as children and you leave us as young adults. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your life. Do not forget about us or what you learned as a member of our family. When you get to college, act like you have some sense. Remember that you carry this County Commission and this County with you. Be young people who respect others, who expect success, who have positive influence, who live a life of integrity, and you embody the attributes of leadership. In the words of Zig Ziglar, there is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs. Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, if you would join us at this time as we recognize our young people.

Chairman Scott said, be -- before we do that, Dr. Thomas, do you have any comments?

Commissioner Thomas said, I just would like to thank -- first of all, thank the Commissioners for their continued support over the years. Without your support we could not have made the progress that we have made, and I just want to also thank the parents, and most importantly I would like to than the young people who have been steadfast in whatever they had to do, and so we have come to this moment today to recognize those who are graduating, and we wish them well in the future. Thank you.

Mr. Johnson said, we're going to ask our parents that are here with these young people that you will come down as well, when we call you. Our chairwoman, Ms. Marissa Karp. She's graduated from Savannah Country Day School, and she is going to the United States Military Academy at West Point, and her dad is not here, so I'm her dad today. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, oh, sorry. Ms. Sabria Jones graduated from St. Vincent's Academy. She will be attending Howard University. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Ms. Hollis Brown graduated from Savannah Arts Academy. She will be attending Virginia Tech. [Applause.] She's gotten taller since she's been on the Youth Commission.

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Lamar Ballard, graduated -- he's our first graduate ever from Islands High School, and he will be attending Armstrong State University. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Ms. Justice Bosco graduated from Windsor Forest High School. She will be attending the Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology in Atlanta. Will help me to grow some hair. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Carlton Brown graduated from Benedictine Military Academy. He will be going to Savannah State University. You can get anywhere from Savannah State. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Ms. Ariuna Dorsey graduated from St. Vincent's Academy. She will be attending Clark Atlanta University. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. James Flowers graduated from Johnson High School. He will studying at Savannah Technical College. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Christopher Howard graduated from Jenkins High School. He will be going to Mercer University. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Dionte' Samuels graduated from Savannah Early College, and he will also be going to Savannah State University. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, and last but not least, Ms. Lyric Smith graduated from Johnson High School, and she will be going to Georgia Southern University. [Applause.] Wait for grandma.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's right.

Mr. Johnson said, ladies and gentlemen, let's give a big round of applause for the Chatham County Youth Commission class of 2014. [Applause.] Y'all can all have a seat. Oh, you want a group shot? Okay. Just the graduates. Quickly, please. Come closer. Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, obviously -- while they're taking pictures, during budget time when you have to make some very challenging decisions, particularly when requests are high and money are low -- is low, I certainly can tell you that this is the sum result in your investment in the Chatham County Youth Commission. Over the last 22 years, over 500 young people, all over the world now and in their 40s are making positive differences in the areas in which they live. More importantly, many of them now return back to live and serve in Chatham County, and most importantly they are tax paying citizens. So this is the return of investment for your support of these young people, so thank you so much. We were fortunate this year to be under the leadership of a young lady who distinguished herself as being our fifth Youth Commissioner, and our second female to be nominated and accepted into a United State Service Academy. If you know, that's not an easy thing to do, but in four years she will be a second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Ladies and Gentlemen, our chairperson, Ms. Marissa Karp. [Applause.]

Ms. Marissa Karp said, thank you, Mr. Johnson. Chairman Scott, Dr. Thomas and members of the Chatham County Commission. It is with great pleasure that I thank you for being with us during our graduation ceremonies. It is because of your support and encouragement that this organization has been created and has thrived in the way that it has over the past 22 years. But the Chatham County Youth Commission is not an entity of itself, but a living, growing and changing organism made up of the parts of each Youth Commissioner. I've had the privilege of being a part of the Chatham County Youth Commission for three years now, and I can say without a doubt that other than my high school and the teachers there, no one person or experience has changed my life like being a Youth Commissioner under the leadership of Mr. Van Johnson. I've got to be completely honest here and say that I can't remember every day of candidacy, but I do remember that I was having fun, and I remember that I was being encouraged to be open to new things, to be positive, to be friendly, and to be hydrated. Although I can tell you that I can -- that I do remember staying awake for 27 hours and paying about \$600 to fly back here in time for my last infamous Youth Commission retreat. I know that since candidacy I and every other Youth Commissioner here today have developed the skills which have allowed me to succeed and which helped me earn an appointment to the United States Military Academy. However, I'd say that CCYC is so much more than an organization which teaches you leadership skills or an outlet to serve your community because I know without a doubt that it is a family. When I was in mourning for the tragic loss of my friend and classmate Stuart Sligh, Jr., my CCYC family stepped in and helped me heal, and throughout my high school career, my biological family fell apart, for lack of a better explanation, and Mr. Johnson helped and supported me whenever and however I needed him to. Furthermore, we as a graduating class have become

a family. From those who are graduating after one year of service to those who have been here for all three, we've certainly made a lot of memories, and we'll probably stay in contact with each other throughout our college years and beyond. I know that all of the graduating members and myself will always remember the experiences we've had and the lessons we've learned throughout our time on the Chatham County Youth Commission. And with that, I went my whole career without crying on public television, and thankfully, I've made it through today. Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve and the opportunity to grow. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Johnson said, because she cried before we walked in here. We are also so excited for another one of our graduates who has won almost every community service award this year. In addition to being the senior class president and the leadership club president at St. Vincent's Academy, she is a Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year, the 2014 Georgia Boys and Girls Club of America Youth of the Year, she is the winner of the Education Award from Hands on Savannah of the United Way, Rotary Club of Savannah West, and the American Red Cross Youth Healthy Hero. She is on our way to -- she is on her way to the nation's capital and will be attending Howard University. Ladies and Gentlemen, Ms. Sabria Jones. [Applause.]

Ms. Sabria Jones said, thank you, Mr. Johnson. Chairman Scott, Dr. Thomas and Commissioners, good morning. I would like to start by thanking all of our advisors. You all have been instrumental in our growth, from candidacy up until this day of graduation. Mr. Johnson, I don't think there's anyone in the world who can do what you have been doing with the Youth Commission for all of these years. You have served as our mentor and an adopted father. You have been the greatest supporter for the past couple of years, and even though you try to put on a hard exterior, I know that you have a soft spot in your heart for all of us.

Mr. Johnson said, I don't.

Ms. Jones said, these past two years that I have been on the Youth Commission have been the best years of my life. Not only did I gain a group of friends, but I also gained a family. From our weekly candidacy trips to our snowball fights in DC, this family that the Youth Commission created has been stronger and has been bigger throughout the year. The Youth Commission afforded me many experiences that I will treasure forever. I have traveled to places I have never been and eaten foods I never thought I would eat. Although I experienced some roadblocks along this journey, I persevered. Through this experience, I have acquired numerous skills to become a great leader. I have learned to continue my determination and to take advantage of every opportunity that is provided to me. I have learned how important it is to serve the community and the public, and most importantly I was taught to value respect, success, influence, integrity and leadership. And to Dr. Thomas, thank you for your vision to involve youth in our government and for your continued support and commitment to bettering the youth in the community, and on behalf of the Youth Commission, we would like to offer you something to remember us by.

[NOTE: Dr. Thomas was presented with an Edible Arrangement. Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Ms. Jones said, thank you.

Mr. Johnson said, and finally, two brief recognitions. I told the County Manager I would be eight and a half minutes. I think I've lost that. We do have a -- a group of young people who are aspiring to be on the Youth Commission. These are our new candidates, and they are watching, so will all of the candidates please stand? Give them a round of applause. Maybe they'll be here. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, our next presenter danced her way into our hearts and served as secretary of the Youth Commission while starring in school plays and dance recitals. The fall will find her in Virginia as a freshman at Virginia Tech. Hollis Brown graduate of the -- of Savannah Arts Academy will introduce the winner of the 2014 Beverly M. Whitehead award. [Applause.]

Ms. Hollis Brown said, the Beverly M. Whitehead award is named in honor of Chatham County's first human resources director who passed away in 1998. This award recognizes organizations and/or individuals who have provided exceptional service to Youth throughout the Chatham County Youth Commission. This year's recipient has been an active part of the Chatham County Youth Commission teaching us how to be safe. Because of her efforts we have received grant money to offer safe driving skills to the -- to teen drivers. She has given us her free time and Saturdays to assist the Youth Commission. We appreciate her and her hard work. It is my pleasure to present the 2014 Beverly M. Whitehead award to Leigh Herald, Chatham County driving training officer. Congratulations. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, thank you. And finally, probably the moment that all of these young people have been waiting for. The -- this presentation is from a young man who has distinguished himself as being the first youth member of a county organization in this country to serve on a National League of Cities Institute of Youth, Education and Families. He will be remaining in Savannah to continue to lend his talents to this community as he attends Armstrong State University. Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Lamar Ballard. [Applause.]

Mr. Lamar Ballard said, the Brandon Brown Youth Commissioner of the Year award is named in honor of a young man who exemplified the core values of the Youth Commission. I am told that Brandon was a unique person who loved the Youth Commission and was even active in his graduation. When Brandon passed away in 2004 at age 21, his passing left a void that still exists today. The award is presented to the Youth Commissioner who during the year has exhibited the six core values of Youth Commission, respect, success, influence, integrity, and leadership. I have had the honor of receiving this award from my peers. This year's recipient is the first year Youth Commissioner but who would not know it seeing him in action. He worked hard and has definitely made an impression on his fellow Youth Commissioners. He has made such an impression, that he had -- was elected to be Chair of the Youth Commission next year, and he is an only -- he is the only rising junior. It is my pleasure to present the 2014 Brandon Brown Youth Commissioner of the Year Award to our Chair-elect, Mohammad Abdallah. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, congratulations.

Youth Commissioner Abdallah said, thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, thank you so much for indulging us. I wish I could tell you they're going back to school, but they're not. So, I don't know where they're going, but thank you all so much for their support. But they're leaving this building soon. Thank you very much. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, again, congratulations. We do have some comments here. I recognize Commissioner Center from the 3rd District.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to congratulate the graduates, their parents and their families. It is very inspiring to see this. As our presenter read out the names and commented -- commended our Vice Chair Priscilla Thomas, one name was left off, because he was reading them, but I've watched Van Johnson do this, as an employee of Chatham County and Mayor Pro Tem of my City. I want to thank you for all you have done and state that you should be recognized too. You do an outstanding job. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes from the 2nd District.

Commissioner Holmes said, Van, job well done.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, congratulations to you grads. When you dream, you grow; and when you grow you become successful. When you become successful you become popular, and when you become popular, you become a person who everybody wants to be around in life. And when you grow you'll be the next Van Johnson. When you grow you'll be the next Dr. Priscilla Thomas. When you grow you will be the next Al Scott. When you grow you will be the next James Holmes. Keep growing until you reach your dreams. Congratulation. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 8th District, Dr. Priscilla Thomas, our vice Chair.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll be very brief, but I think I would be remiss if I did not have a few words to say about the young man -- sorry. I had that off. I would be remiss if I did not have something to say about our leader of the Chatham County Youth Commission. This man gives so much of his personal time. He has no personal life. I am serious because every day, every day, he is not only doing his job here at Chatham County and on the Savannah City Council, but he is with these young people making sure that they are on task each and every day. I needed someone like Mr. Johnson to help me with these young people. I'm glad that he accepted it, and Van, you may not get all the accolades that you deserve, but, you know, the good Lord above will reward you in the end, and you know how much all of us appreciate it because several years ago the Savannah -- I mean the Chatham County Commission made the Chatham County Youth Commission the official youth group of Savannah, Chatham County, and for their support, we thank you. Continue the good work and look forward to a continuation of another good year. And last but not least, Mr. Chairman, I wanted to say that the new executive director of the West Broad Street YMCA, ZaDonna Slay has become the new director over there. She was the executive direct -- she was our first chairwoman of the Chatham County Youth Commission, and now -- and she was serving as the executive director of CASA, but I just read the other day where she has now been employed as --

Mr. Johnson said, 29 years old.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes. 29 years old.

Mr. Johnson said, yeah.

Commissioner Thomas said, that is a big feat. So that -- we must be doing something right, and want to thank you all. I can't say enough about this Commission and others who have come before you because without your

strong support, we could not be where we are today. So again thank you all so very much and thank you Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, all the parents without you, we couldn't be where we are today. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, now we have -- we have comments from our 5th District Commissioner, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. Good morning everyone. To my Commissioner -- fellow Commissioner, Dr. Priscilla Thomas, we thank you and we honor you for your vision of the Chatham County Youth Commission, and also establishing it as an institution because institutions outlive the people. And to Mr. Van Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Van Johnson, we thank you for your leadership over the young people because we recognize if we are strong in our actions toward teaching our young people to think independent, even independent of us, that we can be -- we -- we won't be hastened forth by that generation if we don't take the necessary steps to prepare them today. And I'd also like to say to the young people that just keep up the good work and congratulations and always remember that education is our passport to the future for the future belongs to those who prepare for it today. And also I urge all of you or most of you when you go out in the world and you achieve your goals and you reach your goals, some come back to Savannah so that Savannah is -- the Savannah community could extract from your scholarship, and also, wherever you find yourself in the world or in this country, wherever you're at, know that you will be a gift to the world and also that the world will be blessed by your presence. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, any other comments? Thank you, and again, congratulations to all of you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to tell them to get to work, Mr. Chairman. They -- they've got work to do to become like Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you welcome. I liked that comment. That was the best comment I've heard up here in 14 years. The best.

Commissioner Holmes said, now the meeting begin.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

None.

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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 (*)

None.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: a) TRANSFER \$30,000 FROM THE STATE COURT JUDGES BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP, b) TRANSFER \$57,000 FROM THE STATE COURT CLERK'S BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP, c) TRANSFER \$21,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP FOR AN AUTOMATED VEHICLE LOCATOR SYSTEM (AVL), d) TRANSFER \$44,237 FROM CONTINGENCY TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CREW TRUCK; 2) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TRANSFER \$200,000 FROM PUBLIC WORKS OPERATING BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP; 3) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND (CIP): a) INCREASE REVENUES \$152,237 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND M&O, b) INCREASE REVENUES \$200,000 TRANSFER IN FROM SSD, c) INCREASE REVENUES \$22,000 TRANSFER IN FROM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, d) INCREASE REVENUES \$4,800 TRANSFER IN FROM WATER AND SEWER FUND, e) CREATE A PROJECT FOR STATE COURT CLERKS' OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT AND INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$87,000, f) INCREASE THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT \$247,800, g) INCREASE THE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT - M&O PROJECT \$44,237; 4) IN THE SALES TAX III FUND: a) AMEND REVENUES \$2,142,134 FOR REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (gdot), b) INCREASE THE BAY STREET WIDENING PROJECT \$2,142,134; 5) IN THE SALES TAX IV FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$608,802 FOR A LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) FROM GDOT; 6) IN THE SALES TAX V FUND TRANSFER FUNDS AMONG PROJECTS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED MEMORANDA; 7) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$3,800 FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AWARD FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL, 8) AMEND THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND TO APPROPRIATE \$22,000 NET ASSETS FOR TRANSFER OUT TO CIP, and 9) AMEND THE WATER AND SEWER FUND TO APPROPRIATE \$4,800 NET ASSETS FOR TRANSFER OUT TO CIP.**

Chairman Scott said, all right. We -- we're now ready for the Items for Individual Action, which is Item IX on the agenda. Item one to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in General Fund M&O: transfer \$30,000 from the State Court Judges' budget to Transfer Out to CIP, transfer \$57,000 from State Court Clerk's budget to transfer out to CIP, transfer \$21,000 from Contingency to Transfer Out to CIP for Automated Vehicle Locator System (AVL), transfer \$44,237 from the Contingency to Transfer Out to CIP for the purchase of a crew truck; in Special Service District Fund transfer \$200,000 from Public Works Operating Budget to Transfer Out to CIP; 3) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund (CIP): increase revenue by \$152,237 Transfer In from the General Fund M&O, and increase revenue of \$200,000 Transfer In from the SSD, and increase revenue by \$22,000 Transfer In from Solid Waste Management, increase revenue by \$4,800 Transfer In from Water and Sewer Fund, to create a project for State Court Clerk Office Furniture and Equipment and increase expenditure \$87,000, increase the Public Works Project by \$247,800, increase the Vehicle Replacement - M&O Project by \$44,237; and in the Sales Tax III Fund: amend revenue by \$2,142,134 for reimbursement from the Georgia Department of Transportation, increase the Bay Street Widening -- Widening Project by \$2,142,134 -- \$134; in the Sales Tax IV Fund: increase revenue by \$608,802 for a Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) from GDOT; increase the unincorporated road lot project by \$608,802; and in the Sales Tax V Fund transfer funds among Projects as outlined in the attached memorandum; and in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures by \$3,800 for a supplemental grant awarded the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and amend the Solid Waste Management Fund to approve -- appropriate \$22,000 Net Assets for Transfer Out to the CIP, and 9) amend the Water and Sewer Fund to appropriate \$4,800 Net Assets for Transfer Out to the CIP.

Commissioner Center said, you ready for a motion?

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Center said, yes. I move that we adopt Action Item 1.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Stone 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. Item 1 on the Individual Action Calendar is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$30,000 from the State Court Judges budget to Transfer Out to Cip, b) transfer \$57,000 from the State Court Clerk's budget to transfer out to CIP, c) transfer \$21,000 from Contingency to Transfer Out to CIP for an Automated Vehicle Locator System (AVL), d) transfer \$44,237 from Contingency to Transfer Out to CIP for the purchase of a crew truck; 2) in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$200,000 from Public Works Operating Budget to Transfer Out to CIP; 3) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund (CIP): a) increase revenues \$152,237 Transfer in from General Fund M&O, b) increase revenues \$200,000 Transfer In from SSD, c) increase revenues \$22,000 Transfer In from Solid Waste Management, d) increase revenues \$4,800 Transfer In from Water and Sewer Fund, e) create a project for State Court Clerks' Office Furniture and Equipment and increase expenditures \$87,000, f) increase the Public Works Project \$247,800, g) increase the Vehicle Replacement - M&O Project \$44,237; 4) in the Sales Tax III Fund: a) amend revenues \$2,142,134 for reimbursements from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), increase the unincorporated road lot project by \$608,802; b) increase the Bay Street Widening Project \$2,142,134; 5) in the Sales Tax IV Fund: a) increase revenues \$608,802 for a Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) from GDOT; 6) in the Sales Tax V Fund transfer funds among Projects as outlined in the attached memoranda; 7) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$3,800 for a supplemental grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, 8) amend the Solid Waste Management Fund to appropriate \$22,000 Net Assets for Transfer Out to CIP, and 9) amend the Water and Sewer Fund to appropriate \$4,800 Net Assets for Transfer Out to CIP. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

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FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The State Court Administrator/Clerk of Court has requested a \$30,000 transfer from the State Court Judge's operating budget and a \$57,000 transfer from the State Court Clerk's budget to the Capital Improvement Fund (CIP) for furniture and equipment. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Public Works and Park Services Director is requesting funding for capital equipment and an automated vehicle locator system (AVL). A transfer of \$200,000 from the Public Works operating budget, a transfer of \$21,000 from General Fund M&O contingency, a transfer of \$22,000 from the Solid Waste Management Fund and a transfer of \$4,800 from the Water and Sewer Fund will provide funding for the purchases. Correspondence and resolutions are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The Public Works and Park Services Director is requesting a transfer of \$44,237 from General Fund M&O contingency for the purchase of a replacement crew truck for Parks and Recreation. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

4. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has reimbursed Chatham County \$2,142,134 for right of way acquisitions for the Bay Street Widening project. The County Engineer has requested an amendment to the Bay Street Widening project budget for the reimbursements. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Sales Tax III Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
5. Chatham County received \$608,802 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Sales Tax IV fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
6. The County Engineer has requested project modifications in the Sales Tax V Fund. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
7. The Savannah-Chatham DUI Court has been awarded \$3,800 supplemental grant funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
8. The Public Works and Parks Services Director has requested a \$200,000 from Public Works to CIP for the purchase of equipment. Correspondence and a resolution 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, the Special Service District, the Sales Tax V, the Solid Waste Management and the Water and Sewer Funds. The budget amendment will establish funding in the Capital Improvement (CIP), Sales Tax III, Sales Tax IV, and the Multiple Grant funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) Transfer \$30,000 from the State Court Judge's operating budget to Transfer Out to CIP.
- b) Transfer \$57,000 from the State Court Clerk's operating budget to Transfer out to CIP.
- c) Transfer \$21,000 from contingency to Transfer Out to CIP.
- d) Transfer \$44,237 from contingency to Transfer Out to CIP.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

Transfer \$200,000 from Public Works to Transfer Out to CIP.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

- a) Increase revenues \$152,237 Transfer In from General Fund M&O.
- b) Increase revenues \$22,000 Transfer In from Solid Waste Management.
- c) Increase revenues \$4,800 Transfer In from Water and Sewer.
- d) Increase revenues \$200,000 Transfer In from SSD.
- e) Increase expenditures \$87,000 and create a project for State Court Clerk's Office Furniture and Equipment.
- f) Increase the Public Works project \$247,800.
- g) Increase the Vehicle Replacement -- M&O project \$44,237.

SALES TAX III FUND

- a) Increase revenues \$2,142,134 GDOT reimbursements.
- b) Increase the Bay Street Widening Project \$2,142,134.

SALES TAX IV FUND

- a) Increase revenues \$608,802 Georgia Department of Transportation LMIG.
- b) Increase the Unincorporated Roads LARP project \$608,802.

SALES TAX V FUND

Transfer funds among projects as outlined in the attached memoranda.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

Increase revenues and expenditures \$3,800 for a supplemental grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinator's Council (CJCC).

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND

Appropriate \$22,000 net assets for Transfer Out to CIP.

WATER AND SEWER FUND

Appropriate \$4,800 net assets for Transfer Out to CIP.

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. INFORMATION ON THE TAX YEAR 2014 TAX DIGEST.

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 is the information on the tax year 2014 tax digest.

County Manager Lee Smith said, Amy Davis is coming up, Finance Director.

Ms. Amy Davis, Finance Director, said, good morning Chairman and Commissioners. This year's digest in the General Fund was a gross digest of 14,030,010,545; 21.8 percent of that was in exemptions; for a net digest of 10,966,060,917. This equals about a 1.5 percent increase over last year's digest. In addition to that we have a SPLOST repurposing credit which equals the \$4 million, and that represents .365 mills for a rollback millage rate of 11.543 mills.

Ms. Davis said, in the Special Services District we had gross digest of 6,351,959,372; exemptions were 31 percent of the gross digest for a net digest of 4,410,116,174, or a decrease of .6 -- .06 percent, and the net rollback millage is point -- 4.13, which is equal to the 2014 millage -- I mean, '13 millage, I'm sorry.

Ms. Davis said, and in the Transit District, the gross digest was \$11,414,183,568; 23.5 percent in exemptions for a net digest of 8.7 billion. This would be an increase of 1.4 percent, and the rollback millage rate for 2014 is 1 mill.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Is there any questions? Commissioner Center, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, Amy. On -- on these Facts and Findings, paragraph 2.(a), 4 and 5, are those -- you have the 4 as SPLOST repurposing credit is .365 mills, which is the amount the public voted to rebate to itself, and then number 5 is a rollback rate. Are those coincidental? Is that the same thing or two -- two diff --

Ms. Davis said, I guess so.

Commissioner Center said, it's just coincidental that the numbers are the same?

Ms. Davis said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, okay. 'Cause the rollback goes because of the digest, correct?

Ms. Davis said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, and the -- and number 4 is the amount of money that in the last SPLOST the second item that the public voted back to itself.

Ms. Davis said, right.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further -- Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. I have a question. In looking at these numbers when people are getting their property tax bills right now, and they're filing for appeals, how do we calculate in the digest growth the affect of any of these appeals, because I've received numerous phone calls from people that have said their property values have gone up and that they are going to appeal it. So I'm just curious how do we recognize this in the digest growth or the digest decrease?

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, it has to be an adjusted number after the appeal. They are generally required to pay 85 percent of the tax due based on the previous assessment --

Commissioner Stone said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, -- then they can appeal, and then the -- the general digest is adjusted when all the appeal process goes through. So --

Chairman Scott said, but I -- we will also point out our budget is not based on any increase in the digest, so it will really not have an impact on our projected budget for this year, but it will have to be adjusted at the end of the year.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand that. My -- my question was more just for information as to how do we really predict. I mean you said that there was actually a small increase in the M&O, and we're for budgeting purposes recognizing no increase, so do we always put that factor of error in there when we do our budget?

County Attorney Hart said, no. No.

Chairman Scott said, no.

County Attorney Hart said, it's typically -- you're going to see 5,000 to 8,000 appeals a year.

Commissioner Stone said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, since we've implemented Stephens Day a lot of change in value, change in digest value may fluctuate depending on the appeal. The actual amount of tax paid -- paid is probably set on the value of the property at the time that it was acquired. So you have very little reason to have to do a bunch of true up there.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand that on the -- on -- on property owners, but like commercial properties for people that have additional properties, it's just would be hard to calculate what the actual digest growth is going to be based on the number of appeals and so I was --

County Attorney Hart said, you can take a pretty good educated guess at it to get an exact number it would probably be impossible.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, you -- 'cause you have the historic experience so you -- you have something to rely on.

Commissioner Stone said, I -- for some reason this year, I've just received more than the normal number of phone calls saying that their property values escalated tremendously and that they're going to appeal it, and it -- it made me start to wonder how this would affect the growth in the digest. It was just a question, but thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. But it's -- it is the digest as we know it minus appeals, and then it will have to be adjusted at the end of the year based on the results of the appeals, and --

County Attorney Hart said, and the State recognizes that.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, that's why all their criteria for testing whether your digest passes the muster is -- is all spelled out in variance percentages, you know, not less than, not more than, so that as long as you're within those parameters, they're -- they -- they feel like you've got a pretty well means tested digest number.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions? If not, thank you. There's no action need -- needed on Item 2.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

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

ISSUE:
To provide information on the Tax Year 2014 Tax Digest.

BACKGROUND:

On May 9, 2014 the Board received the fiscal 2015 recommended budget. The budget assumed no changes in the millage rate for the General Fund and the Special Services District. On May 5, 2014, the Tax Assessor's Office provided information regarding the tax year 2014 digest. The budget calendar calls for budget hearings on June 17, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and a final hearing and adoption on June 27, 2014.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The fiscal 2015 recommended budget assumes no digest growth in both the General Fund and the Special Services District. Expenditures in these two major funds were \$164,791,513 and \$29,494,021 respectively. The recommended budget is based on a millage rate of 11.908 in the General Fund and 4.13 in the Special Services District, which is the same millage 2013 tax year.
2. On May 5, 2014, the Tax Assessor's office provided the following information to Finance to represent the official tax digest for Chatham County:
 - a) General Fund Property Tax Digest
 - i.) Gross Digest value of \$14,030,010,545.
 - ii.) Exemptions of \$3,066,153,800 which are 21.85% of the gross digest.
 - iii.) Net digest values of \$10,955,060,917 for an annual digest increase of 1.57%.
 - iv.) The SPLOST repurposing credit equals .365 mills or \$4,002,612, as required in the 2013 SPLOST referendum.
 - v.) Net rollback millage rate is 11.543, which is .365 mills lower than the 2013 adopted millage rate.
 - b) Special Services District (unincorporated Chatham County)
 - i.) Gross Digest value of \$6,361,959,372.
 - ii.) Exemptions of \$1,953,640,045, which represents 31% of the gross digest.
 - iii.) Net digest value of \$4,410,116,174 for an annual decrease of .06%.
 - iv.) Net rollback millage rate is 4.13, which is equal to the 2013 adopted millage rate.
 - c) Transit District Property Tax Digest
 - i.) Gross digest value of \$11,414,183,568.
 - ii.) Exemptions of \$2,677,325,450 which represents 23.5% of the gross digest.
 - iii.) Net digest value of \$8,736,858,118 for an annual increase of 1.42%
 - iv.) The rollback millage rate is 1 mill which is the same as the adopted 2013 millage rate.
3. Annual publication of the current year tax digest and five year levy history is required by State law. Attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) is a copy of the advertisement that was published in the *Savannah Morning News* of June 9, 2014. Note that this advertisement indicates that the millage rate will be adopted on June 27, 2014.
4. Three public hearings on the millage rate are required by State law. The public hearings for the millage rate are scheduled for June 17, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and June 27, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. The Board will be able to adopt the fiscal 2015 budget and tax year 2014 millage rates after the public hearings.

FUNDING:

No funding required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The County is required to adopt a balanced budget under State law for its General Fund, special revenue funds, and debt service funds. Recurring expenditures should be paid for with recurring revenue.

ALTERNATIVES:

For information.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR VARIANCE FROM THE CHATHAM COUNTY NOISE ORDINANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ISLE OF HOPE K-8 REPLACEMENT SCHOOL AT 100 PARKERSBURG ROAD. [DISTRICT 1.]**

Chairman Scott said, Item 3. This is to request Board approval for a variance for the Chatham County Noise Ordinance for construction of a new Isle of Hope K-8 replacement school at 100 Parkersburg Road.

Mr. Gregori Anderson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning. What's before you this morning is a request for a variance to the Chatham County Noise Ordinance.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Anderson, introduce yourself for the --

Mr. Anderson said, yes, sir. Gregori Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services. The -- the -- the current ordinance allows for construction to take place in the am portion of time through 10:00 o'clock at night. That -- the current regulations require that construction start at 7:00 a.m. The developers who are here to answer any further questions you may have are requesting to start 4:00 to 5:00 o'clock in the morning for a very specific period of time, for seven to eight days between the -- the -- the dates of July -- late July 20 -- 2014 through September. This would give them an opportunity to begin to place concrete for the new school and give them an opportunity to start working and finishing that concrete before it gets too hot in the day and before the sun comes up. So this is an -- this is a request by the developers of this new school to get a variance of that -- of that ordinance and starting time requirement so they can begin starting earlier. So that's the request that's before you, and I can answer any questions, but the developers are her to fuel any questions you might have.

Chairman Scott said, do -- do any member of the Commission have any questions of Mr. Anderson?

Commissioner Stone said, I don't have any of Mr. Anderson.

Chairman Scott said, okay. We recognize the Commissioner from the 2nd District, Commissioner Holmes and then Commissioner Brady from the 6th District. Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th District in that order, please.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Anderson, that -- that -- that is a state regulation, the hours that they stipulate.

Mr. Anderson said, it is not, sir. It is a -- a county ordinance.

Commissioner Holmes said, county ordinance.

Mr. Anderson said, county ordinance, that's correct.

Commissioner Holmes said, the state have nothing --

Mr. Anderson said, the State has nothing to do with -- with this ordinance, that's correct.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady, 6th District.

Commissioner Brady said, good morning.

Mr. Anderson said, good morning.

Commissioner Brady said, you stated earlier -- unless I misheard you that their request for -- was for seven to eight days, but the letter that's in our packet says that it's 10 to 15 days.

Mr. Anderson said, yeah, if I said seven to eight, I -- I mis-spoke.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Mr. Anderson said, it is between 10 and 15 days.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Mr. Anderson said, that's -- that's correct.

Commissioner Stone said, that's a big difference.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. Okay. And then the other question that I have is does the City of Savannah have a noise ordinance, and if they do, what is it? Is it the same time frame ours is?

Mr. Anderson said, they -- they do have a noise ordinance.

Commissioner Brady said, uh-huh.

Mr. Anderson said, I'm not sure how it compares to the county's noise ordinance, but, yes, the City does have one.

Commissioner Brady said, and my very last question is this, if these -- if this contractor had not made this request for this waiver, went ahead and did the work, and I'm not suggesting that anybody would do that. What I'm trying to find out is -- is, okay, they started the work, we're talking about 15 days of work, by the time it got to one of us, or to -- to us -- what -- what would happen after a complaint from a citizen?

Mr. Anderson said, well, the noise ordinance is enforced by the police department, so whenever we get a complaint about noise, we direct it to them, and they follow up and -- and pursue compliance to any violation that may be identified. So, if we get complaints, and when we do get complaints about the noise ordinance, that's who we refer it to.

Commissioner Brady said, so the police department would handle it. It's not like -- it's not like we would -- or your department would handle it. The police department --

Mr. Anderson said, yeah. It would be a police matter. That's correct.

Commissioner Brady said, oh, that's interesting.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I would also suggest to you, Commissioner Brady, that -- that -- you said the ten days by the time it -- we got it, but I would suggest to you that we would get it as quick as somebody could get to their key pad or whatever device they may have.

Commissioner Brady said, yes. I -- I mean I understand that, but I -- I mean, I -- but see -- but what -- what I would -- just found out and what we all just found out is -- is that a call to complain to us would not generate anything from Building and Safety, it would have to be a call to the police department, which is totally different.

Mr. Anderson said, we -- we do field calls for violations to the noise ordinance, as well as others. And we do direct them to the enforcement arm that's responsible for that enforcement.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Mr. Anderson said, so we do that and have con -- have done that in the past and will continue to do that.

County Attorney Hart said, the primary reason for that is that the MPD has noise calibrated, noise DB meter -- meters so that if you get a complaint for noise, they can go out there on the scene with somebody that's certified and -- and shoot the scene, and see how many decibels sound are passing past the property line, and, you know, it's just much more effective to have somebody go out there and do it right away, and they're -- you know, they're 24/7.

Mr. Anderson said, and certainly this request is for starting earlier than the ordinance provides.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Anderson, in -- in answering Commissioner's [sic] Brady's question, and I want to make sure that you answered it completely. What you're asking here is a change in the start time from 7:00 to --

Mr. Anderson said, to 4:00 to 5:00 a.m. That is correct.

Chairman Scott said, 4:00 to 5:00 a.m.

Mr. Anderson said, that is correct.

Chairman Scott said, and so if -- if someone was to violate this, in other words, if they went out and start there at 4:00 o'clock without this amendment, then technically they're in violation of their building permit, are they not?

Mr. Anderson said, well, no -- no, sir. They would be in violation of this ordinance. The building permit does not indicate the start time.

Chairman Scott said, does not?

Mr. Anderson said, does not.

Chairman Scott said, mm-hmm. Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Good morning.

Mr. Anderson said, good morning, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the -- if they start at 4:00 -- between 4:00 and 5:00 as opposed to at 7:00, what's -- what -- what -- what happens if they start at 7:00?

Mr. Anderson said, well, I mean, if they start at 7:00, certainly they're in compliance with the ordinance.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Mr. Anderson said, and there would be no action that our department or any other department would need to take.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but in terms of production? I meant, will the -- will the heat or the temperature have some effect on the concrete, or what --

Mr. Anderson said, it -- it can, and certainly they are here to speak to that -- to that issue specifically. Certainly as concrete is -- is placed and is cured and -- and is -- is finished, the heat and moisture play a big role in how that concrete is -- is -- is handled, how it cures, how it dries, as well as the ultimate strength of it. So there is a direct relationship with when the concrete is placed and the climatic conditions in which the concrete is placed.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center and Commissioner Stone, in that order, please.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. An -- thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, in our pre-meeting one of my fellow Commissioners mentioned there'd be light also that they have to set up with big lights to do it. Do we have any light ordinance or is this --

Mr. Anderson said, we do not have a light ordinance per se, but again, the developer can speak to what provisions they would need to make to be able to place concrete at 4:00 o'clock in the morning.

Commissioner Center said, all right. And are you familiar with the noise? How loud this would be?

Mr. Anderson said, well, again, the -- the noise ordinance does have a provision for construction, so the -- the ordinance does recognize that there is a decibel level that construction occurs and takes place. That's why the start time I believe is -- is at 7:00 a.m. and moves through 10:00 p.m. So there is a -- a specific time frame for construction activities within the noise ordinance.

Commissioner Center said, with these 10 to 15 days, would they be consecutive days or it would be two days now, two days a month from now?

Mr. Anderson said, again, that's a question for the developer.

Commissioner Center said, okay. And then let me ask you do we have a history among this Commission of waiving this ordinance for other people? Do you know?

Mr. Anderson said, we -- a few years ago when we did part of the Truman there was a request to have the ordinance waived when the installation of sheet piles were done as the -- as the -- the roadway was developed and it was granted. The developer came in -- contractor came in before this body and requested a variance of again that noise ordinance and the start time so that they can get the sheet piling in and meet their deadline. They -- and the -- the variance was granted.

Commissioner Center said, how'd that work out with the neighbors?

Mr. Anderson said, I -- I don't know. I didn't get the calls, so I can't speak to that, sir.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, I did, but it was at night.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, I -- I've received numerous -- this is the District that I represent --

Mr. Anderson said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, numerous emails, 22 plus two more today of the concerns, and I think the -- the main concern -- problem here was lack of communication. You're -- you -- the contractor's requesting a variance and the residents were not even aware of this, and it's not that it's one or two days, you stated it could be 14 to 15 days, and that's what it stated in the letter. So I think here the unknown factor has got people very concerned. It's got me concerned because you're asking for a variance from an ordinance but the neighbors were not notified, and I -- I don't know whether that was -- whether that would be something that the county would be responsible for or whether that's something that the contractor is responsible for, or is that something that the school board is responsible for? I don't know the answer to these questions, but I do know that 4:00 in the morning is in some cases to people the middle of the night, and when you've got lights, the beeping of the backing up of trucks in a proximity that the Chairman so eloquently stated in the pre-meeting is that this is a tight area. There are residents all around it, so it's -- it's not that this school is located in a field somewhere. I mean

very close proximity to people's residences. So I think the main issue here was just a breakdown, a true breakdown or lack of communication. I -- I think that to ask us for a variance for three or four hours in the early a.m. of the morning and not notify the residents is simply not the right -- correct thing to do.

Mr. Anderson said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, so can you tell me why -- and again, this might not have been a county issue, but who would have been responsible for notifying the residents that this variance was being requested?

Mr. Anderson said, well certainly the -- the request came to our office from the developer, and our -- our regulations do not require us to notify anyone other than you guys. That's why it's before you today.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. It -- it would be the responsibility of the school board. It -- the -- the contractor is their contractor. He's not the county's contractor.

Commissioner Stone said, well --

Chairman Scott said, any other questions of Mr. Anderson?

Commissioner Stone said, I was just going to make one follow-up comment, but it -- it's not for --

Chairman Scott said, it's not directed to Mr. Anderson?

Commissioner Stone said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you, Mr. Anderson. Commissioner Stone for your comment.

Commissioner Stone said, I -- I did contact my counter part on the school board, Julie Wade, and we had a conversation, and even she was surprised at the -- the breakdown of communication here. So I think that we --

Chairman Scott said, you're not -- you're not suggesting that School Board Member Wade is not doing her job, are you?

Commissioner Stone said, no, sir. What I'm suggesting is that she was even surprised that there was not better communication. That -- that's what I'm trying to say.

Chairman Scott said, okay. All right. Is there anybody in the audience, the residents or the contractor who would like to speak to this. And when you raise your hand, please identify who you are and why -- and what -- and who you represent. In other words, I want to know what's your interest in this.

Mr. Ryan Taylor said, good morning. My name is Ryan Taylor, and I represent CPPI. We are the construction managers for the school board, and we are the ones that submitted the letter asking for the variance.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Taylor said, and -- do I answer questions or make a statement.

Chairman Scott said, you can make your statement.

Mr. Taylor said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, if it's brief.

Mr. Taylor said, we did have a couple of what we would call meet and greets within the community back earlier in the -- late in the fall and earlier in the summer. We made some references to that there would be some off-hour pours and that it wouldn't be during normal hours. Didn't seem to get any feedback from at that point. We kind of view this as the first step as far as getting the approval, and then once we start making the pours, we would be sending out flyers or getting on the Isle of Hope email chain letting everybody know that we're going to be doing this. I mean this is kind of our -- our first step in the process. So communication will -- will occur. There will be advanced, forewarning as far as when we'll be doing it, how we'll be doing it, what will be going on. Excuse me.

Commissioner Stone said, well --

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, may I ask a --

Chairman Scott said, I think -- I think Commissioner Stone has a question for you and Commissioner Center has a question for you.

Commissioner Stone said, well, sir, the -- the concern that I have --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady --

Commissioner Stone said, with that --

Chairman Scott said, -- in that order.

Commissioner Stone said, -- with that process is that you've gotten approval here so you can do it, but --

Chairman Scott said, no, no. He hasn't gotten approval.

Commissioner Stone said, no, no, no. I'm saying the -- the process that he's stating --

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, -- would state that you would get approval here and then notify the neighbors. To me the neighbors should be notified first.

Mr. Taylor said, our -- our understanding was this was the formal process to go about the variance, so we started it with the idea that we would keep everybody informed. I mean we've kept everybody informed throughout the whole process of what we're doing. We've become members of the Isle of Hope community as far as we've been on email chains. We know what's going on. We've submitted out information to people. I mean we are in the process of providing as much communication as we possibly can.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I'm not -- I'm not trying to be controversial, but apparently there was a major breakdown of communication here, and I --

Mr. Taylor said, it can be corrected.

Commissioner Stone said, -- and -- and the email chain that -- that I was on stated that these folks weren't even aware that this was on the horizon.

Mr. Taylor said, and I -- I -- I think we can make that correction if granted this opportunity to -- to change the variance. We would obviously make sure that everybody is aware of what's going on, have more meetings if we need to have it at the -- the community center down there, continue with our email communication of what's going on --

Commissioner Stone said, well --

Mr. Taylor said, -- with our construction process.

Commissioner Stone said, well I think that would be extremely helpful. I mean if it were in my neighborhood, that's what I would want.

Mr. Taylor said, absolutely.

Commissioner Stone said, and that's how I try to do my job, but in addition to that, please explain to me and for the members of the public that are listening to this meeting, what all is going to be involved, how much of a variance are we talking about to the noise, lights, beeping. What really does this mean to a neighborhood that this school is in such proximity to the homes?

Mr. Taylor said, there is going to be noise. I cannot provide you with an actual decibel level. It is a requirement, a safety requirement, that all construction vehicles, when they're in the reverse that they have beeping noises, so you will hear beeping noises. Yes, we will have lights out there on the site, but our intent was to place them in a manner where it will face towards Parkersburg so that it will not shine into the folks on Paxton and Smith Drive. The -- the main part of why we would request this variance is because the inherent properties of concrete, I don't want to get into the science of it, requires a lot of working it. There's a chemical process in concrete where as it cures it creates more heat, so it's a working process. It's a safety for our workers process so that it's not during the -- the heat of the day trying to take into their safety as a factor of this variance as well.

Commissioner Stone said, and do you know exactly how long this will take?

Mr. Taylor said, a typical pour will be about 20,000 square feet. That's about 10 house slabs. It would probably last -- start at around 4:00 o'clock, and it would last up until 1:00, 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Commissioner Stone said, no, I mean, how many days. I'm sorry.

Mr. Taylor said, oh, I'm sorry. I apologize. Right now we're anticipating it being seven to eight days. We've asked for the 10 to 15 days because of weather conditions. We may have everything ready to go and then all of the sudden it rains that night and we have to cancel the pour, so -- but, seven to eight days I think is what

we've kind of looked at right now. They would never be consecutive. It would be one day, and then maybe next week or four days later we would do another one, so they would never be back to back.

Commissioner Stone said, and I'm assuming no weekends.

Mr. Taylor said, no, ma'am, no weekends, We don't want to work on the weekends.

Commissioner Stone said, no, I mean, I'm just --

Mr. Taylor said, if we don't have to.

Commissioner Stone said, that was one question that was asked of me, and I did not know the answer.

Mr. Taylor said, no, ma'am. We would not work on the weekends.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you very much. Hi, good -- good afternoon. What if the Commission said no today? What would be your position?

Mr. Taylor said, we would respect your position and follow the noise ordinance.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Mr. Taylor said, not -- it would be a much more difficult process, but, you know, we want to be members of the community and follow the rules.

Commissioner Center said, all right. And if we -- if we said no today or -- or tabled it or something and gave you more time as Commissioner Stone suggested and -- and meet with the neighbors and see if y'all can work out some accommodation, is there a drop-dead deadline date you need us to vote?

Mr. Taylor said, yes. We would like to get started --

Commissioner Center said, we meet every two weeks. The next one is --

Mr. Taylor said, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Center said, we meet every other Friday.

Mr. Taylor said, we could -- you know, I mean, we -- we have a couple of weeks that if we need to table it and do some more community outreach in that area we absolutely can. Our intent is we're getting started with the construction process now, and so our schedule dictates that we really need to be at our point of pouring slabs, the big concrete pours the end of July.

Commissioner Center said, all right. And my next question, when you entered into the contract, did you have this in mind? Or did -- did you think -- when you bid for the contract or entered the contract did you discuss I'm going to need a noise variance or did you know going in that you might not be able to start before 7:00 a.m.

Mr. Taylor said, no, sir, that was not part of the negotiation process for the contract.

Commissioner Center said, right, but -- but y'all have built --

Mr. Taylor said, we've built schools before --

Commissioner Center said, -- projects like this?

Mr. Taylor said, -- and we've gotten variances before in other communities to make early concrete pours.

Commissioner Center said, okay. But you did understand when you went into it you might not be able to start before 7:00?

Mr. Taylor said, yes, sir. That -- that's the risk you take.

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

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

Commissioner Brady said, let -- let me ask you this, let's talk about curing concrete.

Mr. Taylor said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, I heard what you said about that, and I actually have done a little bit of research and called some contractors and talked to them about that, and I understand what you said about the heat and -- and all that. What would stop y'all from obeying to this ordinance and pouring when it -- when it got dark up until 10:00? 'Cause you're saying y'all are going to stop at 1:00.

Mr. Taylor said, right. If the --

Commissioner Brady said, I mean, if you did that, you would be within your -- within your --

Mr. Taylor said, to -- to finish at 10:00 we'd have to start somewhere around 2:00 or 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and that's probably the worst time to start.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. Okay. Well that -- that --

Mr. Taylor said, that's when the heat is the highest of the day, and humidity and other climatic factors.

Commissioner Brady said, but, how long -- how long does it take -- I -- I didn't ask this question to any contractors. How long would it take to pour -- let's say you're pouring one day, how long does it take to actually get the concrete on the ground?

Mr. Taylor said, it depends on the size of the pour. Again, we're looking at between 15,000 and 20,000 square feet of concrete, excuse me, slab to be poured. I'm guesstimating it would take anywhere between seven and eight hours to get it poured and doing all the finishing work associated with that. The part of the trucks coming in and out, the beeping, the lights, that would end somewhere around probably, if we started at 4:00, that process would end somewhere around 6:30 or 7:00 o'clock, and then it's the rest of the day finishing the concrete.

Commissioner Brady said, well, by then you've woke everybody up with the noise and the lights.

Mr. Taylor said, exactly right. That's -- hence why we would request for the variance.

Commissioner Brady said, all right. Another question I have. When you -- let's say that the county says, no, we're not going to let you do this. Is this going to delay your commitment to the school district and the school board on delivery of the finished product of the K-8?

Mr. Taylor said, I would like to say yes, but I'm bound by a contract to have it completed by a certain date, so, no, ma'am, it would not. It would require a lot more re-evaluating, rethinking, re-planning on our part, and it would require smaller concrete pours that will take longer, that may have to flow into weekend work, but again, we're here to obey the law and make sure that we do what's right.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Mr. Taylor said, yes, ma'am.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how many yards of concrete is this?

Mr. Taylor said, a 20,000 square foot pour would be about 250 yards of concrete. A truck will hold about 10 yards of concrete, so that would be about 25 trucks. Typically a concrete company will supply five to six trucks and do a cycle.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so -- so --

Mr. Taylor said, they won't have 25 trucks out there --

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- that's -- that's what I'm -- that's what I'm --

Mr. Taylor said, -- it will be 25 truck loads.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's what I'm getting at. For the amount of yards of concrete that you're going to be pouring, how many trucks total coming through that area that -- in that given window of time?

Mr. Taylor said, I would like to say five to six trucks.

Commissioner Shabazz said, five to six trucks?

Mr. Taylor said, mm-hmm. The truck will come --

Chairman Scott said, that's between the hours of 4:00 and 7:00.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Taylor said -- off load their concrete, go back to the concrete plant and get reloaded and come back out. It's a -- it would be their -- their cycle.

Commissioner Shabazz said, uh-huh.

Mr. Taylor said, but it would be a total of about 25 truck loads.

Commissioner Shabazz said, exactly. That's what I want to know.

Mr. Taylor said, yeah. Yes, sir. 25 truck loads.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. So 25 trucks going to be coming in that neighborhood.

Mr. Taylor said, it would be 25 regardless of when it would be.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So right now -- one of the Commissioners asked about the time in terms of meeting your deadline and whether it will be delayed or not. Have you all cleared that site yet?

Mr. Taylor said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, have you cleared the site? The site's prepared?

Mr. Taylor said, the site's been cleared. We tore down the old Isle of Hope school.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Taylor said, we have cleared the site. We've got what we call the building pad ready to go. It's where the actual building is going to sit. In fact they're supposed to be done with that today, and we've also started some of the underground infrastructure.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so you've --

Mr. Taylor said, stormwater, piping, things of that nature.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. You've -- you've done excavate -- you've excavate -- excavated and everything.

Mr. Taylor said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you laid your trenches out for your footings and --

Mr. Taylor said, no, sir. Once we get the building pad done, then we'll begin to lay out those trenches for the footings, and that's -- it's a -- we've got it scheduled to start next week.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. When you say building pad, now, you -- have you poured any concrete yet?

Mr. Taylor said, no, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So, you -- you -- you're going -- you're going to come in with reinforcing and everything.

Mr. Taylor said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, have you done any of that yet?

Mr. Taylor said, no, sir, we have not.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. All right. So what are you going to be doing as you wait for this to happen?

Mr. Taylor said, well we're -- starting next week we're going to be excavating our footers.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Taylor said, putting the steel in the footers, pouring concrete in the footers, and getting ready for the con -- for the big slab concrete pours.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so you will be pouring concrete for the footings.

Mr. Taylor said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So the pour that you're asking for in -- in terms of this variance is for the slab?

Mr. Taylor said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Taylor said, that is correct.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so you will be productive in the meantime.

Mr. Taylor said, oh, absolutely.

Commissioner Shabazz said, very good.

Mr. Taylor said, we can't afford not to be.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. Thank you.

Mr. Taylor said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, anybody else?

Commissioner Stone said, I'll make the motion. I'll make a motion.

Commissioner Center said, I've got one question.

Chairman Scott said, I've got Commissioner Center for a re -- a follow- up question.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and this may be more directed to the County Attorney, why is the school board as owner not the ones asking for a variance. Why does the contractor get stuck asking for a variance?

County Attorney Hart said, well, they can do it either way. The contractor could either ask or the school board, but if they're construction manager at risk, that's probably going to be the responsibility of the construction manager at risk I would assume.

Chairman Scott said, that's why they hired the construction manager.

County Attorney Hart said, yeah. The county, you know, the county is allowed continuous pours on its own projects. When we did Mosquito Control about 10 or 12 years ago, that was a huge pour, and we did it all night long, and, of course, you're dealing with an airport there, rather than a neighborhood, but your problem is if -- it's a very complicated deal to carry that much concrete, and all the concrete is sampled, and it must have a certain PSI, and if it doesn't meet the PSI then the contractor gets the grand deal of ripping it out and trying again. So, you know, from their standpoint, there's risk involved, and they -- and, you know, anytime you can minimize the risk to the owner or to the contractor, that's what they're going to seek to do as construction managers.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions of the contractor?

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Taylor said, thank you very much. Appreciate your opportunity.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, is there anyone else like to speak on this? Okay. Introduce yourself and please tell us who you're representing.

Mr. Mike Vaquer said, be glad to. Thank you very much. My name is Mike Vaquer. I am a registered lobbyist representing Henry Morgan, property owner, who lives at 4 Barnby Drive. Barnby Drive is at the intersection of Barnby and Paxton Drive. His front door is approximately 200 feet from the Isle of Hope school itself. We are very concerned about this particular issue and the way that this has been handled. In fact, yes, it has been a communications breakdown. It's not been a communications breakdown, there's been an absolute lack of communications with the residents out there. Not only about this impending noise issue, but a number of other issues that are connected to the school that we will not go into at this point in time. Bottom line here is that the contractor sought the business from the school board. The contract was awarded. The contractor should have done their due diligence in understanding what the parameters of construction were going to be. You have just heard that this con -- this concrete pour will take nine consecutive hours on apparently each of the 15 days that are requested. Your ordinance that was adopted many years ago, allows 15 hours from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00

p.m. for that pour to take place. What these folks are asking is to be able to come in and land a giant alarm clock in this neighborhood that will go off at 4:00 a.m. with five diesel concrete trucks sitting either on Paxton Drive or Smith waiting to go on to the site with back up alarms going off and off, and with lights. It will be like somebody turns on a switch for a movie set and immediately it's lights, action and camera. Is -- is that what you want to impose upon these citizens? Is this what you would do if this were requested for construction in your own backyard, 200 yards, 200 feet from your door? I will read to you part of your own ordinance, which basically --

Chairman Scott said, no. We've -- we've all read the ordinance.

Mr. Vaquer said, okay. Very good. So we would ask that you vote a resounding no on providing this particular variance -- variance for this purpose, and I'll be glad to answer any questions anyone would have.

Chairman Scott said, any questions?

Mr. Vaquer said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Is -- is there anybody else in the audience would like to speak? Please identify yourself and tell me who you're representing.

Mr. Bill Huttinga said, yes, thank you. My name is Bill Huttinga, and I'm with the program manager for the school district, and I just wanted to say that we certainly have the concerns of the District in mind. There -- there never was an intent to try to be in a position where there wasn't good communication, and we're -- we're sorry about that, and we certainly want to improve that, and that's going to be our goal through this. When this would have occurred, we certainly was intending to notify the neighborhood, go out and do flyers. As an example, last year, we had a very large pour at Heard Elementary School, started about the same time. Same situation, we went out in the neighborhood, put flyers out on mailboxes, talked with the people, and as a result, heard absolutely no complaints about it whatsoever. So, that certainly was going to be our intent here too to make sure that when we got the schedule from the contractor that that would be very, very well known to the neighborhood, to everybody and just do our best to be as -- as best as we can be as far as in the community is concerned.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

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

Commissioner Brady said, do you work for Parsons?

Mr. Huttinga said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. And -- and I appreciate your reference to Heard, and -- and but what I do want to say is number one, Heard is in the city limits of Savannah so it would not have been a waiver ordinance for the Chatham County Commission.

Mr. Huttinga said, correct.

Commissioner Brady said, and then the second thing is -- is that I understand that that pour only took two days at Heard.

Mr. Huttinga said, yes. That was a smaller pour definitely, but it did start early in the morning, and it, you know, same, similar situation here too. It was a very -- you know, it was a large pour so they had to start early in order for the concrete to cure and get finished off. But the point being that, you know, we did not leave that neighborhood to hear it or to experience it. We certainly went out and became proactive with it, and that's what we will do here also.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and -- and I have one last question for you. And -- and I don't want to me -- be disrespectful, but, I tend to agree with Commissioner Stone. I think you go to the neighbors first. You -- you don't go and apply for a waiver before you've notified or properly notified and had meetings with them because then it's too late. The waiver's already in place. They had no opportunity to go before their government to say we do not want this, and so, what my recommendation to you, 'cause you are the -- the company that works for the school district is that in the future that you probably have those meetings with the residents prior to coming -- asking the City of Savannah or Chatham County for any type of waiver on -- on noise ordinances.

Mr. Huttinga said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, just a little bit of unsolicited advice.

Chairman Scott said, I thought you had a question, but --

Commissioner Brady said, yeah, I know. I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, that was my same comment is that I don't know how it was done when you went before City Council, but the way I'm understanding this is that you're trying to get permission here today, then you'll notify the neighbors and it's too late. You've already got -- you -- you already have the permission. The citizens of this County pay taxes to this school board. They're tax payers. They should be consulted about any variance. We post variances for zoning. We post variances for different things, but to -- to do this afterwards is simply not right. I mean, they need to be involved on the input, and I believe it's been stated earlier that there have been other issues with this project, and so this was kind of, I think, the icing on the cake. So I -- I -- I really believe that the citizens need to be contacted prior to asking for a variance.

Mr. Huttinga said, yes, ma'am.

Chairman Scott said, and that was a question?

Commissioner Stone said, well, I was going to ask him -- I was going to ask him if that's how it was done on City Council? Was it done the same way? Did you get the permission first, then notify the neighbors?

Mr. Huttinga said, the contractor did get the variance, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, I'm sorry, it was not -- my question was not --

Chairman Scott said, no further questions. Thank you so much for your time.

Commissioner Stone said, -- posed correctly.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Commissioner Stone said, I'll make -- well --

Chairman Scott said, is there anybody else wants to be heard on this issue? Okay. Is there anybody here who wants to vote on this issue?

Commissioner Stone said, I want to table it, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, well, I don't -- I don't sense any urgency to move this on so I'm going to rule that we will continue this discussion at our June 27th meeting unless there's objection.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I think we can dismiss this now.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I don't think we can dismiss it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think we can vote on it right now one way or the other.

Chairman Scott said, vote to do what?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I would like --

Chairman Scott said, well, what --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- based on the fact that they knew what contract they signed when they obtained the job, I'd like to vote that we deny the request. If -- if all of the sudden the floor plan changed, then -- then you know, they might have, but, you know, they knew what they bid on to start with, and -- and we can deny it.

Commissioner Thomas said, question.

Commissioner Center said, point -- point of -- question.

Chairman Scott said, before -- before I -- before I consider whether or not to recognize you for the motion, Commissioner Kicklighter, I want to hear from some other members of the Commission if you would, please. Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, yeah. I -- I -- in response, Dean, I would rather give them -- before you make a motion like that and make us vote, I'd rather you let her do a motion to table, give them a chance to talk to the neighbors, see if they can work it out and come back to us. Just give them a chance.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's what I was going to suggest.

Commissioner Center said, so rather than have us vote on it right now, if you would defer to Commissioner Stone, I think she'll move to table it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Chairman Scott said, well -- well, we really don't -- we really don't need to table it based on -- based on the Chair's ruling unless somebody wants to vote it up or down right now. I will entertain a motion to vote it up or down right now. In the absence of that, we'll continue this discussion on June 27th.

Commissioner Stone said, may -- may I make a comment?

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 1st District for the purpose of making a comment.

Commissioner Stone said, since this is going to be continued for two weeks, I would encourage you to set up a meeting. I'll be happy to attend, and let's try to get this resolved. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Now if -- if there's a motion -- if somebody wants to make a motion to vote it up or down, I will so entertain a motion to vote it up or down.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, because it's in the -- Commissioner Stone's District, I will just keep my mouth shut and go with whatever she wants to do. So.

Chairman Scott said, all right. We'll continue this discussion on June 27th at our meeting.

Commissioner Center said, we need to get more things in her District.

Chairman Scott said, if there's no objection to that, then that's the status. Thank you all for coming to discuss this.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Chairman Scott ruled that the matter would be continued for discussion at the Commission meeting of June 27th meeting

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director, Building Safety & Regulatory Services

ISSUE:
Proposed variance from the Chatham County Noise Ordinance.

BACKGROUND:
Section 24-308 CONSTRUCTION, restricts construction activities such as the operation of equipment between the hours of 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Savannah Chatham County School System has initiated the construction of the new Isle of Hope K-8 replacement school at 100 Parkersburg Road.
2. Due to the established construction schedule, the construction manager, CPPI of Georgia, LLC, has requested a variance of the operation time for the county noise ordinance (see attached).
3. Section 24-310 VARIANCE, allows variances granted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

FUNDING:
Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve request, grant variance from late July 2014 through September 2014.
2. Deny request.
3. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:
The county noise ordinance limits construction activities to between 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM. The proposed

construction schedule requires that the placing of concrete begin between 4:00 AM - 5:00 AM. The ordinance allows the granting of a variance by the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board consideration.



construction management

design build

general contracting

May 28, 2014

Gregori S. Anderson
Director of Building Safety & Regulatory Services
1117 Eisenhower Drive
Savannah, Georgia 31406

Savannah Chatham County Public School System - Isle of Hope Replacement School Construction

Dear Mr. Anderson,

CPPI of Georgia was selected by the Savannah Chatham County Public School System to provide Construction Management (CM) services for the New Isle of Hope K-8 Replacement School. As part of our CM services it is our responsibility to coordinate all activities on the site to ensure the project's schedule is maintained and the school will be ready for the new school year 2016.

As part of our schedule, there will be scheduled activities that will need to occur outside of the noise ordinances established for the Isle of Hope Community. Therefore, we would like to request a temporary variance to the noise ordinance so that we would be allowed to start major concrete pours earlier than the established 7:00 AM ordinance will allow. We anticipate 10 to 15 days, between Late July 2014 through September 2014, that would require early morning concrete pours, preferable starting between 4:00 AM and 5:00 AM. The early morning request is critical to allowing concrete to be placed and finished in the cooler morning hours so the work is completed prior to the heat of the day.

We appreciate your time in reviewing our request and will be available to answer any questions that you may have regarding our request. Please contact myself or Doris McCray with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Ryan Taylor
VP, Regional Manager

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4. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST OF STEPHANIE LOPEZ FOR REDUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FROM TAX ASSESSOR.

Chairman Scott said, the next item on the agenda is Item 4, Board consideration of a request of Ms. Stephanie Lopez for reduction of personal property tax from the tax assessor.

County Attorney Hart said, this is a request from Ms. Lopez, who owned a small retail bridal shop here in Savannah, and basically went out of business in February of 2013. Based on the fact that there were no values on her inventory at that time because she didn't file an inventory return, the Board of Assessors looked at other bridal shops' inventory, classifications, and may -- maybe even looked at her previous inventory and came to the conclusion that the value of the inventory was \$228,812 and assessed her. She had -- she had moved from town at that point, closing in February and moved to Florida somewhere, and as a result of that she was assessed a tax and did not realize she had been assessed a tax until the collection portion of the -- the tax system kicked in. She originally owed \$2,635 based on a \$228,000 inventory and when you tack on the interest and penalties, that came to over \$3,000, about \$3,085. Ms. Lopez basically takes the position that the amount of the inventory that was assessed against her on the taxes was erroneously made. Now that's not to say that the Board of Assessors did anything wrong, it's just to say that they went with the information that they had at -- at -- based at that time, which is traditionally what they did. Her time for appeal because she didn't know has -- has -- has run, and it's strictly construed that if we send it to the last known address that's deemed good service, so the only real recourse that she has if she wishes to have the thing adjusted is not through the Board of Assessors 'cause their hands are tied, is for this Board pursuant to Section 380 of the Code, to find that it was erroneous and allow her to have a refund. Now, there's a little trick here that -- that gets it a little more

complicated, and that is -- Commissioner Center pointed it out to me this morning in that she has not paid the tax and she's seeking a refund. So if we were to go ahead and if -- if this Board deemed it appropriate to adjust the amount down to the \$80,000 inventory, which she -- she indicates is what she had, and she said she had at that point one -- two racks of bridal gowns and a -- and a case of jewelry, her taxes would be about \$808.27. She's already made a \$300 payment towards that. She would have to pay the full amount of the tax and then we would refund, you know, the \$880 as part of the deal because we can only under the refund statute refund if they have in fact paid, and we've had that situation come up before. What basically we do is we exchange checks, make sure their check is good and then give them our check, and she is -- she is aware of that. She would have liked to attend, but she is out of state, and so, it's really up --

Commissioner Farrell said, no. She's --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, she's out there.

Commissioner Farrell said, she's out there.

County Attorney Hart said, oh, she is? Okay.

Chairman Scott said, no, she's -- she's here just waiving her hand.

County Attorney Hart said, then -- then it's pretty much up to -- to you folks to decide what you would like to do in this particular circumstances.

Chairman Scott said, Jon, is the option of waiving the taxes is not one that's available to us?

County Attorney Hart said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, probably the best thing to do is, you know, if you're trying to give relief is adjust it down to what she pretty much says was the value of the inventory and -- and offset it against -- one against the other.

Commissioner Farrell said, I have a question.

Commissioner Center said, do you want a motion? Do you want a motion and then discussion?

Chairman Scott said, all right. I -- I don't want to entertain a motion since Ms. Lopez is here. I'm going to hear from her.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, Ms. Lopez, would you want to speak on this?

Ms. Stephanie Lopez said, good morning.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Ms. Lopez said, do you just want me to -- to state my case?

Chairman Scott said, you understood what the counsel ex -- explained?

Ms. Lopez said, yes, sir. Pretty much what he said was true. They just over-assessed the value of my inventory. I owned a very, very small boutique. I don't know if anyone ever came in La'Ren Belle, but it was really, really small, and I only had, even at the pique of the business, I only had about \$80,000 worth of inventory in the shop, so I just -- basically I can't afford to pay the \$3,000. I still have a lot of debt that I'm paying off with the business as it is, and -- and really, the value was just incorrect, and I never received the notice. I moved out of -- out of state, and like he said, by the time I found out about it, it was Paula from the -- from the delinquent accounts department that contacted me and, oh by the way, did you know you still owe Chatham County \$3,000, and -- so I've been through a long process. I've talked to like 20 people in her office, and this office and that office, and -- and really I'm -- I'm willing to pay the -- the \$800, you know, that I do owe on the correct value of the inventory.

County Attorney Hart said, Ms. Lopez has been very cooperative with the County Attorney's office in trying to get to the bottom of this. I thought that maybe perhaps she was incorporated, and if she had been incorporated and the company had been defunct, then -- then we would not be collecting the taxes. Unfortunately, she was not incorporated which makes her personally liable for the tax which puts us in the position of having to collect against an entity incapable of paying. So, but for that fact, we -- this would not be an issue.

Chairman Scott said, okay. So Ms. Lopez, I understand that you're agreeable to paying the \$800, so we'll move in that direction, and thank you so much for coming.

Ms. Lopez said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and we apologize for any inconvenience that it may have caused.

Ms. Lopez said, oh, no, that's fine.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Ms. Lopez said, I had to wake up very early.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Ms. Lopez said, but it's okay.

Commissioner Center said, are you ready for a motion?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, based on the staff's recommendation of alternative 1, also, I would move that contingent upon Ms. Lopez paying the -- the proper amount and filling out whatever forms that she has to fill out, that we grant her request and refund her the difference as explained by the county attorney.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'll second that.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved that contingent upon Ms. Lopez paying the proper amount, that the Board grant the request for a refund of the difference. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Brady being the lone no vote.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

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

ISSUE:

To consider adjustment of personal property tax bill for tax year 2013 for Stephanie Lopez, d/b/a La-Ren Belle on Map Code 163042.

BACKGROUND:

For tax year 2013, La-Ren Belle was assessed personal property taxes in the amount of \$3,085.40 based on an assessed value of \$228,812.00. Stephanie Lopez was the owner of La-Ren Belle, which was a very small bridal boutique doing business in Savannah for less than two years. The business closed at the beginning of February 2013 due to financial hardship. Immediately after closing, Ms. Lopez moved to Florida and was unaware of the amount of the tax bill until she received a phone call from the delinquent accounts office sometime around February of 2014. Ms. Lopez states that the property (inventory) assessment value was nearly triple the actual value of the property. Mr. Lopez contends her inventory was valued at about \$80,000, which consisted of 2 racks of bridal gowns and one case of jewelry. However, the Chatham County Tax Assessor's office used a value of about \$228,000, based on value taken from other retail and formal wear businesses. Ms. Lopez states that prior to February 2014, she had never received a bill or notification due to the fact she had moved out of state, and therefore did not timely appeal the 2013 valuation of the subject inventory. Ms. Lopez requests an adjustment in value and a refund pursuant to O.C.G.A. 45-5-380 as the taxes would be erroneously calculated. Should the personal property tax bill be based on a value of \$228,812.00. The total tax due is \$2,635.14 and with interest and penalties would be \$3,085.40. Should the personal property tax bill be based on a value of \$80,000, then the tax bill would be \$978.55 and with interest, penalties and costs would be \$1,180.27. Ms. Lopez paid \$300.00 on the bill which would leave a balance of \$880.27.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On May 14, 2014, Ms. Lopez sent a letter to the Tax Assessor's office requesting an adjustment of the tax bill to reflect the actual value of the merchandise. A copy of that letter is attached as Exhibit "A"
2. Ms. Lopez contends that the 2013 valuation of her property was erroneous. Ms. Lopez claims that the 2013 valuation of the property should be based on the actual value of her inventory (\$80,000.00) and not based on values taken from other retail and formal wear businesses.
3. The Tax Assessor's Office has advised that Ms. Lopez did not appeal the 2013 valuation of the subject property.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Commission should grant a refund of taxes pursuant to O.C.G.A. 45-5-380 for erroneous assessments when it is authorized by law. Ms. Lopez did not timely appeal the 2013 valuation as she had closed her business and moved out of state.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant request of Ms. Lopez for adjustment of 2013 tax bill and base the amount due on personal property value of \$80,000.¹
2. Deny request of Ms. Lopez for adjustment of 2013 tax bill and keep the bill amount due as is.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

Exhibit A

May 14, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Stephanie Lopez and I am writing this letter in regards to an overdue property tax bill for a small business that I once owned in Savannah. I owned a very small bridal boutique in Savannah named La'ren Belle for less than 2 years. I closed th business at the beginning of February 2013 due to financial hardship. The business was struggling and I was going through a divorce and foreclosing on my home. Immediately after closing the business I moved to Florida to be closer to my dad. I received a phone call from the delinquent account office sometime around February of this year (2014) informing me that I had an overdue property tax bill for 2013. I was unaware that taxes had to be paid on business property for a business that was only open less than 2 months of the year. I also informed the office that I had never received a bill or notification due to the fact that I had moved out of state. After discussing the overdue bill with the office representative it was discovered that the property assessment value that was used on the bill was nearly triple what the actual vale of the property was. The same problem had occurred in 2012. The property (inventory) value that was used in 2012 was incorrect as well. I thought my accountant was handling the tax bill, but he was not. Unfortunately I was too late to appeal the value in 2012, I had to pay the bill which was based on the incorrect inventory value. My bridal boutique was very small and only held 2 racks of bridal gowns and 1 case of jewelry. My inventory was valued at about \$80,000 but the assessors office was using a value of about \$228,000. Their value was based on values taken from other retail and formal wear businesses.

In regards to the delinquent bill due for 2013, I am hoping the board will consider my situation and help me in any way possible. I unfortunately do not have \$3000 to pay the overdue bill. I have attached tax returns for 2012 and 2013, and I have also attached the property tax bill which I paid for 2012 (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). Any consideration would be much appreciated. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephanie L. Lopez

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Should the Commission elect Alternative 1 to allow an adjustment to the calculation of taxes due based on the amount of \$80,000 personal property, Ms. Lopez would pay the full tax with the County refunding the amount forgiven. This is due to the fact that Ms. Lopez is seeking a refund pursuant to O.C.G.A. 45-5-380. In order to obtain a refund, one must pay the tax and then seek a refund.

5. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF DRY TRASH FEE ALTERNATIVE.

Chairman Scott said, Item 5, Board consideration of a dry trash fee alternative. Amy [Davis] are you prepared to explain?

Ms. Davis said, yes, I feel like I've been wallowing in trash for several weeks now, but we have come up with a few alternatives, and the basic point we were trying to accomplish with these alternatives is to balance the Fund without using any more net assets. We are using those net assets very quickly, and so, we have put together several options and if you'll -- the first option is to do nothing and the Fund would basically be using up about \$750,000 in fund balance. Alternative 2 I -- was proposed in the last meeting to increase the fee \$1.00 per month or \$6.00 for the year -- I'm sorry, \$12.00 a year to \$55, and then redirect 50 percent of the TAVT that currently goes to SPLOST into that Fund, and this would -- this would -- this would basically balance the Fund. The third option that we have presented would be to increase the fee \$.50 per month or \$6.00, also use 50 percent of the TAVT, and increase the portion that the General Fund contributes by oh, roughly, \$160,000, or \$125,000, and option 4 is basically funding it completely through the General Fund and the TAVT by increasing the TAVT to 61 percent and increasing the General Fund contribution. Of course, you know we have -- these are just a few options you have at your disposal.

Chairman Scott said, what option is the staff recommending, Mr. Manager?

County Manager Smith said, number 3, option 2.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Davis said, I'm recommending this option primarily because it puts the burden of the cost of the -- of the service onto the people that are getting the service, but it does not put the burden of the whole fund on those -- those individuals.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Davis said, it would also --

Chairman Scott said, and if we were to -- we were to adopt that, then this Fund you are projecting that it would be solvent for how -- how long?

Ms. Davis said, through the life of the TAVT.

Chairman Scott said, which is '18? 2018?

Ms. Davis said, '20. 2020.

Commissioner Center said, 2020.

Chairman Scott said, okay. All right. Any questions? Hearing none, I recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Center said, I move that the Commission accept staff recommendation and adopt alternative 3, which is increasing the curbside pick up fee \$.50 per month for a total annual fee of \$49 and redirecting 50 percent of the TAVT from SPLOST, \$500,000, increasing the General Fund transfer and drop off center function \$125,365, for a total transfer of 1,066,208.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second? Is there a second?

Commissioner Thomas said, I'll second it.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any further discussion?

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

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First, before I get to what I want to talk about, I -- I believe just for the record that we need to clarify the Commissioner's motion. I believe he made a error. He said option 3.

Commissioner Center said, alternative -- alternative 3, option 2.

County Attorney Hart said, alternative 3.

County Manager Smith said, alternative 3.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, when -- well, number 3, under alternatives, option 2 better describes it just so there's no --

County Attorney Hart said, there's two option 2's --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, so we're using alternative 3 to clarify that.

County Manager Smith said, 3. Yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, under number 2, the option 2 -- under number 3, I guess, what you say there, number 3, option 2, but having said that, the TAV -- TAVT SPLOST revenue, we -- as we see can go directly towards the SSD budget, and we can use that to offset the additional expenses the unincorporated area residents -- all the unincorporated area property -- property owners are forced to pay in the form of property taxes because number 1 the state law makes them, the unincorporated area residents pay franchise fees, although the cities receive revenues to offset their operating expense from these franchise fees. Number 2, state law makes the unincorporated area property owners and tax payers pay county sales taxes in the form of SPLOST and LOST taxes, but the State does not allow them to receive a dedicated portion --

Chairman Scott said, how do you know they pay any of it?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- of revenues -- because I'm sure that each one of them has purchased something in this county.

Commissioner Farrell said, I can personally attest as an unincorporated resident.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and state law does not allow them to receive a dedicated portion of the revenues to offset their operating expenses with LOST revenues as it allows all the cities to do. They negotiate and receive a dedicated portion to offset their general operating expenses, and it does not allow these unincorporated area tax paying residents to negotiate and receive a dedicated portion to offset their capital expenses as it allows every city to do through SPLOST. We now have at this point the opportunity provided to us straight I guess by the allowance of the State of Georgia to in a way partially offset the wrongs inflicted upon the unincorporated area residents through the flawed laws of the State of Georgia. By allowing us to provide the unincorporated area residents with a dedicated portion of sales tax revenues, it's our option to provide them with this dedication portion of this in which we are finally allowed to get them their share through this and they don't need an extra fee. I encourage everyone to support number 4 under alternatives, option 3. It's the fair thing to do for these people. They are paying over and over and over for everyone living in the cities in our county where they're receiving no benefits from any of the sales taxes as -- same as the residents living in every city. It's the only fair thing to really do at this point, and I would ask y'all to -- you know, we can blame the State for a lot of things, but here's our one chance to partially correct that major flaw in state laws, and I ask you to join me and let's support what I believe is the right things to do.

Chairman Scott said, you're -- you're not correcting any state laws at our level because we're not authorized to correct state law. So please don't --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, you know what I mean.

Chairman Scott said, I know what you're saying.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, but and -- and the other thing, and since I represent the entire county and all eight municipalities and townships, I can assure you that the people who live in the cities, be it Pooler or Savannah or anybody else, pay a tremendous more taxes than the unincorporated area. That's for sure. Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Farrell, in that order.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I concur with what Commissioner Kicklighter has said, and quite frankly I think it's a shame that they have to pay the \$43 for this service because it used to be provided at no cost. So --

Chairman Scott said, no.

Commissioner Stone said, yes. We -- we --

Chairman Scott said, it was -- it was in the tax base but nothing is ever provided at no cost.

Commissioner Stone said, well, what I'm trying to say is this was -- this was --

Chairman Scott said, I just don't want you to mislead folk in your comments.

Commissioner Stone said, this was an additional fee added a few years back which was not an original fee assessed to the tax payers in this format. That -- that's all I'm saying. So to go from the \$43 to up it again, I -- I agree with Commissioner Kicklighter.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. To start with I -- I also agree with Commissioner Kicklighter and Commissioner Stone that alternative 4, option 3 in this particular case would be the preferred solution at this particular time. The -- the -- the bigger issue that was touched on earlier was that the unincorporated area is subject to paying into the local option sales tax but is categorically denied by state law from having any type of funding for their particular purposes. They are required to pay a franchise fees on every kilowatt of electricity that they buy from Georgia Power. All that -- 100 percent of that money is redirected to the local municipalities within our county. The solution lies at the hands of this Commission, and it's a very simple solution, and that is to dissolve the Special Service District as a taxing district all together. We are, Chatham County, an anomaly in the State of Georgia where we actually tax the unincorporated citizens separately and above where the norm in this State is that there is one county tax from which all county expenses are dipped out of for payment, and it is my personal opinion that the State has taken that into account throughout the State of Georgia, the 156 counties, and they've kind of balanced that out a little bit, perhaps, by having the LOST the way it is and having the -- the franchise fees the way it is to try counterbalance some of that, because on the surface it would appear that the unincorporated part of the county would be getting a free ride where everybody would be contributing throughout the county to their expenses. And to some extent, that might be true, but in this particular county where the unincorporated area makes up a third of the population, they pick up approximately 40 percent of the total M&O tax. So if you combine the different revenue streams and mathematically looked at the balance sheet, I believe it would come out and at that point I would be willing as a Commissioner that represents very, very many people in the unincorporated area to install a dry trash fee for that particular service at that point. But since we're not at that point, and we're here today to talk about this issue, I will not be in favor of alternate 3, option 2. I am in favor of alternate 4, option 3 today. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further discussion?

Commissioner Thomas said, clarification.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Thomas said, clarification.

Commissioner Brady said, well -- well option -- well, number 4, option 3, that -- that is very confusing. We probably need to not do this -- that part again, please.

Commissioner Thomas said, this was confusing.

County Manager Smith said, that will not happen again. It will say 1, 2, 3, 4.

Chairman Scott said, you can say that again.

Commissioner Thomas said, it was very confusing.

Commissioner Brady said, but, -- but anyway, the one that Mr. -- Commissioner Kicklighter has suggested that he would support, how does that leave the dry trash fund? I mean are we going to be set -- I mean, you said on the other one we were going to be solvent until at least 2020. 'Cause we have spent a lot of time talking trash.

