

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 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, March 27, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. I'll ask at this time that you please be seated and remain seated until such time as our -- as Reverend Daniel [sic] completes his message and indicates it's time to pray. At that time if you would restand and remain standing throughout the Pledge of Allegiance. We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance this morning by our Commission Pro Tem, Commissioner Stone from the 1st District.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I would like to invite up Pastor Larry McDaniel. He's the senior pastor of The Sanctuary. It's one of -- one of the most dynamic churches in my opinion in Chatham County, and it's indeed a pleasure and a honor to have the senior pastor of that congregation here today to lead us in our devotion. At this time, Pastor Larry McDaniels [sic].

Pastor Larry McDaniel said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sometimes it's a scary thing when you hear somebody say the Pastor is going to preach a sermon. I will not preach a sermon this morning, but I will give a brief devotion. This is a -- a very significant day for me personally. I received a message very early this morning that one of our charter members of our church passed away, Mrs. Ruby Donaldson. We're not grieving about that because she was a wonderful, wonderful person, and she died at the ripe age of 103. She was a life-long citizen of Chatham County and Savannah, Georgia, and she was blessed with a good mind and a strong body. Up until a year ago she lived alone in her own house; she drove; she cooked; she took care of herself. The last year she's been feeble, and the Lord has taken her away. And my mind has -- has been filled this morning not so much about what I'm going to say here but what I will say about her in a few days when we have her memorial service. Thinking of this tremendously long life, a life that was lived -- lived with such dedication and righteousness. A long, long time.

Pastor McDaniel said, but I got to thinking about that long, long time that she lived, and then I remembered that I've been her pastor for more than 30 years. When I look back on the 30 years that I served as her pastor, that doesn't seem all that long. In fact, the older I get, it seems the faster time gets and it reminded me of two things. Number one, it reminded me of a Willie Nelson Song that says gee ain't it funny how time slips away, but more importantly to a Psalm of King David. King David was perhaps the greatest King of ancient Israel, but ironically, he's known more today for his literature than he is for being the King of Israel. His writings in the Psalm have brought comfort, encouragement and strength to many people throughout the ages, and the Psalm that came to my mind when I was thinking about Mrs. Ruby Donaldson's long life was Psalm 118 verse 24. It says, this is the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Mrs. Donaldson didn't live that exemplary life a lifetime at a time, and we won't live our lives a lifetime at a time or a decade at a time, a year at a time, month or a week, but we live our lives a day at a time; 24 little old hours that God has given to us. The Psalmist said, this is the day which the Lord hath -- hath made. God has given to everybody in this room, everybody in our county, a precious gift today. It's the gift of -- of one day, and if God has given to us a gift, we have to esteem that gift as something very precious, something to be treasured, something to be used wisely.

Pastor McDaniel said, so I want to talk for just a moment or two, maybe two or three more minutes about the day. Carpe diem, seize the day, take opportunity of every day. You know the thing that makes life so wonderful is that it is a gift of God, one day at -- at a time, and I thank the Lord for that. I praise him today for the opportunity -- a clean slate that we can put anything we want to on that slate today if we start our day right. I -- my mother taught me some wonderful things about life years ago, and I will share with you what she taught me about making the most out of every day. She said number one, start your day alone with God. Start your day alone with God, and ask God what he wants you to do today. We live in a busy society. I'm a pastor, and I'm busy. We have other pastors on our staff. They are all busy. Sometimes we ask them to accept another assignment, and they say, I've got more to do now than I have hours of the day to do it. Well that's not true. There's enough time in every day to do gracefully everything God wants you to do or else God would be a tyrant. So we need to start every day alone with God and ask God what he wants us to do and then we need to -- to set our priorities. By setting our priorities -- find out the best things for us to do in life. The difficulty in life by the way is not choosing between good and evil. Almost any uneducated person can choose between good and evil. This is good and that's bad. I'm going to choose the good. The difficulty in life is choosing between good and best, and we need to do that every day to take out of our day the frivolous things that are not things that God wants us to, and it will leave plenty of time for us to accomplish everything God wants us to do.

Pastor McDaniel said, I'm not talking about working faster. I'm talking about working more efficiently. There are lots of efficiency experts today that tell us how to do things more efficiently. Sometimes that's do things faster, how to lay more bricks in an hour; how to put up more boards in an hour. I took a speed reading class one time, how to read faster. I found that the average American reads about 250 words a minute. John F. Kennedy read 600 words a minute. There are some people that read up to 2,000 words a minute. I -- I can teach you briefly this morning how to do the equivalent of -- of reading 50,000 words a minute. Would you like know that? That would save a lot of time, wouldn't it? Here's the -- here it is simply. Find yourself a 50,000 word book that you don't need to read and don't read it. It saves you a lot of time. We're often like the little boy that's walking up the escalator that's coming down. A whole lot of energy, a whole lot of activity but without purpose doing things that really are in opposition to the best things that we can do. It's not that we're doing bad things, just doing things that we don't need to be doing. In other words, bring our lives into a burning focus, say God, this is what you want me to do, and I'm going to set my priorities and this is what I want to accomplish with the 24 hours you have given me today.

Pastor McDaniel said, and then finally, we need to learn to live every day of our lives in the power of God's strength. The Apostle Paul tells us in one of his writings, redeeming the time because the days are evil. Those that be not drunk with wine were in a success, which is a wonderful thing for us to avoid, but it concludes it by saying but be filled -- be filled with the Spirit. So often we are exhausted. We -- we have burn out because we're living our lives in our own strength rather than relying on the strength of God. When I was a boy we had something in our house called a coal oil lamp. Some of you on this Council are as old as I, and you will remember coal oil lamps. My mother used to call it a hurricane lamp. We used it during hurricanes when the lights would go out. It was an amazing instrument, and some of you have a mental picture of that. It's a clear glass device. It has a -- it has a -- a basin at the bottom of it that has kerosene or coal oil in it, and there's a wick in there, and it's, you know, about an inch and a half wide and it's all curled up, and it's in -- in the oil, and it goes through a little thing which you can dial it up, and there's a globe that goes on the top of that, and you can light that thing, light that little wick, and put the globe on it, and it does an amazing, efficient job of providing light in -- in the house. But, if you ever run out of oil, if the oil's gone, the wick will still burn but the result of burning the wick instead of the oil, the wick will burn up real quickly, it will smoke up the globe, and smell up the house and the light will go out quite quickly. We have a lot of ability that God has given to us, and we can last a long time and accomplish a lot of things with this day that God has given to us, if we practice burning the oil, God's strength and God's spirit, rather than burning these feeble wicks. Let us pray.

Commissioner Shabazz said, amen.

Pastor McDaniel gave the invocation as follows:

Almighty and Holy God we pause before the work of this day to give you thanks and to share our burdens with you and with one another. We pray for our county and these our County Commissioners. Father God remind us of our power to seek the welfare and the prosperity of this our community. We acknowledge the many burdens we carry into this work. Help us we pray, Oh God. Father, we give thanks for the community that supports us, the spouses, friends, neighbors and loved ones who sacrifice that we may be here this day. We pray your blessings on them. We pray for all elected officials entrusted with the holy and divine calling of public service. Keep them pure in heart. We pray today for Barak Obama, our president; for Nathan Deal, our governor; for Albert J. Scott, Chairman of this Commission. We pray for the residents of the county and the constituents served by this County Commission.

Pastor McDaniel said, Lord, we pray for all those seeking full and meaningful employment, we pray for work. For all those seeking education, we pray for powerful teachers. For all those seeking peace, train us, Oh God, to work for justice. We pray for wisdom to govern amid the conflicting interest and issues of our times. We pray for a sense of the welfare and true needs of our people for a king thirsts for justice and righteousness. We pray for confidence in what is good and what is fitting. We pray for the ability to work together in harmony, even when there's honest disagreement, and we pray for personal peace in our lives and joy in our tasks. Father, we grieve with all those who grieve in Chatham County, remembering those who have been killed this past year in our community. Heavenly Father bless the work that is before this County Commission today. May every decision they make, every phone call they pick up, every email they respond to this day be done with generosity of spirit. Turn us again, reorient our hearts towards you, Oh God, and remind us of the truth of Psalm 127, except the Lord build a house they labor in vain that build it, and except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Father, we're thankful that we live in a country where every man, woman, boy or girl still has the right to pray to whatever God they serve. Men may know you by many names, but I know you as my Heavenly Father, and I ask these things in the powerful name of your Son, and the one I serve, Jesus Christ. 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 McDaniel with a Certificate of Appreciation for his devotion and invocation.

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

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

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

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will recognize our Vice Chairman, Commissioner Priscilla Thomas --

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, -- for the purpose of introducing our Youth Commission members who are present today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioners, ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce the Chatham County Youth Commissioners serving today. Trinity Mason who is a junior attending Islands High School; Breanna Swain, a senior, Memorial Day School; and Denire Mesa, who is a junior from Windsor Forest High School.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Commissioner Thomas said, we're delighted to have you here today.

Youth Commissioner Trinity Mason said, thank you.

Youth Commission Breanna Swain said, thank you.

Youth Commissioner Denire Mesa, said thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, and feel free to participate in the discussion. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you all for being here.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION OF CHATHAM APPRENTICE PROGRAM GRADUATES (JIM STEVENSON, CAP BOARD CHAIRMAN, ISAAC FELTON, CAP PROGRAM MANAGER.)

Chairman Scott said, is Jim Stevenson here? Oh, hey, Jim. I didn't see you back there, and -- and I -- and Isaac Felton. Jim, if -- if you don't know is the new incoming Chair of the Step Up Savannah Board, and Jim is here this morning for the purpose of a presentation and that is we want to provide certificates and to introduce you to the Chatham County Apprentice Program graduates who are here today with Jim and Isaac, and at this time I'm going to turn it over to Jim Stevenson, the Chair of Step Up Savannah's Board for the purpose of remarks and then introduction of the graduates.

Mr. Jim Stevenson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the County Commission and County Manager, Lee Smith. I really appreciate the opportunity to be here today to present your program, it's the CAP program. The -- the Chatham County Apprentice Program was -- was begun back in 2006, and it was created -- well basically nine years ago it was created by the -- the County, and Step Up was asked to -- to manage and organize this program when it started. We worked along with Savannah Technical College and early on with the Homebuilders' Association, until, of course, the economy went the other direction, and we had to change our direction, and any good program if it's going to survive is going to be able to withstand changes and all, and to y'all's credit, the Chatham Apprentice Program has -- has been able to maintain itself through all kinds of economic downturn and changes. The -- the -- the men and women that are with you today were motivated to complete this program over the last year, and we will recognize them in just a minute. I know several of you have taken the time over the last months to visit and talk with the CAP classes, including County Manager -- HR Manager, Carolyn Smalls, and Manager, Lee Smith. We really appreciate your time, and we know it means a great deal to the CAP participants to learn from your experiences.

Mr. Stevenson said, at a recent class at Frank Callen Boy and Girls' Club, we heard from one CAP participant who talked about the need for hope in young people's lives. CAP represents that hope by investing in the lives of these men and women. Today we recognize the CAP graduates, those who made it through the program and invested in their own future. A number of them are here today to be recognized, but we also want to acknowledge that as a result of your investment, approximately 600 adults have been trained by CAP since 2006. On average at least half and often far more CAP graduates obtain employment and leave the program earning far more than they did when they started. Many of these men and women also chose to go back to class to prepare for their GED or to enroll in Savannah Technical College for a technical certificate or credit or other credential. You gave them a fresh start. I would also now like to recognize Isaac Felton, who is the CAP program manager, to introduce the -- the CAP graduates. Thank you very much. Isaac.

Mr. Isaac Felton said, good morning Chairman Scott, Commissioners, County Manager. I'm Isaac Felton, the Chatham Apprentice Manager, and I would like to thank you for giving CAP this opportunity to recognize it's participants who have completed our program. We are excited for them, and it is because of your support and ongoing dedication that this program has been a success. E-3, which stands for educate, empower, and employ is about making change in our community, and that is what we are doing and will continue to do. We know that CAP is headed in the right direction because we designed the program around employability and work-force skills, individual career pathway counseling, behavior counseling, financial education and general education development. Since CAP last graduation April the 11th, 2014, we have successfully completed 91 participants and placed 50 in jobs. That is a 55 percent job gain to completion of program ratio, and 15 have gone on to continue their education.

Mr. Felton said, in January of this year CAP collaborated with Coastal Workforce Investment and Coastal Transitional Center to help reduce recidivism in our community. We took 20 returning citizens through a 80-hour employability training and successfully completed 19. Seventeen out of 19 were placed in jobs such as warehousing, painting, construction, customer service, restaurant and hospitality, with an average pay rate of \$9.00 per hour. The Chatham Apprentice Program is partnering with Savannah Technical College to implement hard skills training through their accelerated opportunity and continuing education programs. The trades are welding, aviation, health care and fork lift certification. These skills will allow our participants the opportunity to compete for higher wages to improve their -- for higher salaries to improve their wages. We understand that hard skills are a necessity in order to have -- in order to gain employment in this area. At -- and we also -- CAP is also helping to support our participants with their transportation workers' identification credentials.

Mr. Felton said, at this time we would like to -- at this time I would like to acknowledge our employers and community partners: United Way of the Coastal Empire and 2-1-1; Goodwill of the Coastal Empire; Krogers; the City of Savannah; Chatham County Commissioners; Star Constructions; the Pelote Corporation; Higher Ground Electrical Company; Ikea; Savannah Technical College; Thunderbolt Marine

Corporation; Coastal Workforce; Coastal Transitional Center; Social Apostle; Union Mission; West Broad YMCA; Moses Jackson Advancement Community Center; Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club; Georgia Department of Labor; Georgia Legal Service; HUGS, Heads Up Guidance Service; and CCCS, Consumer Credit Counseling Service.

Mr. Felton said, now at this time we would like to hear several testimonies from several participants about how CAP has helped and supported them. We're going to start with Sanjay Paisley, followed by Joanne Grier; and Randy Roberts.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, you have a -- Isaac, before you go there, we have a question from Commissioner Stone of the 1st District.

Mr. Felton said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you Mr. Isaacson -- excuse me, Mr. Felton. You said that you all do work with the Georgia Re-Entry program?

Mr. Felton said, yes. We -- we did a -- a pilot program with Coastal Workforce Investment and Coastal Transitional Center.

Commissioner Stone said, because I attend some of their committee meetings, and it's so important for these people that are -- are rotating out of prison to find them employment so that, like you stated, they're -- they don't become recidivists. So I'm -- I'm very glad that you all are working with them, and I'd like to see that expanded if at all possible.

Mr. Felton said, yes, we do continue the - continue that partnership and work with Coastal Transitional and Coastal Workforce Investment.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Ms. Sanjay Paisley said, hi.

Board members collectively said, hi.

Ms. Paisley said, I'm Paisley. Oops, step back. I had just finished cancer. It took a little over a year and a half to get through. I made it, yay, and while I was ill, I had decided that I wanted to move to Savannah because I wanted to live somewhere cool, and I knew that financially that would be difficult, and also I had holes in my memory and my skills because chemo really takes a lot. I wasn't sure what I had left. I did know that my social skills were suffering because after a year of half -- a year and a half of that, saying things like stop talking worked because you're bald and sick, so you can get away with stuff. So I wasn't quite sure what I had left there and couldn't remember how to spell certain words. My writing skills dropped, and I had management positions prior, so I knew that I couldn't really run a team if I had no social skills. So I called United Way 2-1-1. I knew that I needed to network, so found Step Up. Love them. When I first went in because prior to being sick I was -- well I was financially stable and I served on a lot of committees. A lot of the people I served with treated the people that they were supposed to serve like lowerlings, like they weren't intelligent, that they were lazy, you know, it -- not -- not nice. So I was watching them for that. None of it.

Ms. Paisley said, they treated us as adults. They treated us and found our skills and our strengths, and then they helped us build on our weaknesses. They helped us overcome our inferiority. Because after you've gone through things, you feel less confident, and then when you're poor people think you're lazy or stupid and we're not. We just have had some difficulties and we're trying to overcome them and Step Up really did give us a step up. And not -- when I first started, that's what I was watching for. The attitudes were fantastic. Then, they put us in these classes. Math has never been my strong suit, but I got through the classes and that was fabulous for me. That was a huge thing for me, and then all of the other things. They took us shopping and they took us to lunch, which for me, it had been such a long time since I had shopped and gone to lunch with girlfriends, and that was really fun, and Consumer Credit Counseling, Georgia Legal, everything that they brought into our program built us and prepared us to go out with confidence because if you sit there like a wilting flower in an interview, you're probably not going to get the job, but you're so beat down that it's difficult to be confident. They built that in us, and then when they sent us on our way, they gave us connections in the community that helped us, and now I have a job well above minimum wage. I work at United Way 2-1-1 so I get to send lots of people to Step Up. It's super fun, and I can't say enough about them, and I'm just so grateful that I found them through 2-1-1.

Commissioner Thomas said, great.

Ms. Paisley said, so thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, great. Fantastic.

Ms. Joanne Grier said, good morning everyone. My name is Joanne Grier.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. Good morning.

Ms. Grier said, and I can say a lot about the E-3 program. I was empowered by, you know, as a -- a -- a single mother, you know, going through this and going through that, I became my situation instead of who I am today. So E-3 allowed me to wrap my mind around who I am, you know. They allowed me to, you know, look into myself and see that I -- I have something to give, you know. And then I was em -- empowered in a way of it was one situation where they allowed you to look in the mirror and see -- and look at yourself, and I saw something other than what I was going through. And then I was employed. I was able to get employed, you know, by opening up myself and opening up mind to what it is that I had to offer, and at E-3 everybody is somebody, you know, and they -- they helped me to be able to be -- to -- I'm employed but I have my own business now, you know. I'm able to -- they impacted my life so I'm able to be an impact in someone else's life. I'm a sign language interpreter, you know. Through all I've been through in life, I raised two hearing-impaired children. So that was a part of me that was always there. I was looking outside of what was inside of me. So they -- E-3 allowed me to look inside of me so today I can say that I'm educated, that I'm empowered, and that I'm employed, and thank you for everything that you guys do. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. Randy Roberts said, good morning Chatham County.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Mr. Roberts said, my name is Randy Roberts. I met Mr. Felton a long time ago in Savannah Tech. Recently I had a -- a injury to my knee, reconstructive. He asked me to get into the E-3 program instead of sitting at the house because it caused depression. So I did that. So after me and him talked, we -- I got into the E-3 program. There was a lot of things I didn't know that I should know, like Savannah, their backbone is tourism plus colleges. The colleges students are the tourism. So that makes a big different. Another thing that I learned in the E-3 program is no matter what you do or how you say it, you're going to be judged for the things and the -- the acts that you betray in front of people. Now I'm -- I'm the quiet type, so what they did was teach me how to speak, be focused, and -- and don't be so nervous. So -- but at the same time it's -- it's still with the shell, I was still in that shell, so Mr. Felton, Ms. Crooks, Ms. Johnson, they (clap, clap), push it, push it, push it out of me, so that was another thing I -- I learned, and that was -- that -- that was life experience -- life changing experience, but at the same time I would like to thank each and every one of you because y'all had a idea. The idea became a vision, and that vision is right here standing in front of you. So I would say thank you. Thank you Mr. Felton. Thank you Ms. Crooks. Thank you Ms. Johnson, and thank you to everyone who participated in this E-3 program. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. Felton said, at this time will all the E-3 CAP graduates please stand.

[All graduates in attendance stood to applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, wonderful.

Mr. Felton said, Mr. Chairman, do you have questions?

Chairman Scott said, any questions?

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't have a question but I'd like to make a comment whenever.

Chairman Scott said, okay. We have Commissioner Holmes from the 2nd District, then our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas from the 8th District and Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th District. In that order, please.

Commissioner Holmes said, congratulation to all of you grads. Mr. Felton, I met you some time ago working with this program. You have took it from one level to the other, but let me go back to 2'06, the founding year of this program. It was designed to deal with people who have given up on life. It was looked at in that manner. I heard Ms. Pressley. Is that Ms. Pressley?

Ms. Paisley said, Paisley.

Commissioner Holmes said, Ms. Paisley? I heard you mention something that you almost gave up but you didn't. That is why this program was put in. This Commission Board here had that vision, saw that vision, funded that vision, and supported that vision, and from the results, people like you, citizens that have not found this program yet are still on this path to bigger and better things. So to all of you all, congratulation and pass the word on that we still got some out there that haven't found CAP yet. Thank you.

Mr. Felton said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am just ecstatic over the fact that from 2006 to now how many lives this organization have touched and has made a tremendous difference. I want to say to each and every one of you, we are so proud that you took this step and that you will continue to move forward in a

positive way in your life, and if you can, reach back, find some others that need the assistance that you were given, encourage them to be a part of this wonderful program and to all of the staff members, congratulations, thank you. As a Commissioner we were happy to support you, so I just wanted to say those words that we are very proud of you, and we hope that you will stay the course. Congratulations to each and everyone of you.

Mr. Felton said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Good morning, sir.

Mr. Felton said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'd like to thank you, Mr. Jim Stevenson, the -- the Board chairman, and you, Mr. Felton, for your work, your -- your service, your ministry, because that's definitely what it is. It's a ministry, and you're reconstructing the lives of so many who were disenfranchised, and I -- I just -- I'm enjoying the work that you're doing, the evidence of the work that you're doing, and the people that you had come up and make presentations is -- it just touched my heart, and I -- I've seen you working in the community, working with them and walking in the community with them, and I always wondered what was going on. You know, I've seen -- I've seen you come before this Board several times, but I've see the evidence of what you're doing here, and I'm -- I'm just here to tell you to keep up the good work and congratulations to all of the graduates. Just keep on doing what you're doing. Thank you very much.

Mr. Felton said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Breanna?

Chairman Scott said, we have now from -- one of our Youth Commissioner -- Swain.

Youth Commissioner Breanna Swain said, good morning. On behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, we would like to congratulate the CAP graduates and we wish you the best of luck and keep going on. Thank you.

Mr. Felton said, thank you. That's it. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, great job.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION BY DR. JA JAHANNES ON REVITALIZATION OF CULTURALLY DIVERSE THEATER IN SAVANNAH/CHATHAM COUNTY (COMMISSIONER THOMAS.)

Chairman Scott said, okay. Next on the agenda, I'm going to recognize our Vice Chair for the purpose of presenting someone that she's invited here today to share with the Commission. At this time I'll recognize Commissioner Priscilla Thomas of the 8th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioners, ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor to introduce this next person. He is a renowned leader. He is an author, and he is a great humanitarian. I am excited about the work that he has done throughout the years, and I'm going to ask now that Dr. Jahannes please come to the podium and share with us your thoughts.

Dr. Ja Jahannes said, good morning to this distinguished body. As I look around, I know just about everybody on the Commission in one way or another and have worked with them over the years. Your Chairman I have participated with him in any number of activities for the benefit of this community. Dr. Priscilla Thomas and I go way back in social activism, community development and youth programming. She's done an outstanding job and has been an extraordinarily good supporter of the entire community. I know Helen Stone, James Holmes, Tony Center is almost like family. Mr. Yusuf Shabazz I believe was a student of mine at one time.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes -- yes, sir.

