

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Albert J. Scott called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and you may be seated. I'll ask that you be seated now and when our devotional leader completes his message and indicate that it's time to pray, if you would re-stand and remain standing through Pledge of Allegiance. The introduction of our devotional leader will be done by Commissioner Farrell of the 4th District, and we will be led in Pledge of Allegiance by our Pro Tem, Commissioner Stone from the 1st District.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I recognize Commissioner Farrell for the purpose of introducing our chaplain of the day.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. With great pleasure I would like to ask Father Jason William -- Adams to please come to the podium. He is the -- one of our new priests at St. James Catholic School on -- and church at Montgomery Crossroads and Whitefield Avenue, and what an appropriate time to -- to come. You've got quite an audience with Father O'Brien and -- and quite a contingent of Irish Catholics to -- to -- to hear you in person. But -- with no -- no further adieu, welcome and -- and appreciate you coming here to -- to provide us with your guidance.

Father Jason P. Adams said, thank you very much Commissioner Farrell. Mr. Chairman, fellow Commissioners, and those gathered here today, I'd like to begin with a little devotional before we go into our invocation. There once was a young man who fell asleep listening to the radio of the Devil Went Down to Georgia, and as he drifted off into sleep he had a very vivid dream. He dreamed that he was standing outside of a barn and there was the devil outside the barn dressed as a farmer, pitchfork in hand, ushering him to come inside to this barn. As he walked into the barn, this young man saw rows and rows of bins with seeds in them. So he began to read the labels of these particular bins. He saw sloth, anger, jealousy, gluttony, etcetera. But as he looked to the very back of this barn, he saw one huge pile of seeds, larger and more in quantity than any of the other seeds that he had just saw. So he turns to the devil and goes, what are those seeds in the back, and the devil turns to him and goes, ah, these are my most powerful seeds. These are the seeds of discouragement. One or two of these seeds, you'll never think you're good enough, smart enough, holy enough. You'll start comparing yourselves to others. You'll get really anxious. You'll try to turn to prayer, but you get so frustrated you think God's not listening so you stop praying and turn to yourself. At that point, I've gotten you. I've discouraged you. Well at this point the young man was, well, a little discouraged. So he looks at the devil and goes is there any body in which these seeds cannot take root? And the devil reluctantly sighed, yes, a grateful person. When tempted to be discouraged, a grateful person will go outside of themselves, they'll turn to others, they'll turn to prayer. They'll try to get help. Perhaps they think they're feeling a splinter of the cross, and they'll give an appropriate time, but no matter if they can or cannot they're at peace of what they can do and are grateful and then move forward. Therefore, a grateful person is the hardest to discourage. At that point the young man woke up from his dream grateful that he had another day.

Father Adams said, my friends, everybody gathered here today, this is a busy time of year. We're trying to predict what the weather's going to do one day to the next, trying to get taxes ready, and we're preparing for an awesome St. Patrick's Day parade, but sometimes we might can get distracted and get off our path and be easily discouraged. So I encourage you, especially during this time of year to take root, take time for personal prayer because if you think about it, when you're driving, you get lost, you don't turn up the radio, you don't keep talking to somebody on the cell phone, you don't tell your kids, I love it when y'all argue in the back seat, keep it up. No, when you're lost, you turn off the radio, you tell your kids to politely please be quiet, you get off the phone. Why? You need silence. You need to think. So if you want to avoid discouragement and distractions at this time, let us continue to find that quiet time each day to find time for prayer and at that point we will not be discouraged, and we will truly be grateful. At this time please stand for the invocation.

Father Adams gave the invocation as follows:

Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Father in Heaven, bless us as we gather today for this meeting; guide our minds and hearts so that we will work for the good of our community and help all your people; teach us to be generous in our outlook; courageous in the face of difficulty; and wise in our decisions. Father, we praise you for you are our God forever and ever. Amen.

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

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott presented Pastor Adams with a Certificate of Appreciation for his time and service in presenting the morning devotional and invocation.

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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
 Tony Center, District Three
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 Yusuf K. Shabazz, District Five
 Lori L. Brady, District Six
 Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

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

Not present: James J. Holmes, District Two

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

Commissioner Center said, thank you. I move that we --

Chairman Scott said, for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we excuse Commissioner Holmes from the meeting today.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that Commissioner Holmes be excused. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of that motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Commissioner Holmes is excused.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Chairman Scott said, I know that many who are listening and many who are in this room wish that we would have more than one St. Patrick's Day a year since this is really a fun time of the year, but we are delighted today to have with us a group of distinguished Irishmens, and we want to read a proclamation honoring one of those distinguished Irishmens who are in the audience today, and it goes as:

Chairman Scott read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, one of the highest honors to be bestowed upon an Irish Catholic in Chatham County is to be elected Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade; today we salute with great pride the 2015 Grand Marshal, Mr. Hugh E. Coleman; and

WHEREAS, Hugh's childhood was centered around Blessed Sacrament Parish where he both attended church and school and while in the 8th grade, was named the outstanding altar boy in the City of Savannah. He then attended Benedictine Military School where he served on the drill and rifle teams and is a proud graduate of the Class of 1967; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Hugh joined the Army National Guard and was a member of C Battery 230th Field Artillery of the Irish Jasper Greens. He served in this unit until 1973 serving three of those years as Mess Sgt.; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for 46 years and his claim to fame is not missing a meeting in 40 years. He served on the Executive Committee for eight years and has held every elected office in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, every office. He served as the General Chairman in 2003 and as the Master of Ceremonies at the Catholic -- at the Celtic Cross; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is with great pleasure that we do hereby proclaim Friday, February 27, 2015 as the:

GRAND MARSHAL HUGH E. COLEMAN DAY

in Chatham County [applause] and we salute him for having this prestigious title bestowed upon him and feel assured that Irish eyes will be smiling as he leads the 191st St. Patrick's Day Parade.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 27th day of February 2015.

ATTEST:

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

[Applause]

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will invite the entire Commission to please join me in presenting a copy of this proclamation to the Grand Marshal of the 191st St. Patrick's Day Parade, Mr. Hugh E. Coleman.

[NOTE: The entire Commission congratulated the Grand Marshal and presented him with the framed proclamation.] [Applause.]

Grand Marshal Hugh Coleman said, good morning Chairman Scott, Commissioners. Thank you very much for having us here today. This is a very special time of the season for us. We -- a lot of us call it the green season, but I'd like to introduce some of my aides. All of them are not here, but my chaplain is here, Father Patrick O'Brien, My daughter is not here. She's a school teacher at Coastal Middle School, so she's not here today, Alicia. My cousin from Atlanta, he is not here, Alex Hagan. One of my cousins, Rowland Mahoney, other cousin Tom Mahoney, III, cousin Tim Mahoney, long time friend Mike Brady, long time friend Gerald Wilson, and my friend Mike Stroud. We are glad to see y'all. We hope y'all have a great St. Patrick's Day, and the Chairman of the Parade Committee is here. Kevin, do you want to say anything?

Mr. Kevin Halligan said, just on behalf of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, we'd like to thank Chatham County for everything you guys do for us, appreciate everything, the sheriff and the resources you provide to us and hope everyone has a great parade and look forward to see you guys on March the 17th. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Kevin.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Grand Marshal Coleman said, thank you very much for the proclamation, it's very nice, and Erin Go Bragh. See you at St. Patrick's Day.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

Grand Marshal Coleman said, thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, Hugh, now I know you didn't bring this fellow along, but -- and he -- he's here at all these parades, and he's been here in various capacities, and he used to sit where I sit now, but -- and somebody said we had a leprechaun on the back row.

Grand Marshal Coleman said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, but we really don't, that's actually Pete Liakakis, our former Chairman of our County Commission.

Commissioner Farrell said, it's a leprechaun. I recognize him. I've seen him come out of that cereal box.

Grand Marshal Coleman said, we'll -- we'll have Pete -- I would say Pete will have a few words, but you know Pete, a few words is not -- come on Pete. Say a few words.

Mr. Pete Liakakis said, thanks again for this great Commission, you know, for bringing our Grand Marshal, his aides, and also the other members -- the officers and executive committee for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and we've been working some six months to put the parade on, and they've been working long hours and have done a lot of things. So hopefully again this year, that we'll have a great parade, and we appreciate all of the assistance that you give us, and we're going to work hard and make our citizens happy. Because in the year 2013, we had over eight million people watching our parade, over 800,000, excuse me, not millions. I'm just getting a little excited here --

Chairman Scott said, Danny, you want to help him with the numbers?

Mr. Liakakis said, -- over 800,000 people watching our parade, and we have the second largest parade in the entire world now. New York is number one, and we're number two, and we're really proud of that, and hopefully that we can continue, and we appreciate your help that -- that the things that you do so that the parade can go on. Thank you, and may you all be blessed.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Pete.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Grand Marshal Coleman said, we'll straighten that out. We might be number two, but we're the best, We've got the best parade.

Chairman Scott said, all right.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Grand Marshal Coleman said, thank y'all very much. We enjoyed being here.

Chairman Scott said, Danny, would you coach him some on the numbers? All right. Thank you so much.

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2. RECOGNITION OF MS. PATRICIA RIVERS ON HER RETIREMENT FROM MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS.

Chairman Scott said, now we -- we've reached a moment where some of y'all are going to have to figure out what y'all are going to do now that we have one of Chatham County's finest retiring, and it's with great pleasure that -- that I as Chairman have an opportunity to read this proclamation and present it to our retiree today.

Chairman Scott read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, Chatham County is privileged to have employees of high caliber that take great pride in their duties and responsibilities, and in that regard, we commend Patricia E. Rivers; and

WHEREAS, Patricia E. Rivers began her employment with Chatham County on August 15, 1994, in the Chatham County Facilities Maintenance and Operations Division as a Custodian III, and was promoted to a Custodian Supervisor on June 12, 2006, two positions that played a very important role in the operation of county government; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pat, as she is affectionately known, took great pride in her duties as Custodian Supervisor and became a dedicated and valuable employee of the Chatham County Facilities Maintenance and Operations Division. She was very knowledgeable in her duties and was well respected in her position; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pat went beyond her duties as a Custodian Supervisor for not only was she an outstanding Custodian Supervisor, she was always there to pitch in and give a helping hand to assist in recognizing others and became a dear and trusted friend to many of us and will be greatly missed by the staff at the Chatham County Administrative and Legislative Courthouse.

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

PATRICIA E. RIVERS

upon her retirement and express sincere appreciation for more than twenty years of dedicated service to Chatham County and extend best wishes for a long and happy, healthy retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 27th day of February 2015.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, at this time I recognize any member of the Commission who wish to make comments. I recognize our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas, from the 8th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, this is a sad moment for me because when I met Pat, that's what we call her, Pat, she was just so humble and so helpful. I didn't care what you asked Ms. Pat to do she did it with a smile, and even if you didn't ask her anything, she would come up to you and say, do you need help? Do you need some assistance, or whatever

it might be. And you're going to truly be missed, and you deserve this retirement. I'm -- I'm -- I'm telling you, and I -- I just want to say that while you are in your retirement, I hope that you will be -- continued to be blessed because you're deserving of all the accolades that one can give you. Thank you so much for sharing during these several years that I've been here. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And at this time, members of the Commission who wish to join me in presenting this proclamation, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

Ms. Carolyn Foster said, woohoo. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, once the proclamation is presented, we'll recognize the County Manager for the purpose of presenting that distinguished gift that we provide all our county employees.

[NOTE: The Chairman and Board presented Ms. Patricia Rivers with the proclamation and gave her their best wishes.]

Ms. Patricia Rivers said, I've enjoyed working for the county. I enjoyed working with the Commissioners. I enjoyed my part in maintenance, and everybody in this building has been real good to me. We were just like family, not just workers, we're like family. They respect me, and I respect them., and whatever I can do to help anyone, I will. But I enjoyed working here, and I'm really going to miss everybody. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, okay. At this time -- at this time I'll recognize Lee Smith, our County Manager, for the purpose of a presentation and comments.

County Manager Lee Smith said, all right, Ms. Pat. I turned around and didn't even see you. You look so happy being gone. Well this means -- somebody asked a Commissioner a minute ago, said, I don't know what the -- and I'll tell on Lori Brady, she said the significance of the lamp. Well, I've not understood it until today. I've been here, eight, nine months, I guess. Nine months, and every morning when I would get here, early mornings, Ms. Pat and I kind of fought to see who was first to make coffee, and I think I offended her when I would make it before she did if I got here early. But the one thing I'll say, she always would come in, she'd come in and get the lights on in my office, and that was a very welcoming feeling to do that. She'd come in, she'd say, how are you? Is there anything I can do for you? And then on Commission meeting days staff are usually pretty busy running around, and she would always ask me, have you eat? Did you eat something, because she knows I'm bad about doing it, and she would -- I would go back to my office, and there would be a plate on my desk. So that meant a lot. That meant a lot. So for this, you light up a lot of my life. Thank you. Congratulations on your retirement. Thank you. [Applause.]

Ms. Rivers said, thank you so much.

Chairman Scott said, Pat -- Ms. Pat? Did you want to introduce anybody you have there with you? Or you just --

Ms. Rivers said, my daughter Sabrina Wells --

Chairman Scott said, come on back to the mike and introduce your family.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, you don't -- you don't get to retire but once you know.

Ms. Rivers said, this is my daughter Sabrina Wells, and this is my brother, Jacob Reddick. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Ms. Rivers said, my grandchildren are in school, so they wasn't able to come.

Chairman Scott said, all right.

Ms. Rivers said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

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3. RECOGNITION OF DETENTION CENTER OFFICER KENDAL DUFF FOR HEROISM FOLLOWING ROBBERY.

Chairman Scott said, the next proclamation we want to present this morning is going to someone you may have seen in the news recently, but he is a correctional officer with the Sheriff Department.

Chairman Scott read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, dedicated and professional law enforcement officers are necessary to protect the rights as set forth in the Constitution; Chatham County has been fortunate to have among the officers of the Chatham County Sheriff's Department, Officer Kendal Duff; and

WHEREAS, Officer Duff started as an intern in 2010 and went on to help establish the Cadet Program and has since become an officer. He received a BS Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Homeland Security and proudly serves as a 2nd Lt. in the Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2013, Chatham County Sheriff's Officer Kendal Duff witnessed an armed robbery as he was pumping gas at Parker's Gas Station on Abercorn Street, and unable to get through to 911, Officer Duff set his own safety aside and chased the armed subjects as they ran away; and

WHEREAS, Officer Duff was able to apprehend and hold one of the suspects until Metro police arrived on the scene. A Savannah-Chatham Metro officer was driving by, observed the foot chase and soon apprehended the second suspect.

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

OFFICER KENDAL DUFF

for bravery shown in the arrest of armed suspects and the recovery of the weapon used as well as all stolen property and applaud his outstanding conduct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 27th day of February 2015.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and it's not often that you find folk -- he could have continued to pump his gas and go on his merry way. He was not on duty. He's a correctional officer. He was unarmed, and he took on an armed robber and put his own life at risk in trying to ensure the enforcement of the laws in Chatham County and in Georgia, and for that, on behalf of this entire Commission, we do hereby salute you and congratulate you, and we want to present to you a framed copy of this proclamation so you will have it. I will also follow up this proclamation with a letter of accommodation to your supervisor. [Applause.] I invite the members of the Commission to help me present this proclamation.

Chairman Scott said, it's a great pleasure on behalf of the Commission we present you with this proclamation, and really to say more than anything else we really appreciate your service. You set an example in what our Sheriff's Department and correctional facility represents, and we hope that you will be an inspiration of others to join the service here at the county. Again. Congratulations.

Officer Kendal Duff said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. And you're welcome to make any comments you wish, and I think some of the Commissioners want to speak to you as well.

[NOTE: Chairman and Board members presented Officer Duff with the framed proclamation and gave their thanks and congratulations.]

Officer Duff said, ladies, gentlemen, County Commissioners, on behalf of myself, my family and the Chatham County Sheriff's Department, I want to appreciate you for honoring us in such a manner. Again, thank you and appreciation is -- is greatly needed. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. Quite an honor. Glad he's alive.

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4. PRESENTATION OF AEDS TO THE COUNTY BY LISA AND KENNY WILSON ON BEHALF OF THE ANNUAL CORY JOSEPH WILSON FIREBALL 40 MEMORIAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT.

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will recognize our Commissioner from the 6th -- 6th District, Commissioner Brady for the purpose of introducing our guests and presenting our guests here today. Commissioner Brady from the 6th District.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's my honor to introduce Lisa and Kenny Wilson on behalf of the annual Cory Joseph Wilson Fireball 40 Memorial Baseball tournament to make a presentation to the county of AEDs. Please come forward.

Ms. Karen Robertson said, good morning. Lisa Wilson, who's going to be speaking in a moment asked me to make a couple of brief remarks, and I'd like to say again good morning to Chairman and the esteemed Commissioners. Good to see you again and staff. I'm Karen Robertson, a friend of the family, and for those of you -- for those in the audience that weren't here last year, we're here for a very happy occasion but also as a result of a sad occasion. Two years ago in January Cory Joseph Wilson collapsed at Georgia Southern -- and I wasn't going to do this. He's a Savannah native; grew up in Savannah; loved Savannah; loved the parade. It's ironic we're here today. Great young man. Collapsed while in class at Georgia Southern University in January 2013, later died from what turned out to be a heart condition, and had there been an AED, an automatic external defibrillator nearby, Cory might have had another chance, but we will never know. But the family with their faith and kind of going with what Father opened up with in prayer -- prayer, not to be discouraged, finding a way, wanted to continue to make something positive out of a very unfortunate circumstance and have worked together to find that way. And at that point, I will introduce Cory's mother and father, Kenny and Lisa Wilson, but first tournament director, Mike Miller, while Lisa and I give out some gifts to the Commission.

Mr. Mike Miller said, thanks Karen. Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, we just want to thank y'all for the part that you've played for the -- for the second year, the county has allowed us to use Scott Stell Park and the facilities there and for the second year we've raised over \$20,000 to give a scholarship to Georgia Southern in Cory's memory of \$10,000, and last year we donated five AEDs to county facilities, recreational facilities, and this year we're -- we will as well. I'll let Kenny and Lisa talk about the specific locations and what we're doing, but we appreciate y'all's support. We definitely appreciate the support of the staff during those two days that we put on that tournament. They've been tremendously helpful both years and on behalf of the -- our tournament committee and the Wilson family, we just -- we just want to say thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Mrs. Lisa Wilson said, continuing on the topic of gratefulness, Kenny, Morgan and I, as well as the entire Fireball 40 team would like to say thank you again for your incredible generosity for allowing us to hold the tournament two years in a row. We're looking forward to coming back again this year. We hope that our gratefulness will be passed along as well to the county employees in Parks and Recreation department, who just this week renewed their CPR/AED certification. We're very thankful to Vicki Blumberg and that group for having that taken care of. We hope that you will hang on to your baseballs, put them in a place where you can see them, and each time that you see them be reminded of a life that ended too soon and always of the need of ongoing CPR and AED awareness. We wish for you all a blessed season, and we look forward to seeing you again this year before the next tournament. Thank you.

Mr. Kenny Wilson said, I just wanted to tell everyone that I -- there's a lot of people that go in -- that are involved in putting this tournament on. It's not just what you're looking at, but there's a -- a big group of our friends and family that we spend a lot of time putting the tournament on, and we try to -- try to make it a very positive thing. There's a lot of ball players that come in, and I think last year we had 12 teams that came in and played, and it's -- it's -- it's -- it means a lot to us to be able to come in and watch -- watch those guys play ball like we used to watch Cory play ball, and -- and just on behalf of ourselves and all of our friends and all of our family and all the ball players, we appreciate y'all allowing us to -- to do that. Thank you.

Mrs. Wilson said, and this year's AEDs will be going to Lake Mayer. We have one going to Triplett -- Triplett Park, right?

Mr. Miller said, Tom Triplett Park.

Mrs. Wilson said, Tom Triplett Park. We're going to Bazemore, and we have two other venues that we're waiting on approval for -- for their maintenance plan so we can move forward, but there will be five AEDs placed this year, and again, we thank you all so very, very much for helping us heal just a little bit through this incredible opportunity. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, again, thank you all for coming and thanks to Commissioner Brady for extending the invitation on behalf of the Commission, and again we look forward to -- to your annual visit and thank you for your selecting the county to make these donations and hopefully it will save lives in the future. Thank you. Karen, it's good to see you. Yeah.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, okay. I recognize Commissioner Brady from the 6th District and then our Vice Chair, Dr. Thomas, who is from the 8th District. She too would like to make some comments.

Commissioner Brady said, I am so sorry for your loss of Cory, and -- and every time I see y'all it -- it just breaks my heart. Parents should not ever have to bury one of their children, and I appreciate everything that y'all have done for the county and -- and we thank you for what you've done.

Mrs. Wilson said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to concur what my fellow Commissioner have said. To Karen, it's good to see you but not on this particular occasion. To this lovely family, I understand. I feel your pain, but I want you to know that whatever we can continue to do to help facilitate the memory of Cory, we are there for you 100 percent, and may God continue to bless you and strengthen you and keep you in his care.

Mrs. Wilson said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thanks, Mr. Chairman. I think this is the third time that I've seen y'all up here, and nothing's changed, I still think y'all are just awesome parents.

Commissioner Thomas said, awesome.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and thank y'all. Y'all are awesome.

Mrs. Wilson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell from the 4th District would like to make some comments.

Commissioner Farrell said, I -- I hate to be redundant, but it, you know, it really brings a lot of satisfaction to see that y'all are doing something so positive with -- with the unfortunate circumstance what got this started, but to think about others that may be in the same situation and to place these expensive but life-saving machines in different areas for folks that may come up on that same problem is very commendable and -- and I -- I thank you.

Mrs. Wilson said, thank you.

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

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to echo what has been said and really I admire your courage for doing what you're doing because every day that you go out in the community and try to raise funds for these machines and place these machines, you're putting a little piece of your heart there, and I really commend you for the strength and the courage that you're exhibiting by doing this. Thank you.

Mrs. Wilson said, thank you.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. I'd like to also commend you and -- and stand with my colleagues in congratulating you and -- and just letting you know that you set a precedence for positive things to be done that can grow out of tragedy, and I just want to commend you for that. Thank you.

Mrs. Wilson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, again. Thank you all.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank y'all.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. CHAIRMAN TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY MANGER TO INTERVIEW AND RETAIN SEARCH FIRM FOR RECRUITMENT OF POLICE CHIEF SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY CHAIRMAN.

Chairman Scott said, the next item is under Chairman's Item, and this is to authorize -- have the Chairman to authorize the County Manager to interview and to retain a search firm for the recruitment of a police chief subject to approval.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, sorry, sir.

Chairman Scott said, it's been -- it's been --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you did not call for a motion. I apologize.

Chairman Scott said, no. It's been properly moved and second. Any discussion? Before we vote, let me -- any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of it indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Stone said, Lori's outside.

Commissioner Center said, we got to get Lori back.

Chairman Scott said, while we're waiting on one Commissioner to cast her vote --

Commissioner Brady said, sorry.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's okay.

Chairman Scott said, motion carries. And for the audience, let me just outline what we're doing. This -- we've -- this is a -- a follow up to the merger agreement, and we've got a two-step process working. We are still working with and talking to the City. I might report that the Chatham County Manager, Lee Smith, and the City Manager, Ms. Stephanie Cutter, have met since our last meeting. The County Manager reports that the meeting, he thought was very productive, and that we're making progress, but in the event that the discussion or the progress stalls, we still have to set in place a process for which to stand up a Chatham County Police Department. We have approximately one year and -- and about 20 days in which to do so based on the notice that you all approved nine to nothing at a earlier meeting, and so this is just keeping the process on track in the event that we have to stand up our own police department. The talks with the City will continue, however, there is -- it is time sensitive, and in our minds we need to reach an agreement with the City by the end of March. If not, we will need to proceed in order to meet and have an orderly transfer of police services in the unincorporated area. And I thank you all for that authorization.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval for the Chairman to authorize the County Manager to interview and to retain a search firm for the recruitment of a police chief subject to approval. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-1 vote with Commissioner Shabazz being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

None.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Scott said, the next item -- we don't have anything tabled to consider.

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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. **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM THE NOISE ORDINANCE TO ACCOMMODATE LIVE MUSIC AT A PRIVATE PARTY. PETITIONER: JOE POWERS, LOCATED AT 1806 WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD, FOR APRIL 11, 2015, FROM 4:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M. [DISTRICT 4.]**

Chairman Scott said, we are on individual action, which is Board consideration of a request for a variance for the noise ordinance to accommodate a live music at a private party. The Petitioner is Joe Powers, and the location is 1806 Wilmington Island Road. The date is April the 11, 2015, and the time of the variance is for four hours and it's 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. I don't know if there's anybody or Mr. Powers is here or not, but unless there is someone else in the audience who want to speak to this. If not, I will entertain a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve or grant the variance to Mr. Powers at 1806 Wilmington Island Road for the -- for the time period of 8:00 p.m. -- 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is -- is -- is he here?

Chairman Scott said, okay. We got a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Commissioner Shabazz said, is -- I --

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, is Mr. Powers here?

Chairman Scott said, no, he is not.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is this -- where -- where is this located at?

Chairman Scott said, this is on Wilmington Island Road, and it's a private residence, and they're asking permission to -- for a variance to the county noise ordinance between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on April the 11th. It's in the 4th District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is anybody in opposition here today?

Chairman Scott said, we have not -- no one has contacted me in opposition to it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. The noise -- the request for variance have been granted.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of the request for a variance from the noise ordinance to accommodate live music at a private party. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for variance from the noise ordinance to accommodate live music at a private party. Petitioner: Joe Powers located at 1806 Wilmington Island Road for April 11, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

Joe Powers requests approval for variance from the noise ordinance for the performance of a live band between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. for a private party at his residence, located at 1806 Wilmington Island Road.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The subject location is not required to obtain a tax certificate or alcoholic beverage license for live entertainment at a private party.
2. The Chatham County Noise Ordinance limits sound in residential zoning districts to sixty (60) decibels between the hours of 7:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.
3. The submitted request is to obtain a variance to allow ninety (90) decibels on April 11, 2015 from 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. (See memo from Joe Powers attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.)
4. The variance is for a one time, private party, for a specific date and time only.
5. Applicant advised to be present.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve variance request for April 11, 2015.
2. Disapprove variance request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The ordinance allows the granting of a variance by the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board Consideration.

District 4

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2. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Scott said, next we will have our CNT monthly report, and this is a -- a verbal and visual report by our CNT Director Ragan.

CNT Director D. Everette Ragan said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. Initiated 70 narcotics investigations, closed out 37 for the month of January 2015. We assisted in two different agency requests. One with the Savannah Chatham Metro. We took over a trafficking patrol arrest and Savannah State probation officers. For the month we receive -- recovered and seized over 64,000 worth of drugs, primarily we received -- we recovered powder cocaine and marijuana. Heroin and crack cocaine were down a bit for the -- for the first month. We got -- crack cocaine has been going down, actually trending down over the past several years. Recovered 10 firearms this month, and -- the month of January and 24 arrests. Geographic locations of the arrests, these homes, of course 15 were in Chatham County, there's Bryan County, Effingham, Newton County, Polk County, DeKalb County and Screven County, and I'll explain those in just a few minutes.

Director Ragan said, had a request from Commissioner Center on the geographic location of arrests, these homes, starting next month, instead of just saying Chatham County, we will give the municipality or the unincorporated area where they were arrested at. If they were in the unincorporated area or which municipality they were arrested in. Again, we -- the -- the trafficking case we adopted from -- from Metro. The drug complaints for the year to date we've got 37. We've closed -- we've assigned 35 of those complaints. Next the few pages of the report are basically the drug complaints, the arrest activity that has been conducted in the -- in each of your Districts, so it's good for -- referral for you in case you see some addresses that the complainants -- your constituents have talked about. If I can always remember to start plugging these in when I'm talking. All right. The hours expended in each precinct to date, you see, again, most of our time in the precincts was spent in Central precinct. City of Savannah again was -- spent most of our time, in fact, a large, large percentage of our time in -- in the City of Savannah during the month of January. These are the total hours that are worked in the precincts.

Director Ragan said, some significant events, one, on the 16th of December -- excuse me of January, an arrest in the 1100 block of southeast 36th Street. We assisted the case -- we assisted probation on it. The Defendant was under a Fourth Amendment waiver. He was in violation of his probation. Recovered marijuana, guns, stolen property. We notified Metro police detectives who responded to the scene, and those are the guns we recovered, the iPads, laptops, computers. That's the marijuana and the handguns that we recovered from this individual. He was a good one to get off the street. We also did a search warrant, 600 block of Barnard Street, and we found several jars of marijuana, hash oil, Xanax, and those individuals were arrested. The first time we have seen when we go in on an undercover purchase, the drug dealer has the little cube on his iPhone and wanted to know if we were paying cash or credit. So, they are keeping up with the times also.

Director Ragan said, on 1/20/15, we concluded an investigation we started just a couple months ago in reference to crystal ice, crystal methamphetamine that has been coming in from Mexico. Again, we identified our local targets, led us to their source of supply that was coming out of Atlanta. What we opened was an investigation that's -- that -- that has generated interest not only in Georgia but in Alabama. These individuals, actually the drug organization king pins were incarcerated in state prisons throughout Georgia. They had telephones inside prison. One of the individuals would direct his wife, and she was handling the money and the dope, and then they designated on down to gang members to sell the dope. The -- our individuals here in Savannah and Chatham County would go to Atlanta, pick up the crystal meth, usually between a pound, pound and a half a week they were coming back with. We identified them. We indicted 12. We've got 10 in custody. We still have two fugitives. We have -- still have some in jail in Newton County and -- but the rest of them are here. That is the -- a picture of the crystal ice that they had that was -- had been drying. That is the gun they had. The bottom photograph, remember once before I was -- we were talking about the different colors of -- of methamphetamine, how they like either the white or the blue or the brown. The brown burns last longer. Smaller photographs what you see are the white crystal and then the brown crystal.

Director Ragan said, these two individuals are two of our local West Chatham individuals. They were arrested. They are part of it. You can see the gang signs.

Commissioner Center said, where did you get these photos? From the Facebook?

Director Ragan said, yes. And these two individuals were part of the Atlanta group that we got. Again the gang signs, and that's the gang symbol of the gang that they have going on. It's called -- and it's a prison gang, white supremacist prison gang and it's called ghost face gangsters, and they are -- they are in the prison system in Georgia and the southeast United States, so we're tracking, but we do have them here. They are located -- the -- we do have them in our Chatham County jail. Basically, if they're sent off -- when -- when these guys go off, they are indoctrinated into the prison gang in the state prison system. They come back and they carry on -- try to carry on the traditions. So --

Commissioner Brady said, bet you their momma and daddy's proud.

Director Ragan said, I heard that. One other thing I -- I do -- I wanted to bring to your attention is the -- that's -- that's not on the slide show that -- remember a few weeks ago we had the case of the missing husband and wife, the Brinsons, was on -- on the media. What happened basically was on the husband, Mr. Brinson, we had a warrant for him for sales of heroin. Went by the residence, he was not there. The wife was there. Within two days, family members reported them missing. Actually they absconded because we were looking for the husband, so they were never really -- really missing, and we notified Metro's SVU, and they finally canceled the missing people report on the husband and wife, and we got information yesterday morning, and they were in Garden City, and we arrested them -- arrested him in Garden City. So they were -- they were never really a missing couple in Chatham County. They were fleeing -- fleeing the outstretched arms of CNT. So that's my report for the month.

Chairman Scott said, we've got a question from Commissioner Center from the 3rd District.

Commissioner Center said, I read that report in the -- the paper today. I want to ask -- I want to go back to significant event on January 16th. This was one person who had two rifles, a sawed-off, I don't -- I guess call it a shot gun, and a -- is that a Glock or --

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, that was one person?

Director Ragan said, one person.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and -- and what -- what -- what peaked my interest also in reading this, all these items from various entering autos, because it's been our colleague over on City Council, Tony Thomas, that's been stressing for months that a lot of the street crime and shooting is related to guns, and the first thing I saw, this guy has entering autos and these guns.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and -- and I want to ask another question, when -- when you -- when we apprehend these people and there's cash involved, I know you use that for your resources, do you have any idea if they're asking for public defenders or do we use that cash to pay the attorney? Because we're required to provide them with counsel. Do you have any idea or?

Director Ragan said, I -- no, I would refer -- defer that question to the County Attorney about whether -- what we can use seized assets money to pay for public defenders. I don't -- I don't believe so.

Commissioner Center said, I mean we -- we pay for it anyway if they ask for a public defender, and I'm wondering if --

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, no, we can't.

Commissioner Center said, can't.

County Attorney Hart said, if -- if you're going to use confiscated funds, you got to use it for the designated purposes permitted under the statute, like for example, the DA is entitled to part of it.

Commissioner Center said, I mean 'cause that's one of our sticking points with the City, the public defender costs are growing.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, there's a -- there's a state -- there's a state law that governs what you can use it for.

County Attorney Hart said, and there's also a federal law on top of that.

Director Ragan said, federal law too.

Commissioner Center said, federal? All right. Is there any way to -- I know we got the shot tracker -- or the City has a shot tracker, Metro has the shot tracker technology. Is there any way to determine if -- if these guns had been used in shootings?

Director Ragan said, with these weapons what will -- what -- what has happened with these weapons we recover, the shot tracker is part of a -- and -- and NIBIN -- a whole NIBIN system and everything that ATF does. We actually have the ATF trailer at our office. We go in and we fire these weapons. We take the shell casings and we run them through a data base for ATF so if these weapons have been used in any shooting, then -- not only here, but up the coast or anywhere in the United States, we can show that these weapons were involved. So they -- we are checking against national data base to see if these weapons have been used in any type of in -- incident.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

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

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. On your statistics on page 9, all precincts, that was 1,592 hours --

Chairman Scott said, can you back your slide up too?

Commissioner Stone said, -- and then you said in the unincorporated area it was 233. So is that 233 part of the 1,593 --

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, -- 92? Okay.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am, it is.

Commissioner Stone said, but still the majority of the hours expended are in the City precincts.

Director Ragan said, oh absolutely, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, and by agreement, we have to -- by CNT agreement, we have to spend --

Commissioner Stone said, oh, I understand, I -- I was just curious as to how this was broken down and whether the numbers in the unincorporated area were part of the numbers that you referenced.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have a question.

Chairman Scott said, I have question from -- from Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I noticed you have some type of manual here that says cannabis grow bible.

Director Ragan said, yes. That was recovered in the individual's house.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what is -- what is cannabis?

Director Ragan said marijuana.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it is cani -- it is marijuana?

Director Ragan said, marijuana is cannabis, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. The reason why I ask is because I was in a convenience store the other day, and I saw they had a energy drink that had cannabis in it.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's marijuana?

Director Ragan said, no, sir. That's just a -- that's just the name they are marketing that drink under. There is no cannabis -- there's no marijuana in it. That would be -- no, sir. But there is a drink they -- that they market under cannabis, but it is not illegal.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so they just use the name to --

Director Ragan said, just use the name, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- to promote it.

Director Ragan said, promote it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So that's not illegal?

Director Ragan said, no, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay. All right. Thank you. So it is -- is it some type of chemical within marijuana or is this --

Director Ragan said, THC, tetrahydrochloride something. I forget what they call it, but it is the --

Commissioner Shabazz said, so cannabis is the actual plant? Or is it the chemical inside of it or what is it?

Director Ragan said, that's the actual name for marijuana is -- is cannabis. If you want to use the scientific aspect of it it's cannabis with THC.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, marijuana is just simply a street name.

Director Ragan said, yes, it is.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Director Ragan said, it comes in all types. You got marijuana, mary jane, cush, they -- it's -- it all refers to marijuan -- marijuana.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Director Ragan said, anything else? Thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, very good presentation.

Director Ragan said, thank you, sir. We have more next month.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

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

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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| <p>The Board can entertain one motion to adopt the below-listed calendar. Such motion would mean adoption of staff's recommendation. Any Board Member may choose to pull an item from the calendar and it would be considered separately.</p> |
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Chairman Scott said, the next item is the Action Calendar, and at this time, there's been no indication of pulling anything off the Action Calendar for individual action, so at this time I will entertain a motion to approve the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor 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 3 and under Item 3, Items A through F. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes 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 FEBRUARY 13, 2015, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 5, 2015 THROUGH FEBRUARY 18, 2015.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of February 5, 2015 through February 18, 2015, in the amount of \$7,835,837. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

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- 3. 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 Holmes was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3 A thru F
AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2015

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

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$12,657 Deductive Summary Change Order No. 1 and a 14 day time extension to the construction contract with SES Civil Contractors, LLC., on the Shipyard Road Channel Drainage Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The project consisted of regrading and enlarging an existing ditch running from Shipyard Road, along the rear of several lots, and discharging into an existing piped system at Beaulieu Avenue. This ditch drains approximately 20 acres. Along the ditch, several undersized culverts were enlarged to accommodate the stormwater.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County issued the Notice to Proceed to the contractor on September 2, 2014.
2. After beginning construction, the contractor notified various utility companies of possible conflicts between the utilities and the proposed culverts. Relocation of these utilities by the utility companies caused a delay of approximately fourteen days causing the contractor to request an extension to the contract time.
3. The County issued the substantial completion on January 30, 2015.
4. The contract for construction was awarded as a unit price contract. This Change Order represents measurement of final quantities installed at the unit prices listed in the contract.
5. Contract History:

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| Original Contract (July 25, 2014) | \$165,603 |
| (Summary) Change Order 1 (pending) | \$- 12,657 |
| Revised Contract Amount | \$152,946 |

FUNDING: No additional funds required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$12,657 Deductive Summary Change Order No. 1 and a 14 day time extension to the construction contract with SES Civil Contractors, LLC., on the Shipyard Road Channel 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 to award a \$273,958 contract to R.L. Morrison & Sons, Inc., to replace a portion of the East Causton Bluff Fender System.

BACKGROUND: The Causton Bluff drawbridge is an integral part of the Chatham County roadway system that provides daily access for the citizens of Chatham County to various parts of Savannah.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On November 22, 2013, the Board approved the award of engineering services to McSweeney Engineering to evaluate and prepare specifications to replace the badly damaged system.
2. Fender systems are currently placed between channel piers of bridges crossing navigable waterways to guide vessels through the navigational channels. As evaluated by the Engineering firm the current state of the east fender system may not be able to withstand an impact from a passing vessel.
3. All permits and permission by the proper authorities to begin the construction project as specified by the Engineering firm have been obtained.
4. Staff believes the bid as submitted by R.L. Morrison & Sons Inc., to be fair and reasonable.
5. The bid was publicly advertised, a pre-bid was conducted and bids were opened on January 21, 2015. Bid results are as follows:

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| R.L. Morrison & Sons, Inc. McClellanville, SC | \$273,958 |
| Cape Romain Contractors Wando, SC | \$291,000 |
| TIC - The Industrial Company Savannah, GA | \$364,845 |
| Myrick Marine Contracting Corporation Savannah, GA | \$379,487 |

FUNDING: CIP - Bridges Fender Replacement System
(3504230 - 54.14002 - 35031273)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval to award a \$273,958 contract to R.L. Morrison & Sons, Inc., to replace a portion of the East Causton Bluff Fender System.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Southern Tree Experts as primary contractor and ArborMax Tree Service, LLC., as a secondary contractor for tree removal services at various locations as needed for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Public Works and Park Services does not have the equipment or personnel to perform tree removal services in-house. Since 2008, the County has contracted for this service. Trees are removed as needed due to potential hazard, dead, diseased or has caused damage to property.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On January 11, 2013, the Board of Commissioners awarded an annual contract to Evergreen Tree Service for tree removal services. Evergreen Tree Service became unresponsive due to private commitments and equipment breakdowns causing unacceptable delays in responding to tree removals. As a result staff had to seek emergency response from other contractors, therefore, the decision was made to rebid the tree removal contract. It has been determined that in order to avoid future delays in tree removals it would be in the best interest to have a primary and a secondary source for tree removals.
2. The bid was properly advertised and three (3) bids were received. Bids were received from T & D Professional Cleaning Services, Pooler, GA., Southern Tree Experts, Savannah, GA., and ArborMax Tree Service, LLC., Savannah, GA. Please see attached page 6 for breakdown of costs.
4. The low bidder, T & D Cleaning Professional Cleaning, withdrew their bid. Therefore, Southern Tree Experts was determined to be the low responsive, responsible bidder followed by ArborMax Tree Service, LLC.
5. Staff reviewed the bid and references submitted by Southern Tree Experts as well as ArborMax Tree Service, LLC., and believes their bids to be fair and reasonable

FUNDING: Various

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Southern Tree Experts as primary contractor and ArborMax Tree Service, LLC., as a secondary contractor for tree removal services at various locations as needed for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$15,412 purchase through the State of Georgia contract for three (3) digital radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: One (1) of the radios being purchased will be used by security staff at the Bull Street Administrative Complex. This will allow security staff contact with our deputies as well as other agencies and enable better communications in case of emergencies. The other two radios being purchased are for installation in K9 vehicles. In the past, K9 vehicles were not outfitted with mobile radios. They previously only had hand held radios. This purchase will begin the outfitting of all K9 vehicles with mobile digital radios.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Purchase of the Motorola APX6000 700/800 MHZ and APX6500 700/800 radios will maintain compatibility with law enforcement locally and statewide. Motorola Solutions, Inc is on the State of Georgia contract and the GSA Schedule 70 Homeland Security Contract.
2. Communications between staff and other agencies is mandatory from a Public Safety standpoint.
3. Staff believes the cost of \$15,412 for the three (3) radios to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's
(1003300 - 52.32001)

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for necessary communication equipment for law enforcement in the interest of public safety.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$15,412 purchase through the State of Georgia contract, three (3) digital radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc for the Sheriff's Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$81,740 contract for an automated vehicle locator (AVL) system on 160 vehicles from CalAmp Radio Satellite Integrators for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The Board has expressed a desire to install vehicle locators on Public Works and Park Services vehicles and equipment.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff has been considering the use of AVL systems since 2009. Funds have now been made available to proceed.
2. A Request for Proposal was publicly advertised and issued with responses received on October 16, 2014. Proposals were received from the following companies:

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| Fleet Analytics, LLC. Suwanee, GA | Reltronics Technologies Rochester, NY |
| Geomoto Lantana, TX | Techno Brian, LTD. Orlando, FL |
| CompassCom Centennial, CO | GPS North America Langhorne, PA |
| Zonar Systems Kent, WA | Synovia Solutions Indianapolis, IN |
| GPS Insight Scottsdale, AZ | Thingtech, LLC Atlanta, GA |
| Motionlink Atlanta, GA | MarshallGIS Boise, ID |
| CalAmp Radio Satellite Integrators Torrance, CA | R.A. Consultants, LLC. Cincinnati, OH |
| Networkfleet San Diego, CA | |

3. The evaluation committee reviewed all proposals and ranked them in accordance with the attached evaluation matrix (pages 10-12). CalAmp Radio Satellite Integrators was the highest ranked proposer.
4. Proposers were asked to provide unit prices for equipment/hardware, software, installation, training, and recurring service subscriber fee. In addition, proposers provided pricing for annual software and hardware maintenance/support and upgrades for years one (1) through five (5).
5. The system includes a GPS tracking unit installed in each vehicle. Staff will be trained and CalAmp Radio Satellite Integrators will host the software and provide support. Once the units are installed simple results can include: a geographical location of the vehicle in real time, historical data, "breadcrumb" tracking of vehicle route, vehicular data such as idling time, speed and direction of travel, automated alerts to management when a vehicle exceeds a pre-defined speed or leaves a geographical area and customized reporting features.
6. Staff anticipates the system will reduce idle time, fuel consumption and increase productivity and accountability.

7. Staff recommends installation of the vehicle locators on 160 units. (See attached spreadsheets pages 13-14) Based on CalAmp Radio Satellite Integrators' proposal, the initial install and first year cost will be \$81,740. Subsequent years cost which includes the recurring service subscriber fee and annual hardware/maintenance/support upgrades will be \$45,120 annually.

FUNDING: CIP - Public Works
(3514100 - 54.25001 - 35030232)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$81,740 contract for an automated vehicle locator (AVL) system on 160 vehicles from CalAmp Radio Satellite Integrators for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts to the highest ranked proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$154,653 construction contract to Southern Roof & Wood Care Corporation, to install a thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) roofing membrane and rehabilitate existing clerestory walls at the Juvenile Court building for Facilities Maintenance and Operations.

BACKGROUND: The assessment of the roof condition concluded the roof membrane is worn in several locations and portions of the TPO membrane material are uplifted. Due to the age of the TPO roofing membrane material, the attachment screws have protruded upwards.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Due to its age, condition of the roof and water intrusion into the building the roof is in need of replacement.
2. An Invitation to Bid was publicly advertised and opened on January 6, 2015. Responses are as follows:

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| | Southern Roof & Wood Care Corporation Hardeeville, SC | \$128,700 |
| | Roofing Professionals, Inc. Richmond Hill, GA | \$133,250 |
| | Coastal Roofing Company, Inc. Port Wentworth, GA | \$134,211 |
| ** | ABC Maintenance Services, Inc. Savannah, GA | \$134,969 |
| | Bonitz of Georgia Savannah, GA | \$146,936 |
| | Dusty Greer Roofing, Inc. Monroe, GA | \$149,660 |
| * | Georgia Roof Inspections Atlanta, GA | \$158,943 |
| | North Ridge Roofing Woodstock, GA | \$163,352 |
| | ARAC Experts Kennesaw, GA | \$186,776 |
| | Metalcrafts Savannah, GA | \$199,800 |
| | Skyline Construction Services, Inc. Eatonton, GA | \$226,940 |

* Eastern Corporation \$267,000
 Marietta, GA

*MBE
 **WBE

3. The new roof will be a heavier 60 mil. material and a 3/4 inch iso underlayment.
4. After receipt of bids, it was determined additional work was necessary in order to prevent water intrusion. The additional work will include replacement of 6" - 8" of exterior insulation finish system (EIFS) and rehabilitation of the clerestory walls.
5. Due to the total cost, staff requested the contractor provide pricing for payment and performance bonds.
6. Southern Roof & Wood Care provided the low bid of \$128,700 plus additional work of \$24,300, plus payment and performance bonds of \$1,653, for a total of \$154,653.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Juvenile Court Construction
 (3244980 - 54.13009 - 32460227)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$154,653 construction contract to Southern Roof & Wood Care Corporation, to install a thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) roofing membrane and rehabilitate existing clerestory walls at the Juvenile Court building for Facilities Maintenance and Operations
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 MARK BUCALO

PREPARED BY _____
 PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

1. **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE HENDERSON GOLF COURSE SO AS NOT TO PERMIT WALKING, RUNNING, EXERCISING, OR HAVING DOMESTIC ANIMALS WITH YOU ON THE GOLF CART PATHS AND TRAILS OF THE GOLF COURSE DURING OPERATIONAL HOURS.**

Chairman Scott said, First Readers, and it's Board consideration of the adoption of an Ordinance pertaining to Henderson Golf Course so as not to permit walking, running, exercising or other -- having domestic animals with you on the golf cart path and trails of the golf course during operating hours. This is the First Reading. We'll take this up as a Second Reading and have a full discussion of it at our next meeting.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **BOARD CONSIDERATION TO AMEND THE CHATHAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ORDINANCE AND CHATHAM COUNTY PERSONNEL PROCEDURES TO AUTHORIZE EMPLOYEES ON THE COUNTY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN TO ENROLL THEIR SAME SEX OR OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER IN THE PLAN, AND TO AMEND OTHER PROVISIONS CONSISTENT WITH THIS**

CHANGE.

- *Notice of the Board's consideration of a motion to rescind previous vote pertaining to the adoption of an amendment to the Chatham County Personnel Ordinance and Chatham County Personnel Procedures to authorize employees on the County's health insurance plan to enroll their same sex or opposite sex domestic partner in the plan, and to amend other provisions consistent with this change. The purpose of this motion to rescind is to permit the full Commission consider this matter as the passage of an ordinance would require the vote of a majority of the full Commission.*

Note: This item pending review by County Attorney for future meeting.

Chairman Scott said, there are no Second Readers. On your report you do have an outline of an action that was taken at the last meeting. A motion in which it was carried as it relates to domestic partners, and then after the meeting it was brought to my attention, after we carried the motion with the majority of a quorum present whether or not we needed a majority of the Commission rather than the majority of a quorum, and I've got the County Attorney and staff looking into that. If they conclude that we should have had five Commissioners rather than a majority of the quorum, then we will have to be asked to reconsider our action at our next meeting. If not, we'll carry on.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, that's -- that concludes our calendar for this meeting. However, there are informational items that we urge you to take a look at.

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: February 27, 2015

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

| ITEM | DEPT. | SOURCE | AMOUNT | FUNDING |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| Replacement parts for tub grinder | Public Works and Park Services | Grinder Wear Parts, Inc. | \$2,548 | Solid Waste Restricted |
| Bucket cylinder for unit #2160- excavator | Mosquito Control | Jewell Attachments LLC. | \$4,981 | General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control |
| Seven (7) shotguns | Sheriff's Dept. | Ed's Public Safety | \$3,150 | General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept. |
| Two (2) pepper ball launchers for training section | Sheriff's Dept. | Less Lethal, LLC | \$3,459 | General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept. |
| Moving services for Superior and State Courts | Clerk of Superior Court | Nilson Van & Storage | \$3,600 | •General Fund/M&O - Clerk of Superior Court-\$2,650 •General Fund/M&O - State Court-\$950 |

| ITEM | DEPT. | SOURCE | AMOUNT | FUNDING |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--|
| One (1) weightlifting rack | Weightlifting Center | Power Systems, Inc. | \$2,664 | General Fund/M&O - Weightlifting Center |
| Annual fire alarm testing agreement for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse | Facilities Maintenance and Operations | Southeastern Business Machines, Inc. | \$5,377 | General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations |
| Surveillance equipment | C.N.T. | Presidio Networked Solutions, Inc. | \$6,030 | Confiscated Funds |
| 30 gas masks and 60 canisters | Sheriff's Dept. | Industrial Safety LLC. | \$9,383 | General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept. |
| Four (4) laptop computers for Finance | I.C.S. | Dell Marketing, L.P. | \$6,577 | Computer Replacement Fund |
| Office furniture for new extension of Weightlifting Center | Weightlifting Center | VIP Printing & Office Supply | \$9,060 | General Fund/M&O - Weightlifting Center |
| 24 computer hard drives for Sheriff's Dept. | I.C.S. | B & H Photo Video Pro Audio | \$5,712 | General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept. |
| Three (3) printers and toner for Clerk of Superior Court | I.C.S. | PCMG, Inc. | \$3,270 | General Fund/M&O - Clerk of Superior Court |
| 36 widescreen computer monitors for Clerk of Superior Court | I.C.S. | Dell Marketing, L.P. | \$5,939 | General Fund/M&O - Clerk of Superior Court |
| Median maintenance supplies | Public Works and Park Services | Lawnmower Store | \$2,869 | SSD-Public Works |
| Emergency tree removal | Public Works and Park Services | Southern Tree Experts | \$2,800 | SSD-Public Works |
| Materials to construct bookcase, cabinets and credenza for I.C.S. | Facilities Maintenance and Operations | Meyer Decorative Surfaces, Inc. | \$7,417 | General Fund/M&O - I.C.S. |
| Identification card blanks | Detention Center | The Police and Sheriff's Press, Inc. | \$4,552 | General Fund/M&O - Detention Center |
| Install water pump on unit #21 - Public Works loader | Fleet Operations | Yancey Brothers Company, Inc. | \$6,651 | General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations |
| Campaign contribution filing solution | Elections Board | Sivad Business Solutions, LLC | \$6,500 | General Fund/M&O - Elections Board |
| Four (4) electronic tablets for Engineering | I.C.S. | Zones, Inc. | \$7,340 | SSD-Engineering |
| Anchor for diving platforms | Aquatic Center | Lincoln Equipment, Inc. | \$4,437 | CIP-Aquatic Center |

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS
AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Bay Street Widening. ROW acquisition complete. Chatham County has possession and titles for all required ROW and Easements. Demolition underway to prepare parcels for ROW certification. The City of Savannah permitted construction of a new building within a required easement for the project. Chatham County cannot certify right of way until the ROW plans are revised to reduce the width of the easement.
2. Jimmy Deloach Parkway Extension and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design is on-going. Notice to Proceed with ROW acquisition issued October 3, 2014 for Extension project. ROW authorization expected in 2015 for the Interchange project. Property owners meeting held September 24, 2014 at Bloomingdale City Hall. Projects to be let together for construction by GDOT.
3. SR 307 Widening from US 17 to I-16. GDOT accepted for ownership and maintenance the section from I-16 southward to Hardin Canal. Notice to proceed issued for remainder on July 2, 2014 to Reeves Construction. Contract time for construction is 270 days.
4. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Design is underway on a high level bridge to replace the bascule bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway on Islands Expressway. ROW authorization expected in 2015, as soon as the NEPA Document is approved.
5. Local Roads.
 - a. Hunt Drive and Faye Road Bridge Replacements. Hunt Drive bridge and Faye Drive bridge open to two way traffic. Stage 3 construction underway. Notice to Proceed with construction issued May 1, 2013.
 - b. Montgomery Cross Road at Sallie Mood. Construction substantially complete. Notice to proceed with intersection and pedestrian improvement project issued to JHC Corporation on July 11, 2014. Contract time is 175 days.
 - c. Road Resurfacing.
 - a. Contract let for 2.9 miles of road resurfacing to include Albert Road, Cottonvale Road, Dove Lane, Goldfinch Court, Lansing Avenue, Lions Gate Entrance, Raleigh Road and Springhouse Drive.
 - b. Preparing bid documents for a road surfacing contract for 1.5 miles of road resurfacing for Diana Drive, Michael Court, Bellview Drive, McLeod Street, West Fox Chase Road, Legacy Boulevard, Gamble Road, Adams Avenue and LaRoche Avenue.
6. Local Road Projects under Design.
 - a. Benton Boulevard. Preliminary design underway. Project will extend two lanes of Benton Boulevard north from its existing terminus at Highlands Boulevard to State Route 30.
 - b. Quacco Road. Request for Proposals for Engineering Services due on March 13, 2015. This phase will consider improvements from US 17 to the bridge crossing 95.
 - c. Skidaway Road. Preparation of ROW plans underway. Project will provide improvements along Skidaway Road from Montgomery Cross Road to Ferguson Avenue.
 - d. Hill Road. Preparation of ROW plans underway. Dirt road paving project.
 - e. Fairwind Road. Preliminary plans to pave Fairwind Road within the existing right of way underway by staff.
 - f. East White Hawthorne Drive Cul-de-sac. Construction plans are complete. Waiting for execution of the Quitclaim Deed by the City of Savannah. Project is ready to bid as soon as City executes Quitclaim Deed.
 - g. Bradley Point Sidewalk Improvements. Concept development complete. Public meeting scheduled to present the concepts on March 3, 2015.
 - h. Truman Linea Park Trail, Phase 2-A. Request for Proposals for Engineering Services to complete design from Lake Mayer to DeRenne Avenue due February

25, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal. The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Construction of improvements are substantially complete. Completion of punch list items is underway.
2. Pipemakers Tidegate Replacement. The project involves replacing existing sluice gates with flap gates. The Board awarded a construction contract at the September meeting. The contract has been executed and Notice to proceed given, with completion expected in May, 2015.
3. Pipemakers 24" Pipe Replacement. The project involves replacing two undersized pipes with a larger pipe near State Route 21. The Board awarded a construction contract, and construction was completed in February. Project closeout is underway.
4. Ashley Road Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve a drainage system from the Ashley Road cul-de-sac. Design work is underway.
5. Gateway-Henderson Drainage Improvements. The project will improve portions of the drainage system in the northeast quadrant of I-95 and SR 204. The project includes construction of maintenance access and drainage improvements. Design work is underway.
6. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work, permitting, and acquisitions are underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road.
7. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the canal. Design of improvements along the Marshall Branch Canal is underway and includes construction of maintenance access and culvert replacements.
8. Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide access for maintenance for the Remington Canal from Ferguson Road to the outfall at Moon River. The outfall passes through the Winterberry private development. Design work is underway.
9. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. A project to replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch is underway. Construction began in September and will be complete by February 2015. Design of a separate project to expand and relocate an existing outfall channel is underway.
10. Little Hurst Canal. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance along the canal. Field surveying and wetland delineation are complete. Design of improvements at the CSX railroad crossing is underway.
11. Hampton Place Drainage Improvements. The project will improve the drainage system within Hampton Place Subdivision on Quacco Road by routing a portion of the stormwater into an existing canal located on the west side of Quacco Road. Construction began in September and was completed in January. Project closeout is underway.
12. Willow Lakes Drainage Improvements. The project will relieve internal drainage issues within the Willow Lakes subdivision. The project will increase the storage capacity of the pond by lowering the

existing water elevation. Design work is underway.

13. Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvements. The project will relocate a part of a drainage system located on private property into the County right-of-way and an acquired easement. Design work and permitting are complete and bids will be received February 24.

14. Pipemakers Canal Cart Bridge Replacement. The project will replace a segment of the wooden golf cart bridge at Crosswinds Golf Club over the Pipemakers Canal with a concrete pad. The existing maintenance road on both sides of the bridge will be sloped to meet the pad, which will allow continuous maintenance access. The Board approved the construction contract on November 7. Construction is underway.

15. Vidalia Road Canal Drainage Improvements. The project will improve conveyance and obtain easements for access and maintenance. Design is underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, and we will need an executive session.

County Attorney Hart said, litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Center said, would you like real estate in there too?

County Attorney Hart said, huh-uh.

Chairman Scott said, litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, or legal and personnel.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Properly moved and second we're going into Executive Session for the purpose of legal and personnel. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. You can take a break. We'll reconvene in Executive Session at 11:00 o'clock. We'll convene the Executive Session at 11:00. I just wanted to mention that Coach Holmes is not here because of the death of his brother and visitation is at Adams Funeral Home this afternoon and visitation is between 2:00 and 6:00 and the funeral is tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Church on Hartridge Street. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

The Board recessed at approximately 10:46 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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2. APPOINTMENTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to appoint Linder Suthers to the Metropolitan Planning Commissioner with her term set to expire on December 31, 2017. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present; Commissioner Shabazz was not present to vote.]

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3. LOUISE WILLIAMS CONDEMNATION CASE SETTLEMENT

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the settlement of the Louse William condemnation matter for an amount not to exceed \$43,000. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present; Commissioner Shabazz was not present to vote.]

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4. IRS AUDIT SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of a payment to the IRS with regards to audit settlement in an amount up to \$100,000. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present; Commissioner Shabazz was not present to vote.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION