

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 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 9:32 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2014.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. I will ask at this time that everybody be seated. We will have introduction of our devotional leader by Commissioner Center of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, and once our devotional leader has come forth and -- with his message and indicate that it's time to pray, I would ask that y'all stand at that time and remain standing as we are led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Center of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. At this time I recognize Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I -- I thank you for allowing me the honor of introducing Rabbi Slatius, and good morning to everyone. Let me point out in the earlier print outs of the agenda it left the R off. It's Rabbi Avigdor Slatius not Avigdo. But to give the Commission and the audience a bit of history about the Jewish community in Savannah and Chatham County, there are three synagogues in Savannah, Chatham County. Congregation Mickve Israel which is our reform congregation; Congregation Agudath Achim, conservative, and Congregation Bnai Brith Jacob, which we call BB Jacob, the orthodox. I'm particularly honored to be able to introduce Rabbi Slatius because BB Jacob holds a huge portion of my personal history. My parents were married there; my two brothers and I were Bar Mitzvah'd there; it's Rabbis buried by brother and my father, and Rabbi Slatius has been my Rabbi.

Commissioner Center said, BB Jacob began in 1861 using Armory Hall, and in 1866 moved to the northeast corner of the State and Montgomery Streets, where it built that building in 1909, which is directly across the street from our courthouse and is now the SCAD student center. In 1962, the year of my Bar Mitzvah, BB Jacob moved to it's present building at 5 -- 5444 Abercorn just south of Derenne. Rabbi Slatius, our Rabbi, was born in Brooklyn, New York. He attended Brooklyn College and graduated from and was ordained at the Mirrer Yeshiva Rabbinical College in Brooklyn. He served as Dean at the St. Louis Rabbinical College where he met and married his wife, Rochel, then returned to New York to lecture at Mirrer and taught at Prospect Park High School. In 1977 he directed a group of Rabbinical students to Panama City, Panama where he lectured and assisted in the formation of Yeshiva Day School of Panama. He has lectured at various organizations, and recently was selected as a recipient of the Harbotzas Tora Award at Mirrer Yeshiva -- Yeshiva Rabbinical College. And pardon my Hebrew because I know it's not pronounced correctly, but Rabbi Slatius has been the spiritual leader of the congregation BB Jacob since 1981. He is just the sixth Rabbi in BB Jacob's over 150 year history in our community. His wife, Rochel, manages Buckingham South, the independent and assisted living retirement community also on Abercorn just off of Derenne, and Rabbi and Mrs. Slatius have seven children, and as he told me stopped counting at 20 grandchildren. It's my honor and privilege, and I thank the Mr. Chairman for letting me introduce Rabbi Avigdor Slatius. [Applause.]

Rabbi Avigdor Slatius said, thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, County Commissioners, I am honored to be here. I appreciate it. I'd like to start with a quote from a verse if I may in Hebrew (Rabbi gave a verse in Hebrew). In Genesis it tells us that when the Almighty created man he blew into his nostrils a spirit of life. Man was created on the sixth day and so were the animals created on the sixth day. The birds, the fowl, they were on the fifth day. I always wondered, man is so unique, so prominent, so distinguished, why would he be created on the same day as the animals from the animal kingdom. Would it not be something more prominent to have his own separate day? My in-laws, a blessed memory, were Holocaust survivors. My mother-in-law lived through Auschwitz. They were from Czechoslovakia, and they were taken and they were subjected to some of the worst horrors that the human imagination can conceive. I remember when I was in Chicago visiting with them, and I think NBC had their presentation called The Holocaust, which at that time was considered to be graphic and over the edge. I remember asking my in-laws is this what it was like? We've read about it; we've heard about it, and they said, no, this was nothing what it was like. And every time we pressed them to discuss it, they refused. They didn't want to. My mother-in-law told us that she hadn't slept a full night in over 50 years because of the memories and the scars that remained with her at that time.

Rabbi Slatius said, as Chairman Center said, I am from Brooklyn, and I attended the Mirrer Yeshiva. Yeshiva means a Rabbinical college, and it's called Mirrer because that was a city in Poland where it originated. Because of the war, World War II, the holocaust, every single Rabbinical college was decimated, destroyed thoroughly. Only a few remnants survived. The only school that remained in tact is the one which eventually came from the Mirrer, Mirrer the City in Poland, and eventually came to the shores of the United States and

established themselves in New York City and Brooklyn. Their trek, their journey was absolutely miraculous. They were in Poland and they had to escape to Lithuania. From Lithuania they had to go when the Nazis kept coming, they went into Russia, but as they said, Nazi Germany was certain death and being with the Russians was lifetime imprisonment. Somehow, I won't go into the whole story, they made their way to Japan and eventually to Shanghai where they stayed for three or four years and then after the war they came to the United States.

Rabbi Slatius said, I was blessed to have teachers who were from a different world and experienced things that we see it on television and the movies and we think, oh, that couldn't happen. It did. It did happen. I have never understood how human beings could fall to such a level of such hatred, animosity, racism. I could never comprehend it, but then perhaps that's the reason why men and animal were both created on the sixth day. A human being can be an animal unless that person recognizes that we have something unique. We have a living soul within us that can ennoble us and elevate us. A few months ago I think the NBC affiliate had a report on white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and the fastest growing group in the United States, they reported, is right here in Savannah, Georgia, 2014. I was astonished. I began to shake just thinking about it. There is some element of evil that exists. I don't know why, but man does not have to be limited to the animal instincts and properties. We are the living souls. We can improve our communities, improve our country. We can improve the world. We can make our lives meaningful and purposeful. At this moment I'd like to ask everybody to please rise.

Rabbi Slatius gave the invocation as follows:

Heavenly Father, we ask You to bestow upon us the wisdom to be able to discern between that which is good and that which is evil. That which is property in Your eyes and that which is a reflection of the lustful desires that distract and corrupt our thinking. Help us, oh God, to recognize that the essence of a human being is the living soul that you breathe within our nostrils and that soul knows no color; it knows no race; it knows no religion, but rather it is a reflection of you, oh God. Help us to understand that just as an orchestra has different instruments, perhaps playing different notes, but together they form a beautiful harmony, music of mellifluous tones that lift and gladden the heart, so it is the potential of man. Perhaps we look different, perhaps we act differently, sometimes we think differently, but working together we can become the orchestra that fulfills the purpose for our creation. Guide us in this path, oh God. Bless us with your counsel and your wisdom, and may we see the fruits of our labor bringing peace and harmony for all mankind. And let us say, Amen.

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

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### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Center said, if you'll join me.

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

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[NOTE: Chairman Scott presented Rabbi Slatius with a Certificate and spoke with him privately.]

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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, normally this is the time that our Vice Chair introduce the members of the Youth Commission present. We don't have any who are actively participating in the program.

Commissioner Thomas said, but we do have --

Chairman Scott said, but we do have --

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah. I need to introduce the --

Chairman Scott said, and at this time I'll recognize our Vice Chair.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, our Manager, ladies and gentlemen, we're delighted to have with us this morning the 2014-15 candidates of the Chatham County Youth Commission with us. They will be observing the actions of the County Commissioners today, so be good. Set a good example. And we're delighted to have them with us, as well as the new elected Chair of the Chatham County Youth Commission, Abdallah -- Mohammad Abdallah. That's the new Chair that has been elected, and I would just like for all of the candidates to just stand now. These are your candidates for the 2014-2015 Chatham County Youth Commission. Delighted to have you with us today. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you all for being here, and I hope you're all successful in becoming members of the Youth Commission.

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

None.

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

### **1. NAMING OF MONTGOMERY STREET COURTHOUSE**

Chairman Scott said, at this time we -- we have one item that we want to put forth, and that's a Chairman's item, and that is just to serve -- serve notice to the public of my intent to introduce a Resolution at some subsequent, future meeting to name the Montgomery Street Courthouse in honor of a past Chairman of the Chatham County Commission, Tom Coleman. Thank you. And with that, the purpose of putting this out is to allow the public, if they wish to have any comments concerning the -- the potential changing the name of the Montgomery Street Courthouse to honor the late Tom Coleman. They will have an opportunity to contact the members of their Commission to have any input that they may wish prior to our introducing the Resolution to affect the name change. And with that we'll move on with the agenda.

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

None.

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## **VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS**

<p>Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*)</p>
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- NOTE: At the Board meeting of June 13, 2014, Chairman Scott ruled that the matter would be continued for discussion at the Commission meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**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, we're on page 4. We have a item that was tabled from our last meeting, and this was at the Board meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>. We asked that this item be continued to our next meeting which is today, and this is to request the Board approval for a variance from the Chatham County Noise Ordinance for construction of a new Isle of Hope K through 8 replacement school at 100 Parkersburg Road. And this is -- the school that will be built is in District 1, and at this time I will entertain a motion or any discussion we wish to have concerning this issue, and I recognize the Commissioner from the 1<sup>st</sup> District, our Pro Tem, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. At this time I'm not prepared to make a motion, Mr. Chairman, but I do want to catch everybody up to speed. There was a neighborhood meeting held. It was not well-attended. The contractor did a very good job of explaining what he intended to do. The number of residents that were there, and I do not have the exact addresses and locations of the residents that were there, the ones that attended were in favor of granting this variance. It was later brought to my attention by -- through emails that some of the residents that did attend were not in close proximity to the affected site, and that they were still adamantly opposed to this variance. I do think it's -- it's very unfortunate that the School Board has put the contractor in this position, coming before the County and asking for the variance due to several delays because this -- according to -- if I understood correctly, the contractor said that originally he did not intend to come and ask for this variance because they were supposed to be able to pour the concrete in the spring. So it puts us at a disadvantage here trying to know whether to grant a variance and affect the residents of the neighborhood because this project was delayed. So that is basically what I perceived from the meeting. I took a few notes and wanted to bring that forward to the Commission, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Brady from the 6<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to remove it from the table.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, okay. It's been properly moved and second that we remove it from the table. Out of abundance of caution I will let this motion go forth although I don't believe it's on the table. All in favor of moving it from the table, indicate by voting yes, opposed no. It is now removed from the table. Is there any further action?

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, I -- I would like to make a motion to grant the variance for the Chatham County Noise Ordinance for construction of the new Isle of Hope K through 8 replacement school.

Chairman Scott said, okay. The --

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, -- Commissioner from the 6<sup>th</sup> District is recognized for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second. Second.

Chairman Scott said, so you --

Commissioner Brady said, I made the motion.

Chairman Scott said, so you so move?

Commissioner Brady said, I so move.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Center said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we grant the variance from the noise ordinance for construction of the new Isle of Hope replacement school at 100 Parkersburg Road. Hearing the motion any further discussion?

Commissioner Stone said, I --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 1<sup>st</sup> District.

Commissioner Stone said, I just would encourage the fellow -- my fellow Commissioners to realize that this is going to have an impact on the surrounding residents, and from the 20 plus emails that I did receive, I think it's putting them in a very unfair position, but I just wanted to get that out there. I -- I do not intend to support this motion.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 6<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, I received a phone call from the President of the Board of Education, Dr. Joe Buck, and he -- he also attended the meeting. I was not present at that meeting, and he indicated that, you know, there was long discussion, and -- and yes, personally, I'm very sympathetic for the people who live in the surrounding area, but the bottom line is -- is the contractor has promised that there would be seven pours according to Dr. Joe Buck on that site. Now we can either pour that -- they can either pour the concrete early in the morning, and yes, there is going to be noise; there's going to be lights. There's been promises that those lights would be directed away from the residents over there, and I think it's more feasible even though it's inconvenient to do it in the morning after much thought and much conversation with contractors involving concrete pours than to do it in the middle of the day when the traffic picks up in that area. This is a very, very tight construction site because it is a replacement school, and it's -- it would be -- it would have a larger impact on entire Isle of Hope if they waited later in the day -- in my opinion, waited later in the day to pour the concrete. So I will be supporting this motion.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further discussion.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 5<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. I recognize the inconvenience that it will have on the community, but we are putting our tax dollars to work, and we made a commitment to build these schools, and I think that the community will have to do some degree of sacrificing, just like the Cloverdale Community sacrificed Butler -- Butler construction, the Beach High area, the Cann Park area when Beach was constructed, and now the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street -- 51<sup>st</sup> Street corridors are being affected with the building of the new Hodge. I think that the community will have to do some degree of sacrificing, but it won't last forever, and once it's done, I think that they will be proud of the edifices of the structure that will be constructed.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. The variance is granted.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

- a. Commissioner Brady moved to remove the item from the table. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Brady moved to grant the variance to the Chatham County Noise ordinance for the construction of the new Isle of Hope K through 8 replacement school at 100 Parkersburg Road. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried in a 6-3 vote with Commissioners Holmes, Center, Farrell, Shabazz, Brady, and Thomas voting yes; and Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter voting no.

**AGENDA ITEM: ~~IX-3~~**  
**AGENDA DATE: June 13, 2014**  
**AGENDA ITEM: VIII-1**  
**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 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 though 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, preferably 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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**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. PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW ON THE COUNTY'S INTENT TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE THAT DIFFERS FROM CALCULATED "ROLLBACK" MILLAGE RATE FOR AD VALOREM TAX PURPOSES.**

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will -- if there's no objection, we will suspend the Commission meeting for the purpose of conducting a public hearing. Hearing no objection the regular meeting is suspended, and we will now proceed with a public hearing. I -- ladies and gentlemen, I want to make sure that everybody understand that it is necessary to be in compliance with State law that the Chatham County Board of Commission conduct three public hearings prior to setting millage rates for fiscal year '14/'15, and at this time I call -- we ask that -- that anyone who wishes to address the Commission concerning the millage rate, there's a sign in pad right at the podium. If you would please sign in your name and address, and we will recognize you for the purpose of making any comments you wish to make. But the Chatham County Commission has announced it's public intentions to decrease the property taxes it will levy this year by 1.9 percent under the rollback millage rate for General Maintenance and Operation taxes and increase by 0.58 percent over the rollback millage rate for Special Service District taxes, and 1.63 percent over the rollback millage rate for Chatham County Area Transit Authority. The purpose of this hearing is to provide members of the public an opportunity to comment. The advertised millage rate for the General Fund is 11.543 mills, which is .0224 mills lower than the calculated rollback millage of 11.767 mills. The advertised millage rate for the Special Service District is 4.13 mills, which is 0.024 mills higher than the calculated rollback millage rate of 4.106 mills. The advertised millage rate for Chatham Area Transit Authority is .1 mill, which is 0.016 mills higher than the calculated rollback millage rate of .0984 mills.

Chairman Scott said, a list if provided up front as I stated earlier for anyone who wishes to speak, and the only thing that I will say that you be brief, and if someone else if -- made the comments you wish to make, I would ask that you not be redundant. At this time will the Clerk see if there's anyone who's signed up who wish to address the Commission. Okay. We have Mohammad Abdallah, who's the new Chair-elect of our Youth Commission who wish to address us.

Youth Commissioner Mohammad Abdallah said, good morning Commissioners. My name is Mohammad Abdallah. I'm the Chairman-elect for the Chatham County Youth Commission. First of all I would like to thank you for all your support, the past, numerous years, you know, that this really does make a difference because if you look at us now, we're probably 14, 15, 16, but overall this will make a great affect on our lives in the past -- in the future. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Next we have Ms. Taylor, and for those of you who have not met her, she is the Director of the Greenbriar Children's Center.

Ms. Gena Taylor said, good morning and thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Ms. Taylor said, first of all I'd like to say thank you for the opportunity to come and to share with you about Greenbriar Children's Center and also want to thank you for your continued support of the organization over the past 65 years. We are celebrating 65 years of service in the Savannah-Chatham County community, and Chatham County government has been a very strong supporter of Greenbriar Children's Center. Without your support we would not be able to do what we're able to do for families and children, and I want you to know on behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, families and children that we serve, we say thank you. Today I am making a special plea and request for funding for the purchase of a 12-passenger van for the families and children that we serve at Greenbriar Children's Center. Understand that the van is in the decision package of the -- of the County's budget, so I would plead with you to consider this van. We have -- our last van purchase has been in 2006, and we have other vans that are even older than that, and we are putting a whole lot of money in trying to maintain them, and in fact, we have been told by -- and these -- these other vans are 15-passenger vans, and we had to take a couple of them out of commission because they had become unsafe and unreliable for our children. We have also issues with the 15-passenger vans because our insurance carriers don't want to cover them because of the high liabilities that are associated with 15-passenger vans, and so we are in serious need of these vans. These vans transport our children to various appointments, to field trips. All of our programs utilize them, and as you are aware, we have four programs, the emergency shelter, our independent living program, family preservation, as well as our child care program, so we're talking about ages six months to 24 years old, and these vans are used on a daily basis. So it -- I come today pleading that you would consider supporting a purchase of a van for the children of Greenbriar Children's Center. We did not put in a request for an increase in our regular budget because this is much more of a need for us, and I'm just pleading with you today for that consideration. Thank you. Any questions?

Chairman Scott said, anybody have any questions of Ms. Taylor?

Commissioner Shabazz said, I -- I --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz of the 5<sup>th</sup> District has a question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how long has the Greenbriar Children's Center been in existence and how many locations do you have around the City?

Ms. Taylor said, Greenbriar is celebrating 65 years today. We will be 65 -- not today, we will be 65 years old in July -- on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Shabazz said, July 15<sup>th</sup>?

Ms. Taylor said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Also --

Ms. Taylor said, we have --

Commissioner Shabazz said, also, good morning. I meant to tell you good morning.

Ms. Taylor said, that's okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the independent --

Ms. Taylor said, the various locations?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Ms. Taylor said, we have our main campus on Hopkins Street, 3709 Hopkins Street. That's where our residential emergency shelter is housed. We serve children ages 12 to 17 there. These are children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect, abandonment. These are run-away and homeless children. We also have two childcare centers in the community. One is located on Tattnell Street.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Ms. Taylor said, that's Wendy's Pre-School and W.W. Law Learning Center, which is located in the W.W. Law Recreation Center.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Ms. Taylor said, we have two other programs, our independent living programs. One is for our foster care youth who are transitioning out of foster care youth who are transitioning out of foster care, ages 18 to 21 and they -- that location is at -- on Lincoln Street, 711 Lincoln Street, and then our Bull Street site is for homeless young adults 18-24, and as I said, that's on Bull Street, and that's our other independent living program.

Commissioner Shabazz said, when you say independent living, that means that there's no adult supervision? Is there adult supervision?

Ms. Taylor said, yes. They are supervised 24 hours a day. We do have staff there 24 hours a day.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Ms. Taylor said, these are young people who for whatever reason, foster care or homeless young adults who have no place else to go, and we're there to provide services to them. They work. They go to school.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Ms. Taylor said, they receive the appropriate counseling services that they need. Anything that they would need to be independent, self-supporting, self-sufficient contributing citizens in our community once they leave the program.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. And the educational component. Do you have schools that's set up right there at the Greenbriar? They attend regular school or?

Ms. Taylor said, yeah. We're very fortunate in that we're in a neighborhood where schools -- three schools are located, Beach High School, Derenne Middle School, and Hodge Elementary. So if the children are going to be with us for a substantial period of time, then they are -- they're assigned to the schools in -- in the area. However, if they're going to be there for a short period, we try to keep them in their home school so that they do not have another disruption.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And the spiritual component. Is there a spiritual component?

Ms. Taylor said, yes. They are allowed -- we don't force it, but they are allowed to attend church, and we do have some churches that will come in and minister to them.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. So at a certain age, they have the right to deny going to church if they don't want to?

Ms. Taylor said, yes. We cannot force that on them.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Ms. Taylor said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. Thank you.

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

Ms. Taylor said, all right. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we have one other person who wishes to address us, and that's Mr. David W. Dawson, Jr.

Mr. D. Wayne Dawson said, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Mr. Dawson said, my name is Wayne Dawson. I'm the executive director of the Savannah Chatham County Fair Housing Council. I think I'm probably familiar to a good number of you from having served on the CAT Board with you either currently or in the past. I appear today before you to request funding for our Fair Housing Education and Enforcement Program. We've previously entered into a purchase of service agreement with the County. Most recently we contracted for \$20,000 in 2009. As most of you know, the Federal Fair Housing Act was passed 46 years ago following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. The Act at that time barred discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, and national origin, sex or gender, which includes -- sexual harassment was added in 1974 and disability and familial status was added in 1988. Our organization is one of only two organizations in the entire state that provides such unique services. We have an educational component. We work with consumers, first time home buyers especially, that need to know their rights whenever they go to -- to seek housing. We also work on the provider side. We work with the Savannah Apartment Association and the Savannah Board of Realtors in terms of making sure that they know what their legal responsibilities are in order to comply with the law. A lot of our success in our educational component is contingent on the relationships that we've been able to build over the years. For example, in our home buyer education -- in collaborating on our home buyer education, we work with the Neighborhood Improvement Association, the Economic Opportunity Authority, and the -- and Consumer Credit Counseling of the Savannah and Chatham County Area.

Mr. Dawson said, the mission of our organization it to provide fair housing services that will result in the protection of equal housing opportunity regardless of any of the seven protected classes, again, race, color, religion, national origin, sex or gender, familial status or disability. I -- I've given you a rough proposal there, and the second page of that kind of highlights some of the accomplishments that we've been able to do. In our home buyer education, we've educated 414 people over the past year. We worked with 14 individuals to accomplish reasonable accommodation or reasonable modification. That was a provision that was added into law in 1988 when disability was added as a protected class, and this especially impacts our community because of the veterans that are returning with disabilities to live in our community, and we want to make sure that they can live in the most integrated setting possible. Finally, one other allegiance -- one other group that we've been able to work with is the Latin American Service Organization. One of the accomplishments that we had in the past year was to educate 42 individuals of Latino origin so that they would understand what their rights are.

Mr. Dawson said, now a good number of people still believe that housing discrimination has been solved. In fact, that's not the case. It still occurs. It -- it's not one of those things that we probably prefer to think about. In fact, we -- we'd probably not think about it, but a lot of people think that because we have addressed a lot of racial issues, that race is the predominant volume of complaints that is received by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In fact, disability is the highest volume of complaints that is received these days. According to data from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 53 percent of the complaints that were received by HUD in 2013 were disability related, while only 28 percent had to do with race. Many of the calls that our organization receives relate to landlord/tenant calls. Now I think a lot of people don't differentiate between what is fair and what is illegal. We focus on trying to help them make that distinction. There's many calls that we receive, such as my landlord won't return my security deposit; my landlord won't do repairs, perform repairs in a timely manner. Those are pretty much pure landlord/tenant, but if you have one property that's treated differently than another and one property's predominantly minority and the other one's prime -- primarily majority, then you may have a housing discrimination issue, and the only way to do that is to conduct an investigation, which is what we do.

Mr. Dawson said, in closing and -- and I should mention that we receive a good number of our complaints or our referrals from the Chatham County Magistrate's Court. Even though our organization is set up to do fair housing, we still try to make sure that we're working with people based on landlord/tenant, and Georgia Legal Services in the past handled such issues like that, but it's no longer important -- it's no longer one of their top three priorities that they work with. So in closing I would leave you with four points if I could. Housing discrimination still occurs. Many residents of the City and the County do not differentiate between those landlord/tenant issues and fair housing issues, and we try and educate them on both of those laws. We continue to receive complaints on sexual harassment, especially where maybe a female -- maybe a male landlord would make sexual advances on a female tenant, and that goes woefully unreported, as does a good bit of the housing discrimination that goes on. According to numbers from HUD, only one percent of the Housing Discrimination that occurs actually gets reported. So with that, I'd like to thank you for letting me come. I'd be glad to entertain any questions that you might have.

Chairman Scott said, are there any questions?

Commissioner Center said, I have a question for staff.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Dawson said, thank you.

County Manager Lee Smith said, Mr. -- Mr. Chairman, I do have one question of Mr. -- before Mr. Dawson leaves. The City of Savannah, do they contribute?

Mr. Dawson said, yes, they do. The City in the past has contributed 50 -- 53,925, I think, and then this past year they cut us back \$10,000.

County Manager Smith said, okay. What have they -- have they appropriated for this coming year?

Mr. Dawson said, they have not appropriated the community block grant because the Department of Housing and Urban Development has not given notice to the City as to what their allocation would be.

County Manager Smith said, so they're not budgeted at this time?

Mr. Dawson said, they -- they have -- we haven't contracted for that. We have contracted for general fund money.

County Manager Smith said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we have -- Commissioner Shabazz of the 5<sup>th</sup> District has a question.

Mr. Dawson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, when someone makes a -- good morning to you.

Mr. Dawson said, yes, sir. Good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, when someone makes a report of discrimination or -- when you conduct your investigations, who does the actual investigating?

Mr. Dawson said, there's two of us in our office. There's myself and our enforcement program director, Mr. Michael Stevens. I think he's familiar to -- to probably some of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Dawson said, basically what we look at is -- is the person in a protected class, and is the person being treated differently solely based on the fact that they're African American or that they have a disability or that they are Latino or that in a -- in a case of sexual harassment, based on the fact that they're female. That's the first question that we have to answer. Second question we have to answer is are we dealing with a covered property? There are several very narrow exemptions in the Fair Housing Act, and so we make sure that it is going to be actionable if we -- if we take that up. The third thing that we have to -- we have to find out is are the practices that the person is complaining about covered under the Fair Housing Act. For example are -- has somebody refused to rent, sell or negotiate for housing. Did they deny somebody housing? Did they deny an African American person while they would offer housing to a Caucasian person? Did they refuse a reasonable accommodation, a change in a policy or practice or procedure for a person with a disability? Did they refuse to allow someone to modify a home because of their disability so that they would have equal housing opportunity? In other words, did they get treated unequally, and there's some very specific discriminatory practices that are delineated in the Fair Housing Act.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Commissioner Shabazz said, so --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so after -- after there -- you find that this is actually true, then what happens after that?

Mr. Dawson said, we -- we give the complainant the option, they can either file with the Department of Housing and Urban Development or the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity which is a branch of the Governor's office, or they may elect to file in either State or Federal Court.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, you have a question?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Wayne, you said that the first thing y'all do is find out if the person's in a protected class. Does that mean that -- I mean I'm asking 'cause that statement, does that mean that if -- I'm a white guy, and I was denied housing, you couldn't help me? If it -- if I was denied based off my color?

Mr. Dawson said, absolutely not.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well, I mean, because --

Mr. Dawson said, we all -- we all have a race. We all have a color. We all have a sex or gender. The question is is somebody -- is one person being treated differently solely because of that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Mr. Dawson said, so it would be --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but I'm not in a protected class is what I'm saying. As a white guy, I'm not in any protected class so --

Mr. Dawson said, you -- you would be in a protected class.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's what I was hoping.

Mr. Dawson said, you would be right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I mean, you know, but when you said you have to discover if -- what protected class, I mean, so, good.

Mr. Dawson said, right. In -- in fact a better word might be a protected bases.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Good.

Mr. Dawson said, a protected basis.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, 'cause I -- I was just thinking that -- that being -- just breathing and being human --

Mr. Dawson said, absolutely.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- you should be protected as far as race issues.

Mr. Dawson said, it's a common -- it's a common misunderstanding, but it goes back to the difference between, you know, is -- is one person being treated differently than others --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. Good.

Mr. Dawson said, -- because of.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well y'all do a great job, and you have been, but that just kind of threw me. I was thinking that -- that wouldn't be very fair if I wasn't protected.

Mr. Dawson said, sorry for the misunderstanding.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I wasn't asking for that -- for that -- for that.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Thank you so much.

Mr. Dawson said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I think Commissioner Center has a question of our County Manager.

Commissioner Center said, yes. And again, this goes along with the question I asked earlier about another matter. If we adopted the budget as proposed, at a later date out of a contingency fund or something could we have the debate on whether or not to fund this request?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, okay. So we don't have to make any changes if we want to do it today.

County Manager Smith said, you can always debate it as you move through the year.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, no one else have signed up, so I will now declare this public hearing adjourned, and I ask that the regular order of our Commission meeting will now come to order, and we will proceed on our agenda unless there are objections.

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

For information only.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**  
**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

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

#### **ISSUE:**

To hold a Public Hearing as requested by State law on the County's intent to levy a millage rate that differs from the calculated "rollback" millage rate for ad valorem tax purposes.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Chatham County is required by State law (O.C.G.A. Code Section 48-5-32.1) to compute a "rollback" millage rate, which is the previous year's millage rate minus the millage equivalent of the total net assessed value added by reassessments of existing real property. The law further provided that, if the levying authority proposes to levy a millage rate in excess of the compound "rollback" rate, certain advertisements and three public hearings must be held before the adoption of the final millage rate.

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

1. The 2014 digest has an increase in the total net assessed value. This has resulted in a calculated rollback rate that is lower than the current millage rate. The current millage rates are higher than the rollback rates computed using the formula in state law. The proposed millage rate for the General Fund M&O is lower than the current millage rate as a result of the one-time credit for re-purposed SPLOST in accordance with the latest SPLOST referendum.
2. At its May 23, 2014 meeting, the Chatham County Commission received the schedule for advertisements and public hearings necessary to adopt the millage rates for the 2014 Tax Digest:
  - a. The advertisements required by state law stated that the Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require a -1.9% increase in General

- Maintenance and Operations, 0.58% in the Special Service District and 1.63% Chatham Area Transit Authority taxes. This gives the Board of Commissioners the option of adopted the millage rates recommended to balance the proposed budgets.
- b. For the General Fund the advertised millage rate is 11.543 mills. This is lower than the calculated "rollback" rate of 11.767 mills, by 0.224 mills, a 1.9% decrease.
  - c. For the Special Service District the advertised millage rate is 4.13 mills. This is higher than the calculated "rollback" rate of 4.106 mills, by 0.024 mills, a 0.58% increase.
  - d. For the Chatham Area Transit Authority the advertised millage rate is 1.00 mills. This is higher than the calculated "rollback" rate of 0.984 mills, by 0.016 mills, a 1.64% increase.
3. Public hearings have been scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on June 17, 2014. These hearings were advertised in the Savannah Morning News on June 9, 2014.
  4. A third public hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on June 27, 2014. That hearing will be advertised in the Savannah Morning News on June 17, 2014. After the public hearing is complete, the Board can adopted the millage rate.
  5. Also, as required by law, on June 9, 2014, Chatham County issued a press release to the Savannah Morning News and the television media announcing the above mentioned millage rates and the three public hearings.
  6. Notification of the public hearings is being broadcast on Channel 16.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Hold the public hearings on June 17, 2014.
2. Give staff alternate direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

State law requires three advertised public hearings before the adoption of any millage rate the exceeds the "rollback" rate.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: a) TRANSFER \$8,200 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE HAZ MAT BUDGET, b) DECREASE TRANSFER OUT TO CIP \$5,000, c) INCREASE THE STATE COURT CLERK'S BUDGET \$5,000, d) TRANSFER \$13,000 FROM RESTRICTED CONTINGENCY TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, e) TRANSFER \$17,100 FROM COLA CONTINGENCY TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S BUDGET FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS, f) AMEND GA JC INDIGENT COORDINATOR REVENUE \$40,000, and g) INCREASE TRANSFER OUT TO CIP \$40,000; 2) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND AMEND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$40,500 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY; 3) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND: A) DECREASE REVENUES \$5,000 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL M&O, b) DECREASE THE STATE COURT CLERK'S OFFICE FURNITURE PROJECT \$5,000, and c) CREATE A PROJECT FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE OFFICE SPACE AND INCREASE THE PROJECT \$40,000; AND 4) IN THE SALES TAX V FUND TRANSFER FUNDS AMONG PROJECTS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED MEMORANDA.**

Chairman Scott said, hearing none. Item 2 on our agenda is request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer: in the General Funds M&O: transfer \$8,200 from Contingency to Haz Mat Budget, decrease Transfer out of CIP \$5,000, increase the State Court Clerk's Budget by \$5,000, transfer \$13,000 from Restricted Contingency to the Board of Elections, transfer \$17,100 from COLA Contingency to the District Attorney's Budget for Salary and Benefits, amend Georgia JC Indigent Coordinator Revenue by \$40,000, and increase Transfer Out of CIP \$40,000; 2) in the -- in the Multiple Grant Fund Amend Revenues and Expenditures by \$40,000 [sic] for a Grant Award from Federal Emergency Management Agency; and in the Capital Improvement Fund: decrease revenues by \$5,000 Transfer In from General M&O, and decrease the State Court

Clerk's Office Furniture Project by \$5,000, and create a Project for Indigent Defense Office Space and increase the Project by \$40,000; and in Sales Tax V Fund transfer funds among Projects as Outlined in the attached memorandum. Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Holmes said, so much for a move.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve the requests. All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. It's adopted.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Holmes moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$8,200 from Contingency to the Haz Mat Budget, b) decrease Transfer out to CIP \$5,000, c) increase the State Court Clerk's Budget \$5,000, d) transfer \$13,000 from Restricted Contingency to the Board of Elections, e) transfer \$17,100 from COLA Contingency to the District Attorney's Budget for Salaries and Benefits, f) amend GA JC Indigent Coordinator Revenue \$40,000, and g) increase Transfer Out to CIP \$40,000; 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund Amend Revenues and Expenditures \$40,500 for a Grant Award from Federal Emergency Management Agency; 3) in the Capital Improvement Fund: a) decrease revenues \$5,000 Transfer In from General M&O, b) decrease the State Court Clerk's Office Furniture Project \$5,000, and c) create a Project for Indigent Defense Office Space and increase the Project \$40,000; and 4) in the Sales Tax V Fund transfer funds among Projects as Outlined in the attached memorandum. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**

**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Amy Davis, Finance Director

**ISSUE:**

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in General Fund M&O: transfer \$8,200 from Contingency to the Haz Mat Budget, b) decrease Transfer out to CIP \$5,000, c) increase the State Court Clerk's Budget \$5,000, d) transfer \$13,000 from Restricted Contingency to the Board of Elections, e) transfer \$17,100 from COLA Contingency to the District Attorney's Budget for Salaries and Benefits, f) amend GA JC Indigent Coordinator Revenue \$40,000, and g) increase Transfer Out to CIP \$40,000; 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund Amend Revenues and Expenditures \$40,500 for a Grant Award from Federal Emergency Management Agency; 3) in the Capital Improvement Fund: a) decrease revenues \$5,000 Transfer In from General M&O, b) decrease the State Court Clerk's Office Furniture Project \$5,000, and c) create a Project for Indigent Defense Office Space and increase the Project \$40,000; and 4) in the Sales Tax V Fund transfer funds among Projects as Outlined in the attached memoranda.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The City of Savannah and Chatham County share in the cost of the Haz Mat operation. The amount due for FY2013 (\$63,200) exceeds the \$55,000 budget. An \$8,200 contingency transfer is necessary.
2. The Board of Commissioners approved a \$57,000 transfer from the State Court Clerk's operating budget to CIP as its June 13, 2014 meeting. Between the time of the request and the approval by the Board, additional contractual purchases were made reducing the available funding to \$52,000. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The adopted FY2014 General M&O Fund budget included a base budget for the Board of Elections. Funds for election expenses above the base amount were budgeted in a restricted contingency to be transferred as needed. A transfer of \$13,000 is now requested. The attached budget resolution (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) for the General M&O Fund includes the transfer of funds from Other Expenditures to General Government for reporting purposes.
4. The Human Resources Director is requesting a transfer of \$17,100 from the COLA Contingency budget to the District Attorney's budget to cover salaries and wages for a 2.5% cost of living adjustment for County-paid Assistant District Attorney's (ADAs). A staff report is elsewhere on the agenda.

5. The County receives revenue from the State of Georgia for an Indigent Coordinator. The Superior Court Administrator is requesting a portion of the revenues (\$40,000) be transferred to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to renovate office space for the new Indigent Defense Unit. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
6. The Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of a Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster grant award at its December 6, 2013 meeting. The actual grant award is \$40,500. The grant will be used to update the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. 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).
7. 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).

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O and the Capital Improvement Program Fund. The budget amendment will establish funding in the Multiple Grant and the Capital Improvement Program Fund.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**GENERAL FUND M&O**

- a) Transfer \$8,200 from Contingency to the Haz Mat budget.
- b) Decrease transfer out to CIP \$5,000.
- c) Increase the State Court Clerk's budget \$5,000.
- d) Transfer \$13,000 from Restricted Contingency to the Board of Elections.
- e) Transfer \$17,100 from COLA Contingency to the District Attorney's budget for salaries and wages.
- f) Increase the GA JC Coordinator revenue \$40,000.
- g) Increase Transfer Out to CIP \$40,000.

**MULTIPLE GRANT FUND**

Increase revenues and expenditures \$40,500 for a grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND**

- a) Decrease revenues \$5,000 Transfer in from General M&O.
- b) Decrease the State Court clerk's Office Furniture project \$5,000.
- c) Increase the Indigent Defense Office Space project \$40,000.

**SALES TAX V FUND**

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

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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3. a. **TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE GENERAL FUND M&O AND ADOPT A MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.**

Chairman Scott said, Item 3, to adopt the fiscal year 2015 budget resolution for the General Fund M&O and adopt a millage rate levy resolution pursuant to Code Section 48-5-32.1. Hearing the motion -- hearing the -- and -- and then --

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-3-a**  
**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

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

**ISSUE:**

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 budget resolution for the General Fund M&O and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, authorize the Chairman to sign Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2014. The Forms are required to be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2014.

**BACKGROUND:**

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds. A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessor has scheduled delivery of the resolution during the week of July 28, 2014.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Budget was distributed to the Board on May 9, 2014. The total General Fund Recommended budget was \$164,791,513.
2. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting on May 23, 2014. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department and at Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
3. By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the budget public hearing before adopted budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Thursday, May 15, 2014 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 27, 2014.
4. If the proposed budget and millage rate are not adopted on June 27, 2014, the Board must revise the budget calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law. Adoption of continuing resolutions would be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2014. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2014 amended budget.
5. Information on the tax year 2014 tax digest was conveyed to the Board on June 13, 2014. The recommended 2014 millage has been reduced from 11.908 to 11.543 mills, a reduction of .365 mills. The decrease in the M&O millage rate is a one-time credit for re-purposed SPLOST in accordance with the latest SPLOST referendum. This amendment is included in the attached millage adoption resolution (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
6. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement was published on June 13, 2014 in the *Savannah Morning News* as required by State law. The published net General Fund millage rate of 11.543 is less than the rollback rate of 11.767 calculated by the Tax Assessor's office on Form PT 32.1.
7. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement also includes a computation for a rollback millage rate associated with the collection of local option sales tax as required by O.C.G.A. 48.8.91. Note that this rollback rate is different from the millage rollback rate calculated by the Tax Assessor's office. It is computed to be 1.31 mills and is included in the millage levy resolution as required by State law.
8. Several issues have come about subsequent to the preparation of the proposed budget. They are noted herein as items 9-16 and are summarized in Attachment 1 (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
9. A pay plan to align the Assistant District Attorneys with the county pay plan is on the current agenda. The FY2015 cost is \$34,600.
10. The pension cost for the Juvenile Court Judges, \$27,100 was not in the proposed budget. An additional \$22,000 for ankle monitors is also recommended.
11. A Supervisor for Animal Control has been added at a cost of \$89,410. \$27,200 of this amount will be transferred to CIP for a vehicle.

12. The Board of Commissioners approved a funding strategy for the Solid Waste Fund at their meeting held June 13, 2014. The Transfer to Solid Waste is increased by \$138,155.
13. The following Restricted Contingencies are recommended: Sheriff \$205,000; Animal Control \$281,385; Juvenile Court \$250,000.
14. The budget for EMS has been adjusted to the FY2014 adopted amount for a reduction of \$216,385.
15. Budget and millage levy resolutions for the Special Service District and other funds are attached to separate staff reports.
16. A listing of the new positions and reclassifications in the proposed budget is shown on Attachment II (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**FUNDING:**

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Further detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund M&O budget resolution of \$165,623,418 incorporating the amendments to the proposed budget as summarized on Attachment I, and adoption of the year 2014 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 11.543 mills (net of sales tax rollback of 1.131 mills and SPLOST Repurposing Credit of 0.365 mills). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. That the Board provides other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds. State law also requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia. Department of Revenue (O.C.G.A. 48-5-302). Georgia law further specifies methods of publication to the County ad valorem tax rate (O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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**b. TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND ADOPT A MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.**

Chairman Scott said, Item b is to adopt the fiscal year 2015 budget resolution for fiscal -- for -- for the Special District and adopt a millage levy pursuant to Code Section 48-5-32.1.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-3-b**  
**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

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

**ISSUE:**

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 budget resolution for the Special Service District and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, authorize the Chairman to sign Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2014. The Forms are required to be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2014.

**BACKGROUND:**

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds. A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessor has scheduled delivery of the resolution during the week of July 28, 2014.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Budget was distributed to the Board on May 9, 2014. The total Special Service District Recommended budget was \$29,494,021.
2. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting on May 23, 2014. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department and at Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
3. By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the budget public hearing before adopted budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Thursday, May 15, 2014 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 27, 2014.
4. If the proposed budget and millage rate are not adopted on June 27, 2014, the Board must revise the budget calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law. Adoption of continuing resolutions would be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2014. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2014 amended budget.
5. Information on the tax year 2014 tax digest was conveyed to the Board on June 13, 2014. Since the actual growth rate in the property tax digest is less than the amount assumed in the recommended budget, the proposed budget has been decreased. Tax revenues are decreased \$11,697 with a corresponding reduction in the Fuel Contingency budget. This amendment is included in the attached millage adoption resolution (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
6. The recommended millage rate of 4.13 mills is equal to the 2013 rate.
7. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement was published on June 13, 2014 in the *Savannah Morning News* as required by State law. The published net Special Service District Fund millage rate of 4.13 is greater than the rollback rate of 4.106 calculated by the Tax Assessor's office on Form PT 32.1.
8. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement also includes a computation for a rollback millage rate associated with the collection of insurance premium tax as required by O.C.G.A. 33-8-8.3. Note that this rollback rate is different from the millage rollback rate calculated by the Tax Assessor's office. It is computed to be 0.917 mills and is included in the millage levy resolution as required by State law.
9. Budget and millage levy resolutions for the General Fund M&O and other funds are attached to separate staff reports.

**FUNDING:**

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Further detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015 Special Service District Fund budget resolution of \$29,482,324 and adoption of the year 2014 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 4.13 mills (net of insurance premium tax rollback of 0.917 mills). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. That the Board provides other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds. State law also requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia. Department of Revenue (O.C.G.A. 48-5-302). Georgia law further specifies methods of publication to the County ad valorem tax rate (O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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**c. TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNTY'S PROPRIETARY FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUND, NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS.**

Chairman Scott said, and c, to adopt the fiscal year 2015 budget resolution for the County's proprietary fund, debt service fund, non-major special revenue funds and capital project funds.

Chairman Scott said, do we have a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, that's a motion to approve Item 3 a --

Commissioner Stone said, b and c.

Chairman Scott said, b, and c.

County Attorney Hart said, b and c.

Commissioner Stone said, correct.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, we got a motion and a second. Any discussion? Commissioner Center from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

Commissioner Center said, yes, sir, and I'm probably asking this to the County Manager also. I came in during the week after studying my big white work notebook that we were given several weeks ago and had several questions, and in our workbook, our suggested budget was 164 million -- I'm rounding, 164.8. Then last night, I believe we got additions, page two and four, which changes that to 165.6 million. An additional 831,000, that we're asked to add. Please help me understand. Our budget is based on our anticipated revenue and how we're going to spend that revenue.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, how did we come up with an additional 831,000 anticipated additional revenue --

Chairman Scott said, that's --

Commissioner Center said, -- from what we were given six weeks ago?

Ms. Amy Davis said, yes, the millage rate was based on a flat millage rate. As you know there was a increase in our digest, but we actually decreased our millage rate -- rate down, therefore, we did have a slight increase in the dollar amounts that we would receive from our tax mill -- millage rates, and, therefore, we were allowed somewhat of a -- wiggle room, per se, to grant some of these requests that were heard during our public hearing, or I'm sorry, our budget workshops for the departments.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Well let me make sure I'm understanding it. I'm not sure I do. When we're given this book in May to go through it, and our anticipated revenues were 164.8 million, and that was based on the same millage rates that we're talking about today. The millage rates haven't changed.

Ms. Davis said, but the digest increased.

County Attorney Hart said, growth -- growth in digest.

County Manager Smith said, that's the change.

Commissioner Farrell said, the actual digest is -- is the different than the projection.

Commissioner Center said, from six weeks ago?

County Attorney Hart said, well, we just didn't know the numbers --

Chairman Scott said, we didn't -- we didn't know the digest at that time.

Ms. Davis said, we didn't have the digest numbers.

County Manager Smith said, it was finalized.

Commissioner Center said, oh, we didn't know it.

Commissioner Farrell said, no. That was a projection.

County Attorney Hart said, we were just making a guess.

Commissioner Center said, okay. So this is as final as we have now, and we found out we've got another \$831,905.

County Attorney Hart said, subject to adjustments on fees.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Ms. Davis said, correct.

Chairman Scott said, and I might add those monies are going in contingency.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Ms. Davis said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, okay. That's --

Chairman Scott said, they're not allocated.

County Manager Smith said, they're not appropriating any line item.

Commissioner Center said, right. And our -- our -- our rollback rate was less than our advertised rate. Is that correct?

Ms. Davis said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, okay. And then we're going to deduct it even -- we're -- we're not going to rollback rate, we're just going to use that one time SPLOST rebate to change our millage rate.

Ms. Davis said, yes. Correct, that 4 million -- \$4 million SPLOST repurposing.

Commissioner Center said, well, the rollback rate is just basically informational now. We're not using it, we're using only the SPLOST amount to reduce.

Ms. Davis said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, yeah. The State law didn't anticipate anybody doing that. Therefore, we've kind of had to comply with State law but do what we said we were going to do, which is refund \$4 and a half million.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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

Chairman Scott said, any further questions?

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. Chairman, I -- I'd request that the motion that was made be amended to also include the adoption of the staff report's alternative one on each of the staff reports in support of the -- of 3 a, b, and c, dealing with the budget resolution.

Commissioner Thomas said, and I will --

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I would make that amendment to my motion.

Commissioner Thomas said, and I'll amend my 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 Stone moved to approve Items 3 a, adopt the fiscal year 2015 budget resolution for the General Fund M&O and adopt a millage rate levy resolution pursuant to Code Section 48-5-32.1 and adopt alternative

1 of the staff report; 3b, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 budget resolution for the Special Service District and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1 and adopt alternative 1 of the staff report ; and 3c, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds and adopt alternative 1 of the staff reports. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-3-c**  
**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

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

**ISSUE:**

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Budget was distributed to the Board on May 9, 2014. The total for all funds combined was \$473,659,567.
2. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting on May 23, 2014. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department and at Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
3. By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the budget public hearing before adopted budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Thursday, May 15, 2014 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 27, 2014.
4. If the proposed budget and millage rate are not adopted on June 27, 2014, adoption of a continuing resolution will be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2014. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2014 amended budget.
5. Six grants have recently been awarded the courts. These grants start July 1, 2014, total \$660,162 and are listed in Attachment I (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). The recommended Multiple Grant Fund budget has been increased to a total of \$937,562.
6. The Board of Commissioners approved a funding strategy for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund at their meeting held June 13, 2014. The recommended budget has been amended as shown on Attachment I (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). The recommended budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund is \$4,297,281.
7. The All Funds Combined summary in the proposed budget showed a budget of \$18,350,140 for the Sales Tax VI Fund. The projected revenues and expenditures have been amended to \$18,850,140. The adopted projects are the distributions to the municipalities.
8. Budget resolutions for the General Fund M&O Fund and Special Service District Fund are attached to separate staff reports. A separate staff report has also been provided for the Transit District millage levy.
9. Project budgets for the capital funds as attached to the budget resolution will be adopted upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2015 budget resolution.

**FUNDING:**

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Further detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds, incorporating the

amendments shown on Attachment I.

2. That the Board provides other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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**4. TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION FOR TAX YEAR 2014 FOR THE CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.**

Chairman Scott said, number 4 is to adopt the millage levy resolution for tax year 2014 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority. This is pursuant to our Code Section 48-5-32.1 for CAT. Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll make a motion.

Commissioner Holmes said, move for approval.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

County Attorney Hart said, and we would also request that there be a motion -- the motion be amended to adopt alternative 1 of the staff report, which does what you just did.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll amend it to -- as stated by the Attorney.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Hearing the motion, any discussion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 7<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to explain a little bit to people maybe at home about all of these budgets. We actually reduced the millage rate on the M&O portion. We kept the SSD budget the same as far as the millage rate. We also are keeping with this vote the tax -- the CAT tax millage rate exactly the same. Due to a, in my opinion, crazy state law, you have to advertise tax increases when you do not rollback the millage rate to match the increase in the tax digest from appraisals, so sometimes it's reported that a government agency actually increased taxes, when that's just simply not the case. We are one of the only communities around that I know of with something called the Stephens Day bill that actually freezes homeowners the amount that they're actually taxed on. So the people with the Stephens Day bill, they will experience absolutely no change whatsoever on the ones that we kept the same, but they will experience the reduction on the -- the M&O portion. So I just want to make that very clear that there's no tax increase taking place here today whatsoever, just a legal description by some people that didn't have anything better to do up in Atlanta. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, when -- when in fact you're experiencing a tax reduction.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, exactly.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The CAT millage is now set. The motion carries.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to adopt and approve the millage levy resolution for tax year 2014 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority, including the staff report alternative 1. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Amy Davis, Finance Director

**ISSUE:**

To adopt the millage levy resolution for the Tax Year 2014 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, authorize the Chairman to sign Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2014. The Forms are required to be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2014.

**BACKGROUND:**

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds. A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessor has scheduled delivery of the resolution during the week of July 28, 2014.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) Fund is shown as a proprietary fund within the County's financial reports. The CAT Board approved a budget of \$19,648,609 at its meeting held May 20, 2014. The County's budget resolution includes a budget for the CAT Fund of \$19,648,609.
2. Although the CAT Board separately approves the millage rate for the Transit District, the County Board of Commissioners must authorize the related millage levy resolution. The CAT Board recommended a millage rate of 1.0 mill at its meeting held May 20, 2014. The millage levy resolution herein reflects adoption of a millage rate of 1.0 mill.
3. If the millage rate is not adopted on June 27, 2014, the Board must revise the calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law.
4. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement was published on June 13, 2014 in the *Savannah Morning News* as required by State law. The published net Chatham Area Transit Authority millage rate of 1.0 is greater than the rollback rate of .984 calculated by the Tax Assessor's office on Form PT 32.1. The current millage is 1.0 mill.
5. Budget and millage levy resolutions for the General Fund M&O and other funds are attached to separate staff reports.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adoption of the millage levy resolution for the Chatham Area Transit Authority of 1.0 mill for Tax Year 2014. The related millage levy resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. That the Board provides other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds. State law also requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia. Department of Revenue (O.C.G.A. 48-5-302). Georgia law further specifies methods of publication to the County ad valorem tax rate (O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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**5. TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE**

**MILLAGE LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015.**

Chairman Scott said, this is to request Board approval for a -- a resolution clarify -- clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Brady said, move for approval.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Center said, we're on item 5, right?

Chairman Scott said, item 5.

Commissioner Center said, question.

Chairman Scott said, moved and properly second. Is there any discussion? Commissioner Center from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

Commissioner Center said, and again, I guess, Amy [Davis], did she leave? I read it, but you got to explain it to me. We're -- we're dealing with something from July 2000? I don't understand it.

Ms. Davis said, it's basically, we changed our fiscal year back in 2000 and our auditors request that we just make the clarification that this millage rate is a calendar year 2014 millage rate which covers January through December, which incorporates two different fiscal years, 2000 -- fiscal year 2014, as well as fiscal year 2015.

Commissioner Center said, which -- what we just voted on covers only through December?

Ms. Davis said, yes. It's a -- it's a fiscal -- a calendar year millage, not a fiscal year millage.

Commissioner Center said, but we're going to have to vote on the millage again in January?

Ms. Davis said, no.

Commissioner Farrell said, next year.

Commissioner Center said, I told you I didn't understand it.

Chairman Scott said, it's more or less an audit statement.

Ms. Davis said, it's an audit statement.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion? Hearing the motion, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. If you're present, you must vote.

Commissioner Center said, sorry. I was getting further explanation.

Chairman Scott said, the motion carries.

Commissioner Farrell said, the Reader's Digest version.

Commissioner Center said, the right wing version.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve a resolution clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-5**  
**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Amy J. Davis, Finance Director

**ISSUE:**

To request that the Board approve a Resolution clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 28, 2000, the County Commission approved the year 2000 Tax Levy. Prior to January 1, 2000, the adoption of the annual millage levy for the Chatham County government was for generating taxes for the County's fiscal year budget which was January 1 through December 31. With the change of the fiscal year effective in year 2000, it is necessary to clarify the tax year 2014 Millage Levy.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. A meeting was held on September 25, 2000 with the County Attorney, Richard Tindol with the audit firm Karp, Ronning & Tindol, P.C., and the Finance Director of the County to discuss the year 2000 Millage Levy and the funding for the short fiscal year.
2. The County Auditor, Richard Tindol, with the audit firm Karp, Ronning & Tindol., P.C., requested that the County Commission clarify the application of the taxes from year 2000 Millage Levy for the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.
3. The attached Resolution (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) is intended to clarify the Tax Levy for the tax year 2014.
4. The millage levy applies to all three taxing districts: the General Fund M&O, Special Service District Fund and Chatham Area Transit District Fund.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

State law requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue (Ga. Code 48-5-302).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve the attached Resolution (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

Prepared by Read DeHaven

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6. **TO PRESENT A CONTINUING RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015, FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO ENABLE THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE UNTIL THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET IS ADOPTED. THIS ACTION IS ONLY REQUIRED IF THE BOARD FAILS TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.**

[NO ACTION NEEDED ON THIS ITEM.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-6**

**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Amy Davis, Finance Director

**ISSUE:**

To present a Continuing Resolution for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 for Board approval to enable the county government to operate until the Fiscal Year 2015 budget is adopted. This action is only required if the Board fails to adopt Fiscal Year 2015 budget resolutions.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County is required by O.C.G.A. 36-81-3 to adopt a balanced budget for each fiscal year. In the event that a budget is not adopted prior to July 1, 2014, the County will need a Continuing Resolution to legally operate in the beginning months of Fiscal Year 2015.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The adoption of the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 budget is currently scheduled for June 27, 2014.
2. A Continuing Resolution is legally required to enable the County to continue to fiscally operate if budget resolutions are not adopted by June 30, 2014.
3. The attached Continuing Resolution (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) is provided for continuation in fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Operational line items would continue at fiscal 2014 levels.
4. Georgia law O.C.G.A. 36-81-3(b)(1) requires each unit of local government to adopt and operate under an annual balanced budget for the general fund, each special revenue fund and each debt service fund in use by the local government.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the attached Continuing Resolution (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). The motion to approve should state the fund(s) to be included in the Continuing Resolution.
2. Provide other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

O.C.G.A. 36-81-3(b)(1) provides for "Each unit of local government shall adopt and operate under an annual balanced budget for the General Fund, each Special Revenue Fund, and each debt service fund in use by the local government. The annual balanced budget shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution and administered in accordance with this article."

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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**7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO CREATE A FULL-TIME GRANT-FUNDED POSITION FOR CHATHAM COUNTY JUVENILE COURTS FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT (FDTC) AS A RESULT OF RECEIVING THE CJCC ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRANT.**

Chairman Scott said, we'll move on to page 6 of our agenda, and this is a request Board approval to create a full-time grant-funded position for Chatham County Juvenile Court and Family Dependency Treatment Courts as a result of receiving the CJCC Accountability Court Grant, and in the event that this Grant is no longer provided, this position will go away.

Commissioner Brady said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the creation of a full-time grant-funded position for Chatham County Juvenile Courts Family Dependency Treatment Courts as a result of receiving the CJCC Accountability Court Grants. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-7**

**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Adam Kennedy, Juvenile Court Administrator

**ISSUE:**

Request Authorization from the Commission to create a full time grant funded position for our Chatham County Juvenile Courts Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) as a result of receiving the CJCC Accountability Court Grant.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Georgia Accountability Court (GAC) Funding Program was created in 2012 by the Georgia Legislature and by Governor Nathan Deal to provide courts with the critical funding necessary to support the growth of Accountability Courts in Georgia to reduce the prison population. As a result of the recent grant award to Chatham County's Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC), funds were awarded to create a full time case manager position.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County received a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in the amount of \$249,628 to continue funding of the Chatham County Juvenile Court's Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC).
2. Included in the grant budget is \$42,500 for salary and \$25,514 for benefits to create a new full-time case manager position.
3. This position is 100% grant funded for the grant period of July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015. There are no county funds required for this position. If future grant funding is not provided this position will be eliminated.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Authorize the creation of the grant funded Case Manager position.
2. Do not authorize the creation of the grant funded position.

**FUNDING:**

This position is 100% grant funded for the grant period of July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015. There are no county funds required for this position.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Governor and the State legislature has provided funding to assist counties in implementing evidence based programs that are designed to reduce the prison population. The County and its at risk families would benefit from the creation of this grant funded Case Manager position.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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**8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S REQUEST FOR A 2.5% COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014 TO COUNTY-PAID ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS (ADAs) AND TO TIE FUTURE PAY INCREASES TO THE COUNTY'S PAY PLAN.**

Chairman Scott said, the next item for approval is to request the Board approval of the District Attorney's request for a 2.5 percent cost of living adjustment effective -- effective January 1, 2014 to County-paid assistant district attorneys and to tie future pay increases to the County's pay plan. Now, if you all recall, but it took us a little while to get here, and we have the District Attorney who is sitting in the back, and if she wish to come forward to speak on this before a motion, she may, but this is an effort to get some financial relief to the county-paid assistant district attorneys and to also -- to provide them some form of due process and the District Attorney has been so ably willing and she has adopted and drafted an -- an employee policy to accommodate the county's concern of these employees not being under the County manual. And -- and so this is what this is about. This came before us before, and we had this debate that they were not eligible because they were technically not under the county employees manual, and so this is a way to -- to address both issues, and to provide some financial relief, and at this time, I will invite the DA for any further explanation that she may have, and then I will entertain questions or a motion.

District Attorney Meg Heap said, good morning.

Commissioner Thomas said, good morning.

Ms. Heap said, thank you very much for allowing me to be here. I first want to actually thank Carolyn Smalls. She is the head of HR. We sat down and over the last couple of months, we've worked out office procedures and policies and have given them to my employees. We've also put it on the i: drive. So everybody has a copy. Everybody knows, you know, what they need to do if there's a grievance, if they have a complaint, that there are avenues that will allow them to express or -- any of the concerns they have. I also want to thank Chairman Scott for allowing me to come back. This is the COLA raise that Chatham County employees received last July, and we have worked through and created a new pay plan, again, I want to thank Carolyn Smalls. We have sat down many times to come up with something because, you know, my employees have not received any type of increases in many, many years, and I have lost employees for the sole purpose -- because they're going out into the community to get, you know, better salaries. And I need to keep these employees, my attorneys especially, because they're fighting hard, and -- and I need experienced prosecutors to combat the crime we have in Chatham County. So again I -- I thank you for allowing me to be here, and I -- and I request your help in giving the aid to my attorneys.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Shabazz said, I had a --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone from the 1<sup>st</sup> and then Commissioner Holmes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> in that order.

Commissioner Stone said, if you're ready for a motion, Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion for approval.

Chairman Scott said, I just wanted to see if there was any questions of the DA before we do it.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. That's fine.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning.

Ms. Heap said, good morning, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, Ms. Heap.

Ms. Heap said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, let me put it in this way.

Ms. Heap said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, when someone apply for a job in your department.

Ms. Heap said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, salary are discussed.

Ms. Heap said, salary is set.

Commissioner Holmes said, it's set.

Ms. Heap said, yes, sir. We have a pay plan --

Commissioner Holmes said, and the person accept the position for the salary that you offer?

Ms. Heap said, that is correct.

Commissioner Holmes said, and you keep telling us that you want to keep these employees.

Ms. Heap said, right.

Commissioner Holmes said, but what are they giving theirself a minimum time, a maximum time to work under such salary?

Ms. Heap said, well it is set -- I have two sets of attorneys in the office, some are state-paid. By statute for every Superior Court Judge you have, then that -- by statute then you have to have a state-paid assistant district attorney. They are on a pay plan based on the years of experience they have, they go in on a grid, but county employees, and that's one of the things Carolyn Smalls and I sat down, if I'm hiring you as a county assistant district attorney, again, it is based on your experience. Let's say you're right out of law school, you go into a grid

at starting salary, which I believe is like \$47,000, and you can move up to another class after five years of experience, that's how it works.

Commissioner Holmes said, mmm. I'm -- I'm going to support it, but I'm -- I'm just concerned about you keep saying you're going to lose your good employees because certain salaries are not there.

Ms. Heap said, well the county employees -- all the other county employees across Chatham County received a cost of living --

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Heap said, and I just want my employees to have the same thing as all the other county employees.

Commissioner Holmes said, but you're not the only person that losing employees.

Ms. Heap said, correct, but it does -- I -- I think Chatham County suffers. I think, you know, making our community safe is one of our number one priorities, and I think my assistant district attorneys, they got to do their job, and I want to keep them. I don't want to lose anyone. I want them to become more experienced and to protect this community.

Commissioner Holmes said, and I'm not -- I'm not contradicting what you're saying.

Ms. Heap said, right.

Commissioner Holmes said, but I'm from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. When you keep saying keep everyone safe, it's hard for me to say that out of that 2<sup>nd</sup> District if you know the boundary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District and the element of crime that take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. It's hard for me to agree with what you're saying.

Ms. Heap said, well, I don't -- I don't investigate the cases, you know, the law enforcement investigates --

Commissioner Holmes said, I --

Ms. Heap said, and what comes through my door, I want to make sure that your community is safe. One of the things we are doing in our office, just to let you know, is we are adopting a precinct and a municipality. I want my prosecutors going out there to neighborhood associations, to the precincts to help better educate our law enforcement, to go to the communities, to hear what the concerns are so if there's something going on, we'll do it. I mean, if there's a concern. I -- I don't investigate the cases. Once they come through my door I prosecute them.

Commissioner Holmes said, well, you are concerned because I just ran into you at a community meeting last month.

Ms. Heap said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, so I know -- I know where you are at. I just want to let you know, representing my District, and from when you say keep everyone safe, I want you to be inclusive to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Ms. Heap said, I -- all of Chatham County, and if there are particular concerns, I'd love to meet and if any way I can help, but I -- I just -- I just want to preface by, you know, law enforcement has got to investigate the case, arrest the person committing the crime, and then get it to me, that I don't go out and do that part. But I -- I -- I understand your concerns, and I agree.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter, do you have a question of the DA?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, I sure do.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Ms. Heap, didn't you have a problem with the pay disparity as far as at times you would hire someone new and because of the structure, the flawed structure, they would actually be paid more than someone you had working or -- or close to the same amount as someone you've had in there for years?

Ms. Heap said, yes, sir. And what had happened, they -- they -- this has occurred across the State of Georgia, they call them the lost ADAs, assistant district attorneys, is that I hired somebody right out of law school four years ago at a starting salary, and then as time has gone by, because there were no increases, they -- they stayed at a status quo, and then I -- and they have been here for five years, and I hired someone else in getting paid the exact same pay, and -- and -- and it causes morale issues. You know, most of the people in my office, the prosecutors, they're not there to make the big bucks. They'll admit it. They have a passion, whether it's,

you know, elder abuse, crimes against children, juvenile, that's what they want to do, and -- and, you know, I -- they're not going to make the big bucks, they do it for a reason, but if any way I can fight for them, I -- I feel that's my duty.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. One more question.

Ms. Heap said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, is it safe to say that you will prosecute a criminal to the same extent no matter which District they're -- they're arrested in?

Ms. Heap said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Ms. Heap said, I have to look at the evidence, how strong is my evidence, are they a repeat offender, and, you know, we're pushing my attorneys. You know, we've got burglars out there, and by golly, if they're harming us, and -- and we can prove it, then we're going to -- we're going to do what we need to do.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. I appreciate your good work.

Ms. Heap said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz from the 5<sup>th</sup> District. You have a question of the DA?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, I have a question.

Ms. Heap said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, when you first came into office there was some firing going on as well of District Attorneys.

Ms. Heap said, that's correct.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how many?

Ms. Heap said, there were six.

Commissioner Shabazz said, six, and you hired new to replace them?

Ms. Heap said, I did. I felt that the mission in my office was to get back to the prosecution of those who are victimizing people in this community, and I needed people that were experienced, and I needed people that were passionate about what they do. It's all about the victim for me. I need to make sure my victim is whole and bring justice to them in any way I can.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so the ones that you hired on, they received the same salary as those that you fired?

Ms. Heap said, some were less actually. It depends on their -- again it's -- they are hired in on their experience. There is a class. If you -- just right out of law school your salary is set here. If you have four years of experience, five years, then you go into the second step.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Thank you.

Ms. Heap said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, for -- for those of you who do not know, we have two classes of DA. We have state-paid DAs and then we have county-paid DAs, and the problem with it, the two previous District Attorneys opt out of the county plan, went into the State plan. This will get the DAs who are county-paid back into the county plan with some measure of due process, and that's all this is about, and I applaud the DA for going through the process and trying to provide some compensation for her county employees. And that's -- that's really what we got, and I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 1<sup>st</sup> District for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I make a motion to approve the request.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any further discussion? No further discussion Madam DA.

Ms. Heap said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of the District Attorney's request for a 2.5 percent cost of living adjustment effective January 1, 2014 to County-paid assistant district attorneys and to tie future pay increases to the County's pay plan. Commissioners Kicklighter and Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-8**  
**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager  
**FROM:** Carolyn A. Smalls, Human Resources Director

**ISSUE:**

Board approval of the District Attorney's request for a 2.5% cost of living adjustment effective January 1, 2014 to County-paid Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs) and to tie future pay increases to the County's pay plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the January 17, 2014 meeting, the Board considered a request by District Attorney Meg Heap to (1) adjust the salaries of certain County-paid ADA's whose salaries had become internally inequitable over time, (2) grant County-paid ADA's a 2.5% cost of living adjustment, and (3) tie future pay increases to the County's pay plan. The Board approved the District Attorney's request to adjust the salaries of the ADA's whose salaries were deemed inequitable, and postponed a decision on the remainder of the District Attorney's request.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Employees who work under the direction of the District Attorney are not covered by the County's Personnel Ordinance and Procedures Manual. The District Attorney would like to continue this practice. The Board Chairman expressed a concern regarding the District Attorney's Office being governed by the County's pay plan without being governed by other provisions of the Personnel Ordinance and Procedures Manual.
2. The Personnel Ordinance and Procedures Manual, among other things, grants County employees certain due process and procedural protections that are not afforded employees not under the Ordinance.
3. To address the Board's concerns, the District Attorney developed a comprehensive Employee Handbook to govern the employment relationship of employees in the District Attorney's Office. The Human Resources Director reviewed and edited the handbook to ensure it is comprehensive and complies with best human resources practices. The handbook provides a comprehensive set of policies regarding the governance of employment related activities in the District Attorney's Office, and provides due process and procedural protections similar to those found in the Personnel Ordinance.
4. The District Attorney elects that future pay increases for County-paid ADAs will coincide with increases for County employees instead of increases for State employees. The District Attorney will participate in the County's merit appraisal pay program and will complete performance appraisals for staff in the same manner as other County employees. Employees in the ADAs office will be eligible for the same amount or percentage increase as other County employees.
5. The District Attorney elects to retain a separate pay plan from the general County pay plan. The DA's pay plan will retain the same job class levels and the same minimum and maximum pay ranges that are currently in place, but the pay plan has been revised to eliminate the incremental steps within the ranges.

**FUNDING:**

The cost of the salary adjustment for the six month period from January 1 to June 30, 2014 is \$17,097. Funds are available in the adopted FY2014 budget. Recurring funds are budgeted for COLA adjustments in Department 1009996. These funds would be transferred to the District Attorney's budget if the Board approves the District Attorney's request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board's approval is required to amend departmental budgets and salary line items. It is the policy of the Board to provide fair employment practices for County employees.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the salary adjustments for County-paid ADAs effective January 1, 2014 and authorize the necessary budget transfers, and approve the District Attorney's request to tie future pay increases to the County's pay plan.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

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**9. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.**

Chairman Scott said, now we'll hear from our CNT Director, Director Ragan for his monthly report.

CNT Director D. Everett Ragan said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Director Ragan said, May 2014 was a fair month for CNT. We initiated 70 investigations, assisted with four agency investigations, and with -- that made a total of seven hours for them. We seized about \$6800 worth of drugs. Year to date so far we're at 3,000 -- 301,914 drugs seized. We're a little bit below what we were last year, however, we haven't -- we haven't come out with the big one yet, and we should catch up rather smartly when that one happens. Fire arms, we recovered no fire arms. The 51 guns we spoke about last month that we got out of a quote/unquote illegal gun shop, the feds are taking that, so they -- they take those stats with them.

Commissioner Center said, and the money?

Director Ragan said, arrested 14 people, and we've had two drug complaints that we picked up for the month. The individual stats for your Districts are contained, and as you can still see our hours extended in precincts, West Chatham led the way this past month, and, of course, the City of Savannah again with 9523 hours spent in the City of Savannah in this -- in May. Significant events, a couple of again, interdiction packages through -- we got off of New Castle Street with one and a half pounds of marijuana and 1405 East Park Avenue with two pounds of marijuana that we received. Again, as we had last summer, we spoke about anticipatory investigations that resulted in us pleasing Dr. Thomas very well, and we are again this summer expecting the end of the summer to be a -- a good hot month. So. Any questions anyone may have?

Chairman Scott said, any questions? Thank you so much for your thorough, polite, complete report.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, look forward to hearing from you next month.

Director Ragan said, always, sir.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

For information only.

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

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**X. ACTION CALENDAR**

<p>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.</p>
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Chairman Scott said, before we move on the action calendar, I'm going to recognize the Commissioner from the 6<sup>th</sup> District for the purpose of making an introduction.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to introduce Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, and they're in the audience, and -- and if you don't mind, Mr. Chairman, if they could make a -- just a -- a brief -- just some

brief comments about their program. It's in reference to item number 7, where we're requesting approval of the \$400 to be waived at the sports and parks space rental fees for the annual Cory Wilson Memorial Baseball

Tournament, and I just thought it would be nice for them to -- to just give a brief summary of what they did last year in reference and what they brought to this community. If you don't mind, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, nope, unless there's objection. Hearing none.

Mrs. Lisa Wilson said, first of all we'd like to thank you for having us again this year come and speak to you guys. For those in the audience that may not know, this is our son Cory, and Cory was 21 years old last year when he collapsed and died at Georgia Southern College. He had a cardiac -- sudden cardiac arrhythmia, a fatal cardiac arrhythmia, and because his symptoms were not immediately recognized and there was no one nearby to initiate CPR nor was there an automated external defibrillator in the building, Cory died. He was an incredible young man, and his memory and what we are doing in his memory has been the thing that has sustained us this past year. Last year we were fortunate enough to have friends and family begin a memorial baseball tournament in Cory's memory. He was an avid baseball player and played since the age of 4. We were very grateful -- sorry, very grateful to have the Chatham County Commissioners allow us -- or donate the -- the fields to us for this tournament, and because of the tournament, the incredible amount of support that we received, we were able to purchase five automated external defibrillators that have been placed in Chatham County Parks, as well as begin a scholarship at Georgia Southern College. We had over 500 volunteers, players, supporters for the tournament, and it has been amazing to us that almost already the same amount of people have come forward to ask for a tournament again this year. It is our goal to again purchase AEDs for county parks. I have spoken with Vicki Blumberg just this week. We've recognized some parks, identified some areas of need and that will be our plan as well from any proceeds from the tournament. We also this year are adding a 10U and 12U division that will play in Pooler. The tournament will be in the first weekend in August. We'd love for you guys to come out. Would welcome anyone to come out and play. It's fun. It's -- it's about raising money for an incredible cause that can save some lives.

Mrs. Wilson said, in the past year we've had thousands literally of people who have received education on how to perform CPR and how to use an automated defibrillator. Our community has come forward in many ways. We've had businesses; we've had churches; we've even had individual families purchase AEDs for their use. The City of Statesboro has initiated a program. I recently was fortunate enough to go to Fort Stewart to -- to talk about this and will be going back next week, and just two weeks ago was fortunate enough to go and -- and visit with Governor Deal and share his story -- Cory's story, as well as share the support that we have received from Chatham County to make awareness of this need more prevalent to our community. We thank you guys again for offering us the opportunity to come. We pray that you will never, ever have to use an automated external defibrillator or have to perform CPR, but we ask that you do look into at least a hands only video or class so that you will know what to do if this arises. Finally, just a last note, our daughter was in Italy this past month. She pulled a man from the waters of Sorrento. She initiated CPR, assisted with that. The man did not live. There was no AED available, and although that part of the story was sad, the -- the very happy part for her was that she knew what to do. And sometimes that's all you have to go on is that you knew what to do. Whether or not it works is not always in our hands. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, all right. Thank you all for coming.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Kenny Wilson said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Wilson said, I just -- I don't want to take up any more of your time, but I just wanted to tell all of y'all thank y'all for your -- for your support.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, may I just make a comment?

Chairman Scott said, yes. Recognize the Commissioner from the 8<sup>th</sup> District, our Vice Chair, Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you very much. I know my fellow Commissioners join me in feeling your pain and your loss, and I think that what you are doing is very exceptional, and I would ask that the entire community hear what you are saying here today, step forward, and make this even bigger than what it is because when you know what to do, many lives can be saved, and I appreciate what you have done thus far, and I just want to say that you're going to continue to be strong because you never know until you have lost someone how precious they are to you. So I feel your pain and if all is well, I will try to participate with you on that event because I think it's a very worthy cause. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Brady said, I -- I --

Chairman Scott said, anyone else? I recognize the Commissioner from the 6<sup>th</sup> District for further comments.

Commissioner Brady said, Cory is looking down on both of you right now, and he is the most proud son there is in heaven right now, and I'm so sorry for your tragic loss. We appreciate everything you're doing in his behalf.

Mrs. Wilson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, again. Thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, now I will entertain a motion to approve the action calendar.

Commissioner Brady said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve the Action Calendar. All in favor of the motion -- any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The Action Calendar is approved.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 11 and under Item 11, Items A through Q. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2014, AND TWO BUDGET HEARINGS ON JUNE 17, 2014, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2014, and the two public hearings on June 17, 2014, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 5, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 18, 2014.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of June 5, 2014 through June 18, 2014, in the amount of \$5,232,902. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. **INFORMATION ABOUT THE FINANCING SCHEDULE TO REFUND THE DOWNTOWN SAVANNAH AUTHORITY SERIES 2005 BONDS.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the information about the financing schedule to refund the Downtown Savannah Authority Series 2005 bonds. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**

**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager  
**FROM:** Linda B. Cramer, Assistant County Manager

**ISSUE:**

To provide information about the financing schedule to refund the Downtown Savannah Authority Series 2005 Bonds.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County's financial advisor, PFM Group, has analyzed debt service payments on the County's DSA Series 2005 Bonds and has concluded that current market interest rates would provide savings to the County if the debt was refinanced. A series of steps are required to refund/refinance the 2005 bonds. The refunding is complicated in part by the fact that the Series 2005 bonds included an advance refunding of the County's obligations under the DSA Series 1993 bonds, and therefore the closing on the new bonds has been pushed back to October 2014.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. On April 11, 2014 the Board authorized staff to proceed with refunding the Downtown Savannah Authority (DSA) Series 2005 Bonds. These bonds were issued through the DSA on behalf of the County in 2005. The original principal amount of the bonds was \$29,055,000. Approximately \$10.1 million remains outstanding with final maturity on January 1, 2026. The bonds carry interest costs of 4% to 5%, depending on their maturity date.
2. The County proposes to refund bonds totaling \$9,555,000 from the 2005 bond issue, representing debt service payable in fiscal year 2016 through 2026. The financial advisor will market this as bank qualified debt and will request bids from a number of banks through a request-for-proposal process.
3. Current interest rates are below the 2005 rates, and the lower cost of borrowing provides the County with savings. Preliminary analysis has provided savings estimates of over \$100,000 per year based on interest rates below 2%.
4. The Mayor of Savannah serves as Chairperson of the Downtown Savannah Authority. Chairman Scott contacted Mayor Jackson on June 3, 2014, requesting the DSA's participation in the refinancing. The Mayor responded affirmatively on June 5, 2014.
5. A Financing Schedule has been developed and is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) for information. The key date for Board action will be August 29, 2014 when the Board will be asked to approve pricing and validate the bond sale. Note that required advertisements were published on June 20, 2014.

**FUNDING:**

Debt service funding is provided in the county's General Fund M&O budget. The refunded debt will lower required debt service payments beginning in fiscal year 2016.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

Chatham County has previously restructured bond debt to take advantage of lower interest rates, and this plan would provide similar benefits by lowering annual debt service payments.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

For information only.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For information only.

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO CONVEY A PORTION OF PARCEL 7 ON HUTCHINSON TO CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR A GRANT MATCH FOR THE CAT INTERMODAL CENTER.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval to convey a portion of Parcel 7 on Hutchinson Island to Chatham Area Transit Authority to be used for a grant match for the CAT Intermodal Center. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**

**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney and Michael A. Kaigler, Assistant County Manager

**ISSUE:**

To authorize the Chairman to execute the necessary deeds and documents to transfer title to a portion of parcel 7, slip 3, Hutchinson Island. This parcel is designated on a Thomas and Hutton plat dated January 14, 2014, as parcel 7D (marsh and wetlands) and parcel 7C. The purpose of the conveyance is to allow Chatham Area Transit ("CAT") to use parcels conveyed as a 20% match for a grant.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County is the owner of a multi-parcel development tract known as parcel 7 on the east side of slip 3, Hutchinson Island. This property is subject to an Intergovernmental Sublease to the Georgia International Maritime Trade Center Authority (GIMTCA) for purposes of future development. It has been the desire of GIMTCA and the County to provide multiple forms of intermodal ferry service and bus transportation. CAT has the opportunity to obtain a \$1.6 million grant with a 20% local match sponsored by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA). Proceeds would be used to construct an intermodal public transportation facility that would create a new landside ferry connected to bus transportation.

CAT has requested the GIMTCA to approve release from the sublease and conveyance by the County of Parcels 7D and 7C to allow for roads, walkways and intermodal facility. GIMTCA has agreed to the release of these parcels in order that CAT could obtain conveyance of two parcels to meet the 20% grant match requirement. Parcel 7D is composed of wetlands and marshlands that will have development challenges, unless re-mediation is undertaken, but has value for part of the match. Parcel 7C is the portion of the property upon which the facility, roadways of ingress and egress will be constructed. Parcel 7C and 7D were modified in dimensions so as to minimize future impact on the development on the remaining parcels in tract 7, slip 3. Should for any reason CAT not build the facilities contemplated as part of 7D and 7C conveyance, the property would revert back to the County. The County is also allowing easements of ingress and egress concerning the common road system on Hutchinson Island.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The County is the owner of a multi-parcel development tract known as parcel 7 on the east side of slip 3, Hutchinson Island and is subject to an Intergovernmental Sublease to the Georgia International Maritime Trade Center Authority (GIMTCA) for purposes of future development.
2. It has been the desire of GIMTCA and the County to provide multiple forms of intermodal ferry services and bus transportation.
3. CAT has the opportunity to obtain a \$1.6 million grant with a 20% local match sponsored by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA). Proceeds would be used to construct an intermodal public transportation facility that would create a new landside ferry connected to bus transportation.
4. CAT has requested the GIMTCA to approve release from the sublease and conveyance by the County of Parcels 7D and 7C to allow for roads, walkways and intermodal facility.
5. GIMTCA has agreed to the release of these parcels in order that CAT could obtain conveyance of two parcels to meet the 20% grant match requirement.
6. Parcel 7D is composed of wetlands and marshlands that will have development challenges, unless re-mediation is undertaken, but has value for part of the match.
7. Parcel 7C is the portion of the property upon which the facility, roadway of ingress and egress will be constructed.

8. Parcel 7C and 7D were modified in dimensions so as to minimize future impact on the development on the remaining parcels in tract 7, slip 3.
9. Should for any reason CAT not build the facilities contemplated as part of 7D and 7C conveyance, the property would revert back to the County.
10. The County is also allowing easements of ingress and egress concerning the common road system on Hutchinson Island.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board of Commissioners and GIMTCA have a strong desire to see Hutchinson Island further developed and the installation of a intermodal facility interconnecting with the ferry system and use by the Trade Center and other development may enhance development prospects.

**FUNDING:**

No funds will be needed as the transfer of this asset is in fee simple and clear of any debt of financing obligations.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the transfer of land execution of release from sublease and easements of ingress and egress.
2. Do not approve the transfer of land execution of release from sublease and easements of ingress and egress.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Alternative 1.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$192,200 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH FOR THE VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ITS SUBSEQUENT AWARD. NO COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval of a federal grant application for \$192,200 from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health for the Violence intervention Program and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**

**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Sheryl Jones, Violence Intervention Program Coordinator

**ISSUE:**

To request Board approval of a federal grant application from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health for the Violence Intervention Program and authorize the Chairman to sign any document related to the grant application and its subsequent award.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Violence Intervention Program is applying for **\$192,200.00** which includes the salary and benefits for the Coordinator and two part-time employees, staff travel and training, supplies, equipment, contractual fees, and transportation.
2. The grant does not require a match. **No additional funds from the County are required.**
3. The grant will run for one year with an option for renewal. The starting grant cycle is September 2014-August 2015.

**FUNDING:**

No additional County funds are required.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approves the Violence Intervention Program to submit the federal grant application from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award; or
2. That the Board not approve the Violence Intervention Program to submit the federal grant application from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

No additional funds from Chatham County are required. There is no match required. Funds for the Violence Intervention Program are set to end December 31, 2014. The Violence Intervention Program is seeking additional revenue to continue funding for this program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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**6. REQUEST FROM THE TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PERIOD 2007 THROUGH 2014, WITH AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO INSTRUCT THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS NOT TO CREATE A 2015 ASSESSMENT AND/OR ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SAME PROPERTIES.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval for the Tax Commissioner's office to write off uncollectible property taxes for the period 2007 through 2014 and the Board further instructs the Board of Assessors not to create a 2015 assessment and/or any subsequent assessment of the same properties. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**

**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager  
**THRU:** Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner  
**FROM:** Theresa C. Harrelson, Special Projects Accountant

**ISSUE:**

To present a request to the Board for the Tax Commissioner's Office to write off uncollectible Property Taxes for the period 2007 through 2014. With an additional request for them to instruct the Board of Assessor's not to create a 2015 assessment and/or any subsequent assessment of the same properties.

**BACKGROUND:**

During the period 2007 through 2014 numerous personal property and mobile home tax accounts on the county's Tax Digest remain uncollected. These accounts are uncollectible for many reasons such as the owner(s) cannot be located; the owner(s) have moved; the owner(s) are deceased; the business is no longer in operation or has no assets or a bankruptcy judgment has been paid less than 100 cents on the dollar. Therefore, the balance outstanding in these accounts cannot be collected.

The amount of uncollectible personal property and mobile home taxes determined thus far for the period of 2007 through 2014 total \$49,188.78 that consists of 95 tax bills as summarized:

Tax Year	No. Receipts	Total Tax Due	County Portion
2007	2	276.63	111.88
2008	0	0.00	0.00
2009	5	3,313.09	1,350.80
2010	8	3,559.55	1,379.57
2011	19	8,356.40	3,306.19
2012	37	17,026.00	6,715.50

2013	20	16,595.46	6,627.20
2014	4	61.65	23.80
	<u>95</u>	<u>\$ 49,188.78</u>	<u>\$ 19,514.94</u>

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. When yearly audits are performed by both External and State Auditors, as well as periodical audits by Internal Auditors, it has been their recommendation to write off these uncollectible accounts.
2. A copy of the schedule listing all the accounts is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Tax Commissioner's request to write off these uncollectible accounts.
2. Do not approve the Tax Commissioner's request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

By writing off these uncollectible personal property accounts the County will be working with an accurate Tax Digest and valid delinquent accounts receivable records.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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**7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE SPORTS AND PARKS SPACE FEES FOR THE ANNUAL CORY WILSON MEMORIAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT AT THE JIM GOLDEN SPORTS COMPLEX IN STELL PARK. [DISTRICT 5.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval to waive the sports and parks space fee for the annual Cory Wilson Memorial Baseball tournament at the Jim Golden Sports Complex in Stell Park. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-7**

**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Robert Drewry, Director, Public Works and Park Services Department

**ISSUE:**

Request Board approval to waive the \$400.00 Sports and Parks space rental fees for the annual Cory Wilson Memorial Baseball Tournament at the Jim Golden Sports Complex in Stell Park.

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 12, 2013 the Board approved to waive the Sports and Parks Rental Fees for the inaugural tournament. The proceeds of the tournament were used to purchase and donate an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the Jim Golden Sports Complex.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Cory Wilson was an avid baseball player who at 20 years old died of a heart related illness while in class at Georgia Southern University. His parents, Lisa and Kenny Wilson, have been inspired to coordinate the purchase of an AED in public locations such as airports, colleges, etc.
2. The initial pledge was to provide and donate one (1) AED for installation at the Jim Golden Sports Complex. However, the tournament last year provided enough funding to purchase four (4) additional AED's which were donated to Chatham County and installed at the Charles C. Brooks Sports Complex, the Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex, Ambuc Park, and Memorial Stadium. The estimated cost for the five (5) AEDs was \$7,500.
3. The proceeds for this year's tournament will be used to purchase and donate AED's

throughout the community.

4. The rental fee for the Jim Golden Sports Complex for a two (2) date baseball tournament is \$400.00
5. This year's tournament is scheduled for August 1 & 2.

**FUNDING:**

No funding is required.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

Staff cannot waive fees. Board action is required to waive fees.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board to waive the \$400.00 Sports and Parks Space Rental fee for the annual Cory Wilson Memorial Baseball Tournament at the Jim Golden Sports Complex in Stell Park.
2. Board to provide staff with other direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board approve Alternative #1

District: 5

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8. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A PERMIT TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER ONLY) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT IN CHATHAM COUNTY: PETITIONER: FISHIN' FOR JAMIE, INC., A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, THROUGH APPLICANT WILLIAM J. CURRY, FOR A FUND RAISER AT 36 WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD, 31410, ON AUGUST 1-3, 2014. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval of a permit to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer only) for a special event in Chatham County. The Petitioner is Fishin' for Jamie, Inc., a non-profit organization through applicant William J. Curry, for a fundraiser at 36 Wilmington Island Road on August 1-3, 2014. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-8**

**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

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

**ISSUE:**

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County on August 1-3, 2014.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. **Fishin' for Jamie, Inc.**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **William J. Curry** has filed a Special Event Application for a fundraiser at 36 Wilmington Island Road, Savannah, GA 31410. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer only) at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event.

2. Deny permit.
3. Provide direction to staff.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Alcoholic Beverages Code prohibits the sale, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages during a special event without a permit and approval of the Board of Commissioners.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Alternative #1

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- 9. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER: HEMENDRA PATEL, D/B/A SHIPYARD LIQUOR STORE, LOCATED AT 108 C SHIPYARD ROAD, 31406. [DISTRICT 1.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved the Board for transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. The Petitioner is Hemendra Patel d/b/a Shipyard Liquor Store located at 108 C Shipyard Road, 31406. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-9**

**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 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 a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. Petitioner: **Hemendra Patel, d/b/a Shipyard Liquor Store** located at **108 C Shipyard Road, 31406.**

**BACKGROUND:**

Mr. Patel requests approval for a transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with a new package shop.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**District 1**

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Acting Chief Julie Tolbert

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- 10. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER:**

**ORLANDO SCOTT, D/B/A DOLLAR GENERAL STORES, #13629, LOCATED AT  
1920 E. PRESIDENT STREET, 31404.**

**[DISTRICT 3.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval for a new beer and wine license for 2014. The petitioner is Orlando Scott, d/b/a Dollar General Stores, #13629, located at 1920 East President Street. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-10**

**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 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: **Orlando Scott, d/b/a Dollar General Stores, #13629** located at **1920 East President Street, 31404.**

**BACKGROUND:**

Orlando Scott requests approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing general merchandise 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 3**

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Acting Chief Julie Tolbert

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for approval to award bids as follows: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.) Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Construction contract for the Cottonvale Road Drainage Improvement project	Engineering	First City Utilities, Inc.	\$84,980	SPLOST (2003-2008) Drainage - Cottonvale Drainage
B. One (1) Minolta MK II Publication Scanner and five (5) Konica Minolta MK II Microfilm conversion scanners for the Superior Court Clerk's Office	Superior Court Clerk	Milner, Inc.	\$70,806	Superior Court Clerk Restricted
C. Annual software maintenance agreement for Building Safety & Regulatory Services	I.C.S.	ACS Government Systems, Inc.	\$10,313	General Fund/M & O - Building Safety & Regulatory Services
D. Annual contract with the option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for printing services for various departments and agencies of Chatham County	Purchasing and Contracting	VIP Office Furniture and Supply	Various	•General Fund/M&O - Various Departments •SSD - Various Departments
E. Change Order No. 3 to the annual contract for fire extinguisher services to add the Savannah-Chatham Drug Court to the scope of services	Facilities Maintenance	Pye Barker Fire and Safety, Inc.	\$216	General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator
F. Annual contract with the option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide rental vehicles as needed for Risk Management and employee rentals	Risk Management	Enterprise Leasing Company	Varies	Risk Management Fund B - Claims and Judgments
G. Annual renewal for Cisco Smartnet maintenance and support for all hardware and software for the Cisco network equipment	I.C.S.	Cisco Systems Capital Corporation	\$59,550	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
H. Renewal of a Microsoft Enterprise software license agreement for the I.C.S. Department	I.C.S.	CDW-G	\$203,598	Computer Replacement Fund - I.C.S.
I. 100 horsepower pump for the main pumping station on Central Avenue for Public Works and Park Services	Public Works and Park Services	Custom Pump and Control, Inc.	\$19,209	Water and Sewer
J. Annual professional service contract with a renewal option for one (1) additional year to provide drug treatment services for the Savannah-Chatham County Superior Court Drug Court	Superior Court Administration	Recovery Place, Inc.	\$520 per client, per month	•CJCC - \$214,226 - Awarded •DBHDD - \$194,750 - Pending •DATE funds - As available •Client Fees - \$1500 per client •Court Administration funds - As approved

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
K. Annual price agreements for the purchase of various chemicals, in the forms of liquid, pellets and granules for Chatham County Mosquito Control	Mosquito Control	•Adapco, Inc. •AllPro Vector Group •Clarke Mosquito Control Products •Univar USA	Various	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
L. Professional engineering services for pedestrian improvements for the Bradley Point Sidewalk project	Engineering	RS&H	\$99,961	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Bradley Point Sidewalks (Pending Budget Transfer)
M. Software lease agreement for a Land Records Image Based Management System for the Chatham County Superior Court	Superior Court Clerk	Cott Systems	\$41,600	Superior Court Clerk Restricted
N. Revise award amount for the replacement of the VHF radio equipment and installation services for emergency warning and response paging system	I.C.S.	•Motorola Solutions, Inc. •Savannah Communications	•\$21,212 •\$33,666	•General Fund/M&O - I.C.S. •General Fund/M&O - Communications
O. Batteries for voting machines	Board of Elections	Elections Systems and Software, Inc.	\$24,667	General Fund/M&O - Board of Elections

**AGENDA ITEM: X-14 A thru Q****AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2014**

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER**

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

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS**

**ITEM A**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$84,980 construction contract with First City Utilities, Inc., for the Cottonvale Road Drainage Improvement project.

**BACKGROUND:** An existing ditch connects Cottonvale Road to the Cottonvale Canal. This ditch drains approximately 38 acres, including portions of Cottonvale Estates subdivision, Salt Creek Landing subdivision, and Cottonvale Plantation subdivision. Along the ditch are several undersized culverts.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project is located at 204 Cottonvale Road in unincorporated Chatham County.
2. The project will replace two undersized culverts and remove one undersized culvert. This will improve drainage for the area.
3. The proposed construction lies within an existing drainage easement and right-of-way.
4. The project was properly advertised and five bids were received and opened May 22, 2014. The bid results are as follows:

**	First City Utilities, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$84,980
	Yates Paving Corporation Savannah, GA	\$89,800

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| ** | E&D Contracting Services, Inc.<br>Savannah, GA       | \$110,532 |
|    | A.D. Williams Construction Co.<br>Savannah, GA       | \$112,000 |
| *  | Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc.<br>Pt. Wentworth, GA | \$218,645 |
| *  | MBE firm      ** WBE firm                            |           |

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) Drainage - Cottonvale Drainage  
(3234250 - 54.14021 - 32380587)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Board approval of a \$84,980 construction contract with First City Utilities, Inc., for the Cottonvale Road Drainage Improvement project.
- Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve awards of contracts to the low, responsive, responsible bidder.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

MARK BUCALO

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$70,806 purchase for one (1) Minolta PS70000c MK II Publication Scanner and five (5) Konica Minolta MS6000 MK II Microfilm conversion scanners from Milner, Inc., for the Superior Court Clerk's Office.

**BACKGROUND:** The Clerk of Superior Court is a constitutional office mandated by law to meet the requirements set forth in the Official Code of Georgia. Those requirements include accepting, maintaining and preserving all records pertaining to the Court. Considering the age factor along with the wear and tear associated with current hardware used in public research environment in addition to technology changes, current microfilm and scanning machines need to be replaced.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- This microfilm reader conversion equipment and scanner are necessary components for the operational standards set by the Clerk of Superior Court for proper archiving and viewing of current and historical records for office and public use.
- A new microfilm reader conversion system is necessary for the viewing of current historical records on microfilm. Maintenance and support for the first three years are included in the initial purchase and is substantially lower than on the current system.
- This is also a key component for the plan of disaster recovery and meeting department objectives to provide the public a more modern enhanced real estate records system. The new hardware allows for faster backup/recovery of data, further reducing the overall cost to the county.
- Bids were properly advertised and opened on June 17, 2014. The bid responses are as follows:

Milner, Inc. Norcross, GA	\$70,806
Datek, LTD Roswell, GA	\$79,630
- Staff believes the total cost \$70,806 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Superior Court Clerk Restricted  
(2172180 - 53.17009)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Board approval of a \$70,806 purchase for one (1) Minolta PS70000c MK II Publication Scanner and five (5) Konica Minolta MS6000 MK II Microfilm conversion scanners from Milner, Inc., for the Superior Court Clerk's Office.

2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of equipment required by using departments.

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

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

#### ITEM C

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$10,313 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for Building Safety & Regulatory Services.

**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. This is the Building and Safety portion of the cost which was awarded to ACS on June 13, 2014. Staff believes the total cost of \$10,313 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Building Safety & Regulatory Services  
(5707210 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$10,313 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for Building Safety & Regulatory Services.
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
MELVA SHARPE

#### ITEM D

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award an annual contract with the option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for printing services to VIP Office Furniture and Supply to provide various printing requirements for the departments and agencies of Chatham County.

**BACKGROUND:** The County purchases large quantities of envelopes, multi-part forms, business cards and letterhead during the course of a year. The annual contract establishes pricing for these items and facilitates their purchase.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Pricing for 12 categories of printing with various quantities for each category, resulting in the solicitation of 53 individual prices. Please see attached itemized list (pages 17-19) which delineates each item and unit cost offered by each bidder.
2. Bids were received from five (5) bidders. The bidders were:

\*\* VIP Office Furniture and Supply  
Savannah, GA

\*\* Clark Creative  
Savannah, GA

\*\* AlphaGraphics  
Savannah, GA

The Print Shop  
Savannah, GA

Bennett Printing Company  
Savannah, GA

\*\* WBE

3. The lowest cost proposal was submitted by VIP Office. Staff believes the bid from VIP Office Furniture and Supply is fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award an annual contract with the option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for printing services to VIP Office Furniture and Supply to provide various printing requirements for the departments and agencies of Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 3 to the annual contract for fire extinguisher services in the amount of \$216 annually with Pye Barker Fire and Safety, Inc., to add to the scope of service the Savannah-Chatham Drug Court located 1464 E. Victory Drive.

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. All fire extinguishers require an annual inspection, hydrostatic testing, recharging and six (6) year service and maintenance as required by National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA).
2. The Drug Court has four (4) 4.5 fire extinguishers that were not included on the contract.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator  
(1002100 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 3 to the annual contract for fire extinguisher services in the amount of \$216 annually with Pye Barker Fire and Safety, Inc., to add to the scope of service the Savannah-Chatham Drug Court located 1464 E. Victory Drive.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award an annual contract with the option to renew for four (4)

additional one (1) year terms to Enterprise Leasing Company, to provide rental vehicles to claimants whose vehicles were damaged as the result of an at-fault accident involving the operation of a County-owned vehicle and also employee rental on an as needed basis.

**BACKGROUND:** When requested, Chatham County provides claimants rental vehicles if, their vehicle is unsafe to operate or while their damaged vehicle is being repaired.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County performs in-house claims adjustment. Claims adjustment includes providing the claimant a similar model vehicle as the model that was damaged.
2. The claimant has the option of a loss of use allowance of \$30/day in lieu of accepting a rental vehicle. In some cases, daily rental rates may exceed the loss of use allowance of \$30/day.
3. Bids were properly advertised and opened on April 23, 2014. The County received one bid from Enterprise Leasing Company. A copy of daily and weekly rates along with the insurance rate for employees is attached, see page 20.
4. Staff believes the bid from Enterprise Leasing Company is fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Risk Management Fund B - Claims and Judgments  
(6259925 - 57.30101)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award an annual contract with the option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to Enterprise Leasing Company, to provide rental vehicles to claimants whose vehicles were damaged as the result of an at-fault accident involving the operation of a County-owned vehicle and also employee rental on an as needed basis.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** County claims adjustment incorporates the concept of indemnity whereby claimants are to be returned to the same economic condition as before the accident. Acceptance of Enterprise's bid will enable the County to continue that practice.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$59,550 annual renewal for Cisco Smartnet maintenance and support for all hardware and software for the Cisco network equipment from Cisco Systems Capital Corporation for the I.C.S. Department.

**BACKGROUND:** The entire County network operates on a Cisco Network and this support is essential to ensure functioning network operations. This maintenance provides hardware and software support, upgrades and replacements for one year for our Cisco equipment. The support is supplied directly from Cisco Systems but through Entre Solutions, a local authorized Cisco Partner. This contract provides 24 x 7 tech support 365 days a year. It gives advance hardware replacement for any equipment 24 x 7, advanced software configuration, interoperability and upgrade questions via tech support and hardware and software information.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The maintenance is required to provide hardware and software support to maintain the County Cisco network.
2. The pricing is in accordance with a three (3) year pricing agreement proposed by Cisco in 2013. Staff believes the total cost of \$59,550 for Smartnet maintenance on all the Cisco equipment to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$59,550 annual renewal for Cisco Smartnet maintenance and support for all hardware and software for the Cisco network equipment from Cisco Systems Capital Corporation for the I.C.S. Department.

2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary computer equipment system support 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 H

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$203,598 renewal of a Microsoft Enterprise software license agreement with CDW-G for the I.C.S. Department.

**BACKGROUND:** The County has converted from NetWare servers to Windows servers for better job productivity. This Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft Corporation through CDW-G, for licensing of software will be used on each Chatham County workstation. These licenses are required to run various software applications throughout the Chatham County network.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Enterprise Agreement provides software upgrades and software support for Windows, Exchange, SharePoint, and SMS servers during the life of the agreement.
2. The County has a strong network based on Microsoft products. Buying the Microsoft licenses under this Enterprise agreement saves the County money.
3. Staff believes pricing of \$203,598 is fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Computer Replacement Fund - I.C.S.  
(6051535 – 54.24004)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$203,598 renewal of a Microsoft Enterprise software license agreement with CDW-G for the I.C.S. Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary support for applications use for job productivity.

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

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
NICK BATEY

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

#### ITEM I

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$19,209 purchase for a 100 horsepower pump for the main pumping station on Central Avenue from Custom Pump and Control, Inc., for Public Works and Park Services.

**BACKGROUND:** A full rehab of the Central Avenue Pumping Station was completed in September, 2006. At that time, two (2) new Meyers pumps were installed. Lift stations are normally designed to utilize two (2) alternating pumps for maximum efficiency.

Several months ago, it was determined that only one (1) of the two (2) pumps was functioning. Staff removed the non-functioning pump for a repair assessment. The estimated repair cost was over \$12,000. This same pump had been repaired at least one (1) previous time after the major rehab in 2006. Due to the age of the pump, the previous repair and the cost of the proposed repairs, it was deemed more cost effective to purchase a new pump.

During the time between the malfunction of the first pump and the time that specifications could be developed and sent out for bid, the remaining pump failed creating a significant sewer spill on Cardinal Avenue. At that point, Staff prepared an emergency purchase request to replace the first pump that

failed, which was approved, ordered and finally installed on June 18, 2014.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Central Avenue is a primary pumping station that receives sewage from seven (7) other lift stations and numerous areas of gravity fed sewer. The sewage is then pumped to the City of Savannah for treatment.
2. Bids were properly advertised and opened on June 10, 2014. Bid responses are as follows:
 

Custom Pump & Controls Jacksonville, FL	\$19,209
GoForth Williamson, Inc. Griffin, GA	\$21,696
3. Staff believes the bid submitted by Custom Pump and Control, Inc. to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Water and Sewer  
(5054400 - 54.25001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$19,209 purchase for a 100 horsepower pump for the main pumping station on Central Avenue from Custom Pump and Control, Inc. for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award an annual professional service contract with a renewal option for one (1) additional year, with Recovery Place, Inc., Savannah, GA, to provide drug treatment services in the amount of \$520 per client per month for the Savannah-Chatham County Superior Court Drug Court.

**BACKGROUND:** A substance abuse treatment service provider is required to provide drug treatment in an intensive outpatient program setting to all clients who meet the minimum criteria established by and referred by the Savannah-Chatham County Superior Court Drug Court Judge.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. This contract will be a continuation of current services. Recovery Place, Inc. has provided services for the treatment component for the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court since 2001. Grant funds have been acquired each year to fund approximately 60% of the costs associated with the continuation of these services.
2. The Superior Court Administrator negotiated with Recovery Place Inc., of Savannah, to provide all case management and treatment services consistent with an ASAM Level II.I program including; LSI-R assessments; medical screening; anger management; trauma services; random, witnessed urine drug screens (with creatinine levels test strips as supplied by SCCDC) x 2 weekly; manualized "programming that addresses criminogenic risk factors" - (MRT, TFAC, etc) provided by certified trainers and mandated by Georgia Adult Drug Court Treatment Standards; and attend required training. Further, Recovery Place, Inc. agrees to provide a licensed facility appropriate and sufficient for providing substance abuse and GED services. Recovery Place, Inc. will provide a Certificate of Insurance, CARF Accreditation Certificate, and the Business License for the site. Program data will be made available upon request in an appropriate format to authorized auditors, evaluators, and administrators.
3. Recovery Place of Savannah quoted the Superior Court Administrator a cost of \$520 per client per month, based on 50-100 clients per month.
4. Staff believes the quote of \$520 per client per month to be fair and reasonable. This cost increased \$70 per client per month from the prior contract, but included additional treatment modalities required by the State and the cost of housing and providing supplies and equipment for the program.

5. The Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court received \$194,750 in grant funding for FY 2013 from the DBHDD and approximately \$214,226 in grant funding for FY2014 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

**FUNDING:**

- CJCC - \$214,226 - Awarded
- DBHDD - \$194,750 - Pending
- DATE funds - As available
- Client Fees - \$1500 per client
- Court Administration funds - As approved

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award an annual professional service contract with a renewal option for one (1) additional year, with Recovery Place, Inc., Savannah, GA, to provide drug treatment services in the amount of \$520 per client per month for the Savannah-Chatham County Superior Court Drug Court.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential services required to maintain Drug Court grant funding.

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

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

**ITEM K**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of annual price agreements for the purchase of various chemicals, in the forms of liquid, pellets and granules from Adapco, Inc., AllPro Vector Group, Clarke Mosquito Control Products and Univar USA for Chatham County Mosquito Control.

**BACKGROUND:** These chemicals are time release growth regulators used in the mosquito control program.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Pricing quotations required the vendors to commit to holding firm the price for the purchase of the chemicals for a period of one year.
2. The following vendors submitted quotes (see matrix for pricing on page 21-24):

Adapco, Inc.  
Sanford, FL

All Pro Vector  
Northville, MI

Clarke Mosquito Control Products  
Roselle, IL

Univar USA, Inc.  
Orlando, FL

3. Staff recommends the four (4) vendors for the purchase of the various types of Altosid. The pricing offered by the four (4) vendors is the manufacturer fixed cost. Awarding to the four (4) vendors will enable staff to purchase from the vendor that would have the quickest delivery and would give staff several backup vendors for purchase.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control  
(1005144 - 53.17009)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of annual price agreements for the purchase of various chemicals, in the forms of liquid, pellets and granules from Adapco, Inc., AllPro Vector Group, Clarke Mosquito Control Products and Univar USA for Chatham County Mosquito Control.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve price agreements for essential and safe chemical products which control the mosquito population in Chatham County.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

**ITEM L**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$99,961 contract with RS&H for professional engineering services related to the pedestrian improvements for the Bradley Point Sidewalk project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Bradley Point Sidewalk project consists of the design of approximately one mile of sidewalk along Bradley Point Road from the intersection of Johnny Mercer Boulevard and Bryan Woods Road to the entrance of the Savannah Yacht Club. The project will take a context sensitive design approach to minimize the impacts and required right of way for the project.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Quality Based Selection (QBS) process was utilized to select a professional engineering consultant to design improvements at this location. Eight consultants submitted proposals for the work. The proposals were reviewed and ranked by staff according to factors ranging from the firm's qualifications and experience to the firm's understanding of the unique issues associated with this project. Two firms ranked substantially higher and were selected for interviews. The interviews were conducted on February 19, 2014 (RS&H) and February 21, 2014 (McGee Partners). The consultant with the highest overall score was selected for establishing a final scope of work and negotiation of cost. See attached score matrix on page 25-27.
2. The negotiated scope of work will provide for development of three concepts for a five foot sidewalk along one side of Bradley Point Road. The scope also includes a topographic, database and tree survey and preliminary environmental work. This work will be used as the basis for construction plans. A second meeting with the neighborhood will complete this phase of the project to present the alternatives to the residents.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) Bradley Point Sidewalks (Pending Budget Transfer)  
(3244224 - 52.12003 - 32456840)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$99,961 contract with RS&H for professional engineering services related to the pedestrian improvements for the Bradley Point Sidewalk project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to award professional services contracts to the highest scoring firm.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

**ITEM M**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$41,600 lease from Cott Systems of a Land Records Image Based Management System for the Chatham County Superior Court. The cost includes implementation support, upgrades, maintenance, land records, courts case management, general ledger accounting and website/E-filing. The second year cost will be \$38,400 for the leased software and related services.

**BACKGROUND:** The Clerk of Superior Court (CSC) is a constitutional office mandated by law to meet the requirements set forth in the Official Code of Georgia. Those requirements include accepting, maintaining and preserving all records pertaining to the Court. Approximately 75,000 documents per year are being recorded. On most days this translates to approximately 3,000 pages. The volume of documents recorded will continue to grow by a minimum of 5% annually. Chatham County's guiding vision of the future focuses on improving the public's access to the records held in the Clerk's office. Simplifying and enhancing the way citizens access government services is clearly part of that vision. By providing efficient access to official records, Chatham County and the Clerk's Office continue to set the standard for excellence in customer service.

This new Land Records Image Based Management Systems provides a comprehensive solution to efficiently capture images of documents immediately after recording (up-front) by using advanced imaging technologies to make high quality images of them available to the public on a high performance, shared, on-line system; E-Filing of documents via the web to the functionality of the Real Estate division; Offer support maintenance along with system upgrades for entire CSC operating system including Court, Real Estate, General Ledger and website; Provide General Ledger and account tracking that ties together entire CSC operations from the Court and Real Estate divisions; Provide "Double Blind Entry" or "Computer Verification" of data entry.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. This system is a necessary component for the operational standards set by the Clerk of Superior Court for the proper archiving and maintenance of records for office and public use. This is also a key component for the plan of disaster recovery and meeting department objectives to provide the public a more modern digitally enhanced indexed real estate records system.
2. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was publicly advertised and four (4) vendors responded. Cott Systems provided the lowest cost solution and was the highest ranked proposer. See evaluation matrix on page 28.

Cott Systems  
Columbus, OH

Xerox - Government Records Services, Inc.  
Dallas, TX

Iron Data Solutions, Inc.  
Richmond Hill, GA

Tyler Technologies, Inc.  
Lubbock, TX

**FUNDING:** Superior Court Clerk Restricted  
(2172180 - 52.39001)

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$41,600 lease from Cott Systems of a Land Records Image Based Management System for the Chatham County Superior Court. The cost includes implementation support, upgrades, maintenance, land records, courts case management, general ledger accounting and website/E-filing. The second year cost will be \$38,400 for the leased software and related services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

**ITEM N**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to revise the award amounts for the replacement of the VHF system to \$21,212 to Motorola Solutions for VHF radio equipment and \$33,666 to Savannah Communications for related hardware and installation services 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 Board approved this award on the June 13, 2014 agenda. However, the award amounts did not reflect the correct breakdown of the work between the two (2) vendors.
2. The narrowbanding operation was federally mandated.
3. 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.

4. The replacement system will operate with the same capabilities as our current system, though more reliably cover the Chatham County area.
5. This expansion adds fault tolerance for our emergency warning sirens, further enhancing the safety of Chatham County citizens.

**FUNDING:** •General Fund/M&O – I.C.S. - \$21,212  
(1001536 – 52.22001)  
•General Fund/M&O – Communications - \$33,666  
(1001536 – 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to revise the award amounts for the replacement of the VHF system to \$21,212 to Motorola Solutions for VHF radio equipment and \$33,666 to Savannah Communications for related hardware and installation services 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 O**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$24,667 purchase of batteries for voting machines from Elections Systems and Software, Inc.

**BACKGROUND:** Chatham County currently has 663 Touchscreen voting machines. 531 of these were furnished to the County by the State during implementation of the state-wide uniform voting system in 2002 and the balance was purchased by the County. The County also has 8 Optical Scan voting machines which were furnished by the State.

The battery life of these systems is 5 years. The batteries in 641 of the voting machines are at the end of their useful life and replacement is necessary to insure continued reliable service during elections.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. In 2002 the State implemented a uniform state-wide voting system. The state-wide system uses the ES&S (formerly Diebold) touch-screen voting machines.
2. The State recommends using replacement batteries purchased from the equipment vendor. Purchasing solicited bids for the batteries and although some of the bids were lower, the bidders did not bid the batteries that the manufacturer will certify with the voting machines.
3. The Board of Elections recommends awarding the bid to the equipment manufacturer, Elections Systems and Software, Inc. to insure compatibility with the voting machines.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Board of Elections  
(1001400 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$24,667 purchase of batteries for voting machines from Elections Systems and Software, Inc.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY:** It is consistent with Board policy to purchase equipment which is certified by the manufacturer.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MELVA SHARPE

PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_

PURCHASING AGENT

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**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Chairman Scott said, let me -- let me also at this time just acknowledge and thank our Vice Chair for being here. For those of you who may not know, she just got out of the hospital, and -- and because of the adoption of the budget, she said that she was going to do her best to be here, and I really appreciate her giving it her all in coming out today. Thank you, Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

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**XI. FIRST READINGS**

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

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

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

Chairman Scott said, -- or Second Readers.

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, and everything else on the -- on your packet is informational 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.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: JUNE 27, 2014**

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Two (2) laptop computers for Facilities Maintenance and Operations	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$3,629	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
One (1) new exterior sign	Aquatic Center	Sign Mart, Inc.	\$4,250	CIP-Bond - Parks and Recreation Improvements
Inventory stock parts	Fleet Operations	The Parts House	\$3,055	Inventory Account
Architectural service to design new fire suppression system for 911 data room at police annex	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Rosser International, Inc.	\$6,950	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
Remove/replace carpet at employee health clinic	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Culver Rug Company, Inc.	\$9,950	Wellness Program
Inventory stock parts	Fleet Operations	White Brothers Auto Parts Warehouse	\$5,263	Inventory Account
Office furniture, conference room table, chairs, bookshelf and workstations	Public Defender	VIP Printing & Office Supply (WBE)	\$2,550	General Fund/M&O - Public Defender
Automotive batteries	Fleet Operations	White Brothers Auto Parts Warehouse	\$2,677	Inventory Account
Office furniture	Probate Court	VIP Printing & Office Supply (WBE)	\$4,995	General Fund/M&O - Probate Court
Moveable wall systems	Court Administrator	VIP Printing & Office Supply (WBE)	\$5,149	General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator
Road signage materials	Public Works and Park Services	EPH and Associates, Inc.	\$2,593	CIP-Public Works
Accident damage repair on unit #1950 - CNT vehicle	Fleet Operations	Rainbow Paint & Body, Inc.	\$5,191	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Pressure wash and seal brick facade at Administrative/ Legislative Courthouse	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Mike's Painting, Inc.	\$4,750	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
Four (4) additional licenses for real estate database	Board of Assessors	Costar Realty Information, Inc.	\$9,600	General Fund/M&O - Board of Assessors
Tax sale advertisements for month of June	Tax Commissioner	Morris Publishing Group	\$5,080	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Four (4) laptop computers for I.C.S. staff	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$7,374	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
33 full length reversible raincoats	Sheriff's Department	Dana Safety Supply	\$2,635	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Department
Electrical supplies for firing range	Detention Center	Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC.	\$4,966	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Portable emergency lighting	Public Works and Park Services	Prism Lighting Services, LLC.	\$9,140	SSD-Public Works

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Installation of updates for workflow and infrastructure inventory software	Public Works and Park Services	James C. Edwards	\$3,500	•Bridges •Parks & Recreation •Aquatic Center •SSD-Public Works •Water and Sewer •Solid Waste Mgmt. •Solid Waste-SSD Svcs •Solid Waste Restricted
Replace two (2) traffic warning signal lights	Public Works and Park Services	Hoffman Electric Company	\$2,700	SSD-Traffic Lights
Baseball/softball league officials May 9 - May 30	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Umpires Association	\$7,760	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Inventory stock parts	Fleet Operations	White Brothers Auto Parts Warehouse	\$3,813	Inventory Account
Asbestos abatement for SR25 Conn/W. Bay Street project	Engineering	Savannah Abatement Services	\$8,250	SPLOST (1998-2003) Bay Street Widening
Furniture for employee health clinic	Human Resources	Mason's, Inc.	\$2,564	Wellness Program
Remove/replace deck boards on unit #229T - Public Works trailer	Fleet Operations	Coastal Truck & Trailer Equipment	\$3,563	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Annual maintenance agreement on three (3) fingerprint machines	Detention Center	Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc.	\$7,000	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Telecom service	Detention Center	Georgia Technology Authority	\$3,667	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Voice recorder	Sheriff's Department	Quality Recording Solutions, LLC.	\$3,000	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Department

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### 3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

#### ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: **XIII-3 ROADS**  
AGENDA DATE: **JUNE 27, 2014**

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

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

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

#### FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Whitefield Avenue. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Road is open to traffic.

- Construction of the soundwall at the Mistwood Subdivision is underway, contract time is 100 days.
2. Bay Street Widening. GDOT authorized right of way acquisition on May 9, 2013 (in progress).
  3. Jimmy Deloach Parkway, Phase 2 and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design is on-going. Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) held April 23, 2014, for the Interchange project. Environmental Document (FONSI) for the Interchange project was approved by FHWA on May 16, 2014. ROW authorization expected in 2014 for both projects. Projects will be let together for construction by GDOT.
  4. SR 307 Widening from US 17 to I-16. Construction substantially complete for section from I-16 southward to Hardin Canal. Construction contract award for remainder awarded by the Board on May 9, 2014 to Reeves Construction.
  5. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Design is underway on a high level bridge to replace the bascule bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway on Islands Expressway. PFPR held March 26, 2014. ROW authorization expected in 2014.
  6. Local Roads.
    - a. Hunt Drive and Faye Road Bridge Replacements. Hunt Drive bridge open to two way traffic. Stage 1 construction of Faye Drive underway with travel across the bridge reduced to one-lane and controlled by temporary traffic signals. Notice to Proceed with construction issued May 1, 2013.
    - b. Walthour Road Bridge Replacement. Construction underway. Road closed for construction April 7, 2014. Construction completion anticipated November 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE**

**AGENDA DATE: JUNE 27, 2014**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

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

7. LaRoche Culvert. The project will replace a drainage culvert located under LaRoche Avenue north of Lansing Avenue. The culvert replacement is in response to a deteriorating brick arch culvert with several cracks. The construction contract was awarded by the Board on September 27, 2013. Work began in January 2014 scheduled for completion by November 2014. Laroche Avenue is closed between Neva Avenue and Lansing Avenue and will remain closed for the duration of the construction period.

8. Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide access for maintenance for the Remington Canal from Ferguson Road to the outfall at Moon River. The outfall passes through the Winterberry private development. Design work is underway.

9. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. A project to replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch is underway. Acquisitions of required easements are complete. Final design work and permitting are complete. The project is out for bids with construction expected to begin in September.

10. Little Hurst Canal. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance along the canal. A design scope of work is under development. Field surveying and wetland delineation are under way.

11. Hampton Place Drainage Improvements. The project will improve the drainage system within Hampton Place Subdivision on Quacco Road by routing a portion of the stormwater into an existing canal located on the west side of Quacco Road. Acquisition of a required easement, design work and coordination with the City of Pooler are underway. The bid package will be complete in July 2014.

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

13. Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvements. The project will relocate a drainage feature on private property into the County right-of-way and an acquired easement. Design work is underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Scott said, we do have a need for an executive session. Before we do that, do you want to make a comment?

County Attorney Hart said, for personnel and litigation.

Commissioner Center said, I was going to move for executive session.

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

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

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by yes, opposed no. We are now recessed to executive session.

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

Commissioner Center moved to recess to executive session for the purpose of litigation and personnel. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Thomas did not vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 10:55 a.m.

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**ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY**

**Ronnie McKee Action****ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize settlement of the Ronnie McKee claim in the amount of \$7,000. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**Kelvin Alexander Action****ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved to authorize settlement of the Kelvin Alexander claim in the amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. **LOBBYIST CONTRACT**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved for instruction to the County Manager to sent a letter to Lee Hughes of Hughes Public Affairs advising the County would not renew it's contract with Hughes Public Affairs. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Scott advised the county would not hire a lobbyist for one year.]

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4. **APPOINTMENTS**

**CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT****ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved to reappoint Helen Stone, James Holmes, Priscilla Thomas and Howard French to the Chatham Area Transit Board with terms set to expire June 30, 2015. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNCIL ON DISABILITY ISSUES****ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved to appoint Joseph T. Moore to the Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues with his term set to expire September 1, 2016. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**MIDDLE COASTAL UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved to appoint Trip Tollison and Brandt Herndon to the Middle Coastal Unified Development Authority with their terms set to expire June 27, 2016. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved to reappoint Lucy Hitch to the Zoning Board of Appeals with her term set to expire August 1, 2016. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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**APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY, 2014.**

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

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**JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION**