

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 25, 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 9:38 a.m. on Friday, July 25, 2014.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Scott said, good morning and please be seated. It is a pleasure to have with us today the pastor, Mike Ricker, who is the pastor of the Isle of Hope United Methodist Church. I don't know how many of you have ever frequent the Isle of Hope. This is a delightful, historical church on the Island, and I have had a chance to attend various events at the church, and I'm really delighted to -- to have the pastor here with us today, and at this time I'm going to ask Pastor Ricker to come up and to lead us in a devotional service. And at the end of his message, when he indicates it's time for prayer, if everybody would stand at that time and remain standing, and we will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner of the 4<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Pat Farrell. Pastor Ricker. Thank you so much for being here.

Pastor Mike Ricker said, okay. Good morning Chairman Scott and Commissioners. Thank you for this opportunity to be here this morning. Today Hollywood is releasing a new movie. It's simply called Lucy. It's based on the urban legend that we human beings use only 10 percent of our brain, and neuroscientists have pretty much debunked that notion. Even though I personally like to hold onto it so that when my wife or anyone else looks at me with that what in the world were you thinking look, I can just say, well I've used my 10 percent, and -- and just move on from there. But -- but the truth of the matter is I do believe that God has given us an intellect to make decisions and choices in life, and -- but I also believe that God has given us faith so that -- to compensate for us making sometimes the wrong choices or decisions as human beings. That is a gift, I think, from God. Faith is vital to all of us, but especially to those of us who are leaders. I really believe that because our -- our decisions and choices obviously affect more than just us, but other people as well. And so, why is faith important to us as leaders? Because faith enables us, I think, to see beyond the obvious, and the Bible calls this vision. To see beyond the obvious is the gift of vision. Nelson Mandela said that action without vision is only passing time; vision without action is daydreaming; but vision with action can change the world, and I believe that is very true.

Pastor Ricker said, secondly, faith enables us to know beyond the obsolete. The Bible calls this wisdom, to know beyond just what is obsolete at any given moment. That is the gift of wisdom. Einstein said we cannot solve problems with the same thinking we used to create them. And I think that the Bible is clear about that as well, in the gift of wisdom that God has given us through people and through the opportunity to express our faith. So, -- and then last faith enables us to do what is beyond the ordinary. This is a great gift, a great -- you know, and the Bible call this courage. To do beyond what is ordinary is courage. Mahatma Gandhi said the difference between what we do and what we --we are capable of doing would suffice to solve the world's problems. Over on Ferguson Avenue near the church is the Bethesda Academy. It was founded in 1840 by Reverend George Whitefield. It's the oldest child-caring institution in the United States, and this great man of faith, as he grew older in life said he reduced his whole prayer life down to one sentence. Lord make me an extraordinary Christian, and I think that as people of faith we thank God for our intellect and the gift of -- of our human capacity, but beyond that as people of faith, God is able to use our faith to really make an impact and difference, not only in our life but in the decisions and choices that we make as human beings. Thanks be to God. Let us pray.

Pastor Mike Ricker gave the invocation as follows:

Father, we thank You for the grace You give us every day, and for the gift of intellect and the capacity to make decisions as human beings, and we thank You for our faith. May we, God, as we grow in faith and understanding, recognize that You have given us so many wonderful gifts as human beings, and for the gift of faith that moves us beyond just our own limitations, we give you thanks this day. Thank You for this beautiful community, this city, this county, God. We believe that you have created one of the most beautiful spots on the earth right here, and we thank You for that, and we thank You, I do this morning, for these who give leadership to our area, to our county. Bless them, God, as they continue to deliberate and make decisions and choices, and I thank you that you would infuse their -- their hearts with faith and courage, wisdom and insight, and we thank You, God, for the way that you use them to bless us as a people and a community. And we thank You for this, Lord, every day. In Christ's name. Amen.

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

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

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

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### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Chairman Scott said, Pastor Ricker, we really appreciate you being here.

Pastor Ricker said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, and we are not allowed to compensate you, but we wanted to give you a Certificate of Appreciation, just something that you'll have to remember your day here.

Pastor Ricker said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we really appreciate you leading us in our devotion.

Pastor Ricker said, thank you so much. Thank you very much. Thank you.

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

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present:           Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
                       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 Bocoock, County Clerk

Not Present:       Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight

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Chairman Scott said, the Chair recognize the Commissioner from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Center said, yes, I would move that we excuse Commissioner Thomas from today's meeting and send our prayers to her.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Hearing the motion, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Dr. Thomas you're excused.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

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**CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

Chairman Scott said, we don't have any members of the Youth Commission due to summer vacation.

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**V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Chairman Scott said, we don't have any proclamations or special presentation.

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**VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, no Chairman items or Commissioner item.

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**VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS**

None.

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**VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS**

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

Chairman Scott said, no Tabled Items.

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**ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Scott said, and before we get to the agenda for individual action, let me just remind folk of an action we took at the last meeting. Last meeting we had a group of citizens, as well as a business owner. The business owner was the Cocoa's Martini and Dessert Bar. They were here to request a noise variance, and we allowed the adjacent property owners to comment, and once we heard from the business owner, the property owner who -- the spokesman for the property owner was a Mr. Michael Whitledge, and they were adamant against it, and the request was -- for granting a waiver for two days, and now they've had a modified request for July the 26<sup>th</sup>, which is Saturday, tomorrow, and -- and they've dropped their request for August 1<sup>st</sup>. So the request now is just for July 26<sup>th</sup> for one day for a variance from our noise ordinance not to exceed 80 decibels. Now, I initially elected not to put this item on the agenda because I thought we debated and had reached a -- a consensus among the members of the Commission who was present that this was not something that we should do, and then late yesterday evening, yesterday afternoon, I received a letter from Mr. Mike Whitledge, the spokesman for the neighborhood association, who now says that they have met with the owners of the Cocoa Martini and Dessert Bar, and that they were no longer opposing his request for the waiver for the July 26<sup>th</sup> event only. And -- and at the time we got this, we had already set the agenda, and so if the Members of the Commission having received this letter, because reading it it looks like everyone was copied on it, and it was addressed really to everyone, and so if a Member of the Commission wishes to place this on the Individual Action Calendar agenda, I would entertain a motion at this time that the Individual Action Calendar agenda be amended.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to add Cocoa -- to amend the agenda and add

Cocoa's Martini and Dessert Bar noise ordinance variance request to the agenda.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we add the -- the Cocoa Martini and Dessert Bar request to waive the noise variance for July 26<sup>th</sup>. Hearing the motion, any discussion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. With your permission -- well first I'd like to commend the owners of Cocoa's and the surrounding neighbors for actually getting together and talking and for just basically working it out and reaching a compromise. It's my understanding as you have just stated that the owners of -- of Cocoa's, as well as the representative, the speaker for the neighboring residents, have agreed to a compromise, so based on the compromise, I, with your permission will make the following motion.

Chairman Scott said, well, we have a motion before us now.

Commissioner Brady said, to put it on the agenda.

Chairman Scott said, to put it on the agenda.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we --we -- oh. Okay. I thought we already voted on it.

Chairman Scott said, no, we haven't voted on it yet, and we're in the discussion phase. Any -- any further discussion?

Commissioner Center said, step by step.

Chairman Scott said, hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Okay. That will be Item 4 on our agenda for Individual Action.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm sorry. I thought that you had actually called for the question a minute ago.

Chairman Scott said, no. We hadn't put it on the agenda. Okay. All right. Thank you so much.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to amend the agenda and add Cocoa's Dessert Bar's request for noise variance for July 26, 2014 to the agenda. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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#### **IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION**

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND: a) AMEND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$7,000 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, b) AMEND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$744,162 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC), c) AMEND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$194,750 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DBHDD); 2) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$20,500 FOR RENT REVENUE, APPROPRIATE \$19,389 FUND BALANCE, AND INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$39,889 FOR THE HENDERSON PROJECT AND b) APPROPRIATE \$298,000 FUND BALANCE TO THE MASTER SITE 7.11 PROJECT; AND 3) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O TRANSFER \$68,140 FROM THE STATE COURT CLERK'S BUDGET TO THE STATE COURT JUDGES' BUDGET TO CORRECT A POSTING ERROR.**

Chairman Scott said, and now, Item 1, on Individual Action. To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the Multiple Grant Fund, amend revenue expenditures by \$7,000 for a grant award from the Department of Homeland Security, amend revenue expenditures by \$744,162 for a grant awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), and amend revenues and expenditures \$194,750 for a grant award from the Georgia Department of Behavior Health and Developmental Disabilities

(DBHDD). In the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, increase revenues by \$20,500 for rent revenue, appropriate \$19,389 fund balance, and increase expenditures of \$39,889 -- \$889 for the Henderson project and b) appropriate \$298,000 fund balance to the Master Site project; and 3) in the General Fund M&O transfer \$68,140 from the State Court Clerk's budget to the State Court Judges' budget to correct a posting error.

Commissioner Center said, do you want a motion?

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

Commissioner Center said, I move that we request approval of the budget amendments and transfers as specified in Item 1.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

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

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

Commissioner Center moved for approval of budget amendments and transfers amend revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant award from the Department of Homeland Security, b) amend revenues and expenditures \$744,162 for a grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), c) amend revenues and expenditures \$194,750 for a grant award from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD); 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: a) increase revenues \$20,500 for rent revenue, appropriate \$19,389 fund balance, and increase expenditures \$39,889 for the Henderson project and b) appropriate \$298,000 fund balance to the Master Site 7.11 project; and 3) in the General Fund M&O transfer \$68,140 from the State Court Clerk's budget to the State Court Judges' budget to correct a posting error. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 25, 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 amend revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant award from the Department of Homeland Security, b) amend revenues and expenditures \$744,162 for a grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), c) amend revenues and expenditures \$194,750 for a grant award from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD); 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: a) increase revenues \$20,500 for rent revenue, appropriate \$19,389 fund balance, and increase expenditures \$39,889 for the Henderson project and b) appropriate \$298,000 fund balance to the Master Site 7.11 project; and 3) in the General Fund M&O transfer \$68,140 from the State Court Clerk's budget to the State Court Judges' budget to correct a posting error.

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

1. Multiple Grant Fund:
  - a. The Sheriff Department has received a \$7,000 grant award from the Department of Homeland Security. 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).
  - b. Chatham County Juvenile Court has received a \$742,162 grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordination Council (CJCC). 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).
  - c. Superior Court has received a \$194,750 grant award from the Georgia Department of Health and Developmental Disabilities. 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).
2. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund:
  - a. The Public Works and Parks Services Director has requested an amendment to the Henderson CIP project for needed maintenance. The County receives 4% of the gross receipts from Henderson Golf Course. Revenues were not budgeted for

FY2015. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the CIP Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

- b. The Information and Communications Director has requested an amendment to the \$298,000 Master Site 7.11 Upgrade project. Fund balance from FY2014 is being requested. A resolution to amend the CIP Fund is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

3. **General Fund M&O:**

The adopted FY2015 budget had an error in the allocation of funds between the State Court Judges' and State Court Clerk's budgets. A portion of salaries and benefits for employees paid out of the Judges' budget was posted to the Clerk's budget. A transfer of \$68,140 from the State Court Clerk budget to the State Court Judges' budget will correct the error. The total budget for the two departments will remain the same. The bottom line for the individual departments will change. This action will align the budget with actual payroll.

**FUNDING:**

The budget amendments will establish funding in the Multiple Grant and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds. Funds are available in the General Fund M&O for the transfer.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**MULTIPLE GRANT FUND**

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant award to the Sheriff's Department.
- b) Increase revenues and expenditures \$742,162 for a grant award to Juvenile court.
- c) Increase revenues and expenditures \$194,750 for a grant award to Superior Court.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND**

- a) Appropriate \$19,389 fund balance, increase rent revenues \$20,500 -- Henderson, increase the Henderson project \$39,889.
- b) Appropriate \$298,000 fund balance to the Master Site 7.11 project.

**GENERAL FUND M&O**

Transfer \$68,140 from the State Court Clerk's budget to the State Court Judges' budget to correct a posting error.

2. Amend or deny the request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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**2. REQUEST FROM DABBS WILLIAMS, CONTRACTOR FOR THE COASTAL MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM ADDITION, FOR A NOISE ORDINANCE VARIANCE FROM JULY 25 THROUGH AUGUST 8, 2014.**

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 on the Individual Action Calendar, request from Dabbs Williams, contractor for the Coastal Middle School gym addition, for a noise ordinance variance from July 26<sup>th</sup>, that's tomorrow, through August 8, 2014. At this time I recognize Mr. Anderson of our Zoning and Regulatory Authority.

Mr. Gregori Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board. Gregori Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services. Before you is a -- a request to -- for a variance to the noise ordinance again connected to the construction of one of our schools as part of the School Board's construction program. The contractor wishes to begin the construction process earlier than the ordinance allows. We've been here before. Again, they want to begin to stage and place concrete at 5:00 a.m. in the morning, and to take advantage of the cooler portions of the day before the heat of the day comes so they can meet their obligations with the School Board for the construction of this school. The designation is for a -- specific date between the 26<sup>th</sup> of August -- excuse me, the 26<sup>th</sup> of July through August the 8<sup>th</sup>, and again, to begin staging at 4:00 a.m. and then placing concrete at 5:00. The applicants were informed to be here this morning, so -- they are here to answer any specific questions you may have.

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

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is have they had any type of neighborhood meeting to let the neighbors know this is going to occur because that's what happened the last time.

Mr. Paul Thompson said, we are working with Parsons Company to pass out flyers and speak to people in the neighborhood. We're -- we're addressing that with them. There are probably only four or five homes in Mercer Way that are right adjacent to the -- to the rear of our site that it will affect.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I guess, this was brought up the last time. My question would be we asked last time to meet with the neighbors first and then come ask for the variance if I remember correctly.

Mr. Thompson said, I'm not familiar with that. We haven't been involved with any in the city -- in the county.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I -- I mean 'cause how do you know if there are any concerns, and once we grant this variance, then the concerns can't really be addressed.

Mr. Thompson said, I'm not sure I -- I know how to answer that.

Commissioner Stone said, I mean just --

Chairman Scott said, any more questions for the contractor?

Commissioner Shabazz said, I -- I have one.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz from the 5<sup>th</sup> District have a question for the contractor.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning, sir.

Mr. Thompson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what's -- what's your name?

Mr. Thompson said, Paul Thompson.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and what company are you with?

Mr. Thompson said, Dabbs Williams General Contractors.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. You're the -- you're the contractor that's actually going to be doing the pouring?

Mr. Thompson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And so the responsibility for the outreach is with the parent company?

Mr. Thompson said, it is for Parsons Company, who is overseeing for the School Board.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. So you're not saying that they have not contacted the residents, you're just saying that you don't know about that.

Mr. Thompson said, I'm not sure if they have or not.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Thompson said, I know we did a -- in the City of Savannah we did Heard Elementary, and we went door to door and passed out flyers to all the neighbors like a week in advance.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. Would you know anything about that anyway? Would you -- you wouldn't know anything about that any way, would you?

Mr. Thompson said, no, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions?

Commissioner Center said, in Heard, did you have any --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

Commissioner Center asked, thank you. Did you have any problem with the neighbors when you went door to door at Heard?

Mr. Thompson said, no, sir.

Commissioner Center said, and the pour turned out fine?

Mr. Thompson said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you. Commissioner Brady from the 6<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Brady said, and according to the request for the -- for the waiver on this variance -- on this variance, it says that there will be three pours. Is that accurate?

Mr. Thompson said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, only three pours?

Mr. Thompson said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter from the 7<sup>th</sup> District has a question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In an effort to speed this up, I'm curious if there was anyone that even opposes this out in the audience? If -- if not, with your permission I will gladly make a motion.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Thompson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, anyone else wants to speak on this? Okay. At this time the Chair will recognize the Commissioner from the 7<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Kicklighter for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to approve the request.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of the request of Dabbs Williams General Contractors for a variance of the noise ordinance from July 26 through August 8, 2014. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-1 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Holmes, Center, Farrell, Shabazz, Brady and Kicklighter voting yes and Commissioner Stone voting no. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Gregori S. Anderson, Director, Building Safety and Regulatory Services

**SUBJECT:** Dabbs Williams General Contractors - Variance Request for Noise Ordinance

**ISSUE:**

Dabbs Williams General Contractors is building a new gym addition for Coastal Middle School and will be making early morning pours for the concrete slab. Preparation for slab work started the week of July 15, 2014 and first pour is scheduled for July 26, 2014. Two more pours will be done the following week. If we have delays with weather one pour may be done the week of August 4, 2014. Crews will begin work at 4 a.m. and pouring concrete at 5 a.m.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The subject establishment is a builder for a school located in unincorporated Chatham County.

2. The Chatham County Noise Ordinance limits sound in business zoning districts to sixty-five (65) decibels at all times of the day or night.
3. The submitted request is to obtain a variance to allow (90) decibels during the week(s) of July 26-August 8, 2014 beginning at 4 a.m.
4. The ordinance allows the issuance of a variance to create noise levels above the allowed level by the Chatham County Commission.
5. The variance is allowed for temporary duration, for a specific date and time.
6. Applicant advised to be present.

**FUNDING:**

Not applicable.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Appropriate variance request for July 26-August 8, 2014.
2. Disapprove variance request.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board consideration.

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

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'll call on Director Ragan to give us our monthly report from CNT.

Director D. Everett Ragan said, good morning Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission. Hope everybody's having a good summer so far. I had a good week's vacation last week, so I'm ready. For the month of June Chatham-Savannah County Narcotics Team initiated 95 arrests -- excuse me 95 cases, 33 of those have been closed. We had an agency assist of four. We seized about \$3,000 worth of narcotics for the month. Up -- year to date so far we're up to 304,000 of narcotics seized. We picked up three guns last week, and I just wanted to highlight on our gun situation. The weapons that we are seizing and that have been awarded to us by the state under forfeiture, state statute says that we have to sell the guns, and it has to be sold to a licensed FFL firearms dealer. We work through purchasing, and the -- we started last month with our -- our on-line auctioning of the guns. We list a batch of guns through a property company, and purchasing handles it, and the guns are sold, and that money under state law goes back into the general fund for the County. So there's not any seized assets, that money now -- now goes back into the general fund, so we are being able to contribute money back. So far I don't know the exact amount, but I know we've sold about five batches of guns so far. The farthest away, people from California have come in to pick up and purchase the weapons for us, so that is -- that is revenue that is now going back in, and that is by state law. Yes, sir?

Commissioner Center said, prior to the new state law, did you have to sell the guns?

Director Ragan said, no, sir. We -- what we -- what we did not -- what we were not able to put into use for ourselves, as the -- on the team, as like, if they had a nice rifle, we were able to bundle some and swap in for other weapons and this type of thing, to -- to -- and the rest we -- were destroyed, but now under state law, they cannot be destroyed.

Commissioner Center said, every -- every type of firearm you have to sell?

Director Ragan said, every type of fire arm that is seized by the -- that is awarded to us by the courts. Under the state law that -- if we're a county agency, then the money goes back to the county's general fund. If it's a city agency, then it can go back into the police department's fund, so -- so our money goes back in. But we cannot sell -- I mean, we cannot destroy the weapons anymore. We bundle them, sell them. But that is -- revenue that is now generated back into the general fund for the -- for the county. So.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Ragan?

Director Ragan said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, you said that's state law?

Director Ragan said, state law.

Commissioner Holmes said, what's --

Director Ragan said, that came into effect like 2012.

Commissioner Holmes said, I was about to say that must have just recently --

Director Ragan said, yeah, it's recent law. It is. Eight persons assist -- 22 arrests for the entire month; 136 so far for the year. Geographic location of our arrests is 21 -- 21 have been Savannah, one from Ellabell, assisted in the -- adopted another case from Savannah-Chatham Metro. You can see the complaints that we received, where they came from, and the weekly stats that are generated that shows arrests in your Districts. Again the -- our hours working in the City of Savannah is pretty much consistent with the way it has been, and then with -- and in the precincts, West Chatham, led the way last week -- last month, along with the Islands and then, excuse me, southside. Spending a lot of time and the hours reflect in the City of Savannah with a lot of surveillance work that's being done at this point in time in -- in reference to a -- an investigation. One significant event that we did have listed came about by a complaint from a neighborhood in -- off of Crosby Street, and we set surveillance, did a couple of take offs on people leaving the house, recovered drugs, and then executed a search warrant on the house, recovered the marijuana, you see in the photographs, plus the two guns. Arrested a father and a son, the father being a convicted felon, so he has additional charges with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Any questions? Oh good.

Chairman Scott said, let's start with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, our pro tem Commissioner Stone from the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just -- this is just a question. Judging by the number of hours that are expended within the City limits, do you give a monthly report to them at all? Are they briefed on what we hear?

Director Ragan said, we send them a copy of our monthly report. I've not been asked to give them a briefing or anything else.

Commissioner Stone said, it's just a thought.

Director Ragan said, sure.

Commissioner Stone said, I mean so many hours are expended within the City limits.

Director Ragan said, we --

Commissioner Stone said, -- it's just unfortunate that they don't request that you come and give a briefing like you do here so that they could have a better understanding of what's going on.

Director Ragan said, we -- we send every governing body within Chatham County a copy of our report. We also have extended the invitation that any meeting that they would like for us to attend -- a invitation. We'd be more than happy to -- to send a representative or I'll go speak to -- to the body or any -- any neighborhood meeting that they have. We do attend some neighborhood meetings that we are notified of and asked, and we are more than happy to -- to extend.

Commissioner Stone said, well I appreciate your report, and in reading it, I was very happy to know that somewhere in my District activity is taking place.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, and it's very informative, and it helps me to inform my constituents of what's going on, so it was just a question to see if the City was requesting.

Director Ragan said, the invitation has always been placed on the table, and it hasn't been extended, but if it -- if it ever is, we'd be more than happy to go talk.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Ragan, I always applauded you for your report. I -- I -- I just loved it.

Director Ragan said, thank you very much, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, but you just -- you just stopped me in my tracks just now on that gun --

Director Ragan said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, -- collection. What did y'all do with the guns before this was passed in 2012?

Director Ragan said, before it was passed in 2012, we -- weapons that were of high quality that we could use and put into our armory, we have those in our armory, okay? Weapons that were a -- of good quality that we could use to purchase other weapons or trade in for other weapons, we did. As an example, my officers did not have a back up weapon, okay? Not a -- not a -- a standard CNT back up weapon. So we were able to bundle some of our weapons, and we had three vendors come in who sell weapons, they bid as -- they gave us a price what we could get, so I was able to purchase 50 off-duty weapons, back up weapons for my agents at a cost of \$400. So we were able to save the county money that way and this way, and those that we did not utilize in those two manners were destroyed.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Director Ragan said, okay? When the statute came out, Mr. Hart actually researched it for us and the Sheriff's department, and it came about that could not really do that any more. State law says they had to be sold by auction, and that's what we're doing. The purchasing department has a -- had contact with it, and since they're the ones that handle county auctions, they are handling this us. We bundle the weapons, and they place them on the website and -- and people are buying them. Federal licensed firearms dealers are buying the weapons.

Commissioner Holmes said, so would this be clear for me to say that the guns that you bundle up, you're going to be purchasing it, that same gun that you ship out of here, it was bought by someone else, that gun could have been easily -- could have easily been a gun that killed a relative of mine. Am I right?

Director Ragan said, yes and no. Our weapons are run through what we call a NIBIN system. In -- in fact --

Commissioner Holmes said, so what you do with a gun that was used in a crime like that?

Director Ragan said, if we have -- if we have evidence that shows that a weapon was used in a crime it's -- it's maintained as evidence. If we have evidence that's it's used --

Commissioner Holmes said, all right.

Director Ragan said, -- in a crime in the City of Savannah, then we let Savannah know that they have -- that we have a gun that was used in one of their crimes.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm. So in other words, we -- we -- we could be shipping off a bad gun?

Director Ragan said, uh --

Commissioner Holmes said, what I consider a bad gun is a gun that been involved in a crime somewhere.

Director Ragan said, no, sir, because before we ship them off, before we bundle them or we try to get rid of them, we run them through what is called a NIBIN system. It's a national system by ATF. In fact the -- the city is -- is getting one. We're getting one. ATF is bringing one back into Chatham County.

Commissioner Holmes said, uh-huh.

Director Ragan said, and it's -- I've offered, and it's been accepted it will be housed at our facility, and every weapon that is fired is checked to see if it has been involved in any crime within the United States, and if it has -- comes back a hit with that -- with the shell casings, and -- then we will -- we will be able to return that as evidence and keep that weapon for evidence.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. You -- you have the Bill number of when this was passed? I'd -- I'd like to get it.

Director Ragan said, I don't have it with me.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Hart, do you have it?

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, I -- I don't have it. I'm sure -- certainly get it for you.

Commissioner Holmes said, could you get it for me?

Director Ragan said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, counsel can provide that for you.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Ragan.

Director Ragan said, like I said, you know, the county money goes back to general funds. The city -- if it was a city it would go back to the department or the city, so.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, I --

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and -- and further, any gun that's involved in a crime, there's a whole 'nother proceeding you have to go through if you want to do anything with the gun.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, nine times out of ten we will destroy those guns after no longer use.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I think --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner Center from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District --

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, -- has a question.

Commissioner Center said, I think you'll find that I share many of Commissioner Holmes' sentiments about guns on the street, especially having been in Atlanta last week and picking up the paper every day and reading about the activity in my District.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, it -- it's -- it's very scary.

Director Ragan said, it is.

Commissioner Center said, to see these guns flowing on the street.

Director Ragan said, it's -- it's something that -- I never thought we would be in the gun business, but the -- the legislature of Georgia thought differently.

Commissioner Center said, right. This -- this NIBIN system, if someone, somewhere, say one of Commissioner Holmes' relatives filed a lawsuit against that gun owner or gun manufacturer and wanted to keep that gun for evidence in the lawsuit, would the NIBIN system show that? Or it only shows criminal activity?

Director Ragan said, it only shows criminal activity. Again, these are only weapons that are only given back to us by the judges and signed off for forfeiture.

Commissioner Center said, and do you have -- I guess this has just started, you may not have the figures, but do you have any data on whether we were recovering more value before this law for these guns than we're recovering now that it has to be sold at auction?

Director Ragan said, no, sir. I don't have any evidence of that.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Will you be able to track that in the future?

Chairman Scott said, see if you can determine that for us.

Director Ragan said, and the --

Commissioner Center said, whether this new law is costing us money on the -- on the guns we do sell, yes.

Director Ragan said, no. It's not costing us any money. I can tell you that.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I know, but you said -- you were able to sell them or dispose of them or trade them --

Director Ragan said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- as you wanted. Now you have to sell them at auction --

Director Ragan said, have to sell them.

Commissioner Center said, -- to a particular class of purchasers.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, and in the future I'd like to track to see whether we're getting more or less value overall than we were in the past.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, my last thing, if there were an organization that bought guns and destroyed them because they wanted to protect the public, could they participate in this auction or they have to be a dealer?

Director Ragan said, they have to be a -- it has to have -- they have to have a federal firearms license to purchase these weapons.

Commissioner Center said, okay. So if an organization started talking about it, such as Mayor Bloomberg of New York -- former Mayor Bloomberg of New York might be setting up, they could participate in this auction and buy these guns and destroy them?

Director Ragan said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, if they have a license.

Commissioner Farrell said, yes. If they're the highest bidder.

Commissioner Holmes said, if they got the license.

Director Ragan said, as long as they have a federal firearm license. Now, a -- a -- the little sidebar, I was talking to the gentleman in charge of the ATF in the Savannah office, and they cannot participate in like a buy-back program to get guns off the street, but they can help and they were helping Atlanta and --

Commissioner Center said, Georgia cannot or the feds cannot?

Director Ragan said, the feds cannot.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Director Ragan said, but they can -- they were -- they were helping Atlanta with the buy-back program, but they can't really participate but they were -- they were helping with it, and individuals set up down the street were -- were paying more money for the guns before it got to the drop off site -- to -- like the amnesty program, so. Individuals were paying more for that, so it was not that big a success to get those off the street.

Commissioner Center said, capitalism is alive on every level.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir, it is.

Commissioner Center said, thank you very much. Appreciate your report.

Director Ragan said, you're more than welcome.

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

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning Commander Ragan.

Director Ragan said, good morning sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I -- I share the same concerns as the -- as my colleagues about guns being put that on the street.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, being sold to licensed dealers. Any reason why you think the state would do that?

Director Ragan said, I -- I cannot speak for the legislature, no, sir, other than the fact that Georgia's got one of the most liberal gun laws in the -- in the -- in the -- in the nation, so.

Commissioner Center said, are you calling our legislature liberal?

Director Ragan said, liberal gun laws, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, secondly, is there any type of coordination between your agency and the police department.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir, we do.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what -- what -- what type of coordination?

Director Ragan said, well especially if -- if those, you know, and -- and -- any time in a crime of violence within the city limits of Savannah or any -- any -- any city limits from anywhere, especially with a homicide or especially with bad shootings, we always offer. We meet. We run the names through our system, our intel system to see what we have on the individuals, if we have anything active on them. So there is -- there is a de -- deconfliction and a cooperation between the violent crimes units, particularly when the City of Savannah and our intelligence people and our agents to -- to work with any of these things, so, our services are -- our services are open to them all the time.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And that leads to my last question, which percentage of these crimes that's being committed, most specifically the shootings, there's a lot of shootings that's occurring --

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- around the city, and they just recently had a press conference about the shootings, all the shootings.

Director Ragan said, right.

Commissioner Shabazz said, with that, what percentage of the shootings are -- are drug-related? Is there some type of stats on that?

Director Ragan said, we look at it on an individ -- individual basis. Now some of the victims and even some of the suspects have drug histories. In the Wednesday briefings that the city police department has -- Metro police department has, we are in attendance of those. I make sure I have an intelligence officer and -- and my assistant commander is present at those meetings. There has not been a (inaudible) cry as far as them being drug-related. Out of the 11 shootings they had in the last two weeks, the only thing that was mentioned about drugs is that one of the victims had a small bag of weed in his pocket, but that's not really a drug-related shooting. So, there's been no evidence that we've had. We certainly did not have any type of a -- a drug war, turf war, anything like that going on. So, it's -- there's really no hard evidence that any of them are drug-related.

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

Director Ragan said, now they may be, but there's no evidence of that at this point in time. A -- a bag of weed in somebody's pocket is not really a drug-related shooting. So. Okay.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Thanks, Mr. Chairman. I guess just for the record, with this particular law, from what I hear, I don't really see a big difference other than the police now having to ask for approval from the government agency to purchase additional firearms for the department, and other than the monies or the revenues going directly to the general funds of the governments rather than to the --

Director Ragan said, the agency.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- departments or agencies themselves.

Director Ragan said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so I can -- I can see where as a police department or a leader of any type of department that they may not enjoy that law as much, but it actually gives a little, in my opinion, a little more oversight and a little bit more restrictions because it then has to come approval from the government agency, then down, you know, at the request of the leading officer. But -- so -- at first I -- my initial thought was wow, another, just -- well, I won't go there, but, yeah, I agree that some of the gun laws in Georgia, got a little, in my opinion, a little -- a little out of hand with where you can carry --

Director Ragan said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, where I don't believe people should be carrying, but having said that, I support gun owners and gun owners' rights.

Director Ragan said, I -- so do I.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but this particular thing I don't see as a bad thing. I want to ask you one question. You stated earlier -- I believe you stated earlier that when you confiscate -- or the judge or whatever gives back a gun and you're forced to sell it, that you as -- and -- we -- CNT has to actually give the money to the city that --

Director Ragan said, no. No. No. No. No. It goes into the county general fund.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well, you -- you -- you act -- right -- well, then, --

Commissioner Stone said, I --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, I'm glad you clarified because you actually kind of mis-relayed that.

Director Ragan said, no. No. No. Being -- being a county agency the law -- the law differentiates between the two, between a county agency and a -- a -- a municipality.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Director Ragan said, if -- if this were a county agency, then the money that we -- that we --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the agency that makes the bust gets the --

Director Ragan said, makes the bust -- and gets the guns --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Director Ragan said, it goes, like now, it goes into our county general fund. We don't put any money back to the City general fund.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. And one more question. Currently, sworn officers, for people maybe at home that don't understand, Chatham County as a whole, the tax payers, we all pay for CNT to protect the area, and find the drugs and drug dealers and everything else. What happens is each city within our county is allotted a certain number of police officers to work on -- within the CNT department, but the county, as in all of us, pays each city -- reimburses them for that officer. How many police officers do we currently have for the City of Savannah on CNT?

Director Ragan said, we currently have authorized 30. We currently have assigned 25.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. So I want the media to understand this. Chatham County, the one that sometimes looks like -- is made out in the media to look like a bad guy when it comes to police mergers --

Chairman Scott said, is this a question for Commander Ragan?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's -- it's -- I'll form it into one. I'm actually trying to help PR wise, here, Chairman, unless, you -- you're good without help with PR, then that's fine with me. But, we're funding 30 police officers for the City of Savannah. We, being everyone in Chatham County. You know what. I'm done.

Chairman Scott said, anything else?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, how many total officers do you have?

Director Ragan said, right now we're -- we're right at 50.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Right at 50?

Director Ragan said, right at 50. We're -- we're one short of the -- from the Sheriff's Department. We lost one, and he's -- he's -- he's -- his replacement is standing in line. We're five short from the City, and God only knows when I'll get those.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you've lost --

Chairman Scott said, and -- but I will -- back to Commissioner Kicklighter, and -- whenever there's an officer assigned to CNT, regardless of which department he's from, during that period of service with CNT, the county reimburses that city's -- for whatever the cost, not only his salary, but also benefits.

Director Ragan said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and that applies for the 25 officers we have from the City of Savannah.

Director Ragan said, that's correct.

Chairman Scott said, as well as the officers we have from Garden City, Pooler, Port Wentworth --

Director Ragan said, yes, we -- we pay everything --

Chairman Scott said, Thunderbolt.

Director Ragan said, -- associated with those officers. And --

Chairman Scott said, and that's -- it's 100 percent funded by county funds -- county-wide funds.

Director Ragan said, every dime of it.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Director Ragan said, and that's -- that's -- and there's four civilian personnel from the City that we also fund.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and I think the other point that he was trying to make is that you have the majority of the activity, if -- if you look at your report, perhaps occurred within the city limits of Savannah.

Director Ragan said, that is correct, sir.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Commissioner Stone from the 1<sup>st</sup> has a follow-up question.

Commissioner Stone said, I think my question was answered. I was concerned I -- I understood it the same way as Commissioner Kicklighter that the money would then go back to the City of Savannah, and my concern was they're not even helping to fund this organization, so I just wanted to make sure that I understood that correctly.

Director Ragan said, it goes to the county general -- any -- any weapon we seize or we're authorized or sell goes to the county general fund.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, it's -- it's an agreement that we have with all the municipalities that we would make them whole if they would assign the officers, and we in fact make them whole. That's including benefits, retirement contributions, salary.

Director Ragan said, everything.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if I may, I have a question.

Chairman Scott said, we have -- okay. We have --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, how many officers --

Chairman Scott said, wait a minute -- wait a minute.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I got follow-ups from Commissioner Shabazz and follow-up from Commissioner Kicklighter in the 7<sup>th</sup> District.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, there's something you just mentioned about the loss of an officer. You say that you lost an officer. What do you mean? He retired or he quit?

Director Ragan said, no the officer -- we -- the Sheriff's department officer was actually assigned to DEA drug task force by the Sheriff's department, so they had a -- they had a vacancy over there, and one of my agents was qualified, filled that vacancy, so I will -- I -- we have already interviewed, and we will get one from the Sheriff's department to replace that officer.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the reason why I ask is because I know what you do is very -- it's very dangerous work.

Director Ragan said, right.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it's risky work. Have you ever had any officers to be -- any fatalities?

Director Ragan said, no, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good.

(Director Ragan knocked on wood.)

Commissioner Shabazz said, very good. (Commissioner Shabazz knocked on wood.)

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner Kicklighter from the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Okay. So it's my understanding now we fund 30 Savannah police officers through CNT. Correct?

Chairman Scott said, currently 25.

Director Ragan said, we are authorized 30. We currently have 25 sworn personnel.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and four civilians?

Director Ragan said, and four civilians.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Now, if you -- and I'm sorry to ask you this off the top of your head, how many police officers do we fund for Garden City and civilian personnel?

Director Ragan said, we fund two from Garden City. The original agreement authorized one, however, for a period of time the City of Savannah was very lacking -- we had like nine vacancies, so the former Manager worked out an agreement with Garden City. We have two from Garden City that we fund.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Pooler?

Director Ragan said, one.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Port Wentworth?

Director Ragan said, one.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Tybee Island?

Director Ragan said, one.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Thunderbolt?

Director Ragan said, one.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. So -- unincorporated area, how many sheriff's deputies do we fund for this?

Director Ragan said, we have six plus a sergeant's position.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, six.

Director Ragan said, from the Sheriff's office, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, for the entire 85,000 population of the unincorporated area representing that particular area.

Chairman Scott said, no. No. No. You've got Metro -- Savannah Metro's also representing that area.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, this was the same structure prior to this flawed merger agreement when they didn't represent --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Director Ragan said, right.

Chairman Scott said, carry on.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- the county. Any administrative personnel funded for any of the cities?

Director Ragan said, the only -- we have four from the City of Savannah and we have one from Chatham County.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. So, I count --

Director Ragan said, and we've got the Board of Education has -- we have one from the Board of Education.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, one police.

Director Ragan said, one police -- Board of Education police, and we also have one that we do not fund that is given to us from the Bryan County Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's -- that's very good. So we have two, three, four, five, six, 12, we fund 12 officers for everything in the entire county. We, being Chatham County, funds 12 officers that takes -- that's representing the entire county without the exception of Savannah in which CNT is authorized to have 30 police officers.

Director Ragan said, correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's a pretty good deal for the City of Savannah. I'm -- I'm kind of amazed to hear them complain about under payments on a flawed merger. So. Thank you, sir.

Director Ragan said, you're more than welcome, sir.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions?

Director Ragan said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

For information only.

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

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**4. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM THE NOISE ORDINANCE TO ACCOMMODATE LIVE MUSIC AT COCOA'S DESSERT BAR, 4 WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD, FOR JULY 26, 2014. [DISTRICT 4.]**

Chairman Scott said, Item 4 on our Individual Action. Request from the Cocoa Martini and Dessert Bar, a waiver of the county noise -- noise ordinance for a special event on July 26<sup>th</sup>, and the request is not to exceed 80 dBs. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I will, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, is there a motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes. You calling on me? Okay.

Chairman Scott said, no just -- just -- I just --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- want to make sure that you were recorded. It's been moved by --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no. I didn't make the motion.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir. I will make a motion. Based on the compromise, I make the following motion. I make a motion to waive the noise -- noise ordinance for Cocoa's Dessert Bar on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The waiver will allow noise from outdoor entertainment up to but not to exceed a level of 80 decibels up to but not to exceed 11:00 p.m. that evening.

Commissioner Center said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the waiver of the county noise ordinance for Cocoa's Dessert Bar on July 26, 2014 up to 80 decibels and until 11:00 p.m. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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**X. ACTION CALENDAR**

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

Chairman Scott said, now we're on our Action Calendar. And before we proceed on it, I'm going to recognize the Commissioner from the 6<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Brady for the purpose of making a motion. She has an items she wants to table.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, should I just go ahead and make the motion to approve the Action Calendar with the exception of 9(d) and have it removed from -- from the Action Calendar until -- for two weeks in order for the county staff to research possibility another facility for the lease.

Commissioner Center asked, was that a motion?

Chairman Scott said, that -- that's fine. You can put that in the form of a motion.

Commissioner Brady said, I put that in the form of the motion. I --

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that all items on the Action Calendar be approved with the exception of Item (d) and it be postponed for two weeks. Everybody understand the motion? Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The Action Calendar is adopted.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 9 and under Item 9, Items A through S with the exception of Item 9 (d) which is tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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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 JULY 11, 2014, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2014, as mailed. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 3, 2014 THROUGH JULY 17, 2014.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of July 3, 2014 through July 17, 2014, in the amount of \$6,601,426. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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**3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE DECLARATION OF CONSERVATION COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE BUSH ROAD AND THE EISENHOWER DRIVE MITIGATION SITES.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for approval of the Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions for the Bush Road and the Eisenhower Drive mitigation sites. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2014**

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

**ISSUE:**

Request Board approval of the Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions for the Bush Road and the Eisenhower Drive Mitigation Sites.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Bush Road and the Eisenhower Drive Mitigation Sites were approved by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) by permit to mitigate impacts associated with construction of the Harry S. Truman Parkway Phases III, IV and V. The purpose of the mitigation sites are to generate credits for use by Chatham County as mitigation on permit actions in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Construction activities for the Harry S. Truman Parkway Phase III, IV and V are complete. The Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions must be recorded before any of these phases can be turned over to the City of Savannah for ownership and maintenance.
2. The Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions for the sites are required to reserve the properties for exclusive use as mitigation.
3. The County Attorney has reviewed and approved each of the Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions as to legal form.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Request Board approval of the Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions for the Bush Road and the Eisenhower Drive Mitigation Sites.
2. Do not approve the request and provide staff other direction.

**FUNDING:**

No funding is required to approve this agreement.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board must approve property restrictions.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve Alternative 1.  
District 1, 2, 5 and 7

Prepared by: Nathaniel Panther, P.E.

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4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS BY CHATHAM-SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION (MPC) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING LIGHT DETECTION AND RANGING (LiDAR) DATA TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASE SERVERS AND ADDITIONAL DATA STORAGE.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for approval to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of Special Purpose Sales and Use Tax proceeds by Chatham-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission for the purpose of acquiring light detection and ranging data to include the purchase servers and additional data storage. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**

**AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2014**

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

**ISSUE:**

To amend the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Special Purpose Sales and Use Tax Proceeds by Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) for the purpose of acquiring Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data to include the purchase servers and additional data storage.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Board approved an agreement with the MPC on November 7, 2008 to acquire the LiDAR data. With the new additional data, it is necessary to expand the infrastructure to host and serve the LiDAR data. The LiDAR is a large data set and the current network infrastructure is inadequate to store and process the data.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The original agreement amount was \$438,044. The MPC staff was able to negotiate a discount for a portion of the data. Currently, there is over \$45,000 remaining on the original agreement amount. The new equipment will cost \$36,000, which is well within the original agreement amount.
2. The LiDAR data is made available by the County and the MPC on SAGIS for use by the public. The additional servers and data storage equipment is necessary to serve out the data to the public.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To amend the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Special Purpose Sales and Use Tax Proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) for the purpose of acquiring Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data to include the purchase servers and additional data storage.
2. To not approve the Agreement.

**FUNDING:**

No additional funding is required.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board must approve amendments to intergovernmental agreements.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve Alternative 1.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS BY CHATHAM COUNTY TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY -**

**SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION (MPC) FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING ORTHOIMAGERY DATA TO INCLUDE THE  
PURCHASE OF PLANIMETRIC DATA.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of Special Purpose Sales and Use Tax Proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission for the purpose of acquiring orthoimagery data to include the purchase of planimetric data. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**

**AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2014**

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

**ISSUE:**

To amend the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Special Purpose Sales and Use Tax Proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission for the purpose of acquiring orthoimagery data to include the purchase of planimetric data.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Board approved an agreement with the MPC on June 8, 2012 to acquire the orthoimagery data (aerial photography). Planimetric data provides the horizontal location of structures and features based on the photograph data. The planimetric data layers identify the location of buildings and other features.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The original agreement amount was \$150,000. The MPC staff was able to solicit contributions from other area partners to reduce the cost to Chatham County. Currently, there is over \$56,000 remaining on the original agreement amount. The planimetric data will cost \$48,000, which is well within the original agreement amount.
2. The planimetric data is collected to provide users an accurate count of existing buildings, track demolished buildings and provide a count of buildings that have not been reported to the Board of Assessors. It provides an accurate placement of building footprints that is used in flood modeling, surge modeling, hurricane modeling, and road and drainage project planning.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To amend the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Special Purpose Sales and Use Tax Proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission for the purpose of acquiring orthoimagery data to include the purchase of planimetric data.
2. To not approve the Agreement.

**FUNDING:**

No additional funding is required.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board must approve amendments to intergovernmental agreements.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve Alternative 1.

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6. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY DRUG COURT AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ("DBHDD").**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval to authorize the Chairman's signature of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 contract between the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court and the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities ("DBHDD"). Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**

**AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Crystal Taylor Cooper, Court Administrator  
Jean N. Cottier, Deputy Court Administrator/Drug Court Coordinator

**ISSUE:**

To request Board approval to authorize the Chairman's signature of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 contract between the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court and the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities ("DBHDD").

**BACKGROUND:**

The Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court contracts yearly with the DBHDD to receive grant funding. The FY2015 contract (contract number 441-93-1535AAR) provides funding in the amount of \$194,750 to defray the costs associated with substance abuse treatment for Drug Court clients.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County will serve as the fiscal agent for the \$194,750 being made available by the DBHDD.

**FUNDING:**

No Chatham County matching funds are needed. The Multiple Grant Fund will be amended to include this grant.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approves Chairman's signature of contract amendment.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

It has been consistent with Board policy to authorize the Chairman's signature on contracts for the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court to receive grant funding to defray the cost of operating expenses and necessary services, and to ensure uninterrupted receipt of grant funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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7. **REQUEST FOR NEW LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER: AMANDA NICHOLE KECK, D/B/A BASILS PIZZA, LOCATED AT 216 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD, 31410. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval for a new liquor pouring license for 2014. The Petitioner is Amanda Nichole Keck, d/b/a Basils Pizza, located at 216 Johnny Mercer Boulevard. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-7**

**AGENDA DATE: July 25, 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 liquor pouring license for 2014. Petitioner: **Amanda Nichole Keck d/b/a Basils Pizza**, located at **216 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31410**.

**BACKGROUND:**

Ms. Keck requests approval of a liquor pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant which already holds a wine and beer pouring license. 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 Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**District 4**

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Acting Chief Juliette Tolbert

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**8. REQUEST FOR REFUND OF \$125 SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR AN EVENT AT THE GEORGETOWN COMMUNITY CENTER FOR JUNE 14, 2014.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval of a refund of \$125 special event permit fee for an event at the Georgetown Community Center on June 14, 2014. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-8**

**AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2014**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services

**SUBJECT:** Ms. Dandy Taylor, 2504 Ogeechee Rd., Savannah, Ga 31415

**ISSUE:**

Request for fund of special event permit fee.

**BACKGROUND:**

Ms. Dandy Taylor was issued a special event permit for an event at the Georgetown Community Center for June 14, 2014. The permit approval included the closing of one lane of traffic on both sides of King George Boulevard in front of the center.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The application was filed with the \$125.00 fee on May 19, 2014. A map indicating the proposed closed road was submitted with the application.
2. The application was reviewed and approved by Zoning, Public Works, and the Metropolitan Police.
3. At the event on June 14, 2014, off-duty sheriff's deputies were on site and would not allow the requested lanes of traffic to be closed and used for event parking. The applicant was informed that it represented a safety hazard.
4. Section 16-104(7) allows the refund of permit fees with approval from the Board of Commissioners.

**FUNDING:**

Not applicable.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Refund the entire permit fee.
2. Deny the refund.
3. Provide direction to staff.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

There appears to be differing protocol for the closing of roads within the unincorporated County. The protocol between the Police and Sheriff's Departments are not the same. The Public Works Department does not close county roads. Due to the miscommunication between the law enforcement agencies, the applicant did not receive the use of the closed lanes for event parking.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Alternative #1, refund the entire fee.

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**9. 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 with the exception of Item (d) which is tabled until the next Commission meeting as follows : (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.) Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
A. Contract to provide and install cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) at 7 Cypress Cove	Public Works and Park Services	Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc.	\$26,285	CIP - Public Works Drainage
B. Three (3) commercial grade - zero turn mowers	Public Works and Park Services	Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc.	\$26,163	Reserve for Deductible
C. Ninety (90) day extension to provide Inmate Food Services for Chatham County Detention Center	Detention Center	ABL Management, Inc.	\$0.7666 per meal per inmate	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
D. Extend the lease agreement for two (2) years with option for a 3 <sup>rd</sup> year for office space and storage at 1335 Lynah Avenue, Unit 107, Garden City, GA	Fleet Operations	JSR Properties, LLC	\$1,535 per month	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
E. Annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to provide laundry bags and inmate jumpsuits for the Chatham County Detention Center	Detention Center	Bob Barker Company, Inc.	\$121,963	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
F. Annual agreement for system network maintenance for the County portion of the 800MHz Smartzone Communication System	I.C.S.	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	\$199,918	General Fund/M & O - Communications
G. Annual software support contract for the Tax Commissioner's office	Tax Commissioner	Manatron	\$56,180	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
H. To terminate the annual contract with Godbee & Rimes Electrical for electrical repair service and award an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide electrical services for various departments and agencies	Public Works and Park Services	D.P. Joyner Electric, Inc. (WBE)	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•General Fund/M&amp;O - Various</li> <li>•SSD - Various</li> <li>•CIP - Various</li> <li>•SPLOST - Various</li> </ul>
I. Construction contract for the Shipyard Road Channel Drainage Improvement project	Engineering	SES Civil Contractors, LLC (MBE)	\$165,603	SPLOST (2008-2014) Drainage - Shipyard Flood Control
J. Install a new 5-Ton Split HVAC System at the Chatham County Police Annex at 295 Police Memorial Drive	Facilities Maintenance	Southeastern Air Company, Inc.	\$24,350	CIP - Building Maintenance / Operations
K. Annual professional service contract/agreement to manage and oversee the evidence-based programming for youth referred by the Chatham County Juvenile Court	Juvenile Court	Evidence Based Associates, LLC	\$742,162	Georgia Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
L. Flow and rainfall monitoring / measuring equipment	Engineering	Kazmier and Associates	\$28,424	CIP - County Engineer
M. Public radio system upgrade plus two (2) year software maintenance	I.C.S.	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	\$538,000	CIP - ICS Network (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
N. One (1) year sole source agreement for maintenance service on radio equipment and related items for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center Radio Maintenance Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Detention Center</li> <li>•Sheriff's</li> </ul>	Savannah Communications and Electronics	\$101,604	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•General Fund/M&amp;O - Detention Center</li> <li>•General Fund/M &amp; O - Sheriff's</li> </ul>

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
O. AutoCAD software upgrade licenses with annual software maintenance for the County Engineers	I.C.S.	DLT Solutions	\$12,552	CIP - County Engineering
P. Change Order No. 1 (due to the site conditions that required moving the building) to the construction contract for the construction of the Cloverdale Community Center	Building and Safety	Pioneer Construction, Inc. (MBE)	\$109,532	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Cloverdale Community Center
Q. Change Order No. 2 to the design contract for additional design work for the Cloverdale Community Center	Building and Safety	Lominack Kolman Smith Architects	\$7,305	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Cloverdale Community Center
R. Renewal of property insurance without terrorism coverage for various Tybee Island locations	Finance	Lloyds of London	\$24,180	Risk Management Fund - Premiums Insurance and Surety Bonds
S. Construction contract for the resurfacing of Sapelo, Suffolk, Devonshire, Wynn Gate and Riverview Roads	Engineering	Carroll and Carroll, Inc.	\$167,988	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Unincorporated County Roads (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)

**AGENDA ITEM: X-9 A thru S**  
**AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2014**

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER**

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

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS**

**ITEM A**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$26,285 contract to provide and install cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) at 7 Cypress Cove to Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc., for Public Works and Park Services.

**BACKGROUND:** The storm water pipe at this location serves a drainage area of approximately 344,000 square feet and impacts several homes and roads in the area.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- Due to its age, location and inundation with salt water, the pipe has reached it's life expectancy.
- The rehabilitation of this pipe with CIPP technology will retard the effects of salt water intrusion and greatly extend the future life of this vital drainage structure. This project is essential to improving the infrastructure of Chatham County.
- An Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and two (2) bids were received and opened on June 10, 2014. The bid results are as follows:

Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. Patterson, GA	\$26,285
IPR Southeast LLC Stone Mountain, GA	\$51,036
- Staff believes the bid submitted by Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Public Works , Drainage  
(3504100 - 54.14022 - 35030230)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$26,285 contract to provide and install cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) at 7 Cypress Cove to Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc., for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of \$26,163 to purchase three (3) commercial grade - zero turn mowers from Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc., for Savannah, GA, for the Chatham County Public Works and Park Services.

**BACKGROUND:** Chatham County Public Works and Park Services has a need to replace three (3) mowers that were stolen.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The bid was properly advertised and five (5) vendors responded on June 19, 2014. The responses were as follows:

Quik-Kut, Inc. Claxton, GA	\$ 26,163
Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 26,970
The Lawnmower Store Savannah, GA	\$ 27,215
Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, Inc. Atlanta, GA	\$ 27,607
D & D Mower Shop Richmond Hill, GA	\$ 27,607
Golf Ventures, Inc. Norcross, GA	\$ 32,043

2. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a local preference policy which, when a non-local firm submits the lowest bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm to match the non-local bid. If the local firm agrees to match the lowest bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc., was offered the opportunity to match the non-local bid submitted by Quick-Kut, Inc., and they agreed.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$ 26,163 for the mowers to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Reserve for Deductible  
(6259908 - 57.30101)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of \$26,163 to purchase three (3) commercial grade - zero turn mowers from Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc., for Savannah, GA, for the Chatham County Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to award bids based on the Chatham County local preference ordinance.

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

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

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval for a ninety (90) day extension of an annual contract with ABL Management, Inc., of Baton Rouge, LA, for the provision of Inmate Food Services for the Chatham County Detention Center.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 11, 2011, the Board awarded a three (3) year extension to the existing contract with ABL Management, Inc., to provide food services for the Chatham County Detention Center through August of 2014. The current contract expires August 22, 2014.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Sheriff's Department and Purchasing staff have been working together to complete the specifications for the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP). An extension is needed to allow time to receive bids and award a new contract.
2. ABL Management, Inc., has agreed to provide services during the ninety (90) day extension using the current per meal cost of \$ 0.7666

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Detention Center  
(1003326 - 53.13021)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the ninety (90) day extension with ABL Management, Inc., of Baton Rouge, LA, to provide Inmate Food Services for Chatham County Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve an extension to a contract that is in the best interest of Chatham County.

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

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

**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to extend the \$1,535 per month lease agreement with JSR Properties, LLC, for two (2) years with option for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year for office space and storage at 1335 Lynah Avenue, Unit 107, Garden City, GA.

**BACKGROUND:** The County currently has a lease with JSR Properties, LLC for property at 1335 Lynah Avenue, Unit 107, Garden City, GA which serves as storage and office space for Fleet Operations.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The location at 1335 Lynah Avenue is one (1) block away from the temporary garage located at 3916 Old Louisville Road.
2. The lessor, JSR Properties, LLC, has agreed to extend the lease at the current lease rate.
3. JSR Properties, LLC, agrees to a two (2) year extension with option for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year with the right to terminate anytime within the 3<sup>rd</sup> year upon a 90 day written notice.
4. Currently, the County does not have immediate plans for building and relocating Fleet Operations and will need use of the current location for at least another two (2) years.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations  
(1001567 - 52.23101)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to extend the \$1,535 per month lease agreement with JSR Properties, LLC, for two (2) years with option for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year for office space and storage at 1335 Lynah Avenue, Unit 107, Garden City, GA.
2. Provide Staff with other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to extend leases for the best benefit to the County.

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

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

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$ 121,963 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to provide laundry bags and inmate jumpsuits from Bob Barker Company, Inc., Fuquay-Varina, NC, for the Chatham County Detention Center.

**BACKGROUND:** The Detention Center previously held a contract for the laundry bags and jumpsuits from Uniforms Manufacturing, Inc., of Scottsdale AZ. Due to the inability of the previously contracted vendor to deliver the items in a timely manner, their portion of the contract was terminated.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The bid was properly advertised and nine (9) vendors responded on July 2, 2014. The responses are as follows:

Nashville Med. & EMS Prod., Inc. Springfield, TN	\$ 8,964 (incomplete bid)
Bob Barker Company, Inc. Fuquay-Varina, NC	\$ 121,963
Robinson Textiles, Inc. Gardena, GA	\$ 121,985
Uniforms Manufacturing Scottsdale, AZ	\$ 123,306
Just In Trend Johnston, IA	\$ 130,298
Charm-Tex Brooklyn, NY	\$ 134,705
ICS Jail Supplies Waco, TX	\$ 163,422
Ga. Correctional Industries Decatur, GA	Non-responsive
Acme Supply Co., Ltd. Glen Cove, NY	Non-responsive

2. Georgia Correctional Industries and Acme Supply Co., LTD., were deemed non-responsive for failing to acknowledge the addendum which included a revised bid sheet. Nashville Med & EMS Prod., Inc., bid only on the laundry bags.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Detention Center  
(1003326 - 5317005)

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve annual contracts for necessary inmate supplies.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$121,963 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to provide laundry bags and inmate jumpsuits from Bob Barker Company, Inc., Fuquay-Varina, NC, for the Chatham County Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$199,918 sole source annual agreement for system network

maintenance with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the County portion of the 800MHz Smartzone Communication System.

**BACKGROUND:** The system network maintenance provides for the county's 50% share of the central switching equipment data center and maintenance of the County's two (2) 800 MHZ tower sites. The City of Savannah is separately responsible for the other 50% of the maintenance on the switching center and the other towers of the 800 MHZ system network.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The sole source manufacturer and service provider, Motorola Solutions Inc, provides contractual services locally through Savannah Communications, the only company technically qualified and authorized by license to maintain the communication system.
2. Over the last several years additional components have been added. Currently, the value of the entire networked communication system is more than \$15 million.
3. Staff believes this cost to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M & O – Communications  
(1001536 – 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$199,918 sole source annual agreement for system network maintenance with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the County portion of the 800MHz Smartzone Communication System.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide maintenance for the County's portion of the 800 MHZ communication system, without interruption.

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

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

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

**ITEM G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$56,180 sole source annual software support contract from Manatron for the Tax Commissioner's office.

**BACKGROUND:** VisiCraft Systems/Manatron Property Tax Collection program is used for property tax billing, collection and disbursement. The annual support contract provides user support, operating support, upgrades and new program releases.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Manatron of Chicago, IL, is the only company permitted to make changes or updates to their proprietary software, thereby qualifying these agreements to fall under a sole-source procurement.
2. This annual support software contract reflects a 1% increase over the cost of the agreement for last fiscal year. The increase includes enhancements that have been requested to existing programs.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$56,180 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner  
(1001545 - 52.11001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$56,180 sole source annual software support contract from Manatron for the Tax Commissioner's office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to strive for the most efficient and effective means of service delivery.

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

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

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

#### ITEM H

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to terminate the annual contract with Godbee & Rimes Electrical for electrical repair service and award an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to D.P. Joyner Electric, Inc., to provide electrical services for various departments and agencies.

**BACKGROUND:** On April 9, 2010, the Board approved an annual contract with Godbee & Rimes for electrical repair service. On April 25, 2014, the County was officially notified by legal counsel that Godbee & Rimes had ceased operations and was unable to fulfil its obligations under the contract.

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

1. Since the current contract holder was unable to fulfil their contractual obligation a new solicitation was issued.
2. The bid was properly advertised and publically opened on July 1, 2014. The following four (4) firms listed below submitted bids. Please see attached matrix on page 21, for details of the hourly labor rates, specialized equipment rate, and the percentage mark-up on materials proposed by each firm.

\*\* D. P. Joyner Electric, Inc.  
Savannah, GA

\*\* All Electric Company, Inc.  
Savannah, GA

OECI Electrical Contracting  
Savannah, GA

Aiken-Harper Electrical Services  
Garden City, GA

\*\*WBE

3. Staff reviewed the bids and references of D.P. Joyner Electric, Inc., and believes their bid to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:**

- General Fund/M&O - Various
- SSD - Various
- CIP - Various
- SPLOST - Various

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to terminate the annual contract with Godbee & Rimes Electrical for electrical repair service and award an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to D.P. Joyner Electric, Inc., to provide electrical services for various departments and agencies.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### ITEM I

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$165,603 construction contract with SES Civil Contractors, LLC, for the Shipyard Road Channel Drainage Improvement project.

**BACKGROUND:** An existing ditch runs from Shipyard Road, along the rear of several lots, and discharges into an existing piped system at Beaulieu Avenue. This ditch drains approximately 20 acres. Along the ditch are several undersized culverts.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project is located between Shipyard Road and Beaulieu Avenue in Unincorporated Chatham County.
2. The project will replace four (4) undersized culverts, reshape the existing ditch, and relocate a portion of the ditch. A maintenance access road will be installed adjacent to the ditch. This will improve drainage for the area.
3. The proposed construction lies within existing drainage easements and rights-of-way.
4. The project was properly advertised and three (3) bids were received and opened July 3, 2014. The bid results are as follows:

*	SES Civil Contractors, LLC Oak Ridge, TN / Richmond Hill, GA	\$165,603
*	Warner Construction Services, Inc. Eden, GA	\$253,180
**	Potter Construction, LLC Guyton, GA	\$257,375

\*MBE firm    \*\* WBE firm

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) Drainage - Shipyard Flood Control  
(3244250 - 54.14021 - 32480457)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$165,603 construction contract with SES Civil Contractors, LLC, for the Shipyard Road Channel Drainage Improvement project.
2. 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 J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$24,350 purchase to Southeastern Air Company, Inc., to install a new 5-Ton Liebert Mini Mate HVAC System at the Chatham County Police Annex at 295 Police Memorial Drive.

**BACKGROUND:** The old existing 5-ton split HVAC system is over fifteen years old and is beyond repair and needs to be replaced.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Bids were solicited and opened on June 12, 2014. There were two (2) responses to the solicitation.
2. Bid results are as follows:

Southeastern Air Company Savannah, GA	\$24,350
Boaen Mechanical, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$32,695

3. Staff believes the lowest bid for from Southeastern Air Conditioning to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Building Maintenance/Operations  
(3501565 - 54.25001 - 35030977)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$24,350 purchase to Southeastern Air Company, Inc., to install a new 5-Ton Liebert Mini Mate HVAC System at the Chatham County Police Annex at 295 Police Memorial Drive.

2. Provide staff other directions.

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

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

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

#### ITEM K

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award an annual professional service contract/agreement for services, to Evidence Based Associates, LLC (EBA). EBA will manage and provide oversight for evidence-based programming for youth referred by the Chatham County Juvenile Court. This initiative will be funded entirely through a \$742,162 grant awarded to Chatham County by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) through the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program.

**BACKGROUND:** The Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) awarded Chatham County a grant in the amount of \$742,162 as part of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program. This award is provided to continue programming to the youth and families of Chatham County. The goals of the program include reducing felony commitments to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Short-Term Program (STP) sentences, reducing annual secure detention admissions, and reducing recidivism.

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

1. The contract is a continuation of a previous contract with Evidence Based Associates, LLC (EBA) to oversee and monitor these programs in Chatham County. Grant Funds have been awarded from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to fund this program. This is the second year of funding and it is anticipated that additional funding will be available through additional grant dollars to continue the program in subsequent years.
2. The Juvenile Court Administrator, in consultation with the Juvenile Court Judges, negotiated with Evidence Based Associates (EBA) LLC, to establish, oversee, and monitor Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART) programs for identified youth and families in Chatham County.
3. Evidence Based Associates (EBA), LLC quoted the Juvenile Court Administrator a cost of \$53.07 per client per day for Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and \$43.59 per client per day for Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART), based on a total number of 168 clients for the grant period. This daily rate includes all of the costs associated with the establishment and oversight of these programs and outcome reporting as well as the provision of services to individual clients.
4. Staff believes the quote of \$53.07 for FFT per client per day and \$43.59 for ART per client per day to be fair and reasonable.
5. The Chatham County Juvenile Court will receive \$742,162 in grant funding for FY 2015 from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). \$669,300 from the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant and \$78,862 from the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant (JJDP). The grant period is effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

**FUNDING:** Georgia Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program: \$742,162  
(2502600 - 52.39001 - 25020702) (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award an annual professional service contract, with Evidence Based Associates, LLC, to provide Family Functional Therapy (FFT) and Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART) to clients of the Chatham County Juvenile Court a cost of \$53.07 per client per day for Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and \$43.59 per client per day for Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART), based on a total number of 168 clients for the grant period.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to fund court initiatives that increase the level of services provided to youth and families in Chatham County.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM L**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$28,424 sole source purchase through Kazmier and Associates for flow and rainfall monitoring/measuring equipment manufactured by Teledyne ISCO.

**BACKGROUND:** The Laserflow measuring system will allow County staff to accurately assess the flow velocity and then determine the discharge rate in open channels throughout the County. The rain logging system will provide County staff with a record of rainfall events in the several drainage basins of the County that provide a total rainfall as well as a time distribution of each event. County staff will use the data obtained from this equipment to enhance monitoring of the MS4 system. The data will also allow Chatham County to determine tributary flows which enter into the County's system. The data will also be used to adjust the storm drainage models for several major basins, resulting in more accurate predictive capability, which will assist in targeting storm drainage improvements. Further, this has the potential to positively impact flood insurance maps for the County.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Kazmier and Associates is the authorized Teledyne ISCO dealer in Georgia. Teledyne ISCO is the only manufacturer of the Laserflow device, which allows for velocity and depth measurement without submergence in the flows. Staff found no other equipment which provides comparable results.
2. The purchase of this equipment includes training from a Teledyne ISCO representative and assistance with initial installation.
3. The items to be purchased include 1 Laserflow system with surcharge kit, 6 logging rain gauges, software for data retrieval and analysis, startup and training assistance, mounting hardware and communication cables.

**FUNDING:** CIP - County Engineer  
(3501575 - 54.25001 - 35030217)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$28,424 sole source purchase through Kazmier and Associates for flow and rainfall monitoring/measuring equipment manufactured by Teledyne ISCO.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to award sole source purchases when it is in the best interest of the County.

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

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

**ITEM M**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$538,000 sole source purchase of a public radio system upgrade plus two (2) year software maintenance from Motorola Solutions, Inc., for I.C.S.

**BACKGROUND:** Chatham County Information and Communications Services, in concert with the City of Savannah, led the way in establishing the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio System. Six counties in our region, including Chatham, Effingham, Liberty, Glynn, Bulloch, and Bryan, are all participating members.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Due to Federal Communications Commission requirements and supportability of the current version, an upgrade to the radio system software is necessary. This upgrade will keep the network supportable by the manufacturer, provide greater capacity to the system subscribers, and position our County for upcoming FCC deadlines to continue operation.
2. The upgrade is necessary to meet the FCC mandates and must be completed for continued use of the affected public safety radio network radio frequencies in use. The radio system serves all public safety personnel in Chatham County.
3. Our system is becoming unsupported by the manufacturer due to the age of the embedded software. If this upgrade is not implemented before January 1, 2015, supportability by the manufacturer will be drastically reduced.
4. The upgrade provides enhancements along with required changes which will enable greater system capacity. This upgrade is split 50/50 between Chatham County and the City of Savannah.

**FUNDING:** CIP - ICS Network  
(3501535 - 35031410 - 54-240001) (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$538,000 sole source purchase of a public radio system upgrade plus two (2) year software maintenance from Motorola Solutions, Inc., for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to support an aggressive outdoor warning system and critical communications infrastructure needed by public safety personnel.

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

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

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

**ITEM N**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$101,604 one (1) year sole source agreement for maintenance service on radio equipment and related items from Savannah Communications and Electronics for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center Radio Maintenance Service.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chatham County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center has a requirement for a consolidated service package with Savannah Communications and Electronics to provide maintenance for the Sheriff's department mobile radios, portable radios, consoles and repeaters.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Sheriff's department has had a consolidated service plan for its communications for several years. The Sheriff's Department maintains two (2) radio consoles; one (1) repeater and over 400 radios, both portable and mobile. It is essential that the equipment be maintained to keep it functioning properly.
2. The cost has increased for 2014 due to the expiration of the manufacturers warranty on 75 portable/mobile radios. The warranty expirations require the purchase of extended support and coverage with the service agreement.

**FUNDING:** •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$71,123  
(1003326 - 52.22001)  
•General Fund/M &O - Sheriff's - \$30,481  
(1003330 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$101,604 one (1) year sole source agreement for maintenance service on radio equipment and related items from Savannah Communications and Electronics for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center Radio Maintenance Service.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve change order necessary for Public Safety.

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

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

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

**ITEM O**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of \$12,552 for AutoCAD software upgrade licenses with annual software maintenance from DLT Solutions for the County Engineers.

**BACKGROUND:** There are two (2) types of software covered under this maintenance agreement. One includes the capability to add, change and delete all electronic mapping information produced by the

ArcView users. The other software is used to produce maps used in the appraisal process and used by our Engineers, our GIS Analyst and the Board of Assessors

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Effective February 1, 2015, Autodesk will no longer offer upgrade purchase options for non-subscription customers which affects all upgrades of non-current software.
2. County Engineers currently has three non-subscription licenses that need to be upgraded to the current version and added to the maintenance subscription for future upgrades.
3. The annual maintenance renewal cost is \$945.00 per license when under subscription to reward customers who stay on subscription. The cost of a new subscription is more than seven (7) times the cost of maintenance.
4. Promotional pricing is available from Autodesk until July 25, 2014 at a cost savings of 20%.
5. Staff believes this total cost of \$12,552 for the County Engineers to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP - County Engineering  
(3501575 - 3503021-54.24002)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of \$12,552 for AutoCAD software upgrade licenses with annual software maintenance from DLT Solutions for the County Engineers.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary software maintenance for the user departments.

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

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

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

**ITEM P**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$109,532 Change Order No. 1 (due to site conditions that required moving the building) to the construction contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the construction of the Cloverdale Community Center.

**BACKGROUND:** The Cloverdale Community Center will be developed as a free-standing, 5,300 square foot facility on the Butler Elementary School campus. The facility shall contain spacial allocations to accommodate programs directed by the City of Savannah, including a multi-purpose room, computer lab, office, wellness/fitness room, kitchen and restrooms.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. On January 17, 2014, the Board approved a construction contract to Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the construction of the Cloverdale Community Center.
2. The location of the community center on the Butler Elementary School Campus and access from the Coastal Georgia Academy has stimulated additional requirements from the City of Savannah and the School Board.
3. The submitted construction contract change order represents the addition of a grease trap, back flow preventor and cleaner for the irrigation system for the City of Savannah, removal of dumpster enclosure, resurface and stripe entry drive, install new chain link fencing and gates along entry drive and along the access road for the Coastal Georgia Academy, installation of a new chain link fencing and gate along the access road for the Butler Elementary School.
4. Contract history:
 

Original contract ( 1-17-14)	\$878,200
Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>\$109,532</u>
Revised contract amount	\$987,732
5. Staff finds the fee from Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the change order to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Cloverdale Community Center  
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32470360)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$109,532 Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the construction of the Cloverdale Community Center.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

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

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

MARK BUCALO

**ITEM Q**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$7,305 Change Order No. 2 to the design contract with Lominack Kolman Smith Architects for additional design work for the Cloverdale Community Center.

**BACKGROUND:** On June 8, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Lominack Kolman Smith Architects to provide design/engineering services for the Cloverdale Community Center for the amount of \$49,450.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The location of the community center on the Butler Elementary School Campus and access from the Coastal Georgia Academy has stimulated additional requirements from the City of Savannah and the School Board.
2. This change order represents design and coordination services to enable the City and school board to provide approval and for the general contractor to provide pricing.
3. The cost for the additional design work and coordination from Lominack Kolman Smith Architects, is \$7,305.
4. Staff finds the fee for the additional work from Lominack Kolman Smith Architects to be fair and reasonable.
5. Contract history:

Original contract (6-8-12)	\$49,450
Change Order 1 (4-12-13)	6,263
Change Order 2 (pending)	<u>7,305</u>
Revised contract amount	\$63,018

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Cloverdale Community Center  
(3244980 - 54.13001 - 32470360)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$7,305 Change Order No. 2 to the design contract with Lominack, Kolman, Smith Architects for additional design work for the Cloverdale Community Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

MARK BUCALO

**ITEM R**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$24,180 renewal of property insurance for various Tybee Island locations.

**BACKGROUND:** The Tybee Island Library, Pavilion and various communications equipment located at Fort Street are considered high risk property due to their susceptibility to wind and wave damage. Based on the high risk exposure, these properties are not eligible for coverage under the existing property and contents policies. The Tybee Pier is not insurable.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Lloyds of London Insurance Company (existing carried) was the only company willing to provide a quote. Cincinnati, Travelers, Ace, Arch, and RUI Insurance Companies declined to provide a quotation due to the coastal location.
2. Lloyds quotation of \$24,180 represents a decrease in premium from the current premium of \$25,750.
3. Considering the close geographic spread of risk (values insured) a named storm would most likely affect all insured locations.
4. Lloyds is a non-admitted carrier and are no subject to the State's Guaranty Fund. However Lloyd's has an A rating (Excellent) with a financial surplus of XV - or above \$2 billion.
5. Terrorism coverage was quoted by both companies, but is not recommended. The probability of meeting all of the requirements that would trigger coverage is remote.
6. Total insurable values of \$2,916,000 exceed the total net assets in the Catastrophic Claims Internal Service Fund as of June 30, 2014.

**FUNDING:** Risk Management Fund - Premiums Insurance and Surety Bonds  
(6259922 - 52.31021)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$24,180 renewal of property insurance for various Tybee Island locations.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** Insurance is required for property and equipment with values over the balance in the Catastrophic Loss Fund which currently has a balance of \$1,773,484.

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

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

**ITEM S**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$167,988 construction contract to Carroll and Carroll, Inc., for the resurfacing of Sapelo, Suffolk, Devonshire, Wynn Gate and Riverview Roads.

**BACKGROUND:** The project involves milling, paving, striping and signing. The roads were selected based upon ratings provided by Public Works. Funding for this project comes from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG).

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. This project was properly advertised and three bids were received and opened July 2, 2014. The results are as follows:

Carroll and Carroll Inc. Savannah, GA	\$167,988
Preferred Materials, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$173,885
Reeves d/b/a R.B. Baker Construction Garden City, GA	\$251,540

2. Staff believes the bid from Carroll and Carroll Inc., is fair and reasonable.
3. The contractor will have 90 days to complete resurfacing of the roads after the notice to proceed is issued.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Unincorporated County Roads  
(3244220 - 54.14001 - 32456767) (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$167,988 construction contract to Carroll and Carroll, Inc., for the resurfacing of Sapelo, Suffolk, Devonshire, Wynn Gate and Riverview Roads.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
PURCHASING AGENT

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## **XI. FIRST READINGS**

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

### **1. RESOLUTION TO NAME THE MONTGOMERY STREET COURTHOUSE FOR FORMER SENATOR TOM COLEMAN.**

Chairman Scott said, under First Readers, a Resolution to name the Montgomery Street courthouse for former state senator and former Chairman of the Chatham County Commission, Tom Coleman. This is a First Reader. We'll have our Second Reader at our next meeting and adoption of this Resolution to rename the Montgomery Street Courthouse, and this Resolution is being sponsored by myself and Commissioner Farrell of the 4<sup>th</sup> District.

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## **XII. SECOND READINGS**

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

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## **XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, everything else is informational.

### **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: JULY 25, 2014**

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Four (4) sets of parts to repair tidegates on Pipemakers Canal	Public Works and Park Services	Golden Harvest, Inc.	\$9,760	SSD-Public Works
Microsoft Sharepoint technical training course	I.C.S.	Global Knowledge Training Center	\$3,295	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Installation of fire suppression system on unit #80 - Public Works bulldozer	Fleet Operations	FQS Bear Equipment, Inc.	\$7,299	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Office furniture	Finance	VIP Printing & Office Supply	\$4,000	General Fund/M&O - Finance
One (1) server for District Attorney's Office	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$7,208	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Absentee/provisional/test ballots	Board of Elections	Printelect	\$3,429	General Fund/M&O - Board of Elections
Eight (8) guest chairs	County Manager	Mason's Inc.	\$2,973	General Fund/M&O - County Manager
Annual security monitoring services	Public Works and Park Services	Tyco Integrated Security	\$2,768	SSD-Public Works
Bench for Superior Court	Special Projects	Sauder Manufacturing Company	\$6,672	CIP - Clerk of Superior Court
40 law enforcement firearms	Detention Center	Ed's Public Safety	\$7,285	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Initial accreditation survey	Detention Center	Medical Association of Georgia, Inc.	\$4,295	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Asbestos abatement for SR25 Conn/W. Bay Street project	Engineering	Savannah Abatement Services	\$6,150	SPLOST (1998-2003) Bay Street Widening
Mailing of prebills for month of May	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$5,241	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Mail meter rental for three (3) months	Tax Commissioner	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$2,730	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Postage and mailing of taxpayer information brochure	Tax Commissioner	Diversified Companies, LLC.	\$2,518	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Annual alarm monitoring	Tax Commissioner	ADT Security Services	\$6,365	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Annual website hosting	Tax Commissioner	Binary Bus., Ltd	\$4,500	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Cost allocation plan	Finance	Maximus Consulting Services, Inc.	\$9,975	General Fund/M&O - Audit Contract
Relocate existing gas line at Liberty City Community Center project	Special Projects	Atlanta Gas Light	\$5,570	SPLOST (2008-2014) Liberty City Community Center
Five (5) image scanners	Detention Center	B & H Photo Video Pro Audio	\$3,749	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Repairs to chiller	Detention Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$9,250	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Annual license and maintenance agreement for false alarm tracking software	I.C.S.	AOT Public Safety Corporation	\$4,978	SSD-Finance
Tax sale advertisements for month of July	Tax Commissioner	Morris Publishing Group	\$4,180	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner

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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: JULY 25, 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. Environmental re-evaluation for the Extension project approved June 19, 2014 and ROW authorization received June 30, 2014. Environmental Document (FONSI) for the Interchange project was approved by FHWA on May 16, 2014. ROW authorization expected in 2014 for the interchange project. 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. Notice to proceed issued for remainder on July 2, 2014 to Reeves Construction. Contract time for construction is 270 days.
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.
  - c. Sea Lane and Pelican Drive Rehabilitation. Notice to proceed with construction issued on July 16, 2014. Contract time is 90 days.
  - d. Montgomery Cross Road at Sallie Mood. Notice to proceed with intersection and pedestrian improvement project issued to JHC Corporation on July 11, 2014. Contract time is 175 days.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE**  
**AGENDA DATE: JULY 25, 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 and is 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 has bid and a recommendation for award prepared. Construction is 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. Construction is expected to begin in October.
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 part of a drainage feature system located 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, anybody else on the Commission have anything for the good of the order? If not, we do need a motion for an executive session.

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

County Attorney Hart said, and litigation.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion to adjourn to executive session indicate by yes, opposed no. Okay. We are headed for executive session. Again thank you.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

The Board recessed at approximately 10:30 a.m.

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**ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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**APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF AUGUST, 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**