Ms. Davis said, that would basically balance the -- the curbside pickup, the dry trash.

Commissioner Brady said, but we would not be operating next year at a deficit and the next year -- I mean --

Ms. Davis said, it would also require --

Commissioner Brady said, that's my question.

Ms. Davis said, -- an increased contribution from the General Fund, so it's not complete.

Commissioner Brady said, it's going to --

Ms. Davis said, it's -- it covers the dry trash fee, but we would still have to increase the General Fund contribution to balance the Fund, and I would remind you that we did have -- we did reduce that General Fund contribution several years ago because of the recession, so it would not even be up to that amount that we previously contributed.

Commissioner Brady said, number 4, option 3 or are you talking about number 3, option 2?

Commissioner Thomas said, that -- that's what I'm --

Ms. Davis said, both of them.

Commissioner Thomas said, it's confusing.

Ms. Davis said, either one.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, they both would be solvent because I think that she said that --

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Ms. Davis said, basically by increasing that TAVT con -- contribution you're just eliminating the amount of the fee.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, I -- I asked to speak because I need more clarification now than I -- I was at the beginning. No, I'm very serious about it.

Chairman Scott said, I know.

Commissioner Thomas said, because I -- I do want to -- to have a balanced situation to give all citizens equal, you know, protection of whatever it might be. Now if I thought -- Mr. Manager, could you explain to me again what you just said a few minutes ago about what options?

County Manager Smith said, sure. Well, I think part of the issue is you were asking the staff to create -- or to keep these funds solvent. That's why the alternate 3 was looked at. I mean it's true based on some of the Commissioners' comments that, you know, these other funds will not be solvent in a few years. That's true. So we've tried to look at how do we do it and balance it because you asked us to balance the budget, but not just this year but looking at years forward.

Commissioner Thomas said, forward.

County Manager Smith said, we're looking ahead.

Chairman Scott said, and you were asked to balance the budget without a millage increase.

County Manager Smith said, correct. So that -- that's really why option -- or alternative 3 came up. We'll just go by alternatives 1, 2, 3, 4, okay? But when you look at as Commissioner Kicklighter said with option or alternative 4, I mean, we absolutely -- you can do that, but we have to be I think aware that moving forward that some of these funds will in the next few years not be solvent, and we're going to have to take some action.

Commissioner Thomas said, if we go to --

County Manager Smith said, and then I think Commissioner Farrell has addressed some of that.

Commissioner Thomas said, if we go to option 4 --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Thomas said, alternative 3.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, am I -- I'm just trying to understand.

County Manager Smith said, yes. I mean you -- you -- we will at some point in the future funds do become insolvent or you will -- we will have to increase General Fund transfers. Correct, Amy? Correct?

Commissioner Brady said, Amy?

Ms. Davis said, sorry.

County Manager Smith said, we will have to actually increase our General Fund transfers.

Ms. Davis said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, so, your -- it's the same money. It's the same amount, it's just -- comes from a different pot. Either we're going to do it exactly from this SSD, we're going to do it from a fee, or you're going

to do it from General Fund transfer. It depends on how you want to do it and what your ideology is how you want to propose it.

Chairman Scott said, at some point from General Fund transfer you could back yourself into a millage increase.

County Manager Smith said, that's a possibility, yes, because it -- it -- with the options it will become insolvent.

Chairman Scott said, or -- or -- you could just eliminate the dry trash pick up.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

County Manager Smith said, yes. That -- that is an option, and we as a staff has discussed that, and you can have private service and people can pay for a fee -- you know, pick up.

Commissioner Thomas said, can we eliminate that?

Commissioner Shabazz said, and then it would be the responsibility of the resident.

Commissioner Brady said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct.

Commissioner Thomas asked, what if they eliminated it?

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, but if -- if you do -- if you look at option or alternative 4, I mean, you -- you've got the next couple years to take a look at it, and look at those options of private service. It's up to the Board.

Commissioner Thomas said, so option 4, alternative 3. I'm just --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's correct.

Commissioner Center said, one, two, three, and four, if you go by it.

County Manager Smith said, number 3 is -- was suggested by the -- alternative 4 [sic] was suggested by the staff based on solvency and fiscal soundness going forward --

Commissioner Thomas said, alternative 4.

County Manager Smith said, but we understand alternative 4, and Commissioner Kicklighter's points about -- and he is correct, but all it does is in future years create a higher or additional transfers from the General Fund, which, as the Chairman stated, could create a millage increase potentially. Depends on growth, and -- and that, we don't know what that's going to be. You can make some predictions, but right now we try to predict on flat growth.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Given that fact -- given that fact, Mr. Chairman, I withdrawal my second.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, I was just trying to understand it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, I've got Commissioner Holmes, please.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Go ahead.

Commissioner Holmes said, what I don't want us to do is keep putting rocks into this wagon, 'cause every year this issue come before us we keep putting rocks in the wagon. This wagon getting heavier and heavier, and the heavier this wagon get, the more complicated it gets. That's what you're hearing from our colleagues up here this morning. Kicklighter, you got a -- a -- a very good, valid point, what you made, but I also know if we go that way, we just be transferring money and in -- and in another two years, this same issue going to come right back before us. Now remember now, this came before us three years ago, and we should have act on it, but we didn't act on it, but we act on it in a more senseless way, completely across the body, but we know we should have went and passed it then, but we missed the opportunity. We have four option here before us, and I think the homework was done, and if you -- if -- if you just take the time to look at it, to get this issue away from us so we can move on to other issues, you have to choose option 3, number 3, option 2. That's going to give us some more clarity. It's not asking what we had originally asked for. It will also give you an opportunity of balancing our budget. I -- I can't see no other way we should go, not unless we just want to keep piling the rocks in the wagon, and you know what's going to happen if you keep piling that rocks. It's -- it's -- it's not going away

Ladies and Gentlemen, and why -- why don't we just get this off the radar and let it go? My good friend and Commissioner Pat Farrell -- Pat and I sit down many time and talk about his option, and that is something that I've told him we need to pass one of these to get this off the way, but then concentrate on his option what he got. He -- he got a good, valid option, but I don't think we need to deal upon that now. We need to help the citizen and help our department clarify how we're going to do this, and I just personally think number 3, option 2 is our best option to move forward and get it off the radar so we can look better for the future.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman, could you recognize me?

Chairman Scott said, is there anybody else?

Commissioner Thomas said, it's still confusing.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I -- as the -- as the person that moved it, I'd like to be the last to speak.

Commissioner Brady said, point of order. We don't have a motion on the table at this time.

Chairman Scott said, no. We don't -- we don't -- we no longer have a motion, so I just wanted to see if there's any further discussion on it before I dispense of it.

Commissioner Holmes said, well, that said --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Holmes said, -- Mr. Chairman. I would motion that --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to clarify a couple of things real quick.

Chairman Scott said, I'll get back to you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the difference in the number 3, option 2 and what I recommended, number 4, option 3, is only \$13,000 as far as the M&O portion of the budget that contributes towards offsetting the expense. So we can sit here and talk taxes -- tax increases all day, \$13,000. I think y'all are going to vote to approve a -- a swimming filter for the Aquatic Center for that amount in just a little while, you know, so let's not throw taxes on my suggestion on this one, when in fact we're talking 13,000 there, and the major difference coming from the TAVT portion of the sales tax revenues being upped, which is sales tax revenues. So if that number were to drastically change or end, it would end on the option that was just proposed and just later withdrawn because of the second. So should anything change drastically in this, it would change with either option because it would be all relying on the TAVT tax, and -- so, just -- just to be very clear, we're -- what I'm asking us to do is not risky, any more risky than the other.

Chairman Scott said, I think. I think --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's just using sales tax revenues period.

Chairman Scott said, I think anybody -- anybody with a pencil and paper are clear on what you're -- want to do.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, not from the discussion I heard, I don't believe so.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes, what was your?

Commissioner Holmes said, I -- Mr. Chairman, and -- and -- and -- and our body, I'd like to motion that we use alternative 3, option 2.

Chairman Scott said, well, there's a motion already there --

Commissioner Center said, second that.

Chairman Scott said, -- but it's lacked a second.

Commissioner Holmes said, I'd like to second that motion, please.

Chairman Scott said, now, let me just say this. I -- the only thing we need today is clarity on it. Doesn't make any difference which way you go on it, we just need to --

Commissioner Thomas said, that's what I say.

Chairman Scott said, we need to clear it up so staff can finalize the budget.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Chairman Scott said, that's -- that's critical.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, now -- and -- and what you're really saying here is that everybody would like somebody else to supplement their services. That's it in a nutshell regardless of what else you say. That's really what you're saying. There's no other way to interpret it. The other thing is that -- and -- and nobody on this Commission would -- would -- would lie to any of us, but some of you got to be joshing when you say that let's not increase these fees and at some point if he gets to the point where we have to increase taxes, I'm willing to vote for a millage rate. Now that's joshing the voters out there. There's some of you, you know you're not going to vote for the millage increase, and so our option will be at some point if the Fund's insolvent, then we'll just discontinue the services. And -- and that's it in a nutshell. And so the only thing I want you to do today is dispose of it one way or the other so the staff can finalize the budget.

Commissioner Center said, can I speak now? Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I've listened to what everybody says, and -- and I hear these arguments, and I hear them, you know, with great sympathy on the Special Service District, which is not before us now, and Dean, you've been a hard-charging champion on this issue. I remember when I first came on the Board about a year ago, the -- the -- the motion was to increase it to 80 -- I think \$86, and that was a 4-4 vote, I think --

Chairman Scott said, please Commissioners do not use cell phone during the meeting.

Commissioner Center said, so, we have gone from that 86 now down to 49, which I think is -- those who would have supported the 86 or the 4-4 vote have compromised very much, and in your comment that we should use our authority under this vote to give the Special Service District some of the SPLOST money, that's exactly what we're doing. This motion says we're going to take \$500,000 of the SPLOST money and use it in the Special Service District. What you have suggested, we'll just use more of that SPLOST money, so we're really at a difference, but I don't want the public misled. We are voting to give a benefit to the Special Service District of SPLOST money as -- just under the form -- under the philosophy you stated, just not the amount you stated, and I think that, you know, every day prices go up for everybody, and it's hard. We don't like it, and it's tough on senior citizens. It's tough on people on a fixed income, but we either take the money from a different fund, or we ask them to increase their fee a little bit, and I think going from \$85 I think it was a year ago to -- down to \$49 is a very fair and the least painful in my mind to do and be fair, and I just want to point out, we are giving -- we are transferring SPLOST funds as you suggested, just not as much as you suggested, and that's why I would urge you to please vote for this motion which is number 3 under the alternatives.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further discussion? We do have a -- a motion and a second now.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just would like to clarify one thing.

Chairman Scott said, I mean any -- anybody else before I get to you because I've recognized you three times on this. Seeing nobody else, go ahead Commissioner.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, before we vote.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, briefly, it would be shifting the money as you stated, Commissioner, but there's so much by law not allowed to go dedicated towards that group or that -- what would be the second largest city in the county, then, you know, because of that, this just helps right that a little bit, but still no where equals the amount if -- if the actual state law were structured properly. And having said that, I'm -- I'm finished. Thank you for recognizing me.

Chairman Scott said, any other discussion? If not, let's vote. All -- all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no?

Commissioner Farrell said, your motion?

Commissioner Center said, my motion.

Commissioner Thomas said, what are we voting on?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Tony -- Commissioner Center made the motion to approve.

Chairman Scott said, the -- the motion is to increase the dry trash fee by \$.50 a month or \$6.00 a year. That -- that is the motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I will make a motion.

Chairman Scott said, the motion fails. There will be no dry trash fee increase.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Thank y'all.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter, what do you -- what's the purpose of your --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I will make a motion to approve the other option at this time with your permission, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, which option?

Chairman Scott said, I -- I don't think we need anymore motions because in the absence of a -- a motion, the fee stays at the \$42, and there will be no dry trash fee increase.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well we have option --

Chairman Scott said, do we need any more motions?

County Attorney Hart said, well, the -- you -- you put yourself in a little bit of a predicament there. The -- the budget will not balance unless something's done. So.

Chairman Scott said, so you need to do option 4?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, that would fix it. If -- if -- if it were to pass. If it doesn't fix it, we're going to have to go back and figure out the budget --

Chairman Scott said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, -- less whatever --

County Manager Smith said, the last submittal will have to have it.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I recognize Commissioner from the 4th District for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. I -- I make a motion that we choose alternative number 4, which is option number 3 --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- for this item.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District for the purpose of a second. Been moved and second, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Center moved to approve an increase the Curbside Pickup Fee .50 cents per month for a total annual fee of \$49, re-direct 50% of the TAVT from SPLOST \$500,000 and increase the General Fund transfer in the Drop-Off Center function \$125,365 for a total transfer of \$1,066,208. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it failed in a 6-3 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone, Farrell, Brady, Kicklighter and Thomas voting no and Commissioners Holmes, Center and Shabazz voting yes.
- b. Commissioner Farrell moved to approve alternative 4, no fee increase, re-direct 61% of the TAVT from SPLOST (\$610,000) in the Curbside Pickup Function and increase the General Fund contribution \$138,365. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried in a 6-3 vote with Commissioners Stone, Farrell, Shabazz, Brady, Kicklighter and Thomas voting yes, and Chairman Scott and Commissioners Holmes and Center voting no.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5

AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

The Solid Waste Fund, which includes curbside pickup in the unincorporated areas, has revenue deficits, which threaten to cause the fund to be bankrupt by the fiscal year 2016 if additional revenues are not found. Staff has

recommended two alternatives to date which will solve this problem. This report offers additional options for discussion.

BACKGROUND:

Before fiscal year 2010, the Solid Waste Fund has received monies from the Special Services District to pay for curbside dry trash pickup. Due to budgetary pressures in the SSD and the General Fund, the SSD discontinued paying for this service and General Fund support decreased by \$260,000 annually. The fund has been consistently drawing down net assets since 2010.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. As an Enterprise Fund, Solid Waste is accounted for using full accrual accounting. However, for the purposes of this analysis we chose to use a cash basis of accounting to show capital purchases, but not depreciation. The intent of this is to show the actual cash amounts needed for these functions.
2. To tell the full Solid Waste story, we feel it is important to not just focus on the Curbside Pickup function but all components individually then combined in our alternatives section to show totals for the fund. Therefore, we have divided each function below and provided a cost history. The alternative section reflects amounts required for the fiscal year 2015 budget.
3. **Curbside Pickup**
 - a) Funding source for the Curbside Pickup currently is the \$43 annual fee.
 - b) To balance this function in fiscal year 2015 an additional \$601,870 in revenue is needed.
 - c) Curbside Pickup financial history is as follows:

	2014				
	Annualized	2013 Actual	2012 Actual	2011 Actual	2010 Actual
Revenues:					
Dry Trash Fees	1,153,337	1,136,303	1,185,114	1,201,806	900,741
SPLOST TAVT	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>1,153,337</u>	<u>1,136,303</u>	<u>1,185,114</u>	<u>1,201,806</u>	<u>900,741</u>
Expenses					
Operations	1,147,520	1,174,624	1,192,332	1,171,187	1,038,287
Tip Fee	33,523	33,426	38,226	29,613	26,305
Capital Equipment	329,828	1,858	346,141	178,206	200,483
Indirect Cost Allocation	133,890	139,678	161,690	114,243	90,171
Bad Debt	-	-	6,952	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>1,644,761</u>	<u>1,349,585</u>	<u>1,745,342</u>	<u>1,492,248</u>	<u>1,355,246</u>
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	<u>(491,424)</u>	<u>(213,283)</u>	<u>(560,228)</u>	<u>(291,443)</u>	<u>(454,505)</u>

4. **Drop Off Centers**
 - a) Funding for this function is General Fund contributions.
 - b) In fiscal year 2013 the General Fund contribution was reduced \$300,970 per year.
 - c) Tip fees paid in fiscal year 2014 are expected to be approximately \$130,000.
 - d) Drop in Drop Off financial history:

	2014				
	Annualized	2013 Actual	2012 Actual	2011 Actual	2010 Actual
Revenues:					
General Fund Transfer	940,843	940,843	1,241,813	1,230,943	1,230,943
Total Revenues	<u>940,843</u>	<u>940,843</u>	<u>1,241,813</u>	<u>1,230,943</u>	<u>1,230,943</u>
Expenses					
Operations	613,891	498,230	435,884	391,373	302,607
Vehicle Repairs	101,038	146,343	72,425	59,195	177,227
Tip Fee	130,000	112,984	125,543	137,555	152,657
Capital Equipment	-	-	2,204	-	-
Landfill Closure	101,000	142,777	128,245	109,835	183,824
Indirect Cost Allocation	105,182	112,222	122,222	168,455	218,390
Total Expenses	<u>1,051,111</u>	<u>1,021,556</u>	<u>980,145</u>	<u>960,003</u>	<u>1,130,943</u>
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	<u>(110,268)</u>	<u>(71,713)</u>	<u>261,668</u>	<u>270,940</u>	<u>100,000</u>

5. **Recycling**
 - a) Sale of recyclable materials and the landfill use fees fund this function.
 - b) All costs for grinding yard debris are charged to this function.

- c) It is expected that the grinder will need to be replaced in fiscal year 2016 at a cost of \$700,000.
- d) Recycling financial history:

	2014				
	Annualized	2013 Actual	2012 Actual	2011 Actual	2010 Actual
Revenues:					
Recycling Fees	87,315	89,963	102,717	117,451	66,338
Landfill Use Fees	718,514	648,524	673,104	576,585	587,318
Other	5,041	13,847	9,397	7,936	47,586
Total Revenues	<u>810,870</u>	<u>752,333</u>	<u>785,218</u>	<u>701,972</u>	<u>701,242</u>
Expenses					
Operations	363,498	392,779	253,559	275,613	263,580
Vehicle Repairs	31,434	47,807	70,565	49,628	21,555
Tip Fees	81,463	111,544	101,701	102,124	72,697
Indirect Cost Allocation	133,890	139,678	161,690	114,243	90,171
Total Expenses	<u>476,395</u>	<u>552,130</u>	<u>425,825</u>	<u>427,365</u>	<u>357,832</u>
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	<u>334,475</u>	<u>200,204</u>	<u>359,392</u>	<u>274,607</u>	<u>343,410</u>

FUNDING:

The Solid Waste Fund is funded by recycling fees, landfill use fees, fees assessed for the curbside pickup in the unincorporated areas and transfers from the General Fund. It is allowable by state law to use the Title Ad Valorem Tax in any manner deemed appropriate by the Board of Commissioners.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is the policy of the County to adopt a balanced budget for each fund on an annual basis.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. **Option 1:** No changes. This option would produce a decrease in net assets of \$748,365.
2. **Option 2:** Increase the Curbside Pickup Fee \$1 per month for a total annual fee of \$55 and redirect 50% of the TAVT from SPLOST (\$500,000) to Solid Waste. This would produce an increase to net assets of \$36,635.
3. **Option 2:** Increase the Curbside Pickup Fee .50 cents per month for a total annual fee of \$49, re-direct 50% of the TAVT from SPLOST (\$500,000) and increase the General Fund transfer in the Drop-Off Center function \$125,365 for a total transfer of \$1,066,208. This option would produce a balanced budget.
4. **Option 3:** No fee increase, re-direct 61% of the TAVT from SPLOST (\$610,000) in the Curbside Pickup Function and increase the General Fund contribution \$138,365. This option would produce a balanced budget. (See table of Option 3 attached to the original staff memo in the Clerk of Commission’s meeting file.)

RECOMMENDATION:

Option 3.

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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, now we’re on the Action Calendar. I’ll entertain a motion to approve the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Stone said, I’ll -- I’ll make the motion but I’d like to hold back Item H.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I didn’t recognize you for a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, oh, I’m sorry.

Chairman Scott said, I recognized -- but I thought you had a question or a discussion.

Commissioner Stone said, I’m sorry.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 4th District for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, I’ll make a motion to -- to pass the Action Calendar.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Center said, I second it.

Chairman Scott said, any discussion?

Commissioner Stone said, I would like to withhold item H, please.

Chairman Scott said, we -- you know we went through all of them in the Green Room and nobody had a request to hold anything.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I do.

Chairman Scott said, mmm.

Commissioner Stone said, I said in the Green Room that I would like for this to be put on the table for discussion.

Chairman Scott said, Item H?

Commissioner Stone said, yes, sir. 14-H.

Chairman Scott said, well, why would you like to hold this? This is simply a change order. It has nothing to do with the calendar, the work schedule, the work progress or anything else. In fact, what you are requesting could in fact delay the work.

Commissioner Stone said, sir, I'm -- I'm simply asking for an update and some comments because I have received several concerns from citizens and because this is on our agenda, I've simply asked for it to be put on the table for discussion.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 6th District.

Commissioner Brady said, well, I agree with Commissioner Stone, but I thought we had resolved this in the sense that we were going to have a presentation giving --

County Manager Smith said, with an explanation.

Chairman Scott said, on Tuesday.

Commissioner Brady said, -- an explanation.

County Manager Smith said, on Tuesday.

Commissioner Brady said, on Tuesday?

Chairman Scott said, on the 17th.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct.

Commissioner Brady said, why -- why on the 17th and not at the next County Commission meeting?

Chairman Scott said, because we have a hearing on the 17th, and it will be the next time that we're all together.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, that -- that was the earliest possible time.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. Well, I -- I mean, and -- and I -- I would support even waiting till the next County Commission meeting. It's not in my District, but I -- it is something that the community needs to hear about, and -- and maybe that's the way to resolve this is just to notify by this meeting that we will be having a formal presentation in reference to the LaRoche Avenue project. But that -- that's me.

Chairman Scott said, that -- that's all well and good now, but this is a change order that's recommended by the staff. It has nothing to do with the contract to work or anything else, and what I'm afraid of, you're talking about how long the work is taking, you run the risk of delaying the work further.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman --

Chairman Scott said, and if that --

Commissioner Brady said, -- I'm going to support the --

Chairman Scott said, -- and if that's what the Commission wants to do.

Commissioner Brady said, I support the change order. I think it was being used as a mechanism to have a discussion about the project itself.

Chairman Scott said, I understand but it's the wrong mechanism to have a discussion about the project.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I -- I think that the citizens should be enlightened as to -- as to what's going on. That's all.

Chairman Scott said, well --

County Attorney Hart said, as a -- as a practical matter, this is a change order where you're voting money up or down, okay?

Commissioner Stone said, right.

Chairman Scott said, that -- that's all it is.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand that.

County Attorney Hart said, and you -- you really need to dispose of the change order question, either you're for it or you're against it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, now, there's absolutely nothing wrong with this Commission asking for a report at the next County Commission meeting --

Chairman Scott said, or discussing it, but --

County Attorney Hart said, -- as to the status of this project.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, it's just the wrong vehicle to discuss it.

County Attorney Hart said, or on Tuesday. We just need -- need to know what -- what -- what y'all's wishes are.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman? I have no intention of holding up the project or voting against the Change Order, and I will wait two weeks for a report, but I do think that it is time for a report. We've -- we've closed a road for -- the anticipated time frame is nine months. I'm still receiving phone calls. I have been on the site. I do have some questions, but I will withhold all of that until the next meeting.

Chairman Scott said, and the reason I suggested that we have a report on the 17th. We have a hearing that day, and it's the next time that the Commission will be together, and that was the only reason I came up with the 17th was to try to expedite an answer to some of your questions.

Commissioner Stone said, I'll be happy to do it then. I'll be happy to wait two weeks.

County Attorney Hart said, either one -- either one of them is acceptable.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, but I just want to make sure that -- that the citizens are aware of the status of the project and what's going on.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Okay. We have a motion; we have a second that we approve the Action Calendar. All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed, no. Motion carries. The Action Calendar is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 14 and under Item 14, Items A through Z. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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

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- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 23, 2014, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2014, as mailed. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 15, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 4, 2014.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of May 15, 2014 through June 4, 2014, in the amount of \$12,695,227. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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- 3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN GRANT UNDER THE GEORGIA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,141. NO COUNTY MATCH IS REQUIRED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for Board approval to accept the drug endangered children grant under the Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts grant in the amount of \$8,141. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Adam Kennedy, Juvenile Court Administrator

ISSUE:

To have the Board of Commissioners accept the Drug Endangered Children Grant under the Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts.

BACKGROUND:

The Drug Endangered Children Grant under the Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts has awarded \$8,141 for the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The \$8,141 from the grant will be used for education/training purposes for the Family Dependency Treatment Court.

FUNDING:

No Chatham County funds are needed for this project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To have the Board of Commissioners accept the funds from the Drug Endangered Children Grant under the Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts grant for the purpose of education/training for the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court.

2. For the Board of Commissioners to refuse to accept the funds from the Drug Endangered Children Grant under the Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is inconsistent with Board policy to accept grant funding which does not require county matching funds to provide/upgrade necessary services without cost to the County.

RECOMMENDATION:

To accept Alternative 1.

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4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS GRANT FOR THE JUVENILE COURT FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$249,628. IN ADDITION, CJCC AWARDED A SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,800. COUNTY MATCH REQUIRED IS \$22,990.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for Board approval to accept the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Accountability Courts Grant for the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court in the amount of \$249,628. In addition, CJCC awarded a supplemental grant in the amount of \$3,800. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Adam Kennedy, Juvenile Court Administrator

ISSUE:

To have the Board of Commissioners accept the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Courts grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has awarded \$249,628 for the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court. In addition, CJCC awarded a supplemental grant in the amount of \$3,800.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The \$249,628 from the Accountability Court grant will be used to enhance services being provided by the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court in the form of treatment, training, screening, and

other needs of the Family Dependency Treatment Court. The supplemental grant will be used for technology assistance.

FUNDING:

A matching amount of \$22,990 is required and will come from the Juvenile Court M&O budget. No match amount is required for the supplemental grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To have the Board of Commissioners accept the funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court grant for the purpose of enhancing the services of the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court.
2. For the Board of Commissioners to refuse to accept the funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is consistent with Board policy to accept grant funding which does not require county matching funds to provide/upgrade necessary services in the amount of \$22,990. This amount is requested in the Juvenile Courts 2014-2015 budget request.

RECOMMENDATION:

To accept Alternative 1.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A STATE GRANT AWARD FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) AT THE DIRECTION OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY COURT FUNDING COMMITTEE FOR FY15 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,264 FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY DUI COURT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRAND AWARD. COUNTY MATCH OF 10% IN KIND IS REQUIRED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for Board approval to accept a State grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) at the direction of the Accountability Court Funding Committee for FY15 in the amount of \$33,264 for the Chatham County DUI Court and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant award. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: David A. Wood, Coordinator, Chatham County DUI Court
Brian K. Hart, State Court Administrator

DATE: May 30, 2014

ISSUE:

To request acceptance of a state grant award from Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at the direction of the Accountability Court Funding Committee for FY15 in the amount of \$33,264.00 for the Chatham County DUI Court and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant award.

BACKGROUND:

In prior years, the Commission has approved the Chatham County DUI Court's receipt of grant funding from other federal and state agencies providing financial support to the DUI Court accountability court program.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County DUI Court applied for, and was awarded a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to support the services offered by the Chatham County DUI Court.
2. There is a 10% match requirement 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 award 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 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council requires that awards be administered by a unit of local government.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative #1.

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6. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY DUI COURT TO APPLY FOR A STATE GRANT FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) FOR FY14 SUPPLEMENTAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,800 AND**

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ITS SUBSEQUENT AWARD. NO COUNTY MATCH IS REQUIRED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for Board approval for the Chatham County DUI Court to apply for a State grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) for FY14 supplemental in the amount of \$3,800 and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: David A. Wood, Coordinator, Chatham County DUI Court
 Brian K. Hart, State Court Administrator
DATE: May 30, 2014

ISSUE:

To request approval of a state grant application from the Criminal Justice Coordinator's Council (CJCC) for FY14 SUPPLEMENTAL in the amount of \$3,800 and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County DUI Court is applying for CJCC funding. The application requests various equipment purchases to enhance the accountability courts programming with electronic equipment such as tablets, laptops, printers, etc.
2. The County is named as local fiscal sponsor for the grant.
3. The Commission Chairman is named the Authorized Representative for the grant.
4. There is no match requirement, however, purchases must be completed and reimbursed prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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:

CJCC requires that awards be administered by a unit of local government.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1

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7. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A TRAFFIC OPERATION QUICK RESPONSE APPLICATION WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SAVANNAH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RAMPS ON INTERSTATE 95. [DISTRICT 8.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for Board authorization for the Chairman to sign a Traffic Operation Quick

Response Application with the Georgia Department of Transportation for improvements to the Savannah International Airport ramps on Interstate 95. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7

AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

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

ISSUE:

That the Board authorize the Chairman to sign a Traffic Operation Quick Response Application with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for improvements to the Savannah International Airport Ramps on Interstate 95.

BACKGROUND:

The Traffic Operation Quick Response program allows the GDOT to perform small scale projects to address congestion issues. The GDOT is attempting to alleviate congestion issues on the ramps at Exit 104 on Interstate 95.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The GDOT requests that Chatham County enter into this agreement to be the local sponsor for the project. Work for the project is being conducted by the Savannah International Airport Authority (SIAA). The GDOT requires a local jurisdiction to sponsor the work when the facility is not within GDOT right of way. The ramps at Exit 104 are owned by the SIAA.
2. The GDOT will remit \$200,000 to Chatham County for the project. The \$200,000 will be conveyed to the SIAA for construction of the ramp improvements. The SIAA is letting the contract and will oversee construction. No funding or support will be required from Chatham County.
3. Staff will return to the Board for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SIAA to transfer the funds. The MOU will indicate that the SIAA must take all liabilities in relation to project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board authorize the Chairman to sign a Traffic Operation Quick Response Application with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for improvements to the Savannah International Airport ramps on Interstate 95.
2. That the Board not approve the application.

FUNDING:

No funding required to sign the agreement.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative No. 1
 District: 8

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**8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR PERCH ROAD.
 [DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for Board approval of a private road maintenance agreement for Perch Road. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Robert W. Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services

ISSUE:

Request Board approval of a private road maintenance agreement for Perch Road.

BACKGROUND: The Board has a long time policy of providing maintenance services on private dirt roads provided the County enters into an agreement with the owners of the road and the owners pay for the cost of the service.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Perch Road is a private dirt road approximately 981 feet in length off Middle Landing Road in west Chatham County.
2. The agreement grants the County the right to come upon the Owner's land and specifies that the owners of the road will pay the County a fee per year that includes a base maintenance fee plus loads of fill dirt at the cost per load. Base fee includes road grading twice annually and service includes filling major potholes. The services shall not include providing any drainage improvements or improvements to any individual driveways on the road. Staff has determined the fee to be \$347.65 to cover our cost to provide the service.
3. Staff has determined the cost for providing this service that includes actual labor and equipment costs. Material cost for dirt is the actual cost of the dirt including hauling. The petitioners have already provided the County payment for services. Work cannot commence until the Board approves the agreement.
4. The owners of the Perch Road have signed the agreement. The signatures match the owners of the parcels.
5. The county attorney has reviewed the standard agreement form.

FUNDING:

The cost of providing routine maintenance service on a private dirt road will be paid by the owners of the road.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board has established a long term policy based on opinions by previous County Attorneys to provide maintenance services on private dirt roads in the unincorporated County paid for by the owners of the road.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approve of a private road maintenance agreement for Perch Road with the owners of the road.
2. Board not to approve agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board to approve Alternative #1
 District 7

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9. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER JAY P. PATEL, D/B/A GRAND LAKE LODGE AND SPA LOCATED AT 815 SOUTHBRIDGE BOULEVARD, 31405. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved the Board for transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. The Petitioner is Jay P. Patel, d/b/a Grand Lake Lodge and Spa located at 815 Southbridge Boulevard.

Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-9
AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. Petitioner: **Jay S. Patel, d/b/a Grand Lake Lodge and Spa** located at **815 Southbridge Blvd., Savannah, GA 31405.**

BACKGROUND:

Jay Patel requests approval for a transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing Restaurant/Private Club. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 7

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

 Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

 Acting Chief Julie Tolbert

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**10. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE, LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2014.
 PETITIONER: AVERY ZANDER ELISCU, D/B/A TRADEWINDS SAVANNAH,
 LOCATED AT 8010 HIGHWAY 80 EAST, 31401.
 [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for Board approval for a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. The petitioner is Avery Zander Eliscu, d/b/a Tradewinds Savannah, located at 8010 Highway 80 East. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-10
AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

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

ISSUE:

Request for new beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. Petitioner: **Avery Zander Eliscu, d/b/a Tradewinds Savannah** located at **8010 Hwy 80 East, Savannah, Georgia 31410**.

BACKGROUND:

Avery Z. Eliscu requests approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing Day Excursion Cruise. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 4

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Acting Chief Julie Tolbert

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**11. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2014.
PETITIONER: JANA BIGGINS, D/B/A FAIRFIELD INN AND SUITES LOCATED
AT 17027 ABERCORN STREET, 31419.
[DISTRICT 5.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for Board approval for a new beer and wine pouring license for 2014. The petitioner is Jana Biggins d/b/a Fairfield Inn and Suites, located at 17027 Abercorn Street. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-11

AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services
Julie Tolbert, Acting Chief of Police

ISSUE:

Request for new beer and wine pouring license for 2014. Petitioner: **Jana Biggins, d/b/a Fairfield Inn and Suites** located at **17027 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31419**.

BACKGROUND:

Jana Biggins requests approval of a new beer and wine pouring license in connection with an existing Hotel. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 5

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Acting Chief Julie Tolbert

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12. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF A BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER: PAULA R. PATEL, D/B/A COUNTRY CORNER LOCATED AT 2505 FORT ARGYLE ROAD, 31419. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for Board approval of a beer and wine retail license for 2014. The petitioner is Paula R. Patel d/b/a Country Corner located at 2505 Fort Argyle Road. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-12

AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services
Julie Tolbert, Acting Chief of Police

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of a beer and wine retail license for 2014. Petitioner: **Paula R. Patel, d/b/a Country Corner** located at **2405 Fort Argyle Road, Savannah, GA 31419.**

BACKGROUND:

Paula Patel requests approval for a transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with an existing convenience store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 7

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Acting Chief Julie Tolbert

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- 13. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER: SHASHIKANT S. PATEL (SAIKRUPA MANAGEMENT, LLC) D/B/A SUNNY'S LOUNGE, LOCATED AT 5630 OGEECHEE ROAD, SUITE 2, 31405.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for Board approval for the transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. The Petitioner is Shashikant S. Patel (Saikrupa Management, LLC) d/b/a Sunny's Lounge, located at 5630 Ogeechee Road, Suite 2. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-13

AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services
Julie Tolbert, Acting Chief of Police

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. Petitioner: **Shashikant S. Patel (Saikrupa Management, LLC) d/b/a Sunny's Lounge** located at **5630 Ogeechee Road, Suite 2, Savannah, GA 31405.**

BACKGROUND:

Shashikant Patel requests approval for a transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing Lounge formerly known at Lucky's at Berwick. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 7

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Acting Chief Julie Tolbert

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell 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 Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Update and install low voltage data cabling in Units One through Four in the Detention Center	Detention Center	NetPlanner Systems, Inc.	\$38,254	CIP - Detention Center
B. Annual renewal of the software maintenance support agreement for Calldirector, WORKdirector, GEOdata Connect, GISDirector, PavementPLUS, PAVementview, and STORMview	Public Works and Park Services	Cartegraph Inc.	\$26,210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SSD-Public Works •General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation •General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center •Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund •Solid Waste Management •SSD - Solid Waste •Solid Waste Restricted •General Fund/M&O - Bridges
C. Three (3) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for CNT, and authorize the disposal of two (2) vehicles to be used as trade-ins	Fleet	Fairway Lincoln Mazda	\$37,900	CIP - Fleet Replacement
D. Two (2) Dell PowerEdge R620 Virtualization Servers	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing (State of Georgia Contract)	\$16,694	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
E. Annual software maintenance agreement for various County departments for GIS mapping software	I.C.S.	ESRI, Inc.	\$35,129	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control •General Fund/M & O - Assessor •General Fund/M & O - Public Works and Park Services •General Fund/M & O - Chatham Emergency Management Agency •General Fund/M & O - Engineering •General Fund/M & O - Building Safety & Regulatory Services
F. Install tennis court lights at Tom Triplett Park	Public Works and Park Services	OECI Corporation	\$28,145	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Tom Triplett Park
G. Audio/video cameras at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department	Detention Center	Montgomery Technology Systems	\$17,320	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
H. Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract for the LaRoche Avenue Culvert Drainage Improvement project	Engineering	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. (MBE)	\$6,500	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Drainage, LaRoche Avenue Culvert Drainage Improvement

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
I. Engineering services contract for the Chatham County Aquatic Center Sand Filter System replacement	Public Works and Park Services	Rosser International	\$13,500	CIP - Aquatic Center / Pool
J. Office furniture for the District Attorney's Office	District Attorney	VIP Office Furniture (WBE)	\$19,241	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney's Office
K. Change Order No. 3, as final payment for the temporary trailers leased for the Detention Center expansion project	Detention Center	Mobile Kitchens, USA, Inc.	\$1,881	CIP - Detention Center Expansion SPLOST project
L. Annual software maintenance agreement for the Assessor's Office and Engineering Department	I.C.S.	ACS Government Systems, Inc.	\$71,990	•General Fund/M&O - Assessor •Land Dist. Activity Ordinance
M. VHF radio equipment and installation services for emergency warning and response paging system	I.C.S.	•Motorola Solutions Inc. •Savannah Communications	•\$45,553 •\$9,400	•General Fund/M&O - I.C.S. •General Fund/M&O - Communications
N. Renewal of an annual software maintenance agreement for NetbackUp software	I.C.S.	System Management Planning, Inc.	\$21,093	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
O. Installation of fencing and gates at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Training Facility	Sheriff's	Rolands Fence & Supply	\$18,423	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Law Enforcement Training Facility
P. Renew environmental consulting services contracts for a period of one (1) year	Engineering	•Sligh Environmental Consultants (Sligh) •Resource + Land Consultants (RLC)	Not to exceed \$100,000	The costs will be charged to appropriate projects budgeted in the Sales Tax I, II, III, IV, & V SPLOSTs, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Special Service District (SSD)
Q. 2015 Ford F-350 crew cab with enclosed utility body for Public Works and Park Services	Fleet	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$44,237	CIP - Vehicle Replacement (Pending Board transfer of funds from M&O contingency)
R. Office furniture for the Chatham County Superior Court Clerk's Real Estate Division	Clerk of Superior Court	National Office Systems	\$34,912	Superior Court Restricted - Restricted Court Fee
S. Additional shelving for the Records Center	Administrative Services	Atlanta Bin and Shelving	\$16,000	General Fund/M&O - Administrative Services
T. Professional engineering services contract for material testing services during construction of the Faye Drive bridge replacement project	Engineering	Terracon Consultants, Inc.	Not to exceed \$18,500	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Faye Rd. Bridge

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
U. Construction contract for the road rehabilitation project on Sea Lane, Pelican Drive and Pelican Court	Engineering	Reeves Company dba R. B. Baker Construction	\$214,274	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Unincorporated County Roads (Pending Budget Transfer)
V. Amendment No. 5 to Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) agreement for the two (2) new libraries to include sitework, relocation of water line and circulation desk	Special Projects	J.E. Dunn Construction Company/d/b/a R.J. Griffin and Company	\$240,359	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Garden City and Island Libraries
W. Change Order No. 3 for extension of time and revision of plans for the two (2) new libraries	Special Projects	Greenline	\$98,829	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Garden City and Island Libraries
X. Chairs for the Commission Green Room at the Administrative Courthouse located at 124 Bull Street	Facilities Maintenance	Office Services	\$12,405	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance
Y. Collections shelving for the two (2) new libraries	Special Projects	Patterson Pope	\$102,932	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Garden City and Island Libraries
Z. Ballots for the May 20, 2014 General Primary, Non Partisan General & Special Elections	Board of Elections	Printelect	\$14,270	General Fund/M&O - Board of Elections

AGENDA ITEM: X-14 A thru Z
AGENDA DATE: June 13, 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 to award a \$38,254 contract to NetPlanner Systems, Inc., to update and install low voltage data cabling in Units One through Four in the Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: The Type I horizontal cabling in units 1-4 is very old, having been commonly used in the 1980's, and needs to be replaced. It was designed for network speeds of 10 to 50 mb/s, which is far below what is needed in today's computer network.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- The current Type I cables will not support network devices such as VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) phones, access points, and other network devices requiring Power Over Ethernet (PoE).
- The Type I cables' slower transmission speeds also cause network software such as Endura (for Pelco Security Video Viewing) to run very slowly if at all. Some Cat 5 and Cat 6 cabling has been installed over time in the units, but was often spliced or otherwise improperly installed.
- Bids were properly advertised and opened on June 3, 2014. The bid responses are as follows:

NetPlanner Systems, Inc. Norcross, GA	\$38,254
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* Trison Savannah, GA	\$40,541
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	Remote Technology Savannah, GA	\$44,015
*	Cyntechs Hinesville, GA	\$53,200
	Coopercraft Communications Tifton, GA	\$64,100
*	Quality Communications, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$67,128
**	ScDataCom Statesboro, GA	\$70,177
**	H2RG, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$72,386
**	All Electric Company, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$75,753
	* MBE Firm	
	**WBE Firm	

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

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$38,254 contract to NetPlanner Systems, Inc., to update and install low voltage data cabling in Units One through Four in the Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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 \$26,210 annual renewal of the software maintenance support agreement with Cartegraph Inc., of Dubuque, Iowa for Calldirector, WORKdirector, GEOdata Connect, GISDirector, PavementPLUS, PAVementview, and STORMview for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Public Works and Park Services has utilized the Cartegraph WORKdirector Software System as a method of taking and tracking routine and non-routine work orders for the past thirteen years. Public Works captures road infrastructure condition inventory information with PAVementview, and also incorporates a separate inventory of all drainage infrastructure assets as part of the MS-4 reporting requirements through the use of STORMview. In order for these last two (2) software programs to correctly function an interface with existing SAGIS software is required. Public Works purchased GEOdata Connect and GISDirector to achieve this linkage. The functioning of STORMview, GEOdata Connect and GISDirector are imperative to meet the requirements of the County's NPDES Stormwater Permit. Maintenance and support for this entire software system is critical for the entire department because all of the activities and information regarding the day-to-day work order operations of Public Works and Park Services are contained on this system.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Public Works and Park Services utilizes the Cartegraph WORKdirector Software System to take and track routine and non-routine work orders.
2. The Cartegraph WORKdirector/Call in System has been in use in Public Works and Park Services for thirteen years and contains all of the day-to-day operational work activity information.
3. Additional modules have been added to the Cartegraph system increasing the maintenance and support price.

4. Maintaining and preventing software failures and data stability, as well as providing for no additional cost upgrades is critical to safeguarding the data contained within the system and allowing continuing interface between Cartegraph Program modules and new GIS upgrades.
5. All sections within the department utilize Cartegraph that provides the human resources inventory for populating the time and attendance software which makes the functioning and maintenance of the Cartegraph system critical to department operations.
6. Cartegraph is proprietary software. There are no other vendors providing maintenance and support for these software packages.

FUNDING:

- SSD-Public Works
(2704100 - 52.39001) - \$10,655
- General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
(1006100 - 52.39001) - \$6,736
- General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
(1006124 - 52.39001) - \$3,797
- Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
(5054400 - 52.39001) - \$612
- Solid Waste Management
(5404501 - 52.39001) - \$1,225
- SSD - Solid Waste
(5404502 - 52.39001) - \$1,225
- Solid Waste Restricted
(5404510 - 52.39001) - \$1,225
- General Fund/M&O - Bridges
(1004230 - 53.17009) - \$735

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$26,210 annual renewal of the software maintenance support agreement with Cartegraph Inc., of Dubuque, Iowa for Calldirector, WORKdirector, GEOdata Connect, GISDirector, PavementPLUS, PAVementview, and STORMview for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of maintenance support for software.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the purchase of three (3) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for CNT, from Fairway Lincoln Mazda, and authorize the disposal of two (2) vehicles to be used as trade-ins. The total purchase cost, using the trade-ins, will be \$37,900.

BACKGROUND: CNT has approved funding to replace vehicles through the CIP, Police Merger. These vehicles are no longer suitable for department operation. The trade-ins will simplify the purchase of these vehicles.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A standing request for “good” used vehicles is in place with local dealers and they are encouraged to let us know when they have a vehicle they feel we should consider.
2. Staff checked with local car dealers that normally respond to bids and came back with this proposal. This proposal provides CNT with maximum flexibility.
3. The Fleet Manager and a representative from CNT selected the following vehicles based on utility and value.
4. The vehicles selected are

One vehicle	\$18,900
One vehicle	\$25,900
One vehicle	\$37,900
Less Trade of two (2) units -	
(Unit 3924 - 2008 Lexus - Vin #070272)	(\$12,800)
(Unit 3902 - 2008 Mercedes-Benz - Vin #014185)	<u>(\$32,000)</u>
Total purchase price	\$37,900

- Staff researched the trade-in value being offered by Fairway Lincoln Mazda and compared it to the Kelley Blue Book trade-in value. Fairway is offering a higher trade-in allowance.
- Staff believes the purchase price of \$37,900 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Replacement
(3503222 - 54.22001 - 3503065Z)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of the purchase of three (3) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for CNT, from Fairway Lincoln Mazda, and authorize the disposal of two (2) vehicles to be used as trade-ins. The total purchase cost, using the trade-ins, will be \$37,900.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of replacement vehicles for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$16,694 purchase of two (2) Dell PowerEdge R620 Virtualization Servers, from the State of Georgia Contract, from Dell Marketing for the I.C.S. Department.

BACKGROUND: The I.C.S. department has determined that the two (2) current Dell Vitalization servers are outdated and should be replaced. Virtualization servers allow I.C.S. to consolidate multiple physical servers to operate on one server.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- State Purchasing awarded this contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
- As the demand for new applications and services continue to grow, the need for new servers under a vendor support contract is critical to out consolidation and disaster recovery plan.
- The servers are being purchased from Dell Marketing with five (5) years of on site support and mission critical four hour dispatch technical support
- Staff believes the cost of \$16,694 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
(1001535 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of a \$16,694 purchase of two (2) Dell PowerEdge R620 Virtualization Servers, from the State of Georgia Contract, from Dell Marketing for the I.C.S. Department.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential hardware to run needed software applications used throughout the county.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$35,129 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ESRI, Inc., for various County Departments.

BACKGROUND: There are two (2) types of software covered under this maintenance agreement. One includes the capability to add, change and delete all electronic mapping information produced by the ArcView users. The other is used to produce maps used in the appraisal process and used by our Engineers, our GIS Analyst and Board of Assessors.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The sole source provider, ESRI, Inc., is the only company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
2. ESRI, Inc., quoted a price of \$35,129 for the annual software maintenance renewal. The cost for the software maintenance reflects a decrease in price from last year. The decrease is due to the Board of Assessor canceling maintenance on several of their licenses because they will use a SAGIS web based product.
3. Staff believes this total cost of \$35,129 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING:

- General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control - \$5,600
(1005144 - 52.22001)
- General Fund/M & O - Assessor - \$8,400
(1001550 - 52.13011)
- General Fund/M & O - Public Works and Park Services - \$5,808
(2704100 - 52.22001)
- General Fund/M & O - Chatham Emergency Management Agency - \$2,100
(1009957 - 57.10111)
- General Fund/M & O - Engineering - \$12,621
(2701575 - 52.22001)
- General Fund/M & O - Building Safety & Regulatory Services - \$600
(2707210 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$35,129 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ESRI, Inc., for various County Departments.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve maintenance agreements for necessary software.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of \$28,145 to install tennis court lights at Tom Triplett Park from OECl Corporation, Savannah, GA.

BACKGROUND: Tom Triplett Park ground breaking ceremony was held on September 13, 1995 and Phase I of the Master Plan included the office building/pavilion, bathrooms and tennis courts. These courts did not have lights for night time use. Funding has become available to make improvements.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The bid was properly advertised and three (3) vendors responded on May 16, 2014. The responses were as follows:

OECI Corporation Savannah, GA	\$ 28,145
Hoffman Electrical Company, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 28,500
Middle Georgia Outdoor Lighting Macon, GA	\$51,435

2. Staff believes the total cost of \$ 28,145 for tennis court lights to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Tom Triplett Park
(3234981 - 55.12009 - 32370017)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of \$28,145 to install tennis court lights at Tom Triplett Park from OECI Corporation, Savannah, GA.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases necessary for safety and security.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$17,320 purchase of audio/video cameras at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department from Montgomery Technology Systems of Greenville, AL.

BACKGROUND: During the construction, the cameras that were installed only included video capability. For security reasons, it is necessary to have cameras with the capability of recording audio and video transmissions.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- The bid was properly advertised and eight (8) vendors responded on May 28, 2014. The responses were as follows:

Montgomery Technology Systems Greenville, AL	\$ 17,320
North American Video, Inc. Brick, NJ	\$18,816
* Quality Communications, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$19,680
Tech CCTV, Inc. Los Angeles, CA	\$19,680
Southern Computer Warehouse Marietta, GA	\$19,944
* SDF Professional Computers, Inc. Greenville, NC	\$20,000
Rody's Audio Warehouse Savannah, GA	\$25,310
* AP Connections Savannah, GA	\$25,960

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- On March 27, 1998, the board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "absolute low bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm to match the "absolute low" bid. If the local firm does not match the "absolute low" bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. Quality Communications, Inc., was asked to match the outside

firm's bid and Quality Communications, Inc., declined.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$17,320 purchase of audio/video cameras at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department from Montgomery Technology Systems of Greenville, AL.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for necessary security equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of \$6,500 Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc., for the LaRoche Avenue Culvert Drainage Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The LaRoche Avenue Drainage Improvement project is part of the 2008-2014 SPLOST Drainage Program. The problem addressed by the project is the replacement of a failing brick arch culvert with a new reinforced concrete box culvert.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded the project to replace the culvert on September 27, 2013. Construction began on January 21, 2014.
2. During construction, it became evident that certain adjustments were needed to address issues not shown on the plans or as needed for a completion which fully meets the project goals. These items are described below:
 - A. AT&T has a primary underground fiber optic line which traverses the project area. The extent and nature of the line was not fully evident at the time of bidding. Field conditions and user needs supported retention of the line in place. This retention necessitated additional equipment and work effort by the construction contractor. Contract Change Order No. 1 will add payment for this additional effort to the project. (+\$25,000)
 - B. A water distribution line crosses the project area. Temporization of service for this line during the project duration is included in the contract. However, field conditions necessitated the addition of a valve to the project to maintain customer service which was not shown on the project plans. Contract Change Order No. 1 will add the installation of this valve to the project. (+\$6,500)
 - C. An existing restaurant is located adjacent to the project area. The water service connection for this facility was located within the construction limits. To ensure continuous service it was necessary to provide a new service line from the main to the meter. Contract Change Order No. 1 will add the installation of this line to the project. (+\$2,000)
 - D. The existing water main in the area of the new service connection and valve noted above were located inside a steel casing. Installation of the valve and service connection required removal of a section of this casing. Contract Change Order No. 1 will add the removal of this casing to the project. (+\$1,000)
 - E. The project documents called for removal of existing wood piles which were assumed to be beneath the existing culvert. Following culvert removal, it was determined that there were no existing piles. Contract Change Order No. 1 will delete the removal of piles from the project. (-\$2,000)
 - F. The project documents require the contractor to perform testing of piles and soil anchors associated with the culvert support system. Chatham County has directly engaged a geotechnical firm to complete this testing along with other testing services associated with the work. Contract Change Order No. 1 will remove these testing items from the project. (-\$26,000).
3. Contract History:

Original Contract (1-21-14)	\$1,053,930
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Change Order No. 1(pending)	6,500
Revised Contract Amount	\$1,060,430

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Drainage, LaRoche Avenue Culvert Drainage Improvement (3244250 - 54.14001 - 32456637)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of \$6,500 Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc., for the LaRoche Avenue Culvert Drainage Improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$13,500 sole-source engineering services contract with Rosser International to engineer the Chatham County Aquatic Center Sand Filter System replacement.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Aquatic Center is a year round indoor facility with two pools. The 50 meter pool is open to swim teams, water aerobics and lap swimming. It is a competitive pool that meets the standards set by USA Swimming. The recreational pool is a warm water pool used for water aerobics, swim lessons, recreational swimming and swim teams. Both pools require a filtration system to sanitize the pool per Health Department codes.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The filtration system is in need of emergency replacement. In order to operate the facility, the filter system will need to be replaced which requires engineering design.
2. Rosser International is the mechanical engineering firm of record that has provided services for the last several years on various projects for the Aquatic Center. They are totally familiar with the facility, as well as the needs regarding the upgraded filtration system.
3. Staff finds the fee submitted by Rosser International to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Aquatic Center / Pool (1006124 - 53.12901)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$13,500 sole-source engineering services contract with Rosser International to engineer the Chatham County Aquatic Center Sand Filter System replacement.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$19,241 purchase of office furniture for the District Attorney's Office from VIP Office Furniture, Savannah, GA.

BACKGROUND: The District Attorney's Office has a need to replace office furniture that is over 25 years old.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The bid was properly advertised and five (5) vendors responded on May 14, 2014. The bid was for 32 line items that included furniture setup and removal of old furniture. The responses are as follows:

Office Services Savannah, GA	\$15,170
The Office Leader Brooklyn, NY	\$17,221
National Office Systems Savannah, GA	\$18,034
* VIP Office Furniture Savannah, GA	\$19,241
Georgia Correctional Industries Decatur, GA	\$22,406

*WBE

- The District Attorney's Office has previously purchased the specified brand of furniture for several offices. The current bid from VIP Office Furniture conforms to the approved specifications and matches exactly the existing furniture. Items from Office Services, and National Office Systems were submitted as alternate bids. The alternatives were evaluated by District Attorney staff. The furniture submitted as alternates does not match the existing furniture as to quality of construction, design specifications, conformity and standardization. See attached memo on page 29.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - District Attorney's Office
(1002200 – 54.23001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of a \$19,241 purchase of office furniture for the District Attorney's Office from VIP Office Furniture, Savannah, GA.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of furniture necessary for the operation of the Chatham County District Attorney's Office.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$1,881 Change Order No. 3, as final payment to Mobile Kitchens, USA, Inc., for the temporary trailers leased for the Detention Center expansion project.

BACKGROUND: On February 22, 2013, the Board approved the original three month lease on the temporary mobile kitchen facility. On September 13, 2013, the lease was extended for two (2) months.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- Once the trailers were removed, Mobile Kitchens submitted a claim in the amount of \$10,155.83 for cleaning and repair of the trailers. After careful review of each line item staff agrees that our responsibility of the trailers total \$1,881.
- During a conference call with Mobile Kitchens, USA, Inc. on March 27, 2014, the amount of \$1,881 was agreed to as final payment.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of a \$1,881 Change Order No. 3, as final payment to Mobile Kitchens, USA, Inc., for the temporary trailers leased for the Detention Center expansion project.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve necessary Change Orders to finalize a contract.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$71,990 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for the Assessor's Office and Engineering Department.

BACKGROUND: This is the maintenance agreement for the annual Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) software Marshall & Swift cost table maintenance support. This is required to ensure the smooth, continuous operation of our appraisal and assessment software. This software is necessary to generate values, assessments, the digest and all the necessary reports required by the Department of Revenue for digest submission. Maintenance provides for assistance with any problems associated with the software.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The sole source provider, ACS Government Systems, Inc., is the only company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$71,990 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: •General Fund/M&O - Assessor - \$61,677
(1001550 - 52.13011)
•Land Dist. Activity Ordinance - \$10,313
(2907420 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$71,990 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for the Assessor's Office and Engineering department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval for a sole source purchase of \$45,553 for VHF radio equipment from Motorola Solutions Inc., and \$9,400 for installation services to Savannah Communications for more reliable emergency warning and response paging system.

BACKGROUND: On January 1, 2013, all public safety and business industrial land mobile radio systems operating in the 150-512 MHz radio bands ceased operating using 25 kHz efficiency technology, and began operating using at least 12.5 kHz efficiency technology, commonly referred to as "Narrowbanding." This deadline was the result of an FCC mandate. Since this change, the paging system has not been reliable for contacting all fireman and sirens in the Chatham County area, particularly near Bloomingdale. The coverage area of the system became smaller as a result of the mandated changes and must now be expanded to ensure reliable emergency notification for citizens and emergency response personnel.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The narrowbanding operation was federally mandated.
2. This VHF system is core infrastructure required for the operation of the Chatham County outdoor warning sirens as well as the paging systems used by many fire station personnel.
3. The replacement system will operate with the same capabilities as our current system, though more reliably cover the Chatham County area.

4. This expansion adds fault tolerance for our emergency warning sirens, further enhancing the safety of Chatham County citizens.
5. The sole source manufacturer and service provider, Motorola Solutions Inc, provides contractual services locally through Savannah Communications, the only company technically qualified and authorized by license to maintain the emergency warning and response paging system.

FUNDING: •General Fund/M&O – I.C.S. - \$39,152
(1001536 – 52.22001)
•General Fund/M&O – Communications - \$15,801
(1001536 – 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval for a sole source purchase of \$45,553 for VHF radio equipment from Motorola Solutions Inc., and \$9,400 for installation services to Savannah Communications for more reliable emergency warning and response paging system.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to support an aggressive outdoor warning system and critical communications infrastructure needed by public safety personnel.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$21,093 renewal of an annual software maintenance from System Management Planning, Inc., for NetbackUp software for I.C.S. Department.

BACKGROUND: The renewal of existing software licenses & support of our network backup system through System Management Planning, Inc is essential to our Enterprise environment.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The NetBackUp software allows for fast recovery of critical applications, database and servers.
2. It also provides a single platform to manage, protect, and recover data across storage tiers, locations, and operating systems. NetBackUp software maintenance is required for system upgrades and technical support.
3. Its integrated data protection and recovery for virtual environment, critical applications, data bases, and servers are vital to the productivity throughout the County network
4. I.C.S. believes the renewal cost of this software maintenance agreement to be fair and reasonable

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$21,093 renewal of an annual software maintenance from System Management Planning, Inc., for NetbackUp software for I.C.S. Department.
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 O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an \$18,423 purchase for the installation of fencing and gates at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Training Facility from Rolands Fence & Supply, Savannah, GA.

BACKGROUND: With the recent addition of the modular buildings at the Law Enforcement Training Facility it has become necessary to fence and gate the area.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The bid properly advertised and one (1) vendor responded on May 29, 2014.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$18,423 for the fence and gates to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of an \$18,423 purchase for the installation of fencing and gates at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Training Facility from Rolands Fence & Supply, Savannah, GA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases necessary to provide security for the facility.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval to renew environmental consulting services contracts for amounts not to exceed \$100,000 each with Sligh Environmental Consultants (Sligh) and Resource + Land Consultants (RLC) for a period of one (1) year.

BACKGROUND: Almost every County project has environmental impacts that require out-sourcing of consulting services to comply with Federal or State permitting requirements. The County routinely requires the services of environmental consultants for a variety of projects, including but not limited to, road and drainage projects, wetland and salt marsh mitigation bank planning and monitoring, real estate biological assessments and utility installation.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded Sligh and RLC IDIQ contracts on April 13, 2012 for a two-year period. These contracts can be renewed for two one-year terms by the County. This would be the first renewal period for the contracts.
2. Sligh and RLC are local consultants and are the Aenvironmental consultants of record@ on numerous County projects either by way of being a subcontractor to an engineering firm under contract with the County or by way of procurement actions directly with the County.
3. IDIQ contracts provide for an indefinite quantity of services during a fixed period of time. Task orders are issued for services against the contract for individual requirements (e.g. projects). This type of contract is used when services needed cannot be precisely predetermined during the contract period. The scope of services will include, but is not limited to:
 - A. Clean Water Act (CWA), Sec. 404 Wetlands: Preliminary Wetland Assessments, Freshwater Wetland Delineations and Verifications, Permitting, Wetlands Mitigation Planning, Implementation and Monitoring.
 - B. Salt Water Wetlands (River and Harbor Act, Section 10): Marshline Delineations and Verifications, Coastal Marshlands Protection Act Permitting, Section 10 Permitting.
 - C. Wetland & Stream Mitigation Banking: Alternative Mitigation Site Assessment, Development of Banking Instruments, Mitigation Bank Management and Monitoring.
 - D. Endangered Species Act (ESA): Threatened and Endangered Species Surveys and Assessments, Wildlife Management Planning, Biological Assessments, Environmental Assessments, ESA Section 7 Consultation, Safe Harbor Agreements.

- E. Other Federal, State, & Local Regulatory Programs: U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permitting, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Studies, Shore Protection Act Permitting, Georgia Environmental Policy Act (GEPA) Studies, Natural Area Assessments, State Water Buffer Variance Permitting.
4. Sligh and RLC were selected for these contracts based on their prior work on County projects and their Georgia Department of Transportation pre-qualifications. As noted above, they are already the Aenvironmental consultant of record@ on many County projects. Staff routinely relies on them for follow up actions on past projects, in preparing for new projects, and on enforcement issues. All factors considered, both are highly qualified local consultants that are responsive to providing these services and the County stands to save by taking advantage of their previous work.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to renew environmental consulting services contracts for amounts not to exceed \$100,000 each with Sligh Environmental Consultants (Sligh) and Resource + Land Consultants (RLC) for a period of one (1) year.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve consulting services contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$44,237 purchase of a 2015 Ford F-350 crew cab with enclosed utility body from J.C. Lewis Ford for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: This crew truck is a replacement truck which is used by the maintenance crew to cut grass and maintain ball fields.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This purchase will replace a vehicle that was scheduled to be replaced four (4) years ago. However, funding was not available at that time. This truck is the oldest in Parks and Recreation's fleet. Repairs have been costly and it is no longer economically feasible to maintain this vehicle.
2. An Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and five (5) bids were received. Bid responses are as follows:

*	Wade Ford, Inc. Smyrna, GA	\$43,045
	Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln Morrow, GA	\$44,237
	O.C. Welch Ford-Lincoln-Mercury Hardeeville, SC	\$44,571
	J.C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$45,057
	Roberts Truck Centers Savannah, GA	\$46,278

*MBE

3. Staff evaluated the low bid submitted by Wade Ford, Inc. and deemed it did not meet specifications in regards to the utility body.
4. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "lowest bid" the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the "lowest" bid. If the local firm does match the "lowest" bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm, Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln, offered the

“lowest low” bid. J.C. Lewis Ford was asked if they would match the outside firm’s low bid and they confirmed they would match.

FUNDING: CIP - Vehicle Replacement (Pending Board transfer of funds from M&O contingency)
(3501567 - 54.22001 - 35031378)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$44,237 purchase of a 2015 Ford F-350 crew cab with enclosed utility body from J.C. Lewis Ford for Public Works and Park Services.
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 _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM R

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$34,912 purchase of office workstations from National Office Systems of Savannah, GA, for the Chatham County Superior Court Clerk’s Real Estate Division.

BACKGROUND: The Superior Court Clerk has a need for office furniture for the Real Estate Division.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The bid was properly advertised and two (2) vendors responded on May 22, 2014. The bid was for 52 line items. The responses were as follows:

National Office Systems Savannah, GA	\$ 34,912
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* VIP Furniture & Supply Savannah, GA	\$ 35,901
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2. Staff believes the total cost of \$34,912 for the office workstations to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Superior Court Restricted - Restricted Court Fee
(2172180 - 54.23001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$34,912 purchase of office workstations from National Office Systems of Savannah, GA, for the Chatham County Superior Court Clerk’s Real Estate Division.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of furniture necessary for the operation of the Superior Court Clerk’s Office

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM S

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$16,000 sole source purchase from Atlanta Bin and Shelving for additional shelving for the Records Center.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Records Center in Garden City is the central location of all Chatham County records. The County has an intergovernmental agreement with Garden City to house some of their records.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Additional shelving will be needed because of the increase of records which will be stored at the Records Center. The shelving must match existing installed shelving because of interlocking mechanisms.

2. Atlanta Bin and Shelving provided a quote based on providing and installing the new shelving and reinstalling the existing shelving.
3. The additional shelving includes 31 sections, measuring 42 inch by 30 inch by 14 feet with 14 shelves. The additional shelving will interlock with the older existing shelving. This allows a more efficient use of space but requires more stability.
4. Staff believes the total cost of \$16,000 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Administrative Services
(1001580 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$16,000 sole source purchase from Atlanta Bin and Shelving for additional shelving for the Records Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Chatham County's Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual requires Board approval for any purchases of more than \$10,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM T

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a not to exceed \$18,500 sole source professional engineering services contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc., for material testing services during construction of the Faye Drive bridge replacement project.

BACKGROUND: Terracon is the geotechnical engineer of record for the Faye Drive bridge replacement project. Terracon performed the bridge foundation investigation and made geotechnical recommendations during the design of the project. Chatham County desires to perform material testing during construction to ensure that the new bridge is built to Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) standards.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This contract allows Terracon to perform all material testing during the bridge replacement project on Faye Drive.
2. Terracon is pre-qualified with the GDOT for Soils, Foundations and Material testing.
3. Terracon's staff is familiar with the construction plans and contract testing requirements and can immediately begin the material testing services without having to review both.
4. Failure to approve the sole source request could delay the project 60 days or more while the qualified based selection (QBS) process is completed to procure material testing services.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1985-1993) - Faye Rd. Bridge
(3204220 - 52.12003 - 32057047)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a not to exceed \$18,500 sole source professional engineering services contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc., for material testing services during construction of the Faye Drive bridge replacement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM U

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$214,274 construction contract to Reeves Construction

Company dba R. B. Baker Construction for the road rehabilitation project on Sea Lane, Pelican Drive and Pelican Court.

BACKGROUND: The project involves grading, paving, pavement fabric, striping and grassing. The work also includes overlay, grading and grassing on Pelican Court. A geotechnical investigation of Sea Lane, Pelican Drive and Pelican Court identified cracking, depressions, base failures and edge distress. The referenced roads are approximately 25 years old.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project was properly advertised and two bids were received and opened May 29, 2014. The results are as follows:

Reeves Construction Company dba R. B. Baker Construction Garden City, GA	\$214,274
Preferred Materials, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$252,317

2. Staff believes the bid from Reeves Construction Company is fair and reasonable.
3. It is estimated construction will begin within approximately 30 days after award of the contract. The contractor will have 90 days to complete rehabilitation of the roads and associated work.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Unincorporated County Roads (Pending Budget Transfer)
(3234220 - 54.14001 - 3235565)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$214,274 construction contract to Reeves Construction Company dba R. B. Baker Construction for the road rehabilitation project on Sea Lane, Pelican Drive and Pelican Court.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM V

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$240,359 Amendment No. 5 to Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) agreement for two (2) new libraries with J.E. Dunn Construction Company d/b/a R.J. Griffin and Company to include additional sitework at both sites, relocation of new water drain at the Garden City Branch site and relocation of main entrance at Islands Branch site.

BACKGROUND: On June 10, 2011 the Board of Commissioners approved a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) agreement to R.J. Griffin and Company for the new Garden City and Islands Branch Libraries. On August 9, 2013, the Board of Commissioners approved the guaranteed maximum price for the project. The removal of unsuitable soil at both sites, relocation of new water drain at the Garden City Branch site and the relocation of main ingress and egress to the Islands Branch site were not included in the guaranteed maximum price.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Terracon, the County's third party inspector, identified unsuitable soil and organic materials at both library sites.
2. The relocation of the main ingress and egress to the Islands Branch site was required by Chatham County Public Schools System (SCCPSS).
3. The installation of the storm water drain line required the relocation of the existing water main at the Garden City Branch site.
4. Agreement history:

Original Agreement	(06-10-11)	
Amendment No. 1	(08-09-13)	\$ 8,600,000
Amendment No. 2	(11-22-13)	\$ 139,000
Amendment No. 3	(12-20-13)	\$ 346,468

Amendment No. 4	(01-17-14)	\$ 59,869
Amendment No. 5	(Pending)	\$ <u>240,359</u>
		\$ 9,385,696

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$240,359 Amendment No. 5 to Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) agreement for two (2) new libraries with J.E. Dunn Construction Company d/b/a R.J. Griffin and Company to include additional sitework at both sites, relocation of new water drain at the Garden City Branch site and relocation of main entrance at Islands Branch site.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARC BUCALO

ITEM W

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$98,829 Change Order No. 3, and to extend the contract to December 30, 2014, to the professional services design contract with Greenline Architects for additional work for the Islands Branch and Garden City Branch Library Facilities.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Change Order 3 is for additional services for re-examinations and reiterations of County's site selections for Garden City and Islands sites, including civil work on Islands site, new topography and boundary survey for Islands site, new subdivision filing on Islands site, additional services for value engineering for Islands site.
2. The proposed change order represents the additional site work and coordination with the Architect to finalize the design work. Staff finds the fee submitted for this additional work by Greenline Architects to be fair and reasonable.
3. Contract history:

Original Contract (3-25-11)	\$697,500
Change Order No. 1 (11-4-11)	12,210
Change Order No. 2 (11-23-12)	16,200
Change Order No. 3 (pending)	<u>98,829</u>
Revised contract amount	\$824,739

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$98,829 Change Order No. 3, and to extend the contract to December 30, 2014, to the professional services design contract with Greenline Architects for additional work for the Islands Branch and Garden City Branch Library Facilities.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM X

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$12,405 purchase of 27 new chairs from Office Services for the Commission Green Room at the Administrative Courthouse located at 124 Bull Street.

BACKGROUND: The chairs in the green room are the original chairs from the Montgomery Street Courthouse when the Commissioners' Meeting room was located on the 6th floor. Several attempts have been made to modify/repair the chairs without success. For safety reasons, the chairs need to be replaced.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The original chairs are well over ten (10) years old and cannot be repaired.
2. Staff obtained quotes from four (4) local vendors:

	Office Services Savannah, GA	\$12,405
**	VIP Office Furniture & Supplies Savannah, GA	\$13,551
	National Office Systems Savannah, GA	\$14,064
	Mason, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$15,452

**WBE

3. Staff believes the low quote of \$12,405 from Office Services to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$12,405 purchase of 27 new chairs from Office Services for the Commission Green Room at the Administrative Courthouse located at 124 Bull Street.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM Y

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$102,932 purchase of collections shelving to Patterson Pope, for the two (2) Live Oak Public Libraries - Garden City Branch and Islands Branch currently under construction.

BACKGROUND: The Live Oak Public Libraries of Chatham County has a requirement for shelving 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 three (3) vendors responded on May 13, 2014. The bid responses are as follows:

	Patterson Pope Norcross, GA	\$102,932
	Modern Business Savannah, GA	\$145,466
	National Office Systems Savannah, GA	\$156,462

2. Furniture specifications have been approved by the Library Director with all conforming to the approved specifications. During evaluation, it was determined that the alternate submitted by Patterson Pope can be considered equal.
3. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "lowest bid" the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the "lowest" bid. If the local firm does match the "lowest" bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm, Patterson Pope, offered the "lowest low" bid. Modern Business was asked if they would match the outside firm's low bid and they declined to match.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$102,932 purchase of collections shelving to Patterson Pope, for the two (2) Live Oak Public Libraries - Garden City Branch and Islands Branch currently under construction.
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 Z

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of a \$14,270 purchase order to Printelect for ballots for the May 20, 2014 General Primary, Non Partisan General & Special Election.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Elections of Chatham County conducted a General Primary/Non Partisan General and Special election on May 20, 2014. There were a Republican Primary, a Democratic Primary, a Non Partisan General Election and a Special Election, which results in at least three ballots in each voting precinct. In addition, ballots are uniquely identified to the individual voting precinct, which eliminates sharing ballots between precincts, resulting in a total of 327 different ballots. The ballots are used for a test, absentees by mail, provisional and challenged voting and sufficient quantities of each must be ordered to insure adequate supplies for the election.

The election was expected to have a significant turnout and demand for absentee and provisional ballots, therefore, sufficient ballots were ordered to insure an adequate supply would be on hand for mailing ballots and provisional ballots in polling places. In all, 29,385 ballots were ordered to cover the anticipated demand.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The May 2014 general primary was expected to be the large.
2. Printed ballots are used for absentee, provisional and challenged voting.
3. The large number of races, questions, parties and precinct identification resulted in three hundred twenty seven different ballots.
4. It was critical to have sufficient ballots on hand throughout the election. Twenty-nine thousand, three hundred eighty-five (29,385) ballots were ordered to insure adequate on-hand supply.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Elections
(1001400 - 53.17009)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of a \$14,270 purchase order to Printelect for ballots for the May 20, 2014 General Primary, Non Partisan General & Special Election.
2. Provide staff other directions.

POLICY ANALYSIS: O.C.G.A 21-2-384(a)(1) requires that the election superintendent must, at least 45 days prior to any general primary or general election, prepare, obtain and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

- 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, we do have a Second Reader, and this is to repeal the current 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.

Commissioner Center said, motion?

Commissioner Farrell said, move it.

Chairman Scott said, yes. It's -- it's a Second Reading, so it's now ready for action. Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Center said, yes, sir. I move that we repeal the current Chatham County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and adopt a new version to make the changes mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and to reflect the effective date.

Commissioner Shabazz 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 Center moved 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. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~
AGENDA DATE: ~~May 23, 2014~~
AGENDA ITEM: XII-1
AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014

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

ISSUE:

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).

BACKGROUND:

To meet the requirements of FEMA and to maintain the County's excellent CRS rating, the ordinance must be updated. The ordinance proposed for adoption is based on FEMA's model ordinance for coastal communities. All local municipalities and nearby counties are in the process of updating their flood ordinances prior to the effective date of the latest DFIRMs July 7, 2014.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. To ensure Chatham County's continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a new FDPO must be adopted. The adopted FDPO must meet the minimum NFIP requirements and be presented to the FEMA Regional Office for their review and approval prior to July 7, 2014.
2. The County's FDPO was first adopted in 1980. Previous major revisions were adopted in 1987 and 2008.
3. The DFIRM is FEMA's new digital flood mapping format which was initially utilized in 2008. As the name implies, the maps are digital. A big benefit is that they are compatible with Geographic Information System (GIS) technology. While hard copy versions of the maps will still be available, digital maps will facilitate sharing and maintaining the flood maps.
4. The new 2014 DFIRMs caused impacts to the current flood zones in some areas of Unincorporated Chatham County. The majority of the changes are concentrated within the vicinity of the floodway along PipeMakers Canal. The flood zone change impacted the communities of Bloomingdale, Pooler, Garden City, City of Savannah and Unincorporated Chatham County.
5. The County actively pursues high ratings in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS), which recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. As a result of the County's CRS efforts, the flood insurance premiums for many County residents were reduced. In 2013, over 12,000 property owners in the floodplain received a 20% discount on flood insurance premiums, saving property owners a total of over \$2,372,161 a year. New floodplain management requirements in the new FDPO could earn the County more CRS points and may result in a larger premium discount.
6. The proposed FDPO (attached) is based on FEMA's model ordinance for coastal communities. The proposed changes to the FDPO were developed to create a more flood damage resilient Chatham County while offering some measure of flood insurance relief to flood insurance policy holders. The following is a list of the most significant changes with a brief explanation:
 - a. Revise Section 24-118.1 to require "openings sufficient to facilitate the unimpeded movement of flood waters" when solid perimeter walls are used to evaluate a structure and to prohibit wood framed construction as a foundation for structures located in areas of Special Flood Hazard designated as A1-30, AE, AH, AO, A (with estimated BFE). Also add language to clarify non-substantial improvements for structures designated as "Pre-firm" are allowed to have the lowest floor elevated to the current finished floor elevation. A Pre-firm structure is a structure built before the initial FIRM date of August 1, 1980.
 - b. Revise Section 24-120.1 to require mitigation for any encroachment, including fill material, within the Areas of Special Flood Hazard designated as AE.
 - c. To insert language from the State's model ordinance to address standards for Areas of Shallow Flooding (AO Zones). The language was previously omitted from the FDPO because there are no such zones in Unincorporated Chatham County. The State requested the language in the ordinance regardless.
 - d. Revise Section 24-122 to reflect a new flood zone designation. Coastal High Hazard Areas (V-Zones) and Coastal A zones or Limits of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA). The LiMWA represents the zone between the VE and AE where wave heights range from 3 to 1.5 feet.
 - e. Revise Section 24-122.7 to limit enclosures in the VE Zones to less than 300 square feet. Enclosures greater than 300 square feet result in significantly higher flood insurance rates.

- f. Remove Section 24-124 which limits construction of critical facilities to X Zones.
- g. Revise Section 24-125.7 to clarify no variances will be considered as a result of an oversight or construction error following the issuance of a building permit.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To repeal the current Chatham County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and adopt a new version to make changes mandated by FEMA and to reflect the effective date of the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs).
- 2. To not repeal the ordinance and adopt a new version.

FUNDING:

None required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve changes to County ordinances.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative #1.

All Districts

Prepared by: Michael B. Blakely

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ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Scott said, okay. At this time I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 1st District for any further comment concerning the culvert replacement. Commissioner Stone do you want to further instruct staff on any reports or any further comments on it?

Commissioner Stone said, yes, sir, thank you. I would like a status report of where this project is. I was on location I believe it was the 4th of June at about 3:30 in the afternoon. Nothing was going on. My concern is we're entering the hurricane season. We have one way now on and off of that island, which is heavily populated. So I'm concerned as to what the status is. I have also received many phone calls and emails that people are seeing what I saw in the afternoon, no work going on. So, we've closed a major roadway. I understand the project needed to occur and safety must come first, but I do -- also understand the necessity of two ways on and off of the Isle of Hope and the Isle of Hope area. So, I think that nine months was a very, very long time for the average person, such as myself to understand, but then when you go out there and see no work going on, this -- this is not right. So that's -- those are my concerns. Also, the heavy use on Norwood Avenue has caused some potholes and some damage to the roadway which is understandable, and I want us to stay on top of that, but again, my main concern is closing a major roadway for nine months and trying to get a status of where we are with it, and then wondering why I'm not the only one that's been out there and seen no work occurring. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager, also, is that through engineering I would -- we would need -- really need to relay to the contractor that this is a job of -- of -- that needs immediate attention, and that we expect work to be going on during scheduled work hours at all times unless there's some reasons for delay, then those reasons need to be communicated.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, because I think Commissioner Stone is exactly right. The impression that people will get if they come by and no one is working on it, and we're hoping that the projection that I've heard that they are ahead of schedule. We need to confirm that and -- and if possible reset the completion date.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 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.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion or anything to come before the Commission at this time? If not, it will be necessary for an executive session.

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

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. All in favor indicate by yes, opposed no. We are headed for executive session.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

The Board recessed at approximately 12:25 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 Kicklighter moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shabazz was not present for the vote.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:25 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