Dr. Jahannes said, and a very excellent student at that. Mr. Kicklighter, I know him very well. The entire Commission is made up of distinguished community servants. I have been about the business of revitalizing culturally diverse theater in this community. Some years ago the Chatham County Commission supported two of my operas, La Dolarosa and With This Fate and supported the play, which was the very first play ever done with the Martin Luther King Day Observance Association called Sunday in Savannah. In the process of revitalizing theater in this city, we will be presenting several plays. In July we will present -- re-present Thought My Soul Would Rise And Fly which tells the 50th year history of civil rights in Savannah. We presented it about five years ago at the Johnny Mercer Theater. We will also present a play called the Last Rose, which tells of the first black opera diva in the world in 1851. That's a completely new play, and at the Jewish Education Alliance we will present the play on July 26th called Thought My Soul Would Rise And Fly sponsored by the JEA, my organization, JaRep and also the NAACP.

Dr. Jahannes said, this morning we come to talk about our very next production, Ain't I A Woman based on the 1851 speech of Sojourner Truth, one of the very first suffragettes who laid the foundation for women's rights and women's voting in this country and a great pioneer. We're going to give you just a sample of the music from that right now.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

[A song from the production Ain't I A Woman was sung.]

Dr. Jahannes said, Ain't I A Woman will be presented on April 3rd at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum at 7:00 p.m. in the evening. That is Good Friday, and we thought it only appropriate that when we had guests in town and family visiting that we offer something else so that you have an opportunity to take people to it. 7:00 p.m. April 3rd at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum. Tickets can be purchased at Lester's Florist or you can contact me. The tickets are \$15, which is really not an awful lot. We were very fortunate that the city has consented to purchase a block of tickets to give to youth and the disadvantaged. We would hope that the County Commission can do something similar. We know it's a last minute request, but it is not easy with no support to continue to produce theater in the community, and we are committed to absolute quality in everything that we do. So often we bring people from around the world to Chatham County to tell their stories. It is time that we begin telling more of our own stories --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Dr. Jahannes said, -- in our own community. The production's director is Gary Swindell. My daughter, Lucia Jahannes, is our principal soloist. We have Laurent White, Diane -- Janice Smith, Kenneth Rouché, Reverend Kenneth Rouché, and Diane Williams, Sharon Aikens, and our musician --

Mr. Thomas Lovett said, Thomas Lovett.

Dr. Jahannes said, Thomas Lovett, and that's just a part of our group. We also have the Abeni Dance Company, and we have 20 original songs all for this production. We hope that you will come, that you will support us. It's in the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, and you may enter through the Priscilla Thomas annex. So just follow Dr. Thomas. Are there any questions? If not, we thank you so much.

Commissioner Holmes said, job well done.

Dr. Jahannes said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, doctor. You do know that the Ralph Mark Gilbert Museum is owned by Chatham County.

Dr. Jahannes said, I did know that, and I'm also aware that they're playing a more active role, and that role is vitally needed.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Dr. Jahannes said, because that's a resource that has too much down time. It needs to be far more active.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Dr. Jahannes said, and far more community friendly.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, you have a question from Commissioner Shabazz of the 5th District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Thank you. Thank you very much Dr. Jahannes. I want to know what -- what sparked your interest in revitalizing cultural diverse theater and art here in Chatham County? 'Cause I think it's definitely needed.

Dr. Jahannes said, well, we don't have many venues.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Dr. Jahannes said, and the few that we have are either very small, which makes it not functional --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Dr. Jahannes said, -- for small theater companies or they're very large and charge so much that the small company cannot afford to -- to use them.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Dr. Jahannes said, and so I think for the last 15 years we have seen -- last 20 years we have seen the disappearance of groups that do African American theater and some other small kinds of ethnic theater, and we really need to bring it back.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and one last question.

Dr. Jahannes said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, when -- as a student out at Savannah State University -- Savannah State College at the time and you were the Dean, and I remember they had a theater company out there called Players by the Sea.

Dr. Jahannes said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, are they still in existence?

Dr. Jahannes said, they are still doing --

Commissioner Shabazz said, and do you have any of those former members with you today?

Mr. Gary Swindell said, right here.

Dr. Jahannes said, yes. I have Gary Swindell --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Dr. Jahannes said, -- and Kenneth Rouché was not a member, but he was a part of my theater group, and he was a student at Savannah State at that time.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and the you -- the vocalist is very good. I wondered if you have any of the Wesleyan Choir members with you?

Dr. Jahannes said, no, we don't.

Mr. Swindell said, former.

Dr. Jahannes said, former, yeah. And you used to sing with the Wesleyan Choir.

Reverend Kenneth Rouché nodded his head affirmatively.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Dr. Jahannes said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you very much.

Dr. Jahannes said, but we -- we really have a community that has a awful lot of talent, not as many opportunities.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Dr. Jahannes said, and not as much support as their could be.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Dr. Jahannes said, and I travel around the country going to theater everywhere. We're charging \$15 for this production. I just came back from Philadelphia. Small theater group, small theater, 45 -- 45 and \$55 for a ticket.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Dr. Jahannes said, we need to build our own community activities so there are plenty of choices. Why should we be bereft of choices? There should be so much in this community. This is a powerful, dynamic community, and the talent is here, and Dr. Thomas thank you so much for encouraging me to come because it gave me an opportunity. You know I'm waiting for Al Scott to tell a joke. All these years I've known you, I've never heard you tell anything that make people laugh. You always been so serious.

Chairman Scott said, I can -- I can tell you what -- what's brought that on was my childhood rearing. When -- it was almost what the pastor said this morning, my grandmother used to say to me, you need to do what you need to do because there are no tomorrows. So I'm always very serious about today.

Dr. Jahannes said, I got it.

Chairman Scott said, all right. Thank you.

Dr. Jahannes said, good wisdom. Thank you so much Commissioners.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and yet he bears a very strange resemblance to Richard Pryor.

Commissioner Thomas said, I think the Youth some -- Trinity?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's a compliment. That's my favorite comedian.

Commissioner Thomas said, I think Trinity has a question.

Youth Commissioner Trinity Mason said, hello. I would just like to say thank you guys for being here. Your performance was great, and we the Chatham County Youth Commissioners hope to see one of your plays and productions.

Dr. Jahannes said, well I hope you will come --

Ms. Lucia Jahannes said, Friday.

Dr. Jahannes said, -- en mass. My daughter and my granddaughter served on the Youth Commission, and I know the dynamic things you do, and the trips you take and the kind of support you get and how it broadens your horizons. If you come to this production, you're going to see some of the most dynamic talent in dances and in music and in lighting. I did the lighting plot, so I know it's good. Just come out and not only that, try to become involved.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Dr. Jahannes said, young people need to be involved in every aspect of their communities.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Dr. Jahannes said, thank you.

Youth Commissioner Denire Mesa said, if the Chatham County Youth Commission were to ask y'all to perform at one of our events, would you guys?

Dr. Jahannes said, we certainly would.

Ms. Jahannes said, I have before.

Commissioner Thomas said, great.

Ms. Jahannes said, a few times.

Dr. Jahannes said, yeah. My daughter is former Ms. Savannah and she's been touring all of the groups and has done a lot with the Youth Commission before, outside in City Market and elsewhere. Okay. But y'all come. I want to see you all there.

Ms. Jahannes said, Friday.

Commissioner Thomas said, I'm going to make sure that they're there, and not only the Youth Commission, but members of the Summer Bonanza. That's -- those are the younger kids.

Dr. Jahannes said, excellent.

Commissioner Thomas said, make sure that they are there too.

Dr. Jahannes said, thank you. And again thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'll be there also.

Chairman Scott said, doctor, if you would put me on your email list, just at AIScott@chathamcounty.org, and we'll see if there's any way we can support you. If you send me an email. AIScott@chathamcounty.org.

Dr. Jahannes said, I got it.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Dr. Jahannes said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you for coming.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, good job.

Dr. Jahannes said, thank you.

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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 \$50,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S BUDGET, AND b) TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE LIVE OAK PUBLIC LIBRARIES' BUDGET.**

Chairman Scott said, okay. All right. We -- we need to move on now to Individual Action Items. The first item is to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O: transfer \$50,000 from contingency to the County Attorney's office budget, and b) transfer from contingency to the Live Oak Public Libraries' budget.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the request for the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: transfer \$50,000 from contingency to the County Attorney's budget, and transfer from

contingency to the Live Oak Public Libraries' budget. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

Request for the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: transfer \$50,000 from contingency to the County Attorney's budget, and transfer from contingency to the Live Oak Public Libraries' budget.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County Attorney has received a proposal from Stanton Chase pertaining to the selection of a Chatham County Police Chief. A transfer of \$50,000 is needed to cover the retainer. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Assistant County Manager has requested a \$7,603 transfer from M&O contingency to the Library budget for furniture. Correspondence is attached (the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) Transfer \$50,000 from contingency to the County Attorney's budget for the Police Chief search.
- b) Transfer \$7,603 from contingency to the Live Oak Public Libraries' budget.
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 CONCEPTUALLY APPROVE THE FINANCING OF RADIO EQUIPMENT THROUGH A CAPITAL LEASE ARRANGEMENT.

Chairman Scott said, the second item on our Individual Action Calendar, request Board conceptual approval the financing of radio equipment through a capital lease arrangement. This will allow staff to develop a lease with suppliers and get the very best deal, and then bring it back to you on your action calendar for approval at a later date. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to conceptually approve the financing of radio equipment through a capital lease arrangement. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Assistant County Manager
Nick Batey, Director, Information and Communication Services

ISSUE:

To conceptually approve the financing of radio equipment through a capital lease arrangement.

BACKGROUND:

The public safety radio system in Chatham County is the foundation of 911 communications and serves every law enforcement personnel during their daily operations. The system is made up of various components with a limited useful life. Several components are now reaching this limit and we must consider replacement.

In an effort to save money, some members of the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network (SEGARRN) have negotiated discounts with our vendor, Motorola, Inc., for replacing the aging components. The price of some components slated for replacement has gone up since negotiation, so the savings have a time limit of April 24, 2015.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. ICS had identified needed equipment replacement for the County's radio system and radio network. This includes hand-held radios which have reached end of life or end of maintenance, adding channels to the radio system, upgrading the Tybee tower, and replacing radio consoles. New radios would serve public safety and general County operations as well as E-911 operations.
2. In order to qualify for all discounts, the projects must be done together. The discounts provided are partly due to bundling the upgrades, allowing the vendor to reuse resources on multiple projects.
3. All equipment identified must be replaced within the next 5 years if not replaced in this project.
4. Motorola is the sole-source vendor for the County's radio system. Motorola has provided pricing of \$3,958,232 for the needed equipment. The quote includes savings of \$524,000 if purchased by the end of April 2015. The detail equipment list is shown below:

Item	Units	Unit Cost	Total	Estimated Savings
<u>MCC7500</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>\$73,600</u>	<u>\$ 919,630</u>	<u>\$ 29,000</u>
Positions				
6-Channel				
<u>Expansion</u>			<u>\$ 711,302</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>
Tybee Tower				
<u>Upgrade</u>			<u>\$ 399,610</u>	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
<u>APX 6000 Radios</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>\$ 4,070</u>	<u>\$1,367,690</u>	<u>\$351,000</u>
<u>APX 4000 Radios</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>\$ 2,500</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
911 Logging				
<u>Recorder</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$384,000</u>	<u>\$ 360,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,000</u>
Total Request			\$3,958,232	\$524,000

5. Motorola also provided a lease-purchase option for the equipment; however, the County's financial advisor believes better rates are available through other financial institutions or leasing companies. Upon obtaining conceptual approval, County staff will work with the County's financial advisor to shop the lease and obtain the best financing package for the County. The final financing package will be presented to the Board on April 24, 2015 for approval.

FUNDING:

Full funding information will be provided in the April 24th staff report. Due to the life of the equipment, the lease term could extend to seven years. Funding would be provided by the General Fund based on

annual lease payments.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Use of master lease agreement is consistent with prior actions. In addition, financing of equipment will allow the Board to use available funds in the Capital Improvement Program for other needs that cannot be financed, such as maintenance needs.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Provided conceptual approval for the financing of the radio equipment through a capital lease arrangement, or
2. Provide other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative #1

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3. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Scott said, the third item on the Individual Action Calendar is not something we need to take action on but at this time we will invite our Director Ragan of the Chatham County Narcotics Team to come forth and to present his monthly report.

Director D. Everett Ragan said, good morning, Mr. Chairman. Good morning Board of Commissioners. This is the monthly report for the month of February 2015. Investigations during the month, we -- we began 79. We closed out 22. You can see the agency assists, we worked with Homeland Security on three different days with one agent in one of their investigations. We also participated in training. We designed and taught a patrol rifle course for the Savannah Vo Tech police. We assisted Metro Police department in a couple of traffic stops with a large amount of currency and one where some shots had been fired. Total amount of drugs that we recovered for the month was \$20,150 worth. We -- the leading drug for the month was -- was marijuana on that recovery. Drugs seized to date again we're looking at marijuana so far leading the pack. This has to do with several seizures of multi pounds of marijuana coming in. The last two days we've also recovered another 25 pounds of marijuana coming in, just the last two days. So it's -- it's continuing to come in, and we're continuing to be able to knock it off. You can see just by the bar graph we -- again these are the numbers I reflected earlier. Drugs purchased for the month, you can -- these are actually what we call our probable cause buys. These are when we go in and our undercover agents will purchase small amounts of drugs which will help with our probable cause to get us in for a search warrant on the house, so these are actually drugs we purchased, sometimes as small as a gram, sometimes as -- we'll go in and buy an ounce or ounce and a half of either methamphetamine or cocaine.

Director Ragan said, look at the persons arrested, the number -- just ten for the month, and I'll explain that in a few minutes. Geographic locations of arrestees home, we're looking at Savannah, Pooler, Ellabell, and Hardeeville, South Carolina. Adoption of cases from other agencies, again, two from -- from Metro, possession of marijuana with intent -- intent to distribute, seizure of marijuana and ecstasy and guns. When we adopt a case, basically, we -- we'll get a call from the agency. We will -- we will respond. Our goal -- our -- based on our policies, basically, we will take the Defendant and drugs. Any money, any vehicles, anything that is to be seized will be seized by that home agency. We don't -- don't take the money from the municipalities when it's their officers that stopped them. They -- they have to follow through with the seizure.

Director Ragan said, our com stat reports are basically just our -- our weekly numbers again broken down into your Districts, so when you get your written report every month you can scan through, see if you got addresses that maybe you've received complaints on, constituents have talked about or actions that we have taken within your Districts on that weekly com stat report. Hours expended in each precinct. We're still running about the same. Again, most of the time it's been within the city limits of Savannah and within that most of the time is spent within the central precinct of Savannah. You can see the hours we do expend in -- in the municipalities. Hopefully my math is correct this time. Commissioner Center gigged me on it last time, so hopefully it's right. If it's not right, we'll get together afterwards to try to find it out. He -- he sits there and does math while I give my presentation so he's -- so perhaps he -- maybe it's right this time. We'll -- we'll see afterwards.

Commissioner Center said, are you going to take questions?

Director Ragan said, significant events so far just for the month again we collaborated with postal inspectors. You may have seen it in the paper. Circle K on White Bluff the manager there, actually he was district manager for the entire region around here. He was having his marijuana shipped to the -- to the Circle K there. So there was evidence of sales. Certainly he's -- was terminated from Circle K right from that point in time and they have cooperated with us in our follow-up investigation. That's a couple of pounds he had shipped to his house. And again I think I'm -- I just touched on this last -- last time was the -- a heroin arrest. We had made a heroin buy from an individual, went by to pick him up. He wasn't home. His wife was. She told him we'd been by to look at him, to pick him up, and then that's when their family said, no, they're missing, and they wasn't missing

because they wanted to be -- they were subject of any foul play, they were running because we had heroin warrants out for her husband and US Marshal service helped us.

Director Ragan said, I've spoken a time or two in reference to the -- the prison gang that gets out and operates within prisons and operates within our community and -- and throughout the nation. I'm going to give a little bit more of a historical on the ghost face gangsters. Originally they were thought to be part of the gangster disciples. Their literature states they branched off the 25th Street gang out of Long Beach, California from a Greek crime family. According to their literature, their birthday was October the 20th 1976. They have three sets with the organization, the white star, the black star and 23VG. They have a very structured organization, by-laws, creeds, symbols and language. This is very apparent in the literature that we recovered under multiple search warrants we did not only here but in Atlanta on this organization. We have volumes of -- of their by-laws, how you get in, what you have to do, what they do to you when you get in, and how you're initiated and the women's roles and everything else. So we have a lot of information that we have not only furnished to local law enforcement but that we have furnished to the FBI and other federal agencies.

Director Ragan said, again, they have the symbols. The number seven is sacred. Seven pointed star, seven pointed crown, seven six seven stands for GFG, that's the way it's arranged in the alphabet, 119 is always strong; 620 forever true; fam. Why the number seven is sacred is actually based for the first seven original members. They had their vows, loyalty, love, honor, honesty, faithfulness, respect, understanding. Their pledge, seven words, I am fully prepared for all consequences. Seven laws outline of how to live, rules for meetings, settling disputes, how to advance in the organization. The most common tattoos you'll see is seven six seven. Again the pointed -- the seven pointed stars and the crown. This is one of the guys from out in California, David Powell, his blood line, his symbols that he had. Birth date is the day you're initiated into the gang, commonly known as being brought home. You must serve time with a member to be a full member. We had that in our last wire tap, not the most recent, last one, we had one who was -- his job was muling the drugs to Savannah and that was his job with a -- with a member to be initiated. Blood in, blood out law. They beat you going in and if you go out, you're going to lose blood. Numbers representing the alphabet communicate 13 is all cracker; 1552 is oath of blood, and the main income comes from meth sales and green dot card scams. If you've -- you've been reading in -- in some of the literature in the paper and on the internet the green dots scams that are being run. Actually we had one run in Chatham County jail by inmates to get the money, so these individuals are incarcerated at Chatham County jail.

Director Ragan said, Georgia Department of Corrections has got 431 validated GFG members and they work with other gangs for profit. They're heavily involved in bringing the contraband into the jails and prisons and distribute -- the distribution of meth. These are just some Georgia prison gangs. There you see ghost face. These are what make momma so proud, as I think Commissioner Brady may have said last time when she saw a couple of tattoos. Again, these are two of the individuals we picked up out of Atlanta, part of the gang, again supplying anywhere from three to four pounds of methamphetamine, crystal meth, coming in to Chatham County. The ones on the left, prison photographs, say you can't get a phone in the jail, but you can get a phone in jail. They have phones in jail all the time. So they take -- take their own pictures. The individual on the right again he -- they have to look at the art. Who needs a Picasso when you have the jailhouse art. Again Hollis Perez, just another person who was arrested. Hot off the press, four charged in Smyrna. Man's a member of GFG, the ghost -- ghost face.

Director Ragan said, a couple of highlights I -- I do want to say in regards to our investigation of these individuals. Two people we did not pick up at the time we executed our arrest, we arrested 12 on our first wire, and we're going to do a subsidiary indictment on some more, but we did not arrest a -- a female by the name of Regina Henry. She was the wife of a lieutenant in ghost face who was in prison in Wilcox County, Wilcox Correctional Facility. He operated a prison -- operated out of prison with her, cell phone contact. We indicted her. She was arrested Monday of this week by the US Marshal's task force. Not only has she been charged in our case, in our county, she's also under indictment in Newton -- Newton County now for RICO, which is racketeering, influence against corrupt organization act, and charges of conspiracy to commit murder will be charged against -- lodged against her and one other person. We have, again, her husband we've indicted in Wilcox County prison. We have another one indicted who is in Newton County jail, so we've been state-wide with them.

Director Ragan said, one of our main sources of heroin, excuse me of -- of -- of crystal meth, of course, is they are being supplied by Hispanic males. We felt that we may have a conversion lab somewhere in Georgia which they convert the materials that come across from Mexico to crystal ice. While I was sitting in the back of the room, I got a text HIDA, it's a high intensity drug agency, an off shoot of DEA, GBI, and metro Atlanta officers, raided a house in -- in Atlanta Wednesday, and we've had supplied significant information. We've worked with them on numerous search warrants and have supplied significant information obtained off our wire taps and information that they had, they did hit -- they did find the conversion lab, did hit it and recovered 10 million in crystal meth Wednesday afternoon in Atlanta. So hopefully that will help slow things down a little bit for us. Any questions? I'm sorry I took up so much of your time, but --

Chairman Scott said, I think you've generated a lot of questions.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th; Commissioner Center from the 3rd; Pro Tem Stone from the 1st in that order.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, good morning --

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- Director Ragan. The synthetic marijuana, what -- what is -- what is --

Commissioner Stone said, that's what I was going to ask.

Director Ragan said, synthetic marijuana is -- is basically -- many years ago the US government wanted to start a program of creating a synthetic marijuana seeing if there was medicinal value in the synthetic marijuana. It was -- what it did was put out some white papers on how to produce this. It was gathered by people in the -- on the fringes of the law abiding community, so they started making it. It's commonly referred to as spice. You can buy it in the stores. It has been regulated now where it is illegal. It is extremely, extremely dangerous. We've had numerous crimes committed, not only in Chatham County, but in surrounding counties, where people will buy a little cellophane pack of it for 40 bucks at a -- at a convenience store, or get it online and it is -- makes them very paranoid, makes them very angry, it makes them very irrational. So that's what synthetic marijuana is.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and it's illegal.

Director Ragan said, it is illegal, yes, it is. We have -- we have -- we did a campaign a couple of years ago, we notified all convenience stores in -- in writing in reference to the dangers. The problem with synthetic marijuana is they can go in -- you can write a law and the law will state that these compounds mixed together to make a -- the synthetic marijuana is illegal, okay? The scientists go in and change one compound and then you don't have a law covering in because that new compound makes it where it's not illegal. So what was -- what the legislature did and what the Georgia Pharmacy Board did, came in and made civil penalties for it, so we can move on the operations under civil penalties and have it tested to see if it is actually the -- the illegal type.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, here goes the math.

Commissioner Center said, I'm going to talk to you later about misspelling.

Director Ragan said, my spelling? Okay.

Commissioner Center said, the math is correct today.

Director Ragan said, oh. All right. Thank you.

Commissioner Center said, but we didn't get hard copies of the GFG gang thing. Are you allowed to email to me so I can read it. You went through it so fast but I wanted to --

Director Ragan said, yes. We'll take care of that, sir.

Commissioner Center said, okay. And then on -- on your first page, you had three different weeks, Homeland Security special operations. Are you allowed to tell us more detail about that?

Director Ragan said, no, sir. I cannot.

Commissioner Center said, all right.

Director Ragan said, other than the fact that it is --

Commissioner Center said, we're safe.

Director Ragan said, oh, we're safe. This has nothing to do with this -- this has something to do with HIS, and you've probably seen it in the paper or on the news the last night or two in another county.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, that's all I can -- I can say what they put in the paper. That's about it, but we're safe.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, they just needed some man power.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question's already been answered. I wasn't sure what synthetic marijuana was.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, that's spice.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Director Ragan said, anything else?

Chairman Scott said, any further questions? Thank you.

Director Ragan said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

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

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Scott said, now we have the -- the Action Calendar. There was some discussion about some items, but I think everybody's got their question answered in the pre-meeting, so un -- unless there's an item you want to pull off, I will now entertain a motion that the Action Calendar be approved in it's entirety.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion --

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, to approve.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of approving the Action Calendar would indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The Action Calendar is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 8 and under Item 8 Items A through J. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2015, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of March 5, 2015 through March 18, 2015, in the amount of \$4,765,438. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**3. REQUEST FROM MR. GUY DAVIDSON, DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR THE COUNTY TO DECLARE VARIOUS UNOPENED RIGHTS OF WAY IN BATTERY POINT SUBDIVISION AS SURPLUS AND TO QUITCLAIM THE RIGHT OF WAY.
[DISTRICT 3.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved approve the request from Mr. Guy Davidson, Development Associates, Inc., for the county to declare various unopened rights of way in Battery Point Subdivision as surplus and to quitclaim the right of way. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Suzanne Cooler, P.E., Assistant County Attorney

ISSUE:

To present to the Board a request from Mr. Guy Davidson, Development Associates, Inc., for the County to declare various unopened rights of way (ROW) in Battery Point Subdivision as surplus and to quitclaim the right of way (ROW).

BACKGROUND:

The petitioner is under contract with Mr. and Mrs. Nephew Clark to purchase several parcels (PIN 1-0084-09-013, 1-0084-08-12, 1-0084-08-005, 1-0084-06-001, 1-0084-07-001, 1-0083-01-002, 1-0083-01-003), which are adjacent to the unopened ROW. The requested ROWs were platted for roadway ROW which was never developed. The ROW remains unopened and unimproved. Staff evaluated the ROW and determined it is not needed for drainage or roadway purposes.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The location of the request is shown on the map (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). Mr. Davidson requests quitclaim of the portions of unopened ROW of Battery Road, Battery Crescent, Battery Circle and Landing No. 2 which are adjacent to the contracted parcels. The requested ROW is approximately 3.37 acres in area. Mr. Davidson only requests quitclaim of half of the unopened ROW in those areas where he will not own parcels on both sides. Staff sent notice to property owners adjacent to the ROW so as to make them aware of the request and offer the opportunity for quitclaim of ROW adjacent to their property.
2. Staff evaluated the ROW and determined the right of way is not needed for drainage or roadway purposes.
3. The petitioner was notified of the quitclaim consideration and advised as to the date and time of this meeting.

4. If approved, the petitioner must demonstrate ownership of the adjacent parcels and pay the County the fair market value for the ROW to be determined by a professional appraisal, deed, and plat all at their expense. The appraiser must be approved by the County and must be certified as a professional appraiser by the State of Georgia. Staff will review the submitted appraisal, deed and plat for completeness and reasonableness before the deed is sent to the County Clerk for processing and the fair market value payment check is sent to Finance for deposit.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve Board a request from Mr. Guy Davidson, Development Associates, Inc., for the County to declare various unopened rights-of-way (ROW) in Battery Point Subdivision as surplus and to quitclaim the ROW.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must declare County property surplus and approve all quitclaim actions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.
District 3

Prepared by: Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM TO FUND A FULL-TIME COMMUNITY INTERVENTION SPECIALIST INCLUDING BENEFITS (\$87,000). THE GRANT REQUIRES A 25% CASH MATCH (\$21,750) WHICH WILL BE FUNDED WITH A PORTION OF THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR'S SALARY.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval to submit an application to the Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Family and Children Services promoting Safe and Stable Families program to fund a full-time community intervention specialist including benefits (\$87,000). Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Sheryl Sams, Youth Intercept Program

ISSUE:

To request approval to submit an application to the Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Family and Children Services promoting Safe and Stable Families program to fund a full-time community intervention specialist including benefits (\$87,000).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Youth Intercept is applying for **\$87,000.00** for a full-time Community Intervention Specialist which includes benefits.
2. The grant requires a 25% cash match of **\$21,750.00** which will be funded with a portion of the Victim Witness Assistance Director's salary. **No additional funds from the County are required.**
3. The grant will run October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016.
4. PSSF Contracts are Purchase of Service agreements and not a grant. Distribution of funds are based upon reimbursement for direct services provided and reported.

FUNDING:

1. No additional County funds are required. The 25% match of **\$21,750.00** will be funded

with a portion of the Victim Witness Assistance Program Director's salary.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approves the Youth Intercept Program to submit an application for the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program service contract.
2. That the Board not approve the submission of an application for the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program service contract.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

No additional funds from Chatham County are required. The 25% cash match will come from the Victim Witness Assistance Program Director's salary.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approves Alternative 1.

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5. **REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2015. PETITIONER: CHARLES STEVEN EAGLE, D/B/A SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB, INC, LOCATED AT 730 BRADLEY POINT ROAD.
[DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of a transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015. The petitioner is Charles Steven Eagle, d/b/a Savannah Yacht Club located at 730 Bradley Point Road. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services
Joseph Lumpkin, Sr., Chief of Police

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015. **Charles Steven Eagle, d/b/a Savannah Yacht Club, Inc.**, located at **730 Bradley Point Road, Savannah, GA 31410**.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Eagle requests approval of transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015 in connection with an existing business. 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 1

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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6. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2015. PETITIONER: THOMAS BRADFORD SYFAN, D/B/A THE WYLD, LOCATED AT 2740 LIVINGSTON AVENUE. [DISTRICT 3.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015. The petitioner is Thomas Bradford Syfan, d/b/a The Wyld, located at 2740 Livingston Avenue, Savannah. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory services
Joseph Lumpkin, Sr., Chief of Police

ISSUE:

Request for new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015. **Thomas Bradford Syfan, d/b/a The Wyld, located at 2740 Livingston Avenue.**

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Syfan requests approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015 in connection with an existing business. 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 3

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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7. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2015. PETITIONER: HEATHER JUNE PEREZ, D/B/A LITTLE ITALY, LOCATED AT 138JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015. The petitioner is Heather June Perez, d/b/a Little Italy, located at 138 Johnny Mercer Boulevard. Savannah. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director of

ISSUE:
 Request for new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015. **Heather June Perez, d/b/a Little Italy**, located at **138 Johnny Mercer Boulevard**.

BACKGROUND:
 Ms. Perez requests approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015 in connection with an existing business. 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 are complete and correct as to form.

 Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

 Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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8. 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 Kicklighter 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 Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract for construction of the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp Improvement Project	Engineering	The Industrial Company (TIC)	\$32,371	CIP - Turners Creek

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
B. Agreement for fire alarm system testing, certification, and annual maintenance	Detention Center	Brewer Technology Solutions, Inc.	\$38,265	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
C. Deductive Summary Change Order No. 2 to add 10 calendar days to the construction contract for the Montgomery Cross Road at Sallie Mood Intersection Improvements	Engineering	JHC Corporation	(\$18,672)	No additional funding required
D. Summary Change Order No. 3 to the construction contract for the construction of the Cloverdale Community Center	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Pioneer Construction, Inc.	\$7,626	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Cloverdale Community Center
E. Purchase of 40 laptop computers for CEMA	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing (State of Georgia Contract)	\$64,575	Reimbursable Expenses - CEMA
F. Purchase of two (2) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for CNT, and authorize the disposal of two (2) vehicles to be used as trade-ins	Fleet	Fairway Lincoln Mazda	\$35,000	CIP - Fleet Replacement
G. Purchase of four (4) Call Content Channel Licenses for CNT	CNT	Pen-Link, Ltd.	\$30,000	CNT - Confiscated Funds
H. Restroom renovations at the Walter Parker Pier and Pavilion at Tybee Island	Public Works and Park Services	CNB Construction, LLC	\$78,719	CIP - Parks and Recreation
I. Maintenance contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms on Pool Pak units for the Aquatic Center	Aquatic Center	Comfort Systems USA	\$6,889	General Fund/M&O – Aquatic Center
J. Contract for executive search services	County Manager	Stanton Chase International	\$65,000 (Not to Exceed)	General Fund/M&O - County Attorney (Pending Board approval of Budget Transfer)

AGENDA ITEM: X-8 A thru J

AGENDA DATE: March 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 \$32,371 Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract with The Industrial Company (TIC) for construction of the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND: The project includes base, paving, storm drainage improvements, a retaining wall, new boat ramp, new floating dock, additional parking and bank stabilization/restoration with oyster bags.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Thomas & Hutton is the engineer of record for the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp Project. A construction contract was awarded to TIC on March 28, 2014.
2. Grading operations revealed drainage structures that were not accounted for in the plans. Additional structures were required to provide positive drainage.
3. During construction of the gravity wall, unsuitable material was discovered that did not provide adequate bearing strength. The material was replaced with a stone and filter fabric foundation to meet the contract standards and specifications.
4. Demolition of the existing timber dock revealed that the timber piles to be re-used were structurally deficient and needed to be replaced. The contractor furnished and installed 10 new timber piles.
5. The total cost for this change order is \$32,371. No additional contract time is added. Staff believes that the price quoted for the additional work is fair and reasonable.
6. Contract History:

Original Contract (3/28/14)	\$ 3,856,786
Change Order No.1 (12/5/14)	\$ 73,600
Change Order No.2 (pending)	<u>\$ 32,371</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 3,962,757

FUNDING: CIP - Turners Creek
(3506100 - 54.14009 - 35030867)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$32,371 Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract with The Industrial Company (TIC) for construction of the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp Improvement Project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval to renew the \$19,500 annual service agreement with Brewer Technology Solutions, Inc., of Brunswick, Georgia, for the annual testing and certification of the fire alarm system at the Detention Center. Additionally, request Board approval for an \$18,765 annual maintenance agreement to be paid in three installments of \$6,255. The total for the service agreement and annual maintenance is \$38,265.

BACKGROUND: On November 10, 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved an emergency service request to evaluate the fire alarm system. Brewer Technology Solutions, Inc., installed the current system.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The annual inspection will satisfy the State Fire Code requirements, as well as the American Correctional Association Standard.
2. Brewer Technology Solutions, Inc., is the regional licensed service provider for Gamewell Fire Alarm Systems (proprietary software).

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O-Detention Center
(1003326 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to renew the \$19,500 annual service agreement with Brewer Technology Solutions, Inc., of Brunswick, Georgia, for the annual testing and certification of the fire alarm system at the Detention Center. Additionally, request Board approval for an \$18,765 annual maintenance agreement to be paid in three installments of \$6,255. The total for the service agreement and annual maintenance is \$38,265.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts for life/safety matters.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$18,672 Deductive Summary Change Order No. 2 to add 10 calendar days to the construction contract with JHC Corporation for the Montgomery Cross Road at Sallie Mood Intersection Improvements.

BACKGROUND: The project includes replacement and upgrade of the existing traffic signal at Montgomery Cross Road and Sallie Mood Drive, as well as installation of pedestrian and pavement improvements.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded the project to JHC Corporation at their meeting on May 23, 2014.
2. Change Order No. 1 was approved by the Board at their meeting on December 5, 2014. Change Order No. 1 extended the contract time by 19 calendar days and added an additional \$1,210 to the contract for temporary striping.
3. During construction several line item quantities were reduced or removed for construction. The total reduction in value of those quantities is \$18,671.75.
4. The contractor experienced a 10 calendar day delay for Georgia Power to transfer service from the old traffic signal to the new traffic signal. This summary change order will add an additional 10 contract days.
5. Contract History:

Original Contract (5/24/14)	\$ 384,400
Change Order No. 1 (12/5/14)	\$ 1,210
Change Order No. 2 Summary (pending)	(\$ -18,672)
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 366,938

FUNDING: No additional funding required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$18,672 Deductive Summary Change Order No. 2 to add 10 calendar days to the construction contract with JHC Corporation for the Montgomery Cross Road at Sallie Mood Intersection Improvements.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$7,626 Summary Change Order No. 3 to the construction contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the construction of the Cloverdale Community Center.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On January 17, 2014, the Board approved a construction contract to Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the construction of the Cloverdale Community Center. The location of the community center on the Butler Elementary School Campus and access from the Coastal Georgia Academy has stimulated additional requirements.
2. During a walk-through of the center prior to the ribbon cutting, the City of Savannah, through the neighborhood association, made several requests for items not contained within the original scope of the general contractor.

3. The submitted construction contract change order represents the closing and restructuring of the chain link fence, the addition of a projection screen, replacement of the kitchen faucet, and installation of a panel board and conduit for the building security system. The total cost for these changes/additions is \$7,626.
4. Contract history:

Original contract (1-17-14)	\$ 878,200
Change Order No. 1 (7-25-14)	\$ 109,532
Change Order No. 2 (1-16-15)	\$ 15,304
Change Order No. 3 (pending)	<u>\$ 7,626</u>
Revised contract amount	\$1,010,662
5. Staff finds the fee from Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the change order to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$7,626 Summary Change Order No. 3 to the construction contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the construction of the Cloverdale Community Center.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$64,575 purchase of 40 laptop computers, from the State of Georgia Contract, from Dell Marketing for CEMA.

BACKGROUND: The County's EOC is supported by more than 100 laptops and desktop computers. Currently, laptop computers are not covered under the County's Computer Replacement Schedule and many have expired warranties or the warranty is scheduled to expire before the end of this Fiscal Year. These laptops are essential for operating the WebEOC emergency management software, researching and fulfilling logistics requests, tracking significant events, and coordinating other emergency matters.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The State awarded this contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
2. The Chatham County I.C.S. Department recommends replacement of laptop computers every five (5) years.
3. Laptop computers for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) are not covered under the County's Computer Replacement Schedule. These 40 laptops have exceeded the five (5) year life expectancy under I.C.S.'s guidelines.
4. Staff believes the cost of \$64,575 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Reimbursable Expenses - CEMA
(1009957 - 57.10111)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$64,575 purchase of 40 laptop computers, from the State of Georgia Contract, from Dell Marketing for CEMA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the purchase of two (2) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for CNT, from Fairway Lincoln Mazda, and authorize the disposal of two (2) vehicles to be used as trade-ins. The total purchase cost, using the trade-ins, will be \$35,000.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

One (1) vehicle	\$36,500
One (1) vehicle	\$27,500
Less Trade of two (2) units -	
(Unit 1979 - 2010 Toyota Tundra - Vin #008776)	(\$15,000)
(Unit 1931 - 2010 Ford Mustang - Vin #151126)	(\$14,000)
Total Purchase Price	\$35,000

5. Staff researched the trade-in value being offered by Fairway Lincoln Mazda and compared them to the Kelley Blue Book trade-in value. Fairway is offering a higher trade-in allowance.
6. Staff believes the total purchase price of \$35,000 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the purchase of two (2) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for CNT, from Fairway Lincoln Mazda, and authorize the disposal of two (2) vehicles to be used as trade-ins. The total purchase cost, using the trade-ins, will be \$35,000.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$30,000 sole source purchase from Pen-Link, Ltd., of four (4) Call Content Channel Licenses for CNT.

BACKGROUND: On February 28, 2014, the Board approved the purchase of a telephone intercept system with analytical software for law enforcement.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Pen-Link is the sole source manufacturer and direct distributor of a Telephone Intercept System with Analytical Software for Law Enforcement.
2. This Telephone Intercept System has the ability to interface with public telephone company files and law enforcement databases which will expedite results in extraction of information for undercover operations.

3. These licenses will increase the number of undercover operations within the existing system. The licenses are at the same unit cost as the original price quotation.
4. Staff believes the total cost of \$30,000 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CNT - Confiscated Funds
(2103222 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$30,000 sole source purchase from Pen-Link, Ltd of four (4) Call Content Channel Licenses for Chatham County CNT.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$78,719 contract to CNB Construction, LLC, for restroom renovations at the Walter Parker Pier and Pavilion at Tybee Island for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The Walter Parker Pier and Pavilion is open to the general public from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., daily and was constructed using SPLOST funds in 1996. The general public has access to bathrooms, concessions and fishing pier.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current restrooms have not been renovated since the original construction of the pavilion in 1996.
2. The renovation consists of removal of commodes, urinals sinks, fixtures, partitions, floor tile and accessories in both the male and female restrooms.
3. An Invitation to Bid was publicly advertised and opened on March 19, 2015. Responses are as follows:

CNB Construction, LLC Savannah, GA	\$78,719
* Collins Construction Services, Inc. Thunderbolt, GA	\$79,745
Keith Ray Construction, Inc. Thunderbolt, GA	\$92,500

4. Staff believes the bid from CNB Construction, LLC, to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Parks and Recreation
(3506100 - 52.22001 - 35031317)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$78,719 contract to CNB Construction, LLC, for restroom renovations at the Walter Parker Pier and Pavilion at Tybee Island for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$6,889 maintenance contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, on Pool Pak units with Comfort Systems USA for the Aquatic Center.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Aquatic Center is a year round indoor aquatic center. The Center has various programming to include swim lessons, water aerobics, swim teams and recreational swimming. The facility has a dehumidification system that controls the air quality of the Center. An annual maintenance agreement is needed to ensure the proper operation of the Pool Pak units.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. An Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and bids were received on February 12, 2015. Bid responses are as follows:

Comfort Systems USA Dexter, GA	\$6,889
SCM, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$9,776
Boaen Mechanical Savannah, GA	\$12,435

2. The bid from SCM, Inc was deemed non-responsive. They currently do not have a certified Pool Pak technician to work on the units.
3. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "lowest bid" the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the "lowest" bid. If the local firm does match the "lowest" bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the "lowest low" bid. Boaen Mechanical, Inc. was asked if they would match the outside firm's low bid, but they declined.
4. Staff has verified that Comfort Systems USA has a local certified Pool Pak technician to perform the maintenance of our Pool Pak units. They guarantee 24/7 service to make any necessary repairs or troubleshooting to the Pool Pak units.
5. Staff believes the total cost of \$6,889 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O – Aquatic Center
(1006124 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$6,889 maintenance contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, on Pool Pak units with Comfort Systems USA for the Aquatic Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary maintenance agreement on County equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a not to exceed \$65,000 contract with Stanton Chase International for executive search services.

BACKGROUND: On February 27, 2015, the Board authorized the County Manager and Chairman to retain an executive search firm for the recruitment of a police chief.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On February 27, 2015 the Board authorized the Chairman and County Manager to interview and retain an executive search firm for the recruitment of a police chief.
2. The firm, Stanton Chase International, has been selected by the Chairman and County Manager for the police chief executive search.
3. The County Attorney has reviewed the proposal from Stanton Chase and will need the Board's approval to move forward. Based on an estimated salary of up to \$160,000 for the Police Chief, the minimum recruitment fee will be \$50,000, payable in three increments - \$18,000 up front, \$16,000 within 30 days and \$16,000 within 60 days. Should the police chief's salary exceed \$150,000, then there may be additional pro-rata increments. Engagement support expenses incurred on the project will be billed on

a monthly basis to include actual expenses for the consultant, candidate travel, and other miscellaneous out-of-pocket items. The ceiling for this contract is therefore estimated at \$65,000.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - County Attorney
(1001530 - 52.11001) - (Pending Board approval of Budget Transfer)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a not to exceed \$65,000 contract with Stanton Chase International for executive search services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts for necessary services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

Chairman Scott said, there are no First Readers.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCLUDE IN AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW MOTORIZED CARTS (GOLF CARTS ONLY) TO TRAVEL ON CERTAIN STREETS, PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OR PORTIONS OF NEIGHBORHOODS TO BE DESIGNATED AS MOTORIZED CART DISTRICTS.**

Chairman Scott said, Second Reader, this is the Board consideration of an ordinance to allow motorized carts (golf carts only) to travel on certain streets, public right of ways or portion of neighborhoods to be designated as motorized cart districts. This is something that's been banned about now for over a year, and what this legislation will do is allow a community to go out and collect signatures from their neighbors, and if 50 percent of the community desire to have their area declared a golf cart zone, they can petition the Commission with that 50 percent petition and the Commission can consider designating that neighborhood as a golf cart neighborhood. And that's essentially what this legislation will do. Now there is a state-wide bill, today is day 38 of the legislature that's making it's rounds. We do not know if it will pass or not pass. There are some discussion that if we pass our ordinance then the state-wide bill will not be necessary. Our ordinance only affect Chatham County so I can't see how it would pre-empt the need for a state-wide bill, so I don't buy into those arguments and that's what we have before us, and at this time if someone would like to make a motion that we adopt this ordinance, I will accept it at this time.

Commissioner Thomas said, before we make the motion --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- would you allow me to ask a question?

Chairman Scott said, yeah. We can have questions after the motion.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, I'll entertain questions. Did you move Commissioner?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll -- I'll make a motion -- I mean unless she wants to make a motion.

Chairman Scott said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's her District.

Chairman Scott said, no.

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

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter --

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's been properly moved and second. Now discussion.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

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

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to make sure that we're real clear on this. I received some information this morning saying, and I'm going to lean a little bit on the County Attorney here, that if we take any action what originated in the State, they won't be able to correct it, and I'm -- I'm -- I'm not an attorney and I'm not a state representative so I want to make sure that we do the right thing here. But this started on the state level, and quite frankly I wish they would correct it on the state level so County Attorney -- if the County Attorney can help us out, I would appreciate it.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, sure.

Chairman Scott said, well let -- let me just say that again, and we'll hear from the County Attorney but this is a local ordinance that will allow communities to go out and gather 50 percent of their neighbors and -- signatures to petition the County Commission to designate the area as a golf cart area, and so for the life of me, I can't see how it would have any impact on state law, and at this time I'll hear from the County Attorney.

County Attorney Hart said, yeah. This -- this whole thing came up rather unusually in that at one time there were no regulations on golf carts, and then on the last time -- legislature or the one before that, I don't remember which, they came along and basically said, golf cart or motorized carts on public rights of way are illegal unless there's a local ordinance and then they had a set of rules that you had to have or not have in your -- in your local ordinance, which put people riding on public rights of way in golf carts without an ordinance technically in violation of -- of state law. We were directed -- staff was directed sometime ago by the Commission to look into considering a golf cart -- golf cart only ordinance which that's what we have done as far as drawing this ordinance. We were informed last week that there was a bill floating around in the legislature that basically said in unusual wording that as a general law applying only to unincorporated counties with special service districts, which limits it basically to Chatham County, that motorized golf carts would be allowed in the unincorporated special service district. So that would go in as a general law and obviously geographic to meet those requirements would end up being specific to us and then it goes on to say, however, the local governing body may enact an ordinance more strictly than that. And the argument whether it pass -- the Chairman's correct, whether it passes or doesn't pass, we don't know. There's a lot of things going on in the last three days of the legislature, you just never know what's going to happen. It has been stated that if we go ahead and pass this ordinance today that there may -- the state act may not pass because there would be no need for it if we went ahead and passed this ordinance. This ordinance probably would be more -- have more details in it than what this general act of limited scope has at the legislature, and that's it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, this would give us local control.

County Attorney Hart said, yeah. Correct.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct. Now the State law is very scary. You think about this. It says any county with a special service district you can operate golf carts in the unincorporated area. That's including down Highway 80 or any place else when you say you can operate golf carts, and what you're going to have is someone's going to argue with you with that law that regardless of where they are operating their golf carts that the state law gives them permission, and I'm of the opinion that if you can get a majority plus one, which is a majority, which is what this ordinance require, 50 percent plus one, a majority of your neighbors to agree that your community should be a golf cart community, then the Commission can decide. The state law doesn't require signage, doesn't require any authorization from the Commission or anything else. It does say that a Commission can adopt an ordinance. Now, I'm -- I'm telling you that I don't think that what the legislature is proposing would be appropriate and I'm not certain it will pass. Our approach will allow citizens' input because you will have to get 50 percent plus one, and -- and then they would have to petition the Commission and you get a chance to debate as to whether or not that community should in fact be able to operate golf carts. So I'm -- I'm not inclined to want to be too concerned about what's going on at the state legislature.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and there's some other provisions, you know, not just petition, you're going to have to have a petition that designates the area so we know what you're talking about as being the motorized cart zone and then the other thing is you -- you've got to have speed limits less than 25 miles an hour, and you -- we are limiting the number of access points to other public communities so we don't have a lot of flow through traffic which could raise things. But at that point, it would be up -- if all those requirements are met and staff came back to the Commission, the Commission would have total discretion under this ordinance whether to permit, not permit or modify as it deemed appropriate.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I -- I'm -- I don't know whether all of the Commissioners received this memo from Edie -- or Eason -- or Eddie Eason concerning this same subject and in it it mentions something in reference to there are many elderly people, as well as children who need -- I assume they have a cart of some sort, but now if this is passed, it means that their quality of life will be kind of, you know, stifened because they won't be able to get out of their homes and, I guess, have recreational, you know, activities of some sort. Did -- did everybody get one of these?

Commissioner Stone said, I did.

Commissioner Farrell said, wasn't it -- it was an email.

Chairman Scott said, if -- if you get out your home now on a golf cart, you're doing it illegally.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, and what we're trying to do is give them a legal remedy.

Commissioner Thomas said, way to do it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Thank you. I just wanted to be sure --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- that we're not keeping people from getting outside.

Chairman Scott said, any -- any further dis -- any further discussion before I go back to Commissioner Stone?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I may after her.

Chairman Scott said, she's already been recognized once. The only reason --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, I'll -- I'll -- I'll just say that I have no problem supporting it because I believe that in this capacity that I'm nothing more than a representative and in this case it throws -- you don't have to guess if you're actually representing the majority, they would have to go out and get the votes, and if they get 51 percent, then you're job's done. I mean, we're representatives of the people. This puts the power with the people, so it's a win/win. If the majority says yes, fine, they'll have them. If they say no, that's fine too. So -- 'cause that's what government's all about to me is we're supposed to represent the majority, so this takes it out of our hands and puts the power with the people. So.

County Attorney Hart said, the Commission is also not dictating what community should do what, and if you do pass this, you know, we do allow you to do this through the petition process and then anyone that drives a golf cart on a public road will knowingly assume the risk of what happens if they run into a vehicle or some other object.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, absolutely.

Commissioner Thomas said, I understand it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Any further discussion?

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have a -- will -- will the owners of those golf carts they be required to have insurance or anything?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, the -- the local ordinance requires each one of these carts to have the typical things that you would find on most golf carts, including some type of lap restraint. It also --

Chairman Scott said, the question was insurance. And the answer to that is yes.

County Attorney Hart said, and it -- and it requires an insurance is yes.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I would like to thank our Chairman because I have pushed to get this on the agenda and then all of this information on the state level has occurred since then. I -- I will throw one other option on the table, and that is to wait two weeks and see what happens on the state level, but again, I -- I appreciate the fact that -- that this Commission has been proactive on this. It means a lot to the communities that do use golf carts, but I will throw the option on the table of waiting two weeks and see what happens on the state level, and then we could decide -- could we decide then to adopt our own ordinance if the state did something or would that be?

Chairman Scott said, that doesn't -- you can -- you can decide anything you want at any time, and even if you pass this and if it's in conflict with the state ordinance, you can always comeback and amend it.

County Attorney Hart said, right.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Well I -- I just didn't know whether we would want to wait two weeks and see what happens on the state level.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I don't want to wait two weeks.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, we've got a motion before us and a second that the Board adopt an ordinance that allow motorized carts to travel on certain streets, public right of ways, portion of neighborhoods to be designated as motorized districts upon the community collecting a majority of signatures, 50 plus one, petition the Commission. The Commission would then so designate that community and put up the appropriate signs. That's the motion. That's what we're voting on. All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

County Attorney Hart said, and it -- it -- what we may come back in two weeks with a minor modification for a language change just because in reading the thing this morning I -- I -- I noticed that one of the provisions could be made a little clearer, but that's just a detail.

Chairman Scott said, okay. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to an ordinance to allow motorized carts (golf carts only) to travel on certain streets, public rights of way or portions of neighborhoods to be designated as motorized cart districts. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XII-1~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~March 13, 2015~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1

AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

Request Board consideration and direction to staff as to whether a motorized cart (golf cart only) ordinance that would permit certain streets, public rights of way, or portions of neighborhoods to be designated as motorized cart districts should be adopted.

BACKGROUND:

The citizens in the Isle of Hope area of unincorporated Chatham County have expressed a desire to have the County, pursuant to state law, adopt a local ordinance to allow, in residential areas, certain streets or rights of ways, be considered motorized cart districts. Staff expresses no opinion as to whether it is appropriate to have motorized cart traffic mixed on public roads with other vehicular traffic. Attached is

a draft ordinance which sets forth certain criteria and procedures to be followed to petition for motorized cart districts, authorized uses, equipment required for motorized carts, operational rules, and penalties.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

As a prerequisite to the ordinance becoming operative, it will be necessary for the County to erect signage on every highway which comprises the state highway system where said highway intersects the unincorporated County limits. The cost of this signage is not currently known.

The draft ordinance, as allowed under the state statute, does not create a cart registration process or charge an administrative fee but places compliance upon the operator. Failure to comply with the ordinance may result in a fine.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

A decision must be made as to whether motorized carts will be permitted in certain circumstances to be driven on public rights of way with regular vehicular traffic.

FUNDING:

The cost associated with signage would need to be appropriated from the current M&O budget contingency or a provision be made for the cost be a budget item incurred in the next fiscal year budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Pass or modify the ordinance.
2. Do not pass the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff makes no recommendation and presents it to the Board for appropriate consideration.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 12 OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLES,
ROADS, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS ORDINANCE

ARTICLE XIV
MOTORIZED CARTS

§12-1401. Short Title. Ordinance will be known as and may be referred and cited as the "Motorized Carts Ordinance of Chatham County"

§12-1402. Findings. The Board of Commissioners find that residents of certain neighborhoods and certain public streets located within the unincorporated County desire that motorized carts be allowed to be driven with regular vehicle traffic within designated motorized cart districts.

The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, by adoption of this ordinance, may permit citizens to request a motorized cart district, but the Commission expresses no opinion as to whether the mixture of regular vehicle traffic and motorized carts upon the public streets and right-of-ways are safe. Given the safety concerns of The Board of Commissioner, The Board of Commissioners will approve a motorized cart district, only upon the request of a majority of residents in the proposed district and subject to the Board of Commissioners' discretion to approve such district and finding that it meets the criteria of this ordinance. The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, on behalf of itself, agents, employees and representatives of the County, do not waive any right of sovereign immunity or individual qualified immunity. The Board of Commissioners place all citizens and guests of citizens on public notice that all drivers or occupants of motorized vehicles given the disproportionate size of motorized carts in comparison to regular vehicular traffic, do knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks of property damage, injury or death in regard to the operation of any motorized cart. All liability for injury shall be the responsibility of the party causing such injury but in no way shall Chatham County or any of its employees be liable for any action or inaction with regards to motorized carts authorized pursuant to the Ordinance.

§12-1403. Definitions.

1. All words, terms, and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meaning prescribed to that word, term, or phrase in O.C.G.A. § 40-1-1.
2. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings prescribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.
 - a. Authorized Streets means all such streets and public rights-of-way which have been authorized for motorized cart travel within a designated motorized cart district

approved by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County and are on file with the planning and zoning departments. The list of authorized streets is subject to amendment from time to time by the Board of Commissioners.

- b. County means Chatham County, Georgia.
 - c. Motorized Cart means all electric and gasoline-powered pleasure carts which are commonly called golf carts. Within this article, the terms “motorized cart”, “golf cart” and “cart” shall have the same meanings; these are the only carts authorized for use under this article.
3. Any other motorized cart or vehicle not defined in §12-1403 shall be banned and considered illegal to operate from public streets of unincorporated Chatham County, unless otherwise authorized by law.

§12-1404. Criteria and Procedure for Consideration of Motorized Cart District

The following sections outline the procedures and criteria to be followed by the applicant and the County in order to obtain motorized cart access on public roads.

1. Neighborhoods: Designated areas that have a maximum of three points of access on public roads shall meet the criteria and procedures listed below.
 - a. Where motorized cart access is desired a majority of the property owners (each cart property owner has one vote) in a neighborhood must petition the County for motorized cart access to public roads:
 - (1) To be considered, the neighborhood for which motorized cart access is petitioned must have public roads that have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less, the neighborhood must have access to public local roads or less as depicted in the Street Classification Map, and the neighborhood can have a maximum of three points of access.
 - (2) The motorized carts must traverse horizontally only on public local two lane roads and can only cross public three lane roads perpendicularly at properly signed and marked crossings.
 - (3) Motorized carts are not allowed to travel on sidewalks, swales, or bicycle paths.
 - (4) Operators of motorized carts are required to observe all traffic laws as if they were operating any other motor vehicle.
 - b. Upon receiving such a petition the County Engineer shall verify the area for which motorized cart access has been petitioned and develop a signage and striping plan for the neighborhood.
 - c. The petition shall include language approved by the County Attorney. The majority (greater than 50%) of property owners in the proposed Motorized Cart Access Neighborhood shall sign the petition in support of the Motorized cart Access Neighborhood. The petition must be returned to the County Engineer who will verify property ownership using current County tax assessment records.
 - d. After receipt of a petition of approval from at least a majority of the property owners (one vote per property), the Motorized Cart Access Neighborhood plan shall be submitted for approval to the County Commissioners. Public notice of the Commission meeting at which the plan is to be presented shall be advertised once in a newspaper of general circulation in Chatham County, at least 15 days prior to the day of the meeting by the moving party.
 - e. The Commission shall consider the petition, staff recommendations, and results of the meeting and approve, deny or modify the Motorized cart Access Neighborhood plan in its sound discretion.

§12-1405. Authorized User No person shall operate a motorized cart without a valid driver's license and until all other provisions of Georgia law and this ordinance are fully satisfied. A valid driver's licence for the use of a motor vehicle shall carry the same restrictions for use in a motorized cart authorized pursuant to this Ordinance.

§12-1406. Minimal Equipment for Motorized Carts. All motorized carts operating on a street, public right-of-way or designated motorized cart district shall have, at a minimum, the following equipment:

1. Power switch;
2. Brakes;
3. Horn;
4. Back-up warning system;
5. Rear view mirror;
6. Headlights and tail lights;
7. Turn signal;
8. Seat belt hip restraints;
9. The owner of vehicle shall carry liability insurance or homeowner's insurance with rider providing coverage of the operation and usage of motorized carts insured to the minimum amount of motor vehicle coverage required under state law; and
10. Any motorized cart, not having the above stated minimum equipment or insurance shall be deemed illegal to operate in unincorporated Chatham County or in any designated motorized cart district and shall be subject to the fine set forth in Section 12-1412.

§12-1407. Operation of gasoline-powered carts.

- (a) Every cart shall at all times be equipped with an exhaust system in good working order and in constant operation, meeting the following specifications:
 - (1) The exhaust system shall include the piping leading from the flange of the exhaust manifold to, and including, the muffler(s) and exhaust pipe(s).
 - (2) The exhaust system and its elements shall be securely fastened.
 - (3) The engine of every cart shall be so equipped, adjusted and tuned, as to prevent the escape of excessive smoke or fumes.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any cart to operate, or permit the operation of, such cart on which any device controlling or abating atmospheric emissions, which is placed on a cart by the manufacturer, has been altered, rendered unserviceable or removed.

§12-1408. Operating regulations and Special Rules.

- (a) Any person who possesses a valid motor vehicle driver's license and is at least sixteen (16) years of age may operate a motorized cart on the recreation paths and authorized streets.
- (b) Any person who possesses a valid motor vehicle learner's permit and is at least sixteen (16) years of age may operate a motorized cart on the recreation paths and authorized streets under the same restrictions placed upon such drivers in the operation of motor vehicles on the road of Georgia in compliance with Title 40.
- (c) All operators of motorized carts shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using the recreation paths and authorized streets. Recreation paths much be used in preference to parallel authorized streets.
- (d) Motorized carts shall not be operated on sidewalks at any time.
- (e) In no case shall a motorized cart be used on a public right-of-way or in a designated motorized cart district after 9:00 p.m.
- (f) No person shall engage in the activity of racing;
- (g) No person shall engage in the activity of blocking of public access, except for special events approved by the County.
- (h) No Pedestrians, skaters and permitted vehicles shall not loiter or park on recreation path bridges or in underpasses.
- (l) Pedestrians should be given due consideration and reasonable right-of-way by other users of the recreation paths to ensure safe passage.

- (j) All laws and ordinances relative to alcohol and the use thereof, including, but not limited to open container laws, while operating or driving a motorized cart shall be required to be followed by all drivers and operators of a motorized cart operating on a street or public right-of-way.
- (k) A motorized cart shall have no more than four passengers per cart.
- (l) No cart shall be driven in a motorized cart area in excess of 25 miles per hour.
- (m) No motorized cart shall be driven or operated on any street or public right-of-way, or designated motorized cart area in unincorporated Chatham County that has not been designated a motorized cart district or street under this ordinance.
- (n) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any motorized cart to operate, or permit the operation of, such cart over the recreation paths or authorized streets in violation of this article.

§12-1409. Recreation path users prohibited uses.

Recreation paths shall not be used by:

- (1) Automobiles and trucks, except authorized maintenance vehicles;
- (2) Motorcycles;
- (3) Street and trail motorized bikes or vehicles, including, but not limited to, all-terrain vehicles, commonly known as ATVs;
- (4) Minibikes and mopeds;
- (5) Horses; and
- (6) Go-carts.

§12-1410. Liability.

Each person operating a motorized cart on the recreation paths or public rights of way is liable for his or her own actions.

§12-1411. Penalties.

Any person driving or operating a motorized cart that are in violation of the terms of this ordinance shall be construed to have committed a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not greater than \$100.00.

§12-1412. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective on the ____ day of _____, 2015.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Janice Bocook, Clerk
Chatham County Commission

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, everything else in your package is informational.

- 1. **PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M&O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SEE ATTACHED).**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

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2. LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (See Attached.)**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2

AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2015

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Strobe light blade tracker, maintenance device for helicopter	Mosquito Control	Heli-Tech, Inc.	\$2,625	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Landing gear feet for the helicopter	Mosquito Control	Heli-Tech, Inc.	\$6,585	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Remove six (6) large oak trees, trim three (3) oak trees and haul off debris	Aquatic Center	Water Tree Service, LLC	\$5,400	CIP - Recreation
Repair and services on cleaning equipment for night floor maintenance	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply, Co.	\$6,424	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Elliptical machine for county employee gym	Aquatic Center	J4 Fitness	\$2,975	Wellness Program
51 widescreen monitors with 3 year warranty to give users dual monitors	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$8,414	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
March 2015 Tax Sale Ad	Tax Commissioner	Shivers Trading/ Operating Company	\$5,900	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
210 bags of oxidation fertilizer	Recreation	Bulloch Fertilizer Co., Inc.	\$7,545	General Fund/M&O - Recreation Department
Repair coolant leaks on unit 783 - Sheriff's Department bus	Fleet	Roberts Truck Center, Inc.	\$2,846	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Repair holes in dump body on unit 234 -Public Works dump truck	Fleet	Coastal Truck & Trailer Equipment	\$4,527	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations

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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: March 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. ROW certification submitted to GDOT for acceptance on February 26, 2015. Final plans revisions underway to address FFPR comments. Staff anticipates GDOT letting a construction contract in 2015.
2. Jimmy Deloach Parkway Extension and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design is on-going. Right of way acquisition for both projects underway. Notice to Proceed with ROW acquisition issued October 3, 2014 for Extension project and notice to proceed with ROW acquisition issued March 12, 2015 for the Interchange project. Projects to be let together for construction by GDOT in Fiscal year 2018.
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. Construction is substantially complete. Both bridges are open to two way traffic and staff is working with the contractor to schedule a final inspection and project closeout.
 - b. Montgomery Cross Road at Sallie Mood. Construction substantially complete. New traffic signal and pedestrian facilities are operational.
 - 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. Construction is underway.
 - 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 submitted and under review by staff. This phase will consider improvements from US 17 to the bridge crossing Interstate 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 held March 3, 2015. Staff is reviewing comments received from the meeting to determine the project limits to be constructed.
 - h. Canebrake Road Improvement Project. Preliminary design underway. Design includes an extension of the Coastal Georgia Greenway on the southside of Canebrake Road, a 5-ft sidewalk on the northside of Canebrake Road and pavement widening to provide two 11-ft travel lanes. A public information meeting

for the project is scheduled for April 28, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Andrews Visitor and Education Center located at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens.

- I. Truman Linea Park Trail, Phase 2-A. Request for Proposals for Engineering Services were reviewed. Staff is negotiating scope and fee for design from Lake Mayer to DeRenne Avenue with the highest scoring firm.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE

AGENDA DATE: March 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. Project is complete and improvements accepted by County.
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 project has been completed and improvements accepted by County.
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. The project has been completed and improvements accepted by the County. 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. 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.

12. 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 drainage easement. Construction contract awarded March 13, 2015 with construction expected to begin in April.

13. 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.

14. 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 do need to have an executive session for the purpose of real estate, legal --

County Attorney Hart said, litigation --

Commissioner Center said, personnel.

County Attorney Hart said, litigation and personnel.

Chairman Scott said, litigation, personnel -

Commissioner Center said, real estate.

Chairman Scott said, -- and real estate.

Commissioner Center said, so moved.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we going into Executive Session for the purpose of real estate, personnel and legal advice. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. We're now heading to executive session.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to recess to executive session for the purpose of litigation and personnel. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. -- Mr. Chairman may I say something before we --

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, leave? I just want to congratulate this body for taking the steps necessary to correct this long-standing problem of the past. It's -- it was my understanding that in the previous meeting that we all stated that when we actually obtained the services of a search firm to hire the police chief that that officially signified the end of the current merger as we know it, and I just would like to congratulate this Board for actually doing the right thing for the citizens rather than bowing down to pressures, and I -- and I appreciate it, and -- and I really commend everyone up here for doing that. So thank y'all very much.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Kicklighter, I -- I must say that we are -- we are heading down that path, but also, the County Manager and City Manager continue to meet to make discussion, and I don't know if the County Manager wants to say anything at this time, but I think that there is some progress, but we still have to be prepared, and we have to continue our path because if not, it will just be a slow walk of death.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so with -- with the path, how do we -- how do we actually hire a search firm to start a search for a police chief, when we -- we're not going to -- we may or not hire? [Inaudible].

Chairman Scott said, the fact is -- the fact is that we said we needed to have some movement by the end of the month. We don't need -- so if we don't have any movement, we need to move on with the search.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, candidates need not apply or need not even act like they're interested right now because we still may not do it. So it's just -- it's -- it's -- we just wasted \$65,000?

Chairman Scott said, no. We're not going to spend a time until -- until the time that this Commission outline [inaudible].

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, we just approved it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, to go out.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct. We have to have authorization.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we just authorized it.

County Manager Lee Smith said, and we have Stephanie Cutter, Linda Cramer, myself, and David Maxwell have met on two occasions at length, and we -- Ms. Cutter and I have an agreement right now that the -- we're exchanging information privately until such time that we come up with what is considered to be something that we think we can take to both Boards. We're going to continue to negotiate. We are calling it a -- or what I've asked it to be called is an outline, and -- or a framework for an agreement that would outline -- outline the things that we have talked about about the beats and precincts and separation and accountability of costs, and we're continuing to do that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, let me -- let me ask a question, a legal question if I could. Did we not just approve a contract with Stanton Chase International for executive search services not to exceed \$65,000?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, yes, you did.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, did we say wait a month, or did we just approve the contract as I've just stated.

County Attorney Hart said, you've approved the contract, and I believe in a previous meeting the decision was made that it would be through the end of the month, as I recall.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, was that in writing in this what we just approved?

County Attorney Hart said, no.

County Manager Smith said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. We just approved a contract that goes into effect when we approve it as a body.

County Attorney Hart said, well, they' got --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, or do we go off verbal things now?

County Attorney Hart said, they -- they --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, do we -- do we now just go off verbal stuff legally?

County Attorney Hart said, well, we would have to send the thing to them, we would have to -- we would have to get the Chairman to sign it, we would have to send it to them, they would have to sign it, send it back. It -- you -- you then technically have a legal contract and certainly, you -- you know, they don't earn \$65,000 for answering the telephone once or twice. That's -- that's not the concept.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it would not take a month to sign and send it and get it signed back.

County Attorney Hart said, no, it should not.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well, this -- as we discussed -- if we're going off what we discussed in a previous meeting, we did discuss that once we hired this firm, that officially ended -- if we're going off verbal, and that was discussed.

Chairman Scott said, at the previous meeting we said the end of March is what we said at the previous meeting.

County Attorney Hart said, I'd -- I'd have to look at the minutes.

Chairman Scott said, and then -- and then we move forward, we said that we would proceed with the search, and this is in keeping with what we've done in the past, and that is to move forward with the search. We could not move forward with the search without funds to fund the search firm. What we did today was really put the money in place to move forward with the search firm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well that's not what we legally just approved. We legally just approved the contract to move forward.

Chairman Scott said, our con -- that's not how contracts are exercised. We get authorization from the Commission for the Chairman to enter into a contract, the contract is drafted, then both parties have to sign it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I encourage chiefs not to apply.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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2. **APPOINTMENTS
CHATHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to re-appoint Rex Templeton, Charles McMillan, and Frank Rossiter to the Chatham County Hospital Authority. Their terms are set to expire October 24, 2020. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2015.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION