

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 9:36 a.m. on Friday, October 10, 2014.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. I'm going to ask at this time that you please be seated and once -- and once Pastor Smith has completed his invocation or his message and indicate it's time to pray, I will ask that you re-stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by the Commissioner from the 7th District, Commissioner Kicklighter. And at this time, I will recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District for the purpose of introducing our chaplain of the day. Commissioner Kicklighter.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm really honored to be able to introduce this gentleman. He's just quite simply one of the best people that I know. I've known him for many, many, many years. His wife in fact taught both of my children in the two-year old program out at Savannah Christian, and I cut his hair for about 18 years and now my mother does his hair in the salon. So I see him about once every few weeks, and quick thing is I've always told John when I was cutting his hair that I would have to come out and see him preach, and I said it over and over, and one day my daughter, who's now 20 was in there, and she was about six years old at the time, and I said, Hannah, I said, we're going to watch Mr. John preach one day. I've been telling him, we just haven't made it yet, and my daughter looked at me, and she goes -- right in front of him, she says, Daddy, seems to me if you hadn't been by now, you're not going at all. So, you know, I know Hannah can't see this, but I'm finally going to get to see John preach in a sense here, so I'm -- I'm very honored. This is a great man, and I call him up. Reverend John Smith.

Reverend John C. Smith said, this does not alleviate you from being in my church.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's right.

Reverend Smith said, there's no excuse. There's no excuse. All right? I expect you. The -- I -- I -- I have been having my devotions in the book of Isaiah, and whenever I told the folks, some of the folks in my church to -- that I was going to have this devotion, they said, give them hell, fire and brimstone. I'm not going to do that. You probably get enough hell, fire and brimstone from other parts of the county, so I'm not going to do that. If I were to say hell, fire and brimstone, my version would be the old saying, there's a hell to shun and a heaven to gain, and heaven is gained through Jesus Christ. So I'll leave that at that.

Reverend Smith said, I will tell you, and I have five minutes, and I'll do this as quickly as I can, but I will tell you that -- that what I want to share with you God gave to me for myself as a pastor. I do my own devotions, not for sermon preparation but for -- for me. So in -- in Isaiah Chapter 22, the City of Jerusalem is about to come under attack, and so the leaders and the people gather together, and they begin to make preparations. Now I didn't bring my Bible 'cause I didn't want to thump that six pound Bible on this desk right here, but I want to read to you one -- a few sentences from the scriptures, all right? You assessed your defenses that day and inspected your arsenal of weapons in the forest armory. You found the weak places in the city walls that needed repair. You secured the water supply at the lower pool. You took an inventory of the houses in Jerusalem and tore down some of -- to get bricks to fortify the city wall. You built a large cistern to ensure plenty of water. Oh yeah, they worked. The Bible goes on to say they looked and they looked and they looked because they wanted to make preparations for this attack that was coming. I don't know if it was the Babylonians or the Assyrians or whatever, but they were making the preparations.

Reverend Smith said, you -- they were caring for their city, and -- and you have the responsibility to care for your constituency, Chatham County, and -- and I encourage you and -- and -- and I would encourage you to do what they did, that you do all the preparations you can for your task because I know it's not easy. It has to be so very hard to -- to deal with all the issues that you have to face every day, and so I just -- may -- may you be concerned about the people who are under you, and God told me that about my congregation. That's my job. I'm to care of them -- I'm to care for them. The second thing that -- that -- that's what they did. They did all the preparations they could, but there's another part of this. You looked and you looked and you looked but you never looked to him who gave you this city. You never once consulted the one who has long had plans for this city. Wow.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Reverend Smith said, his own people, the Israelites. They did all these preparations, but they never looked to God.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Reverend Smith said, wow. That's astonishing to me, and -- and -- and as I was reading this for my own devotions, the Lord just impressed upon me, that's where I got to be as well. I got to prepare and care for my people, but I got to look to God. I don't have the wisdom and the strength and the ability within myself to do that. He can guide me and he can direct me, and he promises to take care of you because you are the leaders of this part of this great United States, and you may think of this -- this is a little tiny part, but you have -- you have the responsibility, and -- and -- and I would encourage you -- encourage you to just look to him. Let him guide you in your deliberations, in your decision making because he will guide you, and you have a responsibility to the citizens, and I know you come under a great attack all the time. You -- you -- you have to deal with all kinds of things, and -- and I want you to something, I pray -- I'm -- I've been told in the scriptures you pray for those over -- over you in authority, and I pray for you. I pray for you. I pray for the President of this country all the way down. All the way down. My own city leaders in Port Wentworth. I pray for -- I pray for y'all because you have a tremendous responsibility, and I name Mr. Kicklighter by name most of the time. But I know all of you have that responsibility, and I want you to know I'm thankful to you for what you do, and despite your criticism -- the criticisms you get, despite the fact that you -- people may put you down and -- and criticize you and chastise you, I appreciate you, and I appreciate what you're doing, and you are in my thoughts and in my prayers.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Reverend Smith said, now let me have a word or prayer with y'all.

Reverend Smith gave the invocation as follows:

Father in Heaven, I thank you, Lord, for these men and women who have assumed responsibility for their constituency. Theirs is not an easy job. In fact, Lord, You already know that, and You know each and every one of them by name. You call them by name. So I pray for them. I pray heavenly Father You'll give them great wisdom that comes down from above. I pray You'll give them the courage to stand fast in their convictions, and I pray heavenly Father You will -- You will just enlighten them with Your wisdom and Your discernment every day, every moment, every decision that it might bring glory to You, that it might bring great help and grace under fire for them. So minister to them Lord I pray as they have need of, and we pray it all through the all powerful name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Reverend Smith said, God bless you.

Chairman Scott said, God bless you.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Reverend Smith said, if you will excuse me, I have to go prepare a hell, fire and brimstone message for my sermon -- for my church.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, John, before you leave --

Reverend Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- the Chairman has something for you.

Chairman Scott said, Pastor you and I have something in common, I also include -- of course he's not the only one, but I also include Commissioner Kicklighter in all of my prayers. We really appreciate you being here. We are not allowed to compensate you.

Reverend Smith said, that's all -- that's fine.

Chairman Scott said, but we really wanted to present you with a Certificate of Appreciation to let you know we appreciate you being here and your willingness to give up your time. Thank you so much.

Reverend Smith said, thank -- thank you very -- thank you very much, Chairman Scott. I appreciate everything.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman just before the -- the Pastor leaves, I would just like to say thank you so very much for taking time out of your busy schedule to come and to give us those words of wisdom. It was timely. I really appreciate it, and I wish you God's speeds as you continue to serve the people.

Reverend Smith said, thank you very much, and I count this as a great privilege just to be able to be before and share the word with you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you so very much.

Pastor Smith said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, and I failed to -- I failed to state, Pastor Smith is the preacher at Port Wentworth Alliance church, in case anyone wants to do better than me and actually get in there sometime soon. So.

Pastor Smith said, y'all need to hold him accountable.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's it. Thank you.

Pastor Smith said, thank y'all very much.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Albert J. Scott, Chairman
 Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
 Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One
 James J. Holmes, District Two
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 Yusuf K. Shabazz, District Five
 Lori L. Brady, District Six
 Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Also present: Lee Smith, County Manager
 R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
 Janice Bocook, County Clerk

Not present: Tony Center, District Three

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman? At this time?

Chairman Scott said, at this time the Chair will recognize Commissioner Brady of the 6th District for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, thank you. I'd like to make a motion that we excuse Commissioner Tony Center. He is on county business attending a conference for ACCG, and we need to excuse his absence today, please.

Commissioner Thomas said, I second the motion, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that Commissioner Center be excused from today's proceedings due to his travel on approved training. All in favor of the motion -- any unreadiness? Hearing none,

all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Commissioner Brady you can inform the Commissioner from the 3rd District that he's been excused.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will recognize our vice Chairman, Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, for the purpose of introducing our Youth Commission who's here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen. It is my pleasure to introduce the one person that's serving today. She is an executive Board member of the Chatham County Youth Comm -- Commission. Her name is Kendyl Parker, and she attends Savannah Christian School. Welcome, and we are delighted to have you with us today.

Youth Commissioner Kendyl Parker said, thanks for having me.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION FOR ANN ELMORE ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Chairman Scott said, is Ms. Ann Elmore and family here today?

District Attorney Meg Heap said, no, sir. I -- I don't see them at this time. They may be running late.

[NOTE: This item was taken after Commissioner's Item 1 due to the late arrival of Ms. Elmore.]

Chairman Scott said, now, would Ms. Ann Elmore and her family please come up, and I will again extend an invitation to our District Attorney, if she would please come up as well.

District Attorney Heap said, again, thank you for allowing me to come. I want to introduce you to Ann Elmore. She has been a prosecutor all her life. She is dogged. She worked tirelessly for the victims in Chatham County, in DeKalb County, and also in Florida. It's with great sadness but also joy that she goes into the next leg -- chapter of her life. We wish you very much the best happiness in the world.

Ms. Ann Elmore said, thank you very much Meg, and thank you Chairman Scott --

Chairman Scott said, feel free.

Ms. Elmore said, -- and all the members of the County Commission. It has been an honor to serve as an Assistant District Attorney in this community, and it's deeply gratifying that this community and you as its leaders recognize and appreciate the service that we who hang in there over the long haul and slog it out day in and day out give. Thank you very much. It means to very much to me.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we're not through yet.

Ms. Elmore said, you're not?

District Attorney Heap said, I'm going to let you do this.

Chairman Scott said, no. No. No.

District Attorney Heap, are you sure, sir? I messed up last time. Okay.

District Attorney Heap and Chairman Scott read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, the Office of the District Attorney for the Eastern Judicial Circuit is a zealous advocate for justice and relies upon 38 Assistant District Attorneys to fulfill that mission, and in that regard we salute with great pride, Chatham County Assistant District Attorney Ann McNellis Elmore; and

WHEREAS, Ann McNellis Elmore obtained her undergraduate Journalism degree from the University of Georgia in 1979 and her law degree from Mercer University School of Law in 1985. She immediately began her career as an Assistant State's Attorney in the 18th Judicial Circuit in Florida in 1985 and became an Assistant Solicitor in DeKalb County, Georgia in 1987. She joined the Office of the District Attorney for the Eastern Judicial Circuit in 1991 where she has remained for the last 23 years which give her a total of 29 years as a prosecutor.

WHEREAS, Ann McNellis Elmore, in addition to her role as a prosecutor, has been a tireless supporter in the training of rookie prosecutors and police officers prior to her retirement on October 7, 2014.

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

ANN MCNELLIS ELMORE

for her dedication and commitment as an Assistant District Attorney for the Eastern Judicial Circuit and extend best wishes as she assumes the role of retiree.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 10th day of October 2014.

ATTEST:

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, Ann, thank you so much for your 23 years of service here, as well as your 29 years of service as a prosecutor. I think Meg will miss you.

District Attorney Heap said, yes, we will.

Ms. Elmore said, thank you, sir. [Applause.] Thank you, Chairman.

District Attorney Heap said, we also want to note the people in the District Attorney's office who have come in honor of Ann. Stand right here.

Ms. Elmore said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, don't go away. We have a tradition here. Before you can leave, the County Manager always presents the retirees with a lamp.

County Manager Smith said, thank you very much.

Ms. Elmore said, thank you very much sir, appreciate it.

Commissioner Thomas said, congratulations.

Chairman Scott said, Ann?

Ms. Elmore said, sir?

Chairman Scott said, you know if I was retiring and didn't recognize my wife, I would be in serious trouble, but that's your call. You're welcome to come back or you can just ignore him.

Mr. Carl Elmore said, now she's on the record saying she's looking forward to spending time with me while she -- when she's retired, so you -- you've heard it.

Chairman Scott said, please introduce Carl, if you would.

Ms. Elmore said, please, let me introduce my husband who has supported me throughout this and has been incredibly patient as I worked holiday weekends early and late, and it's been very much a cause for me, and he has been very gracious about the whole thing. Thank you all so very much. Carl Elmore. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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[NOTE: Item 2 was taken before Item 1 due to the late arrival of Ms. Elmore.]

2. PROCLAMATION FOR JOHN STRICKLAND ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Chairman Scott said, is Mr. Strickland and his family here today? Would you please come forward? And I will also ask that our distinguished DA would please come forth.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

District Attorney Heap said, sir, can I also ask the investigators from the District Attorney's office to come forth?

Chairman Scott said, you may -- you may invite anyone whom you please to come forth.

District Attorney Heap said, thank you very much. Good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

District Attorney Heap said, it's -- it's kind of a mixed bag here today. I'm -- I'm very much sad that John is leaving us. When he told me that a couple of -- I guess when was it 30 days ago? I almost cried. John and I have worked together since I came in 1995, and I have to tell you I've never met a man so dogged in terms of protecting his investigators. He would come and hound me every day. They need more money. They need this. They need that. He spoke highly of them. It was a wonderful group. When he came and told me I was very sad, but I am really excited on the next chapter of his life. He's a -- always -- always has a friend in the District Attorney's office, and we're going to celebrate this afternoon, but I am very, very sad but very happy for him. And he is a man of few words, but I want to read the proclamation, but I'd also like to give you a chance if you'd like to say something, John.

Mr. John Strickland said, first of all I'd like to thank Commissioner Scott, Chairman Scott and the rest of the Commissioners, and everybody that's worked with me through the years, Meg, it's been great. I'd like to thank Spencer Lawton for hiring me in the first place, and it's a sad moment for me, and that's really all I've got to say.

District Attorney Heap said, I'd like to read the proclamation.

District Attorney Heap and Chairman Scott read the proclamation as follows:


The County of Chatham
Georgia
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Office of the District Attorney for the Eastern Judicial Circuit is a zealous advocate for justice and has its own investigative division in support of that mission and in that regard, we salute with great pride the District Attorney's Chief Investigator, John Sikes Strickland; and

WHEREAS, John Sikes Strickland is a third generation law enforcement professional who has tirelessly worked in law enforcement in Chatham County for the last 25 years; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in the Chatham County District Attorney's Office in 1994 and became the Chief investigator for the department in 2011; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Investigative Division of the Office of the District Attorney for the Eastern Judicial Circuit has become one of the finest law enforcement agencies in Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, as of today, October 10, 2014, John Sikes Strickland will enter a new realm in his life, the world of retirement.

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

JOHN SIKES STRICKLAND

for his dedication, commitment and tireless service as an investigator in the Office of the District Attorney for the Eastern Judicial Circuit and extend best wishes as he assumes the role of retiree.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 10th day of October 2014.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, John, thank you so much for your many years of service, and I'm sure that Meg will miss you greatly. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. --

Chairman Scott said, now, don't go away. Lee [Smith], would you come forth and present John with his lamp?

County Manager Lee Smith said, may he light the way.

Mr. Strickland said, thank you, sir. I appreciate it.

County Manager Smith said, thank you very much. You're going to light the way. We're going to light it up for you.

Mr. Strickland said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, may I just say to our outgoing servant, it's been a pleasure having you serve Chatham County for all of these years. I know those who have worked with you very closely on a day by day basis is going to miss you, and as our District Attorney has said, she's already missed you. I'm going to miss you, because I'm aware of your works for many, many years. You've done an outstanding job, and so,

again, we salute you and I hope you the best as you go to another place in your life in terms of just relaxing and -- and doing whatever you would like to do, but may God bless you and keep you and your family.

Mr. Strickland said, thank you so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Mr. Strickland said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Madam DA, are y'all having a reception or something this afternoon?

District Attorney Heap said, we are, at 1:00 o'clock this afternoon.

Chairman Scott said, Ms. Elmore's not here, and I would like to request if you would if you would present her this proclamation at the reception this afternoon.

District Attorney Heap said, yes, sir. I'd be more than happy to.

Chairman Scott said, and --

District Attorney Heap said, and I'll give her the lamp as well.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

District Attorney Heap said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM BIBB COUNTY (COMMISSIONER THOMAS.)

Chairman Scott said, next under Commissioner's Item, I will recognize our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll make this brief and to the Commissioners and ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to ask Mayor Pro Tem Van Johnson, of course, he holds so many hats, and he's also the director of the Chatham County Youth Commission, and he has a special presentation to make at this time.

Mr. Van Johnson said, thank you so much. Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Mr. Johnson said, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week a delegation of seven Chatham County Youth Commissioners and I traveled to Macon at the invitation of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and the Macon-Bibb County Commission in support of their Georgia Civic Awareness Program for students, or called GCAPs. GCAPs is a state-wide youth engagement program based entirely on the Chatham County Youth Commission. As the Chairman and Dr. Thomas are aware, representatives from Macon-Bibb County to include Commissioner Bert Bivins, visited Chatham County during the summer to visit with our young people and to -- to witness first hand the wonderful ground-breaking things that you have been doing for over 22 years here in Chatham County. They promised that they would stay in touch. We had no idea that they would stay in touch so quickly. Hence our invitation to Macon. And what world class treatment we received in Macon. From a Sheriff's escort throughout our visit, from dinner at City Hall to lunch on their lake and their site of their new water park soon to come. The icing on the cake came during their actual County Commission meeting when we were called up and a proclamation read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Youth Commission was established in 1992 by Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas realizing her vision was to have a formal organization in place that would directly involve youth in the governmental process, as well as develop leadership skills, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Chatham County Youth Commission is to provide a vehicle to learn about government, participate in the process and to represent and articulate the needs of youth in the community, and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Youth Commission is replicated across the country, along with several other programs in developmental phases and have received national attention from the National Civil League, National Association of Counties, among others, and

WHEREAS, with more than 500 graduates and since its inception Chatham County Youth Commission seeks to prepare youth for a life time of public and community service regardless of their present or future career aspirations, and

WHEREAS, the benefits have been enormous, including increased self-awareness, recognition from the community, increased personal community involvement, and enhanced relationships between the county government and the schools that its serves,

NOW, THEREFORE, I Robert A Reichert, here -- do hereby proclaim October 7, 2014, as Chatham County Youth Commission Day in Macon, Bibb County, and all citizens are urged to join us in helping youth become future leaders.

Mr. Johnson said, and so obviously we were elated and very happy. So on behalf of Mayor Reichert, Commissioner Bert Bivins, the Macon-Bibb County Commission, I would like to present to the Chairman and to Dr. Thomas the copies they sent to you, along with various gifts and -- and a -- a picture of their iconic apple -- I guess it's apple blossom.

Members of the Board collectively said, cherry blossoms.

Mr. Johnson said, cherry. Okay. Well, you can tell how much fruit I eat, right? And to all of the Commissioners, ACCG sends their best regards, and hence the Coca-Cola bottles. If you notice they have the 100-year ACCG logo on them. So.

[NOTE: Mr. Johnson presented Chairman Scott and Commissioner Thomas with copies of the proclamation and many gifts from Macon-Bibb County.]

Mr. Johnson said, and again, this -- this has certainly has been and continues to be a team effort. Thank you all so much for your support. Mr. County Manager thank you for your continued support and certainly my director, Carolyn Smalls and folks that help us make things happen for young people in this community. You are being watched. You are being adored for the things that you're doing, and you're certainly setting the bar. Thank you all so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, just want to thank Mr. Johnson for all the work that he does with our Chatham County Youth Commission. Certainly he has no personal life, and -- really, and -- they call him daddy. They call him everything, but he truly has done a marvelous job, and we appreciate what he has done, and we just want to thank him very much, and please thank the Bibb County for this very, very fine gesture. I did have an opportunity to speak with I believe -- who was it that I spoke with Mr. Johnson? It was one of the gentlemen --

Mr. Johnson said, the Assistant County Manager.

Commissioner Thomas said, the Assistant County Manager that called, and, you know, told me about this. So, again, congratulations for helping us.

Chairman Scott said, I'm going to present this picture to the County Manager to hang in the hall between our offices.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, you know, he's new here and everything out there is pretty bare.

County Manager Smith said, thank you, sir. We'll take care of it.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Ms. Parker.

Youth Commissioner Parker said, go ahead? I just wanted to go ahead and thank you guys for your support and all the opportunities Youth Commission has given me, specifically, Dr. Thomas and the Chairman and all the Commissioners. Thank you so much, guys.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you.

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[NOTE: Proclamation and Special Presentation Item 1 was heard at this time.]

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CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Scott said, do we have anyone in the audience is here for the rezoning of the German Country Club property? Okay. We will not be taking action on the rezoning until our next meeting. However, if you want to remain when we get to that subject matter, if you want to address the Commissioners on it, I will recognize you at that time, but I also wanted to afford you an opportunity if you did not want to address the Commission today to -- to inform you that we were not going to take action on it until the next meeting because the country club is located in the 3rd District and the 3rd District Commissioner is out on county business, and I was going to re -- hold it until the next meeting so he would be here to be able to share his thoughts on it. So if you want to remain, when we get to it on the calendar, I will recognize you for an opportunity to address the Commission. Okay.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

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IX. ITEMS FOR *INDIVIDUAL* ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: (a) TRANSFER \$205,000 FROM THE SHERIFF'S RESTRICTED CONTINGENCY TO THE DETENTION CENTER BUDGET, (b) TRANSFER \$35,530 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE DETENTION CENTER BUDGET, (c) TRANSFER \$33,155 FROM PAYMENTS TO OTHERS TO SALARIES AND BENEFITS WITHIN THE MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE-COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUDGET; 2) IN THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$37,430 FOR INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS; 3) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND APPROPRIATE \$54,680 TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM; AND 4) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND: (a) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$22,100 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH FOR THE VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM, (b) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$72,027 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM THE GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT.**

Chairman Scott said, we are now on individual Action Calendar. The first to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer for fiscal year 2015: in the General Fund and M&O: transfer \$205,000 from the Sheriff restricted contingency to the Detention Center budget, transfer \$35,350 [sic] from the Detention Center salaries to equipment rental, transfer \$33,155 from payments to others to salaries and benefits within the Minority/Women Business Entrepreneur -- Enterprise-Community Outreach budget, and (d) increase revenues and expenditures by \$3,770 from the Law Library, transfer \$84,515 from contingency to the bond administrative service account; 2) in the Risk Management Fund increase revenues and expenditures by \$37,430 for insurance reimbursements; and 3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$54,680 to the Counter Narcotics Team; and 4) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$220,100 for a grant award from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health for the Violent Intervention Program, increase revenues and expenditures by \$72,027 from a grant award from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act Grant.

Commissioner Holmes said, so moved for approval.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve Item 1 on the Individual Action Calendar. Is there any unreadiness? Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Motion approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved for approval of the request following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund and M&O: (a) transfer \$205,000 from the Sheriff's restricted contingency to the Detention Center budget, (b) transfer \$35,530 from Detention Center salaries to equipment rental, (c) transfer \$33,155 from payments to others to salaries and benefits within the Minority/Women Business Enterprise-Community Outreach budget, (d) increase revenues and expenditures \$3,770 for the Law Library, (e) transfer \$84,515 from contingency to the bond administrative services account, 2) in the Risk Management Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$37,430 for insurance reimbursements, 3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$54,680 to the Counter Narcotics Team, and 4) in the Multiple Grant Fund: (a) increase revenues and expenditures \$220,100 for a grant award from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health for the Violence Intervention Program, (b) increase revenues and expenditures \$72,027 for a grant award from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: October 10, 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 for fiscal year 2014: 1) in the General Fund M&O transfer \$205,000 from the Sheriff's restricted contingency to the Detention Center budget, (b) transfer \$35,530 from Detention Center salaries to equipment rental, (c) transfer \$33,155 from payments to others to salaries and benefits within the Minority/Women Business Enterprise-Community Outreach budget, (d) increase revenues and expenditures \$3,770 for the Law Library, (e) transfer \$84,515 from contingency to the bond administrative services account, 2) in the Risk Management Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$37,430 for insurance reimbursements, 3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$54,680 to the Counter Narcotics Team, and 4) in the Multiple Grant Fund: (a) increase revenues and expenditures \$220,100 for a grant award from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health for the Violence Intervention Program, (b) increase revenues and expenditures \$72,027 for a grant award from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) General Fund M&O
 - a. Restricted contingency funds are included in the FY2015 budget for the Sheriff. The Sheriff is requesting a transfer of \$205,000 from the restricted contingency to the Detention Center budget to cover contractual agreements for maintenance items. A staff report is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
 - b. The Sheriff is requesting a transfer of \$35,530 from salaries in the Detention Center budget to equipment rental to cover the cost of lease payments for temporary office space. A staff report is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
 - c. During the budget process the Minority/Women Business Enterprise-Community Outreach-Jail budget had two vacancies. Salaries were budgeted at the minimum of the range. The positions were filled above the minimum of the range. A transfer of \$33,155 from payments to others to salaries and benefits is requested to provide the additional funds needed.
 - d. The Board of Trustees of the Law Library approved salary adjustments for the two employees in the department. Expenditures in this department are reimbursed one hundred percent. A budget amendment to increase revenues and expenditures \$3,770 is needed. A resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

- e. The Board of Commissioners approved the refunding of the 2005 MSA bonds. This was not anticipated during the preparation of the FY2015 budget. The issuance costs are not budgeted. A transfer of \$84,515 from contingency is requested. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- (2) Insurance reimbursements have exceeded the budget. An amendment to increase revenues and expenditures \$37,430 in the Risk Management Fund is needed. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- (3) The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested a \$54,680 appropriation for the purchase of various items as outlined in the attached staff report (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- (4) Multiple Grant Fund:
 - a. The Chatham County Violence Intervention Program/Intercept has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$220,100. 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. The Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has awarded the Victim Witness Assistance Program a grant in the amount of \$72,027. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O and the Confiscated Revenue Fund. The budget amendment will establish funding in the Risk Management and the Multiple Grant Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) Transfer \$205,000 from restricted contingency (1009992) to the Detention Center budget.
- b) Transfer \$35,530 salaries to equipment rental in the Detention Center budget.
- c) Transfer \$33,155 from payment to others to salaries and benefits within the Minority/Women Business Enterprise-Community Outreach budget.
- d) Increase revenues and expenditures \$3,770 for the Law Library.
- e) Transfer \$84,515 from contingency to the bond administrative services account.

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND

Increase revenues and expenditures \$37,430 for insurance reimbursements.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND

Appropriate \$54,680 to the Counter Narcotics Team for purchases as outlined in the attached staff report (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$220,100 for grant award from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.
 - b) Increase revenues and expenditures \$72,027 for a grant award from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant.
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 BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF A FEDERAL GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, ADMINISTERED BY THE HHS OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH FOR THE VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS**

**RELATED TO THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ITS SUBSEQUENT AWARD.
THE GRANT AMOUNT OF \$220,100. NO COUNTY MATCH REQUIRED.**

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 under Individual Action, request Board acceptance of a federal grant award from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health, administered by HHS Office of Minority Health and Violent Intervention Program and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award. The grant amount is \$220,100. No county match is required for this. I will entertain a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, so --

Commissioner Brady said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, -- moved.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved, moved by Commissioner from the 6th District, Commissioner Brady. Second by Commissioner Holmes from the 2nd District. Hearing the motion, any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve acceptance of a federal grant award from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, administered by the HHS Office of Minority Health for the Violence Intervention Program and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: October 10, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Sheryl Jones, Violence Intervention Program Coordinator

ISSUE:

To request Board acceptance of a federal grant award from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, administered by the HHS Office of Minority Health for the Violence Intervention Program and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Violence Intervention Program/Intercept has been awarded the grant in the amount of **\$220,100** which includes the salary and benefits for the Coordinator and two part-time employees, staff travel and training, supplies, equipment, contractual fees, and transportation.
2. The Board approved the application of this grant on June 27, 2014.
3. The grant does not require a match. **No additional funds from the County are required.**
4. The grant will run for one year with an option for renewal for two additional years. The starting grant cycle is September 2014-August 2015.
5. The grant will be funded in the multiple grant fund and we request that the Board amend the Multiple Grant Fund.

FUNDING:

1. No additional County funds are required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board accepts the grant award from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, administered by HS Office of Minority Health.
2. Amend the calendar and provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

No additional funds from Chatham County are required. There is no match required. Funds in 2179951 for the Violence Intervention Program were to end on December 31, 2014 and this grant will continue funding for the VIP/INTERCEPT program for additional with two additional years possible.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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3. NOISE VARIANCE REQUEST FROM DABBS WILLIAMS, CONTRACTOR FOR THE ISLANDS HIGH SCHOOL GYM PROJECT, TO ACCOMMODATE EARLY MORNING POURS FOR THE CONCRETE SLAB STARTING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20 - NOVEMBER 14, 2014.

Chairman Scott said, is there anybody here from Dabbs Williams? Okay. This is a noise variance request from Dabbs Williams, contractor, for the Islands High School gym project to accommodate early morning pours for concrete slab starting the week of October 20 to November 14, 2014. Mr. Dabbs, would you come forward, please. Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams, there's been a lot of discussion about the need for this pour.

Mr. Earl Dabbs said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, and would you please explain it to the Commission why this request is made.

Mr. Dabbs said, our concrete is coming from over in Port Wentworth, and it's really a logistics thing that the concrete trucks get tied up with traffic early morning, and, you know, we have pumps on the project and we need to con -- keep the concrete flowing, and -- and it -- it does better for us to try to get the concrete on the project and poured before the traffic picks up early in the morning because then we get -- you know we have problems with traffic and, you know, that causes problems with the setting of the concrete, so we -- we really like to get it poured and all on the ground before -- before traffic really gets heavy in the morning.

Chairman Scott said, and how early would you propose that we --

Mr. Dabbs said, 4:00 a.m. 3:00 to 4:00 o'clock in the morning.

Chairman Scott said, would you say that you have reasonable knowledge of concrete and --

Mr. Dabbs said, yes, sir. Yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, then we have some questions I think. Commissioner Stone --

Commissioner Stone said, I just -- I just --

Chairman Scott said, -- from the 1st District has a question for you.

Commissioner Stone said, -- have one. I think that yours was a different situation in that you're more concerned with the traffic --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I'm sorry.

Chairman Scott said, pull the mike up if you would.

Commissioner Stone said, you were more concerned with the traffic then you were with the actual temperature time pouring because we were asked for a variance this summer because of the temperature.

Mr. Dabbs said, right. Yeah at Heard.

Commissioner Stone said, they wanted to start at that time, but yours is more to get the trucks there?

Mr. Dabbs said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, is my understanding.

Mr. Dabbs said, they have to come from, you know, through town, get through all that town traffic in the morning, and like I say, when we get them all backed up to pumps, we need to keep it rolling and --

Commissioner Stone said, and so what is -- just out of curiosity, what is the temperature needed to -- to pour concrete to have it set in time --

Mr. Dabbs said, it needs to be above 40, and it really needs to be below about 90 to 95 to get a proper cure.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Thank you very much.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning, Mr. Williams.

Mr. Dabbs said, I'm Dabbs. I'm Earl Dabbs.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Earl Dabbs, okay.

Mr. Dabbs said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, well, good morning.

Mr. Dabbs said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I want to know how far are residents away from this actual site?

Mr. Dabbs said, where the building's actually going to be completed, it's -- it's within 200 yards, the back of the site. We're adding on to the back of the school by the new baseball/football field, and -- and the neighborhood I'm -- I'm assume -- I -- I think it's Battery Point that's right behind us, and there was a -- there was a -- a sound buffer in, but there was a sewer line put in by the county which cleared the area, part of the area which was going to be the buffer zone, and it's -- it's a strip of woods probably about 30 or 40 yards wide now, and it's -- it's pretty close to the back of the school where the -- where the gymnasium's actually going to wind up.

Commissioner Shabazz asked, the -- in terms of the noise that these trucks will cause, will it disturb the residents that time of the morning?

Mr. Dabbs said, well, you know, we're going to have -- if y'all have ever seen a concrete pump, you know, it's -- it's a big truck that's going to have about 150 foot boom on it that they back the trucks up to the -- to the pump, and -- and they dump into a hopper, and -- and, I mean, you know that's diesel engines running, and plus we're going to have light towers running. We have to have lights out in the morning, you know, which are powered by diesel engines, and I mean, yeah it -- it -- it -- it does make noise, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so have you alerted the residents that -- as to --

Mr. Dabbs said, we have not, but that is part of the plan that we -- we're working with Parsons putting together fliers, and we're going to go out to the community, and -- you know, if approved, and let them know what's going to be going on, yes, sir. We have -- we've already discussed that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir. Hold on. I'm not finished yet. Okay. All right. Also, in terms of the schedule, this project, is it on schedule or is it above schedule?

Mr. Dabbs said, we're running behind a little. We had some weather delays, and we've had some delays with some utilities. Some unforeseen utilities that we had to be relocated, some gas lines and fiber optic lines, and -- but we're -- you know, we've -- we've -- we've got an accelerated schedule to try to get it back on, and as far as our concrete, I think we're going to be pretty much on -- on -- pretty much on schedule with our concrete.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Thank you.

Mr. Dabbs said, mm-hmm.

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

Commissioner Brady said, we've had requests for these ordinance variances I think this is the third one, and I -- and I actually support what you're trying to do. The problem I have though is the comment that you just made, especially that Parsons is involved in this, that the residents were not notified before you making a -- before you made the request for this variance. They should have been notified prior to you coming before the Commission, and that -- that's my position, and they knew that -- they know that, and so now -- now, I've got a real problem with this. Otherwise, I would have supported this, but those residents need to be notified ASAP, and y'all need to have a meeting with them. That's just my perspective. I don't represent the 4th District. I represent the 6th, but y'all need to talk to the residents first.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, anybody else before I recognize -- re-recognize Commissioner Stone?

Commissioner Thomas said, I do.

Chairman Scott said, do you have?

Commissioner Thomas said, yes. I'd just like to make a short comment. Yeah.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Commissioner Thomas, 8th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too agree with my colleague in terms of informing the residents. People need to know what is about to happen or is happening or if there are any changes. This is what we try to do in District 8. As a matter of fact, when you come in District 8, you're going to have to let us know before you do it, and I think that needs to be done in all Districts prior to and then once you answer questions from the people in that District, and when it comes before the County Commissioners, then it will be so much easier for us to make the kind of judgment that we need to make in order to support you in your endeavors. So I would suggest that, you know, next time around or whatever or whatever needs to be done.

Mr. Dabbs said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, I support my colleagues that we need to make sure that the -- the people are informed so they can have their say. Okay?

Mr. Dabbs said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Farrell from the 4th District.

Mr. Dabbs said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, good morning.

Mr. Dabbs said, good morning.

Commissioner Farrell said, I -- I appreciate your concern for wanting to pour this concrete in a manner that's going to give a good product to the School Board, to the -- to -- to all the folks that are going to use that slab. How -- how many years do you think that that slab would be there after you pour it?

Mr. Dabbs said, it'll -- it'll probably be there until they tear the school down.

Commissioner Farrell said, 50 years?

Mr. Dabbs said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, 100 years?

Mr. Dabbs said, the concrete --

Commissioner Farrell said, you get to pour it once, right?

Mr. Dabbs said, pour it once.

Commissioner Farrell said, and if you had interruptions in your supply line on such a large pour --

Mr. Dabbs said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, and you had all these different curing rates throughout the curing process, would that have a bearing on the PSI rating that you get?

Mr. Dabbs said, not really the PSI because, you know, the concrete's going to set up and cure anyway. What we have is what we call cold joints, it's where that you get some concrete that's already starting to set, and you get some fresh one in it, and they will not --

Commissioner Farrell said, bond.

Mr. Dabbs said, -- adhere together.

Commissioner Farrell said, so you start having cracking problems?

Mr. Dabbs said, cracking problems, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, so -- so if -- if we pour this thing in the manner that you're wanting to do.

Mr. Dabbs said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, it would have the least probability of having a cracking problem on a product that's going to last 50 to 100 years reasonably speaking, so a little inconvenience of the front end could pay huge dividends to all the people playing basketball.

Mr. Dabbs said, that's correct.

Commissioner Farrell said, it may be some sort of assemblies in there, and it would be a maintenance nightmare for some -- the school board if this thing was having problems long after you've been paid and gone.

Mr. Dabbs said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, 'cause you could easily --

Mr. Dabbs said, that's right.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- in my opinion, do it by the book, make the same amount of money and walk away from it.

Mr. Dabbs said, that's right.

Commissioner Farrell said, and leave a product for the community that would not be of the most excellent quality that you're -- that -- that you are proposing to -- to give to the community.

Mr. Dabbs said, that's right.

Commissioner Farrell said, so because of those reasons, I will forfeit the -- the short term inconvenience, and I will support the idea of pouring concrete in a manner that's going to give the best product to the community that you could possibly do, and I -- I appreciate you taking that extra effort, because, obviously, it's not going to affect your bottom line one way or the other.

Mr. Dabbs said, no, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, and -- but it is going to affect the end users, which is our community, and that involves everybody, so for that I will support the -- the -- the proposal.

Mr. Dabbs said, these -- that -- that -- that school is getting a solid maple wood floor in it too, which is even more critical. Very few any more you see the -- the real thing, the solid wood floors on sleeper systems, so it's -- I mean, it's even more critical than most -- most concrete pours.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. That's all my questions.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to ask Commissioner Farrell, is this high school located within your District?

Commissioner Farrell said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, is it safe to say that if residents have problems, they will be contacting you --

Commissioner Farrell said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- rather than most of us?

Commissioner Farrell said, they will.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, sir, I will rely on your opinion since it's in your District, follow your lead, and vote as you -- as you see.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, anybody else? Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. I'm just a little bit concerned, and I agree with the comments of Commissioner Brady and Commissioner Thomas that we asked this before, and I believe it might have been the same contractors involved that please notify the neighbors first, then come ask for the variance. I just think it's very unfair to come and ask us for permission and -- and the neighbors don't even know anything about it, and that's what concerns me is that we -- we did make this request once before this summer on a pouring at Isle of Hope, and I realize it was different. Their's was -- they were getting started earlier because of the curing

of the concrete, but I'm still receiving phone calls and complaints that they're starting earlier than they said they were going to start, and it's just -- it's not the right thing to do in my opinion. Please notify the neighbors. I'll say it one more time before you all come and ask for a variance.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Dabbs, you -- you have here a request to pour concrete for 25 days.

Mr. Dabbs said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, you could cover Wilmington Island in 25 days. How many days do you actually plan to pour concrete.

Mr. Dabbs said, we're looking. I think our -- our -- our -- our request called for four pours, but now we're looking probably at five pours. We've got a science wing. We have the gymnasium and locker rooms on either side, so we're probably going to pour the locker rooms in single pours, the gym in two pours, and then the science wing in one pour.

Chairman Scott said, so how many days are you actually talking about?

Mr. Dabbs said, five.

Commissioner Farrell said, during that --

Mr. Dabbs said, during that period of time, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions? Anybody has a motion on this? Mr. Williams [sic] we're through. Thank you. No further questions.

Commissioner Farrell said, I make a motion for approval.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second? Any unreadiness? Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Commissioner Farrell, you said let them pour, so I'm going to vote with you on it.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'd -- I'd -- I'd rather have a quality product --

Chairman Scott said, the motion carries.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- that will last for decades and decades than -- than -- than create a -- a maintenance nightmare for -- for school boards for -- to come for generations to come. It's just --

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the noise variance request from Dabbs Williams, contractor, for the Islands High School gym project to accommodate early morning pours for the concrete slab starting the week of October 20 to November 14, 2014. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried in a 6-2 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Holmes, Farrell, Shabazz, Kicklighter and Thomas voting yes and Commissioners Stone and Brady voting no. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3

AGENDA DATE: October 10, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

SUBJECT: Islands High School, 170 Whitemarsh Island Road

ISSUE:

Request for variance from the noise ordinance to accommodate the Islands High School project. The construction of a new gym addition and making early morning pours for the slab concrete. Starting the week of October 20 - November 14, 2014.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Chatham County Noise Ordinance limits sound in business zoning districts to sixty-five (65) decibels at all times of the day or night.

2. The submitted request is to obtain a variance to allow early morning pouring of slab during the weeks of October 20 - November 14, 2014 starting at 4:00 a.m..
3. The Noise Ordinance, **Section 24-210**, allows for the request of a variance to the required provision.
4. The variance is allowed for temporary duration, for a specific date and time.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve variance request during the weeks of October 20 - November 14, 2014.
2. Disapprove variance request.
3. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The proposed slab pouring activity associated with the addition of Islands High School will require work hours outside of those designated within the County Noise Ordinance. **Section 24-310** of the ordinance allows for the issuance of a variance to the provision of time, on a temporary basis. The variance is issued by the Board of Commissioners, based on a recommendation of the Zoning Administrator.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative #1, grant variance as recommended by Zoning Administrator (see attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

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ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'll recognize our DA. Although we just took action on Item 2, the DA would wish to make some comments.

District Attorney Heap said, I do. Good morning. I just want to thank you for allowing us and voting this federal grant we just received. I'm really excited about it, and I wanted to introduce the people that are going to put this grant into effect. As you know my office is responsible for protecting victims of crime and for prosecuting those and holding them accountable. There is another facet to our office. It is the violence intervention program, and that is reaching out to people who have been victims of violent injuries. We have worked with the hospitals because statistics show that people who receive a violent injury, and we are talking males between the ages of 15 and 25. If we don't make outreach to them, they're either going to become a victim again or retaliate, and in recent times, because of the shootings, Sheryl Jones, who is the director of our Violence Intervention Program, along with Cheryl Rogers, the director of our Victim Witness Assistance Program, we made a grant, or we reached out to the federal government for a grant, and we were one of nine in the United States, and we are being looked at as a pilot program, because or belief is I'd like to reach out to the at risk before they ever become victims of crime, and we also have here with us is, Diane McLeod. She is my chief of Juvenile Court. She came to me about a year ago and says, you know, we need to reach out to the schools. She'd like to do a mentoring program, and again, I've got some wonderful prosecutors who stay on my case, and she did, and we received monies there, and she has joined with Dr. Manning, Wilhelmina Manning, who is the principal of Hubert Middle School, and so we are really excited. We received funds, so we're going to reach out to these children who are at risk. And I'd like briefly if I could is Sheryl to step forward. I'm -- I'm really pumped. Come on up here Sheryl. She's going to tell you what she has in plan. This is \$200,000. There's no matching money from -- needed from the county, and we receive that each year for the next three years, and we -- we're really excited about what we're going to do with it. So, Sheryl, if you could tell them, please.

Ms. Sheryl Jones said, good morning again. I'm Sheryl Jones with the Violence Intervention Program/Intercept Program, and I thank you all so much for allowing me to speak briefly about the program and the services we provide. Basically the violence intervention program responds to victims of violent intentional in -- injuries at Memorial Hospital, and this year alone, year to date, we've served over 236 individuals in the hospital who suffered violent intentional injuries. Of those 236 individuals, 60 percent of those were between the ages of 17 and 25 with 90 percent of those individuals being male. With the program, what we do is basically make sure that we provide resources to those individuals first to make sure that they are healthy, and then we link them to additional resources to make sure that they are productive citizens of our community by assisting them with finding employment or going back to school or what have you. We also provide mentoring support as well. The -- as a result of working with these individuals in the hospital, what we did see was a lot of the statistics basically showed that those individuals had some of the same issues going on, coming from violent households, they haven't completed, you know, high school, and they were also hanging out, you know, on the streets not doing anything productive during the time of their injury. So what we wanted to do is be proactive and go into the school system by providing those services to those individuals who were being bullied or had some behavioral

issues, whether it be at home or at school, and also facing truancy or expulsion from the school system. So we basically go in and work with the principals, the counselors and the staff to make sure that, you know, they receive the services that they need to be supported through their school year.

Ms. Jones said, with the Intercept program, we started that in October of last year, and basically we've served over 31 youth in that program with 30 of those individuals actually remaining in school during the school year.

Commissioner Thomas said, good.

Ms. Jones said, the other additional thing was that what we -- ideally what we do is provide support to the school system as much as possible. If it means going into the homes or, you know, providing a mentor just to go to the school and say, hey, what's going on with you. You know, how can we help? Do we have to sit in the classroom, you know, to make the day go well or what have you. This is what we do to make sure that our youth are successful. Just recently with the acts of violence in our community with our youth, Intercept was actually able to go in to Savannah High and actually work with youth who were actually affected by the incidences that happened in that school system and -- I'm sorry, in that school. And basically what we did is talk to some of the students that were affected. We explained to them about the issues of retaliation and what happens, you know, with that, and we encouraged them to have alternate forms of actually helping their peers. We also offered counseling at that time as well, and we hope with what we did, we actually deterred individuals from going out and retaliating against their peers from the school.

Ms. Jones said, the other thing, with that, we were able to get a -- an additional six applicants for our Intercept program, and with this grant, what we hope to do is be able to serve at least 55 individuals directly through Intercept, and we're going to have an extension of that program at Hubert Middle School, and, of course, Ms. McLeod will actually explain that. So I thank you so much. We are going to do, you know, what we can for our community, being one of nine in the nation to receive this grant, and we're going to make ourselves look good. So I thank you so much, and we just, you know, hope that we can actually represent you well.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

District Attorney Heap said, Diane.

Ms. Diane McLeod said, good morning. I am -- again I thank you for approving the acceptance of the grant. I think it's very important because as a prosecutor in Juvenile court, I prosecute children on a daily basis. It's not something I like to do, but it's necessary to make sure that our community is safe. One of the things that we notice is that we have a lot of children who come before the Court who either attend Hubert Middle School, who have attended Hubert Middle School, or who live in that general area, and we thought that Hubert would be an ideal school to reach out to deal with these children at the middle school level instead of waiting until they got to high school. We see -- we are seeing children who are younger and younger who come before the Courts, so we deal at the middle school level, we are dealing with children in grades six through eight. Hubert has been most gracious, and they are welcoming -- welcoming us. One of the things we're going to do, we're formulating a plan. We've looked at a program that's done by the Fulton County DA's office, and they replicated a program from Kings County up in New York, and so we're going to do somewhat of a hybrid of that to work with children so that they can work on good decision making; problem solving, so that they can understand the consequences of their behavior; and also we have all -- we are also partnering with the Sheriff's Department because we also want them to gain a respect for authority, and so they're going to have all those components. We're going to work year round with the kids, throughout their school year. The grant allows us to provide incentives to -- to the children for good behavior, for compliant -- doing the things, and we are hoping that we are able to provide you with a successful report at the end of the year. Thank you.

District Attorney Heap said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have a question too.

Chairman Scott said, you've got a question from our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

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

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioners, ladies and gentlemen, here again, I am so excited about what you are embarking upon at the levels that you are. I think most of you know that I work with the lower -- with the lower group, as well as the -- the higher school age group, but mostly in the summer, the Summer Bonanza program. We're doing some of that, trying to catch them at an early age rather than wait until they get to that point. So at some point in time we should be able to connect in doing what you're doing. I'm excited about what you are doing, and anything that I can do to help to facilitate what you're trying

to do, please don't fail to let me know because just day before yesterday I had a meeting of community people that will be working with me this summer that had not been working so that we can deal with more of our children who are falling in this particular category. So this makes me feel really, really good to know that we're going to be working with the ones at the lower level, and then we're going to be working with those at the higher level which have already passed that lower level stage. So thank you so very much, and I know that you're going to be very successful at it.

District Attorney Heap said, thank you.

Ms. McLeod said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, ladies. How are you all doing?

District Attorney Heap said, good, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, what a program.

Ms. McLeod said, yes, sir.

District Attorney Heap said, we're really excited.

Commissioner Holmes said, love, love to hear that, but I have some -- some concern. Working with youth future in the past --

District Attorney Heap said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, we had some program over there and the funds was grant funded. When those grant ran out, we lost effect of the program. Now is see this is one year --

District Attorney Heap said, three years.

Commissioner Holmes said, with an optional for the second to be the three.

District Attorney Heap said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, after that third year, if this program proven to be effective, it turn around a great percentage of the citizens, how do we continue that?

District Attorney Heap said, well, Kristin Fulford, and I don't -- Kristin's sitting in the back. She's my public information officer, and she's also my grant writer.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

District Attorney Heap said, and we started this because Sheryl was -- Sheryl Jones was the director, and we were running out of funds, so we started scrambling because we saw the program was working, so we started looking for federal funds, and we're going to continue to do that and just keep looking and looking because we are teaming up with the behavior -- it's the Department of Health.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

District Attorney Heap said, because they realize this is an issue affecting medicine, medical, the hospitals, and -- so the District Attorney's office and -- we're just going to keep trying funds in the federal community, the grants.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Next question.

District Attorney Heap said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, you said you're going to run it year round?

District Attorney Heap said, yes.

Ms. McLeod said, well the -- I think the --

District Attorney Heap said, the school.

Ms. McLeod said, -- the Intercept through -- the year round. The school program will be during the school year.

Commissioner Holmes said, during the summer month?

Ms. McLeod, no. Just school year.

Commissioner Holmes said, just the school year.

Ms. McLeod said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, so we not doing anything during the summer month.

Ms. McLeod said, the Intercept will.

District Attorney Heap said, Intercept does.

Commissioner Holmes said, Intercept does.

District Attorney Heap said, we have funds to try to find summer camps to try to keep these kids off the street.

Commissioner Thomas said, there you go.

District Attorney Heap said, to keep them out of trouble.

Commissioner Thomas said, there you go.

District Attorney Heap said, and that's what Sheryl Jones was trying to do this summer, and she scrambled. And we're going to look into the community if anybody's willing to help us.

Commissioner Thomas said, there you go.

District Attorney Heap said, I'd like to keep them in summer camps and keep them out of trouble and keep them from coming into interaction with the District Attorney's office.

Commissioner Holmes said, well, the saying always say, if you want something done, get a group of ladies.

District Attorney Heap said, I agree, and we've got some tough ones here.

Commissioner Holmes said, thanks.

District Attorney Heap said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

District Attorney Heap said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'd like to commend you for your efforts in trying to come up with a cure for some of the ills, especially as pertain to our youth. What ages will you be dealing with?

District Attorney Heap said, I believe it's between 15 and 25.

Ms. Jones said, 12.

District Attorney Heap said, 12, excuse me. 12 and 25.

Commissioner Shabazz said, 12 and 25?

District Attorney Heap said, and -- and Ms. Jones already -- has already made outreach from -- unfortunately last week, we've had six students and their families reaching out to us for help.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how similar is this to the youth future that's already --

District Attorney Heap said, Sheryl, do you want to answer that?

Ms. Jones said, actually, I -- I know youth futures really work with most of the alternative kids in the school system, so we have been working with them as well, and we hope to do some partnership with them as well so we can not duplicate services.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is there any reason why you chose Hubert?

Ms. McLeod said, yes.

Ms. Jones said, well, actually, Hubert was one of the --

Ms. McLeod said, yes, there is a reason why we chose Hubert, because when we looked at our cohorts and where they were coming from in Juvenile Court, they were coming from that corridor. They had either attended Hubert or they were attending Hubert Middle School, and we had a large population coming from that school. That's why we chose Hubert Middle School.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and also I -- I heard you mention something about bullying. What are some of the causes of that?

Ms. Jones said, well, it -- it really just depends. Basically, you know, you might have a kid who's a loner, and, you know, other kids are together, and they want to, you know, stand out or what have you. A lot of that. Some kids may not have what others have, and so, you know, some of those issues come in as well. I actually have a letter from a parent of one of our students, who actually dealt with bullying if I have time to read it briefly, I will read it for you. Is that okay?

Chairman Scott said, it -- it may be helpful to some members of the Commission.

Ms. Jones said, okay. The parent's name is Lauree Morris, and she said, had it not been for the involvement of the Intercept/Violence Intervention Program I don't know where we would be now. My daughter Hannah was facing serious problems relating to truancy during the last school year. She was recovering from hospitalization due to causes including bullying in school. The VIP staff became involved and helped us tremendously by assisting with school and the Juvenile Court system. We were able to reach an agreement through mediation, and she has been able to move up to the 10th grade and remain in the IB program at Johnson High School, which is not a small feat. They also helped Hannah come out of her shell more by getting involved. She a -- she attended a law camp during the summer which she loved. She is doing incredibly well. She is passing all classes and is involved in the book club, is practicing to try out for the all-state chorus, is involved in yearbook, and has become a member of the Glam Squad. Although Hannah is a strong young woman, I have no doubts that she would not have been able to come so far without the help of the VIP staff and it's fan -- I'm sorry, of the VIP program and it's fantastic staff. Thank you, Lauree Morris. And she tried to be here today, but she was sick unfortunately. The kids are in school. We wanted to have at least one representative here, but she provided that letter for us. So we thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. I -- I like to just thank the District Attorney for her involvement with this and also the re-entry and it seems as though you're -- you're moving in a good direction in terms of trying to eradicate some of the ills in society.

District Attorney Heap said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and also --

District Attorney Heap said, Diane McLeod.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Ms. McLeod -- Morrell-McLeod. That's one of my classmates, and Ms. -- Ms. Wilhelmina. I've known them to be hard working individuals in this community, and I commend the efforts of all of you all. Thank you.

District Attorney Heap said, thank you very much.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right.

District Attorney Heap said, thank you Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Madam DA.

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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.
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Chairman Scott said, all right. On the Action Calendar. No one expressed any interest in pulling anything off, so at this time without objection, I would entertain a motion to approve.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 11 and under Item 11, Items A through H. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center 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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2014, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2014, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 18, 2014 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2014.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of September 18, 2014 through October 1, 2014, in the amount of \$10,673,831. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

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3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL AND CREATION OF A TEMPORARY PROJECT MANAGER POSITION TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MOU (UNIFIED CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM) WITH THE CITY OF SAVANNAH.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval and creation of a temporary project manager position to comply with the requirements of the MOU with the City of Savannah. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Daniel W. Massey, Chairman, Criminal Justice Information Board

ISSUE:

To request Board approval and creation of a temporary Project Manager position to comply with the requirements of the MOU (Unified Case Management System) with the City of Savannah.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this position is to provide supervision and direction of the conversion and implementation of the Unified Case Management System for the Eastern Judicial Circuit anticipated to begin October 2014. Position will be charged with assuring accuracy and integrity of the process, insuring that all criminal justice departments are fully informed of progress, that deadlines are achieved, modern work processes are implemented, and problems are resolved promptly. Insures that projects timely completed and close out as scheduled and within budget as approved by the City of Savannah and Board of Commissioners of Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

This position is needed to comply with MOU which is anticipated to be adopted by Chatham County this date and by the City of Savannah on October 2nd, 2014. The position is contingent upon the adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding by both governmental bodies and the signing of the contract with Tyler Technologies by the County.

The position will be a temporary position for 2 years.

The CJIS Board is requesting Board approval to create a Project Manager position to be funded by the CIP-Unified Case Management System. The annual cost will be \$70,000 to \$80,000 plus federally mandated benefits.

FUNDING:

CIP-Unified Case Management System.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law grants the Board authority to contract with other governments for the mutual benefit of this body.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to create position in accordance to MOU.
2. Provide further direction to comply with MOU.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

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4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER AND WINE) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AT 512 MOON RIVER COURT. PETITIONER: MALLORY GIBSON FOR THE SAVANNAH PHILHARMONIC. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2014. [DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) for a special event at 512 Moon River Court. The Petition was made by Mallory Gibson for the Savannah Philharmonic. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County on October 11, 2014.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Savannah Philharmonic**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Mallory Gibson** has filed a Special Event Application for a fundraising gala and live auction at 512 Moon River Court, Savannah, GA. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) at the event.

2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event at 512 Moon River Court.
2. Deny Permit.
3. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative No. 1.
District 1

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER AND WINE) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AT VILLA MARIE CENTER, 6 DOLAN DRIVE. PETITIONER: JANET KOLBUSH FOR MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2014. [DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event at Villa Marie Center, 6 Dolan Drive. The Petition was made by Janet Kolbush for Memorial Health Foundation. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2014

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

ISSUE:

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County on October 19, 2014.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Memorial Health Foundation**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Janet Kolbush** has filed a Special Event Application for an annual fundraiser at the Villa Marie Center (6 Dolan Drive) for a fundraiser to benefit The Children's Hospital. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

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

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative No. 1.

District 1

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6. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER AND WINE) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AT MOTHER MATHILDA BEASLEY PAVILION, 500 EAST BROAD STREET. PETITIONER: TERRI O'NEIL FOR THE HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2014. [DISTRICT 2.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a request to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event at Mother Mathilda Beasley Pavilion at 500 East Broad Street. The petition was made by Terri O'Neil for the Historic Savannah Foundation. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6

AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County on November 20 2014.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **The Historic Savannah Foundation**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Terri O'Neil** has filed a Special Event Application for a fundraiser at Mother Mathilda Beasley Pavilion at 500 East Broad Street. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event at Mother Mathilda Beasley Pavilion at 500 East Broad Street.
2. Deny Permit.
3. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative No. 1.

District 2

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7. **REQUEST TRANSFER FOR BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER: NEAL L. CHAMBERLAIN, JR., D/B/A APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR, LOCATED AT 587 AL HENDERSON BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 5.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of the request for transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. The Petition was made by Neal L. Chamberlain, Jr., d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill located at 587 Al Henderson Boulevard. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7

AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2014

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer for beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. Petitioner: **Neal L. Chamberlain, Jr., d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**, located at **587 Al Henderson Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31419.**

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Chamberlain, Jr., requests approval of a transfer beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant. 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 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 5**

We verify that the attached report and attachments (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) are complete and correct as to form.

 Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

 Acting Chief Juliette Tolbert

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8. **REQUEST TRANSFER FOR BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER: NEAL L. CHAMBERLAIN, JR., D/B/A APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR, LOCATED AT 4705 US HIGHWAY 80 EAST. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of the request for transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. The Petition was made by Neal L. Chamberlain, Jr., d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill located at 4705 Highway 80 East. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8

AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer for beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. Petitioner: **Neal L. Chamberlain, Jr., d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**, located at **4705 US Highway 80 East, Savannah, Georgia 31410**.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Chamberlain, Jr., requests approval of a transfer beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant. 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 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 (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) are complete and correct as to form.

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Acting Chief Juliette Tolbert

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- 9. REQUEST TRANSFER FOR BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER: NEAL L. CHAMBERLAIN, JR., D/B/A APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR, LOCATED AT 5460 AUGUSTA ROAD, GARDEN CITY. [DISTRICT 8.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of the request for transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. The Petition was made by Neal L. Chamberlain, Jr., d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill located at 5460 Augusta Road, Garden City. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-9

AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer for beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2014. Petitioner: **Neal L. Chamberlain, Jr., d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**, located at **5460 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia 31408**.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Chamberlain, Jr., requests approval of a transfer beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant. 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 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 8**

We verify that the attached report and attachments (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) are complete and correct as to form.

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Acting Chief Juliette Tolbert

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10. REQUEST FOR NEW SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2014. PETITIONER: AVERY ZANDER ELISCU, D/B/A TRADEWINDS SAVANNAH, LOCATED AT 8010 HIGHWAY 80 EAST. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a Request for new Sunday Sales license for 2014. The Petition was made by Avery Zander Eliscu, d/b/a Tradewinds Savannah, located at 8010 Highway 80 East. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-10

AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for new Sunday Sales license for 2014. Petitioner: **Avery Zander Eliscu, d/b/a Tradewinds Savannah**, located at **8010 Highway 80 East, Savannah, Georgia 31410**.

BACKGROUND:

Avery Z. Eliscu requests approval of a Sunday Sales license in connection with an existing Day Excursion Cruise. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage 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 (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) are complete and correct as to form.

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Acting Chief Juliette Tolbert

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Deductive Summary Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the Cottonvale Road Drainage Improvement project	Engineering	First City Utilities, LLC	(\$60)	No additional funding required.
B. Construction contract for the Pipemakers Canal Tide Gate Replacement project	Engineering	TIC- The Industrial Company	\$540,820	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Pipemakers Canal Drainage
C. Sponsorship of the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon	Special Projects	Visit Savannah	\$50,000	Special Appropriations
D. Printing, inserting, and mailing the 2014 second installment tax bills for the Tax Commissioner's Office	Tax Commissioner	Diversified Companies, LLC	\$13,051	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
E. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the construction of the Carver Heights Community Center Addition due to site soil conditions	Building & Safety	Tippins - Polk Construction, Inc.	\$9,810	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Carver Heights Community Center

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
F. Annual contract with four (4) automatic renewals for the preventive maintenance and repair services of the security system & software at the Sheriff's Complex	Detention Center	Montgomery Technology, Inc.	\$174,000	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
G. Annual contract with four (4) automatic renewals at specified pricing for the repair and maintenance of the environmental control systems at the Chatham County Sheriff's Complex	Detention Center	Siemens Industry, Inc.	\$34,334 (6 months)	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
H. Change Order No. 7 to the annual contract to provide warehouse supplies for various departments within Chatham County	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company	Various	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various

AGENDA ITEM: X-10 A thru H
AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2014

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: MICHAEL A. KAIGLER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of \$60 *deductive* Summary Change Order No. 1 to the contract with First City Utilities, LLC, for the Cottonvale Road Drainage Improvement project.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County issued a Notice to Proceed to the contractor on August 18, 2014. The project was completed in September 2014, on schedule.
2. The contract for construction was awarded as a unit price contract. This Summary Change Order includes additional installed pipe as well as the removal of several line items not installed. This Change Order represents measurement of final quantities installed at the unit prices listed in the contract. Staff negotiated prices for items not listed in the contract. Staff believes these prices to be fair and reasonable for the material and labor.
3. Contract History:

Original Contract (6-27-14)	\$84,980
Summary Change Order 1 (pending)	\$ - 60
Revised Contract Amount	\$84,920

FUNDING: No additional funding required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of \$60 *deductive* Summary Change Order No. 1 to the contract with First City Utilities, LLC, for the Cottonvale Road Drainage Improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$540,820 construction contract with TIC- The Industrial Company, for the Pipemakers Canal Tide Gate Replacement project.

BACKGROUND: Pipemakers Canal is the primary outfall for stormwater runoff for a significant portion of north and west Chatham County. Tide gates located near the discharge point to the Savannah River prevent tidal flows into the lower areas upstream of the gate structure. The existing electrically operated sluice gates have operational issues resulting in frequent maintenance and repairs to keep the gates operational. The electronic sensor system which controls automatic operations also has issues, resulting in the frequent need for manual operation. An alternative tide control device is needed to provide protection from tidal inflow while reducing the cost of operation.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project will replace the existing six (6) sluice gate system with a like number of flap gates over the outfall box structures. The flap gates function only in response to water level differential and do not require electric power or controls. Removal and salvage of existing gates and other equipment is included in the construction contract.
2. The proposed construction lies within existing drainage right-of-way.
3. The project was properly advertised and four (4) bids were received September 25, 2014. The bid results are as follows:

TIC – The Industrial Company Savannah, GA	\$540,820
Pinco Garden City, GA	\$704,000
Cape Romain Contractors, Inc. Wando, S.C.	\$720,000
* E & D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$792,648

* WBE firm

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Pipemakers Canal Drainage
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 322.80217)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$540,820 construction contract with TIC- The Industrial Company, for the Pipemakers Canal Tide Gate Replacement project.
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 _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$50,000 Year 4 sponsorship of the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon.

BACKGROUND: With Visit Savannah, City of Savannah and other community sponsors, Chatham County has helped to sponsor the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon for the past three (3) years.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The economic impact in 2011 was estimated to include direct spending of approximately \$18 million with over 21,000 hotel room nights. The 2012 event was impacted by Hurricane Sandy, but still had over 16,000 participants with an estimated direct spend of \$12-\$15 million. There were over 18,000 participants in the 2013 event. Indirect impacts and taxes and fees greatly increase the overall economic impact.
2. For 2014, the race is expected to have an estimated 19,000 participants. These participants bring on average of 2.3 family/friends with them resulting in a major economic impact to Chatham County.
3. The FY2014 budget includes \$50,000 as sponsorship for year 4.

FUNDING: Special Appropriations
(1009975 - 57.30001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$50,000 year 4 sponsorship of the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon.
2. Provide staff other direction

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$13,051 sole source purchase for printing, inserting, and mailing the 2014 second installment tax bills with Diversified Companies, LLC, for the Tax Commissioner's Office.

BACKGROUND: The process involves programming as well as the actual labor of printing, inserting and mailing tax bills.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Diversified Companies is capable of this programming, but also receives support from Manatron, the vendor for Chatham County's tax collection software, due to their close physical proximity.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$13,051 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$13,051 sole source purchase for printing, inserting, and mailing the 2014 second installment tax bills with Diversified Companies, LLC, for the Tax Commissioner's Office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for the using departments for the mailing of tax bills.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$9,810 Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Tippins - Polk Construction, Inc., for the construction of the Carver Heights Community Center Addition.

BACKGROUND: On April 11, 2014, the Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Tippins-Polk Construction, Inc. For the Carver Heights Community Center Addition in the amount of \$799,000. The Carver Heights Community Center Addition is an approximately 4,000 square foot area. The addition shall contain a multi-purpose room, reading room/library, computer room and fitness/exercise room. The facility shall contain special allocations to accommodate programs directed by the City of Savannah.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The location of the addition is at the existing Carver Heights Community Center on Collar Avenue.

2. This change order represents the digging out and replacement of unsuitable organic soil at the location of the proposed addition, with 351 cubic yards of clean suitable soil placed and properly compacted.
3. Contract history:

Original Contract (4/11/14)	\$799,000
Change Order 1 (pending)	\$ 9,810
Revised Contract Amount	\$808,810

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Carver Heights Community Center
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32470357)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$9,810 Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Tippins - Polk Construction, Inc., for the construction of the Carver Heights Community Center Addition.
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 F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$174,000 annual contract with four (4) automatic renewals to Montgomery Technology, Inc., Greenville, AL, for the preventive maintenance and repair services of the security system & software at the Sheriff's Complex.

BACKGROUND: During the expansion of the facility, a new security system was installed throughout the complex by Montgomery Technology, Inc. The security system controls the flow of inmates as well as employees. There are over 400 card readers and more than 600 cameras, cell door control panels, fence alarms and 1,400 access points integrated into the system. It is essential to the operation of the facility that a contract is in place for preventive maintenance and timely replacement and repairs as necessary.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The bid was properly advertised and a pre-bid meeting was held. It was anticipated there would be limited participation due to required certifications and experience. One (1) vendor attended the pre-bid meeting and submitted a bid (below).

Montgomery Technology, Inc., Greenville, AL	\$174,000
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2. Staff believes the total cost of \$174,000 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
(1003326 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$174,000 annual contract with four (4) automatic renewals to Montgomery Technology, Inc., Greenville, AL, for the preventive maintenance and repair services of the security system & software at the Sheriff's Complex.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for mandatory security measures.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a sole source annual contract with Siemens Industry, Inc., for the repair and maintenance of the environmental control systems at the Chatham County Sheriff's Complex.

The initial contract is six (6) months, with renewal options for four (4) additional years for a total cost of \$327,506.

BACKGROUND: This repair and maintenance program was specifically developed to support the specialized environmental control systems and software installed at the Chatham County Sheriff's Complex.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Siemens installed the environmental control system and software during the expansion of the facility. The warranty will expire on December 31, 2014. The system and software are very specialized.
2. Similar systems at the Juvenile Court and the Library have been installed and maintained by Siemens.
3. The agreement contains annual increases for each year as follows:

Year 1	1/1/2015 to 6/30/2015	\$34,334 six months
Year 2	7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016	\$70,793 annually
Year 3	7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017	\$72,917 annually
Year 4	7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018	\$72,104 annually
Year 5	7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019	\$77,358 annually

3. Staff believes these annual costs are fair and reasonable considering the significant investment in a complex technical facility.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
(1003326 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a sole source annual contract with Siemens Industry, Inc., for the repair and maintenance of the Environmental Control Systems at the Chatham County Sheriff's Complex. The initial contract is six (6) months, with renewal options for four (4) additional years for a total cost of \$327,506.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve maintenance and service agreements in order to maintain county facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

MARK BUCALO

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 7 to the annual contract with Paper Chemical Supply Company, of Savannah, Georgia, to provide warehouse supplies for various departments within Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: On September 21, 2012, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Paper Chemical Supply Company.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Paper Chemical Supply Company has recently provided a notification of price changes associated with the manufacturer imposed price increases due to the escalating costs in raw materials and polypropylene products has raised the price of styrofoam hinged trays, dinner plates and drinking cups. Paper Chemical Supply Company has provided documentation to support the manufacturer's price increase.
2. New price will be as follows:

Item: Description	Old Price	New Price
44. #PAC-YTD19903, 3 compartment styrofoam hinged tray, 150/CS	\$11.48	\$12.28
45. PAC-TH10044, 3 compartment styrofoam dinner plate, 500/cs	\$24.19	\$25.47
47a. Dart 8J8 Styrofoam cup - 8 oz/cs	\$17.98	\$18.97

- 47b. Dart 16J16Styrofoam cup - 16 oz/cs \$36.88 \$38.98
- 3. Staff checked pricing from other sources and found the pricing from Paper Chemical to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of Change Order No. 7 to the annual contract with Paper Chemical Supply Company, of Savannah, Georgia, to provide warehouse supplies for various departments within Chatham County.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders for documented material price increases when they are initiated by the manufacturer.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 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.

Chairman Scott said, we have no First Readers.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

- 1. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE SAVANNAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY TO AGREE TO THE CREATION OF A TAX ABATEMENT AS A DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN THOSE BUSINESSES OR INDUSTRIES WITHIN CHATHAM COUNTY THAT WILL, WITHIN A 36-MONTH PERIOD, INVEST \$100 MILLION IN PERSONAL PROPERTY AND WILL CREATE AND MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF 400 FULL-TIME JOBS.**

Chairman Scott said, so that takes us to Second Readers. Item 1 is to request Board approval of an ordinance to create a development incentive through tax abatements to promote and maintain those businesses or industries within Chatham County that will within the next 36 months -- 36-month period invest a minimum of \$100 million in personal property and will create or maintain a minimum of 400 full-time jobs. Is anybody from SEDA? Mr. Martin, do you care to make any comments? Is Mr. James still here?

Mr. Tripp Tollison said, he stepped out, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, he left.

Mr. Tollison said, he had to go to a meeting.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Do you wish to make any comments before I entertain a motion?

Mr. Tollison said, we're good, sir. Thank you. If you have any questions, we'll be happy to answer your questions.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that Item 1 be approved. Any unreadiness? Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Item 1 carries.

Mr. Tollison said, thank you very much.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to adopt the text amendment of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-3~~

AGENDA DATE: September 26, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1

AGENDA DATE: October 10, 2014

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

To request, on behalf of the Savannah Economic Development Authority ("SEDA"), the assistance of the Board of Commissioners, in promoting and maintaining, commerce, industry, development and economic opportunity with Chatham County, Georgia by creating a limited tax abatement incentive for certain substantial personal property investment in a minimum amount of \$100 million and will create and maintain 400 direct and full-time equivalent jobs.

BACKGROUND:

SEDA is a constitutionally created tax exempt development authority under Georgia law. SEDA is requesting the Board of Commissioners' assistance in promoting, maintaining business, commerce industry development and employment opportunity within Chatham County. In order for Chatham County to remain competitive with other developmental entities within and without the State of Georgia, SEDA requests the Commission to create and authorize a tax abatement exemption limited to only new investment in personal property and capital equipment when titled in SEDA's name within Chatham County. The personal property shall be titled in the name of SEDA, will not have a value of less than \$100 million in new investment made within a 36-month investment period, and will create and maintain a minimum of 400 direct full-time employment jobs. This program will be an economic development incentive to encourage significant investment in new capital personal property, and create or maintain employment within Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

Chatham County would approve the establishment of an abatement of ad valorem taxes and personal property in a form substantially similar to the Tax Valuation Agreement attached as Exhibit A to SEDA's Resolution and this Ordinance, which may not be modified by SEDA unless approved by the Board of Commissioners. This tax abatement is limited to the terms described above and is for the uniform, fair and reasonable method of valuation of such property from year to year. The Board of Assessors will establish a fair market value of said property each year and the assessors shall then use 40% of the fair market value as the assessed value. The abatement will be for a period not to exceed 7 years, and the amount of the abatement shall be established by the percentages within the Ordinance and Tax Valuation Agreement. The business lessee, under the Tax Valuation Agreement, as a condition precedent, agrees to pay during each year of the abatement, an agreed upon payment in lieu of ad valorem property taxes based on the increasing percentage of assessed value of the property.

FUNDING:

No funding is required as there will be no direct expenditure by the County Commission and it will receive a payment in lieu of taxes in accordance with the percentage terms of the abatement granted.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Agree to the creation of a tax abatement as a development incentive to promote and maintain those businesses or industries within Chatham County that will, within a 36-month period, invest \$100 million in personal property and will create and maintain a minimum of 400 full-time jobs.
2. Do not agree to the creation of a tax incentive abatement.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board of Commissioners should assist SEDA in the creating of a tax incentive abatement to encourage the promotion of commerce, industry and employment within Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative number 1.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A LIMITED TAX ABATEMENT FOR
PERSONAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100 MILLION DOLLARS AND
WILL CREATE OR MAINTAIN 400 DIRECT OR FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County desire to encourage business and industry and promote the health, safety, welfare, economic vitality and opportunities for employment within Chatham County by assisting in the attraction, relocation of business and industries; and

WHEREAS, the Savannah Economic Development Authority (“the Authority”) has been duly created and is existing and operating as a body corporate and political and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia (“the State”) pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia relating to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has been created for the purpose of developing and promoting for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities and promoting the general welfare of the State; and

WHEREAS, in carrying out its public purposes, the Authority is authorized to establish certain ad valorem tax abatements on land and improvement to land which are titled in the name of the Authority as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain competitive with other economic development entities in and without the State of Georgia, the Authority now wishes the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County to authorize such tax abatements for new investment in personal property in Chatham County when such personal property is titled in the name of the Authority and will be not less than \$100,000,000 in new investment over a thirty-six month investment period and will create or maintain a minimum of 400 direct, full-time equivalent jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County desire to assist in the business and industry within the County and assist the Authority in attracting and maintaining such business and industry and does hereby approve this Resolution and Ordinance to create an ad valorem tax abatement for a qualifying business and industry.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this Resolution and Ordinance be enacted so as to create a limited ad valorem tax abatement for business and industry more particularly described as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners and the Chatham County Board of Assessors, create a limited tax abatement for those business and industries that qualify by making a new investment in personal property, and capital equipment improvements in the amount of not less than \$100 million dollars to be titled in the name of the Authority. SEDA. Said investment being made over a thirty-six month investment period and will create or maintain a minimum of 400 direct full-time equivalent jobs in Chatham County.
2. The abatement shall not exceed a period of seven years from the date of granting such abatement agreement. The Board of Assessors will establish the method of valuation of

such property, subject to the abatement from year to year during the term of the abatement, which shall be used to determine the fair market value of said property for each year, and the Assessors shall then use 40% of the fair market value as the assessed value of the property.

3. Upon determination of the fair market value and its appropriate assessed value as described in section 2, the party entitled to such abatement shall, as a condition precedent to such abatement, have the title to such property placed in the name of the Authority which shall be leased to said party having the abatement agreement or being designated lessee for a period of seven years and, make a payment in lieu of ad valorem taxes to the Authority and Chatham County based upon the following assessed value percentages of the property as described hereafter.

Year 1:	Five (5%) percent of assessed value
Year 2:	Ten (10%) percent of assessed value
Year 3:	Fifteen (15%) percent of assessed value
Year 4:	Twenty-five (25%) percent of assessed value
Year 5:	Forty (40%) percent of assessed value
Year 6:	Fifty-five (55%) percent of assessed value
Year 7:	Eight (80%) percent of assessed value

Year 8 and Thereafter: One Hundred (100%) percent of assessed value

4. The parties subject to the abatement, and as a condition precedent to the abatement, shall enter into a tax valuation agreement with the Authority. The Chatham County Board of Assessors shall substantially conform to the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part of this ordinance.

SO ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Janice Bocook
Clerk of Commission
(SEAL)

TAX VALUATION AGREEMENT

This ("Agreement") is entered into this ___ day of _____, 2014 by and between the SAVANNAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("SEDA") and the CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (the "Board of Commissioners") for the purpose of establishing a methodology for the taxation of personal property titled in the name of SEDA and leased to private entities. The parties acknowledge that from time to time SEDA will acquire personal property located in Chatham County and that SEDA may from time to time lease such personal property to private persons, corporations, or other entities to create or retain a minimum of four-hundred (400) direct, full-time equivalent jobs and create new investment in Chatham County of at least \$100,000,000 to be invested within a thirty-six month period to provide industrial development and opportunities, and to further the best interest of the citizens of Chatham County. The parties acknowledge and agree that a uniform, fair, and reasonable method should be established for allocating the interest in such property between SEDA and the lessee and to provide a uniform, fair, and reasonable method of valuation of such property from year to year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties, intending to be legally bound hereby, do hereby agree that the procedure outlined in this Agreement shall be used to value personal property owned from time to time by SEDA and leased to a private entity that makes an aggregate investment of at least \$100,000,000 to be invested within a thirty-six month period in said property to be located in Chatham County and titled in the name of SEDA. SEDA will return to the Chatham County Board of Tax Assessors (the "Assessors") a list of said property each year prior to April 1st of each year. The Assessors will establish a fair market value for said property each year. The Assessors shall then use forty (40%) percent of such fair market value as the assessed value. The abatement under the terms of the abatement ordinance in this agreement contemplates that the holder of the abatement shall not, during the term hereof, have substantial and significant reduction in the number of employees constituting full-time equivalent jobs.

As to any personal property which is leased from SEDA for a period of seven (7) years or greater, the lessee shall make payments to SEDA, in lieu of ad valorem taxes, based on the following percentages of the assessed value of the property:

- Year 1: Five (5%) percent of assessed value.
- Year 2: Ten (10%) percent of assessed value.
- Year 3: Fifteen (15%) percent of assessed value.
- Year 4: Twenty-five (25%) percent of assessed value.
- Year 5: Forty (40%) percent of assessed value.
- Year 6: Fifty-five (55%) percent of assessed value.
- Year 7: Eighty (80%) percent of assessed value.

Year 8 and Thereafter: One Hundred (100%) percent of the assessed value.

As to any personal property which is leased from SEDA for a period of six (6) years or less, the lessee shall make payments to SEDA, in lieu of ad valorem taxes, based on the following percentages of the assessed value of the property:

[to be determined]

Year 7 and Thereafter: One hundred (100%) percent of the assessed value.

SEDA shall make annual payments to Chatham County of the payments in lieu of taxes received by SEDA in percentages to be agreed upon in writing between SEDA and Chatham County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SAVANNAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By:

By:

Attest:

Attest:

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[NOTE: Delay Second Reading on items 2 and 3 until the October 24, 2014, Board meeting.]

- 2. THE PETITIONER, HAROLD B. YELLIN, AS AGENT FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB OF SAVANNAH IS REQUESTING TO ZONE 5150 JASMINE AVENUE FROM AN R-1 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO AN R-3-18 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, MAXIMUM OF 18 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) ZONING CLASSIFICATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH A GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 4-6.5(1)(A). THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY (E-O) DISTRICT IS NOT PROPOSED TO BE ELIMINATED. (Note: Though this appeared on the September 12, 2014, agenda as a First Reading due to advertising requirements, it must be listed as a First Reading on September 26, 2014.)
MPC FILE NO. Z-140730-00068-1
[DISTRICT 3.]**

Chairman Scott said, the -- the next two items on our agenda will be delayed for voting purposes until our next meeting, the 24th, but, however, we do have -- on the 25th, however, we do have people who are here who wants to speak to this rezoning issue. It involves property on Jasmine Avenue, and we're talking about rezoning it from one family residential to a classification for multi-family. Now, if there's anyone wants to address the members of the Commission on this, if so, please come forth, state your name and your address and tell us what you think, whether you're for it, against it, or anything else you would care to share with us.

Mr. Michael Butler said, thank you. My name is Michael Butler. I live at 5310 Meade Avenue in Bonna Bella area. My neighbor, Tommy Odum, and I -- and me, we're just here politicking a little bit.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Butler said, just to show our determination in having this vote down and to try to relate to the Commissioners, the community's -- the majority of the community does not want this, and I appreciate you letting me speak.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any -- any further comments? Anything else you want to add?

Mr. Butler said, well I -- during the meeting I have, you know, a -- a -- a lot more to say.

Chairman Scott said, okay. All right. Thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Butler?

Chairman Scott said, thank you for taking the time. You've got a few members who've got questions here, and I'm going to recognize them in this order. You got Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th District, Commissioner Stone from the 1st, and Commissioner Holmes from the 2nd.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Butler.

Chairman Scott said, I said Commissioner Shabazz --

Commissioner Shabazz said, he can go ahead.

Chairman Scott said, -- from the 5th and then Commissioner Holmes from the 2nd.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning, sir.

Mr. Butler said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, why are you in opposition to this?

Mr. Butler said, it just does not fit in with our single family community. 244 units on approximately 17, 18 acres, in a single family community, it just does not fit in.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner --

Commissioner Shabazz said, so it doesn't fit in?

Mr. Butler said, two-story apartment building when you walk out your house in a single family home, and you walk out and you see two-story buildings, 244 units of them, it just -- it just doesn't -- it -- it's a -- a 100-year-old community.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm. I mean that's the only reason?

Mr. Butler said, well, you have -- you have traffic, you have a number of the -- of reasons, except, other regulatory bodies will -- will, you know, relate to that, so I can't speak too much, but it's going to -- 500 parking places that's going to add to a small community. A small, little -- where Savannah State comes out, Savannah Christian comes out, Derenne and LaRoche Avenue, that's one concern. We have drainage concerns.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how far --

Mr. Butler said, a number of things.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how far is that away from the apartments, what's that -- Oak Forest. How far is it from Oak Forest?

Mr. Butler said, it's right across the street.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so you -- you -- you -- you don't have a problem with Oak Forest but you have a problem with this?

Mr. Butler said, that's been there 35 years. That's been a sore thumb in our neighborhood for a long time.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is that one of the reasons why you don't want it?

Mr. Butler said, well, it's -- it -- it's -- that was grand fathered in. It --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Butler said, now we can't do anything about it. That was the neighbors problem back then that they for whatever reason allowed that to happen, and now we're -- it's in our community.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone from the 1st.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I received several emails and phone calls on this piece of property. My question is -- and some people have been for it and some people have been against it. Would it -- would you be in favor of a lower density? Or is it just the idea in general?

Mr. Butler said, first let me speak on -- on -- the majority of the people in Bonna Bella that have called in, I've asked them to give their name and their address, that they live in that community, but from what I understand the majority of the people that's calling in for this zoning change do not live in -- in the community.

Commissioner Stone said, well there have been --

Mr. Butler said, and I know anybody can speak for it or against it, it doesn't matter, but the people that should matter is the -- the constituents in the community.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Well I have received some from the area that are in support of, but -- are in support of it, but I'm just curious if -- if the density were lowered, could this be worked out within the community?

Mr. Butler said, no, ma'am. We feel like that the multi-family zoning would open the door -- well it -- the first place it -- it -- it just does not fit. I mean in -- and what would the contractor drop it down to, 50? You know, he's -- he won't make any money if he drops it down to 50, but the idea if you -- if you drop -- if -- if you change that zoning that there's -- and I'll have a map when I come up here the next time, there's a number of properties right within two blocks.

Commissioner Stone said, I -- I understand that. It was a question because of the MPC voted unanimously to approve it, so I was just going to ask the question if it was an issue of the density. Thank you.

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

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Butler, I understand Mr. Tony Center, Commissioner from that District met with you all.

Mr. Butler said, yes, sir. He come to my house.

Commissioner Holmes said, were -- were you in attend -- so you was in attendance to that meeting.

Mr. Butler said, okay. No. You're talking about the -- the meeting with the contractor, the developer.

Commissioner Holmes said, no, sir. Commissioner Tony Center came out and met with the neighbors.

Mr. Butler said, right.

Commissioner Holmes said, was you in attendance to that meeting?

Mr. Butler said, I was. It was at my house.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further questions of Mr. Butler? If not, we'll see you in a couple weeks.

Mr. Butler said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Tommy Odum said, my name is Tommy Odum. I live at 5606 Cherokee in the Bonna Bella area. I've lived out there all my life. I appreciate Chairman Scott and the Commissioners affording us this time to talk, but I think in all due respect beings that Commissioner Center is not here today, I'm going to hold my comments till he's here. I feel like that he's tried to work with us. He -- I was at the meeting a couple weeks ago when -- when he came and met with us. I -- I'm going to say I'm strictly opposed to it. I was opposed to the Oak Forest when it was done, but it was a done deal before it -- anybody ever got wind of it, and it has been nothing but problems ever since it's been there. I've been at Bonna Bella all my life. I used to live right next door to the Club on -- on Bismark Avenue. My -- my family still lives over there. My parents built a house over there in 1939, the year I was born, and like I say, I am strictly opposed to any rezoning to any kind of multi-family. It's -- both sides of it, well, all three sides of it now, this is Mulberry Hill [showing a map], this is the Club property, and this is Bonna Bella. This is Jasmine Avenue. It's all R-1 now, and it needs to stay R-1. If we put 18 units per acre in there like they're requesting or any density change from what it is now, we ain't going to have nothing but problems, and they -- they show on these drawings of all these apartments going in there. Besides the fact that of all this water run-off is going to end up in our creek down there. There's no retention ponds or nothing in there for it.

Mr. Odum said, like I say, I'm -- I'm going to withhold the rest of my comments till the regular vote comes up, but I really would appreciate y'all taking into consideration all of the neighbors that are in this subdivision that are opposed to it, and I have talked to just about all of them, and I'd say 98 percent of them are opposed to this thing. These people that are -- that are calling in, there's a group of stockholders that own this property, and

I got a list of them. I checked yesterday, 42 of them people don't even live in -- in this area, not even in Savannah. They live all over the country, and they don't care about nothing just like the builder doesn't care. When they get the money, and he gets his building built, and they go on, we ain't -- we -- we going to be the ones that's going to have the problems with it. But I thank y'all for -- for listening to us today, and thank you. We'll be back in two weeks. Anybody --

Chairman Scott said, any -- any questions of Mr. Odum?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah. I have a question for him.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, what type of problems are you having with the ones that's out there now? The apartment buildings?

Mr. Odum said, the crime.

Commissioner Shabazz said, crime.

Mr. Odum said, we've had numerous drug problems. We've had three shootings, three killings really. People have been out there, been shot and killed and -- in the back side of Oak Forest which backs up to this property. It -- it's -- I'm going to tell you. I've -- I've been out there all my life, and this thing has been a problem ever since it was built. It's the worst thing that ever happened to Bonna Bella and Mulberry Hill.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th District has a question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you, sir.

Mr. Odum said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, did I read that currently under the R-1 zone, they can build 125 homes on this property?

Mr. Odum said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and how many acres are we talking about?

Mr. Odum said, there's 17 acres of high land.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. So they can already build 125 single family homes on the property, but they are wanting to go multi-family to bring it up to a possible total of 250?

Mr. Odum said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Odum said, all right, sir.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions of Mr. Odum? If not, Mr. Odum thank you so much for --

Mr. Odum said, thank you, and I appreciate you letting us talk. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, oh, you're welcome, sir. Okay.

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3. **REQUEST TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LANE USE MAP FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5150 JASMINE AVENUE FROM THE CURRENT CIVIC INSTITUTIONAL LAND USE CLASSIFICATION TO THE RESIDENTIAL GENERAL LAND USE CLASSIFICATION. THIS REQUEST IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PROPOSED REZONING OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-M-3-18 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UP TO 18 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). (SEE MPC FILE NO. Z-140730-00068-1 (ABOVE) FOR THE REZONING REQUEST.) (Note: Though this appeared on the September 12, 2014, agenda as a First Reading due to advertising requirements, it must be listed as a First Reading on September 26, 2014.) MPC FILE NO. Z-140822-00074-1 [DISTRICT 3.]**

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, okay. There -- there are no further business on the Second Reader. Everything else is for information.

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: October 10 2014

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Alarm monitoring for tag office on Eisenhower Drive	Tax Commissioner	Tyco Integrated Security	\$6,365	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Six (6) crew seats for helicopters	Mosquito Control	Custom Aircraft Interiors, Inc.	\$6,098	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Ten (10) law enforcement body cameras for recording evidence	Sheriff's Dept.	Safety Vision	\$4,535	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
60 batteries for hand-held mobile radios	Sheriff's Dept.	Savannah Communication & Electronic	\$4,890	•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept. - \$2,370 •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$2,520
Out-of-state prisoner transport	Detention Center	U.S. Prisoner Transport	\$3,747	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Three (3) laptop computers for Detention Center	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$3,000	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Restraint cage	Detention Center	Georgia Correctional Industries	\$7,250	CIP-Detention Center
Mailing of prebills for month of October	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$5,968	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Detention Center expansion LEED certification service fee	Detention Center	L.R. Kimball	\$4,422	CIP-Jail Expansion Fund (SPLOST Funding)
One (1) commercial mower	Detention Center	Screven Outdoors	\$6,959	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Starter/generator overhaul on helicopter	Mosquito Control	Heli-Tech, Inc.	\$2,527	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, I do need a motion for executive session.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, executive session for litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Chairman Scott said, litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Hearing the motion, any unreadiness? Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. We'll now move to executive session.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

The Board recessed at approximately 10:57 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 Farrell 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 Shabazz was not present for the vote; Commissioner Center was not present.]

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APPOINTMENTS

- 2. VETERAN'S COUNCIL**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Chairman Scott nominated Brandy Mai to the Veteran's Council. A vote was taken and the nomination was unanimously confirmed by the Board. [NOTE: Commissioner Shabazz was not present for the vote; Commissioner Center 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 11:32 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION