

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 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 9:31 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome and you may be seated. Please remain seated until after our chaplain of the day have completed his message, and when he indicates it's time for prayer, if you would re-stand and remain standing as we are led in the Pledge of Allegiance through -- by Commissioner Holmes of the 2nd District.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, today we have with us the senior pastor of the Second Ebenezer Baptist Church. There's something very distinguished about this pastor is that he understands and appreciate the fact that church is not just a one day event that happens on Sunday. He works very hard to educate his parishioners in the community, to keep them informed, and so it's really a pleasure to have him here with us today to lead us in our invocation. At this time I invite the senior pastor, Ricardo R. Manuel, if he would come forth from the Second Ebenezer Baptist Church to lead us in our invocation. And pastor, if you would, if you would introduce your associate pastors as well.

Pastor Ricardo R. Manuel said, yes, sir. I'm going to -- we are grateful to be here. We thank you, sir, for allowing us to be here. We thank the whole Commissioners, all the Commissioners, and I'm going to actually ask them to do something. They're going to -- Reverend Irwin is going to come. He's going to read a scripture for us, and we're going to sing a little song, and then I'm going to say a little something, and we're going to do it all within five minutes, but we are grateful to be here. We thank you all for all that you all do. So I have with me Reverend Irwin. We have one of our deacons, Deacon Charles Dejanay (phonetic), and we have Reverend Steadman also with us here on today.

Reverend Irwin said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning.

Reverend Irwin said, our scripture this morning comes from Psalms 133. Behold how -- how good and pleasant it is for -- for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that run down Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirt of his garment; as the dew on her -- Hermon and as the dew that descend upon the mountains of Zion; for their the Lord commanded the blessings, even like for evermore. Amen. God bless the hearers, the readers, and the doers of his Holy Word. Amen.

Pastor Ricardo said, just want to -- from -- from what he was -- read this morning about unity, we realize how important unity is in our community, but one thing about you all and your position, unity does not necessarily mean that all of us as citizens have to agree with everything, it's just that everything that you all do, you have to do it unity -- united so that we call can benefit from it. Will we always be happy? No, and I figured out in my life that making people happy is really not a part of leadership. Leadership is doing what is right for the people.

Commissioner Thomas said, there you go.

Pastor Ricardo said, and when you do what's right for the people, we can all -- anybody in leadership can look in the mirror and say, I did what was right. Will everybody see it right then? No, but folks understand things better by and by. As a child I didn't see all the stuff that my mother -- what she did, the things she made me do, I didn't like everything, but as I got older, I understood what it was all about. So in your position, we may not understand everything that you do, but long as it works out for our good, then it's really good for us, and long as everybody does things united. United means -- doesn't mean that every day I'm going to like everything, but it means that we stand united, and we thank you all for all that you do. And we're going to come now and just sing a little bit, I Will Trust In The Lord. They're going to help me. These are not our choir members, and -- and I'm -- I'm definitely not a great singer, but I do like the lyrics to the song that was written, I Will Trust In The Lord. So y'all come here and -- and don't sing too loud because we don't want to let them know that we are not that great of singers. But I do -- I would like for y'all to help me.

[Pastor and his associate pastors sang I Will Trust In The Lord.]

Pastor Ricardo said, Father, we bless your name.

Chairman Scott said, please stand.

Pastor Ricardo gave the invocation as follows:

Dear Lord, we thank you for this opportunity to come to this place at this appointed time. We thank you Dear Lord for allowing us to be here to -- for this great occasion, and we thank you for the Commissioner, the Chairman, and all of the Commissioners that are here, all of the workers and all that are here that represent our community. And Dear Lord, as they do their jobs on today and all days, we ask Dear Lord that everything that they do and say will be pleasing in their -- in your site. Oh God, we ask, Dear Lord, for them to have boldness, Dear Lord, to do what is right, and -- although what is right may not be popular, just let them do what's right. We thank you, Dear Lord, for being with them, for leading, guiding and directing them. And all of us that are standing here today, we ask, Dear Lord, that you that you forgive us of our sins and blot out all of our transgressions, and let us not have any malice or hold anything that's not right in our hearts so that when we do things for our fellow man, Dear God, we -- you will get all of the glory. And Dear God, we thank you for that, and we ask Dear God, that as they -- as we all sit here today, and as they all do their job that everything that is done, you will be the one to get the glory. We thank you, and we ask it all in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Pastor Ricardo said, Amen. Amen. Thank you all.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Holmes said, would you join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott presented Pastor Ricardo R. Manuel with a Certificate of Appreciation for his devotion and invocation.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, before they go may I?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, I want to tell you I enjoyed the song, and I don't -- I disagree with your -- your appraisal of your choir, because that stereo voice was outstanding.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

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

Not Present: Lori L. Brady, District Six

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we excuse Commissioner Brady today. She's under the weather.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we excuse Commissioner Brady. Discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I want to make a comment to the pastor.

Chairman Scott said, she's excused.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner from the 5th District, Commissioner Shabazz for a point of personal privilege. He wants to make some remarks to the pastor.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Pastor Manuel -- Manuel, I enjoyed your invocation. I just -- I just want to let you know that the church that you're the pastor of I used to dot the landscape of that area. That's when it was the Hitch -- Hitch Village because my grandmother used to live in Joe Court there, and we used to attend both Ebenezer -- Second Ebenezer?

Chairman Scott said, Second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and Central. She made us go to one or -- one or the other, so I just wanted to let you know. Yes, sir. And I enjoyed your invocation and one of your associate pastors is a classmate of mine.

Pastor Ricardo said, Rose Steadman.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Ms. Steadman, yes. Yes. Thank you.

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'll recognize our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas of the 8th District for the purpose of introducing our Youth Commissioners who are here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission, to all of the -- those of you who are in the audience today, it is my pleasure to introduce the Chatham County Youth Commissioners attending today. Keona Payne. She's a senior attending Windsor -- Windsor Forest High School; Rayna Perry, sophomore attending Savannah Arts Academy; and Michael Pal, sophomore, Savannah Country Day. And at this time I'm going to call on Rayna to make a special announcement.

Youth Commissioner Rayna Perry said, hi. I would just like to encourage all the Commissioners and anyone else who would like to attend our youth rally tomorrow. It's from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Ellis Square, and there's going to be a lot of local entertainers and food, and it's just going to be a fun time for our county's youth, and we hope that we have some adults there as well. It's going to be a very fun day. So I'd like to invite you all to that. So, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, what was the times?

Youth Commissioner Perry said, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

County Manager Lee Smith said, and which square was it did she say?

Chairman Scott said, Ellis

Commissioner Center said, Ellis Square.

Youth Commissioner Perry said, Ellis.

County Manager Smith said, Ellis. Okay.

Commissioner Center said, they'll be running through the fountains.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, I'll go.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION OF THE LEED CERTIFICATION FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY DETENTION CENTER EXPANSION (LEON DAVENPORT.)

Chairman Scott said, next on page two we have certification presentation. I will recognize Leon Davenport, Engineering Director, as well as the Sheriff. Since this is in reference to the Sheriff's facility, Sheriff St. Lawrence, would you please join us?

Sheriff Al St. Lawrence said, thank you.

County Engineer Leon Davenport said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I'd really like just to talk a few minutes about a -- a -- an initiative that the Board gave us a few years ago which was to make Chatham County one of the greenest counties in the State of Georgia. Various departments over the years have participated in programs, whether it's efficiencies in lighting, planting trees, conserving green space, anything that we could do to decrease the county's footprint on the environment. Today when we talk about LEED, which is -- basically what the acronym stands for is leadership in energy and environmental design. It's a program sponsored by the U.S. Green Building Council, and they established goals that -- and criteria that say that if you meet certain points in your design and construction on a project, that you could receive LEED certification. There are a lot of things that go into LEED. It's not just about, you know, energy efficiencies, in other words, how much the meter spins out at the jail. It's about materials usage, some of the things you put into your environment, and the environment that you make for your -- your -- your personnel and the people that are actually in the buildings. With this, this is the largest LEED undertaking that the county has made, and we're very proud of the fact that a -- a \$70 million, and -- and -- and it being a -- a detention facility has achieved LEED certification. With the security elements and a lot of the things that -- that went into it, it's -- it's not one of your typical -- it -- it's not building a house. It's not something very simplistic that you go through and just, you know, do some fancy things to and say that it's going to be LEED.

Mr. Davenport said, the project itself, I've got to say when it comes to LEED is -- is due to a couple of things. One is -- is that today with me is Parveez Yousuf. She was the project manager for this project, and she fulfilled her obligation to the project from a -- just a basically management standpoint in seeing LEED come to light in a -- in a way that goes above and beyond what I could ever really portray to the Board. She has been a -- a -- definitely an asset to the Department of Engineering, and I -- I doubt the Sheriff would have anything adverse to say to that. The second element is the team work of the Sheriff's construction team. It took a lot of compromising and a lot of time in a closed room, and I heard that many times from Parveez about, you know, well, oh, we're in meetings, you know, another eight hours today, and that's what it takes. It -- it takes compromise and teamwork between the designers, staff, and the client, to make sure that we get something that -- that's sustainable, that meets their needs, and so today, I just wanted to bring to the public's eye and to let you know that we have achieved again something that's very important to, at least from our standpoint in making a sustainable and -- and efficient facility, and what we'll have is -- is that the LEED -- the Building Council has -- has given us a plaque that will be placed at the building itself, and Parveez has got a -- also a certification that we will also place at the facility.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, I just want to say that -- thanks to the County Engineer and staff that -- the County Engineer is the project manager, and I am referred to as the client, but without this lady and the cooperation of

the engineering department, we got our money's worth and then some. We didn't get our money's worth when that facility was originally built.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, a -- a example of that would be a rat wall, which is under the fence four feet and so forth. There wasn't none. We paid for it in '92. We got it now. But I think the best combination you can have in construction is have a good transition team and the County Engineer assigned full time to -- to -- to the project to make sure that everything is done, all the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed, and I thank you for what you did out there. It's very -- very proud facility, and we're just thankful to the Board of Commissioners for seeing this project through.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Sheriff. Any members of the Commission have any comments? Okay. I recognize Commissioner Farrell, from the 4th District; then I recognize our Vice Chair from the 8th District; and Commissioner Stone from the 1st District, our pro tem, and Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th, and our Youth Commissioner, Commissioner Payne, in that order please.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This project is -- started many, many years ago and it's very gratifying to see that -- that our goals have been met and exceeded from -- from the -- from the Commission standpoint, as far as having an energy efficient building, having it come in at a reasonable cost, having the building being built correctly in that there's not a lot of issues after the check has been cashed from the contractor, and -- and the very few amount of -- the very low dollar amount of discrepancies at the end of a job for a \$70 million job, on a percentage basis is -- is like threading a -- a -- a needle. It was very tight, and -- and that's really good from the customer point of view, the ones that's paying the bills, which is the tax payers of this county, and most of all, you know, one of the -- one of the -- want to reiterate what the Sheriff had said in recognizing one of our very valuable county staff people that were on that job consistently and knew as much or probably more than any other person on that construction site, and that's Parveez. I've heard nothing but high remarks from a lot of different folks. And as you know as being a Commissioner, at different times, different people are going to whisper things in your ear privately, and I just want to publicly say that Parveez has done a great job, and I'm -- just want to recognize her and what she has done in her -- I hate to say unsung hero, but a person that was just there and made things happen and really knew what was going on and really understood the project and was looking out for the county's point of view which ultimately is looking out for all the tax payers that funded this enormous project. So I -- I just want to make sure that -- that she's recognized and -- and that everybody knows that she was a very key player in this even though she doesn't have the lofty title of Commissioner or Sheriff or County Engineer or Manager or County Attorney, but there's a very key player that made all this happen, and I would -- in my opinion, and I would like to -- to -- to -- to point that out to -- to everyone in this county. So my hats off to you. Thank you very much Parveez.

Ms. Parveez Yousuf said, thank you Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too want to echo what has been said by Commissioner Farrell. In addition to that, I want to acknowledge the fact that -- I use the phrase like my grandmother used to say, you hit the nail on the head, team work. It was because of the leadership Parvay [sic], the -- you know, the Engineering Department and everybody working together saw this need and they came up with the idea of knowing that we can make this work, and we can come up with a product that we all will be very proud of, and finally what I like about it too is that the budget that you had to work with, and then the facility is sustainable. That's another thing, which is very important. Because a lot of times you do a project and then within the next year, you know, you're right back, and we're starting from square one again. But anyway, I just want to say congratulations. Thank you for the very fine work that you have done along with others, and that -- I know that you will continue to do what you have always done, a remarkable job. Thank you so very much.

Mr. Davenport said, thank you.

Ms. Yousuf said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, congratulations. I remember going through part of this, and Parveez, I -- I -- you have the patience of Job, but I remember the contractor standing here and us going down item by item to see how much local participation was being used and fussing and ranting and raving about using the folks in our community, their expertise, and what we need to do -- brought home what we need to do to develop our work force development. So I know it's been a long journey. I thank you. You came in on time. You came in slightly under budget, and this day and age that's pretty hard to do. So thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Mr. Davenport said, good morning, sir.

Ms. Yousuf said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning Mr. Davenport and Sheriff and Parvey?

Mr. Davenport said, Parveez.

Ms. Yousuf said, Parveez.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Parveez. Good morning. First of all I'd like to say congratulations Sheriff for receiving this certification, LEED certification. And I wanted to know what does LEED -- is it an acronym? Is it an acronym for something?

Mr. Davenport said, yes, sir. It's -- it stands for the leadership in energy and environmental design.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Very good. And my next question is to the Sheriff. What -- you mentioned something about a rat wall that was supposed to be constructed in '92 in the original facility. What is -- what exactly is a rat wall?

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, a rat wall is four feet of concrete under a fence anchored in -- anchored in the cement that keeps people from digging out. We don't have nobody that wants to dig in, but we do have those that want to dig out.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so that's a rat?

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, that's a rat wall.

Commissioner Shabazz said, well, why do you call it a rat wall?

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, because that's what they call it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, oh, okay. Okay.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, I -- I -- I -- we're talking about inmates digging out.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah. I thought that was a big old rat in there.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, no. No. It's -- it's -- it's referred to as rat wall, but what I'm telling you is the combination that was put together by the County Engineer of my transition team, Parveez, we made sure we got our money's worth.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, and I say that in all honesty because I've seen it every day, and they had their problems with the contractors but usually we won out, and that -- that's important.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. What you're saying is -- is correct. I agree with it, but my whole point was to point out the idea of the terminology of rat wall. You know, I think that need to be redefined.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, well you can call it whatever you want to, Commissioner.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, that's what it's referred to in prisons and construction.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Right. Right.

County Manager Smith said, it's a World War II term. And they -- that's what they were talking about.

Commissioner Thomas said, right. Yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I understand that.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but we have to begin to re -- to redefine our own realities, man.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, but if you go all -- all around that facility, and you paid for it --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm. I saw the wall.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and I -- I was with the -- on the tour when they did the wall.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah. I know exactly what it is.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, well we paid for it in '92 and didn't get it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, that's when we were using a construction management company. All the difference in the world using our own engineer -- engineering department and transition team.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, made sure that we didn't pay for something we didn't get.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Right.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Commissioner Shabazz said, well, I know -- I know -- I know whenever you build a jail, prison, hotels, you build it -- you build it with the intentions of filling it.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, well, you know --

Commissioner Shabazz said, that -- that's what I'm getting at.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, okay. Let me -- let me elaborate on that a little bit. Chatham County's not the only one that has -- that has not -- has seen the increase in inmates that we've been experiencing the past few years. That's a good thing, but we have the room should we need it if it goes the other way.

Commissioner Shabazz said, well congratulations on your leadership -- on your LEED award -- certification, Sheriff.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, anyone else? Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sheriff, would you consider yourself a word creator by any chance? Do you create words or do you use existing words?

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, no. I never -- that's not my area of expertise.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. I just want to say thank you. Great job to you. Great job to the engineering staff, and I'll also ask this question, I know the answer to, do you in your capacity actually -- is it a common practice for the Sheriff's Department to actually arrest the people themselves and put them in the jails or does that happen from all the police departments here?

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, well, that's happened from all the police departments, but it's happened -- happening from my street officers, who go out and -- all the warrants in every court come to the -- to my department.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Point -- point is -- is -- I'm just pointing out that you have no interest in filling up a jail.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you -- you have a charted duty as a -- an elected, constitutional official to actually house these prisoners when they're brought to you.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, we've been under 1500 for a couple of years.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. And I just want to thank y'all for the good work y'all do. That -- that's all I'm doing. Thank you.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, and I will say this, the Court's are doing a much better job of moving them along.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm glad to hear that.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, the Court's are doing a great job.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and you -- and you continue to do a great job for us, and I appreciate it, as well as engineering. Thank y'all.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'm glad you finally had something to say.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you brought it up.

Chairman Scott said, Youth Commissioner Payne.

Youth Commissioner Keona Payne said, on behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, I just want to say congratulations on your certification.

Chairman Scott said, use your mike if you would.

Youth Commissioner Payne said, on behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, I just want to say congratulations for your certification.

Mr. Davenport said, thank you.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Youth Commissioner Pal.

Youth Commissioner Michael Pal said, also on behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission I would like to thank you because as has been said, it is sustainable and it will last into our future, and that's what the Youth Commission is preparing for.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, all right. Thank you. Congratulations.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, I have one more comment.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, it was something Commissioner Stone said, no cost over runs.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, that's very important. I see it all the time on construction projects and you hear about it all the time. We didn't have no cost overruns on this project.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, great job.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Sheriff. Thank you for all you do.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. UPCOMING WORKSHOP, APRIL 30TH.

Chairman Scott said, on page three we -- under Chairman's Item, we have an announcement. We have an upcoming workshop on April 30th. Location to be determined. The time is from 9:30 until 3:00.

County Manager Smith said, till about 3:00 p.m., and I will be getting the draft agenda to the Chair for review next week.

Chairman Scott said, okay. So we will -- we will have another meeting be -- before -- before this workshop.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, but I wanted to just notify you as soon as the request came from the County Manager so you can start planning accordingly and the public as well.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, we don't have any items from -- as far as Commissioner's Items.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Scott said, we don't have any Tabled items.

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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 APPROPRIATE \$9,575 FUND BALANCE COMMITTED FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT.**

Chairman Scott said, we do have an item for Individual Action. To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O appropriate \$9,575 in the fund balance committed for Emergency Management to the Emergency Management Department.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we approve that.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the request for the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O appropriate \$9,575 fund balance committed for Emergency Management to the Emergency Management Department. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: April 10, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O appropriate \$9,575 fund balance committed for Emergency Management to the Emergency Management Department.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The CEMA Director has requested an appropriation of \$9,575 to be used towards the purchase of 40 EOC laptops. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

The budget amendment will establish funding in the General Fund M&O.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

Increase revenues and expenditures \$9,575 fund balance committed for Emergency Management .

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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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Scott said, now we have the Individual [sic] Action Calendar. There was no indication in the Green Room of voting on anything on the Action Calendar separate. There was a notation that Item H have already been approved, so I would entertain a motion that we approve the Action Calendar with the exception of Item H which has already been approved.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 6 and under Item 6 Items A through I with the exception of Item H, which has previously been approved. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2015, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 19, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 1, 2015.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of March 19, 2015 through April 1, 2015, in the amount of \$6,324,991. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE RENEWAL OF FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH FOR THE VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM/YOUTH INTERCEPT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ITS SUBSEQUENT AWARD. THE GRANT DOES NOT REQUIRE A MATCH.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the renewal of a federal grant application from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health for the Violence Intervention Program/Youth intercept Program and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: April 10, 2015

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

ISSUE:

To request Board approval for the renewal of federal grant application from the office of the Assistant Secretary for Health for the Violence Intervention Program/Youth Intercept Program and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Violence Intervention Program/Youth Intercept Program is applying for \$284,860.00 for the second year's funding which will include salary and benefits for the Program Director and a full-time Community Intervention Specialist, staff travel and training, supplies, equipment, contractual fees, and transportation.
2. The grant does not require a match. **No additional funds from the County are required.**
3. This is the second year grant award renewal. The starting grant cycle is September 2015-August 2016.

FUNDING:

No additional County funds are required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approves the Violence Intervention Program/Youth Intercept Program to submit the federal grant application from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.
2. That the Board not approve the Violence Intervention Program/Youth Intercept Program to submit the federal grant application from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

No additional funds from Chatham County are required. There is no match required.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approves Alternative 1.

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4. **REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE, LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2015. PETITIONER: ABSALON ARNOLD GOMEZ, D/B/A CILANTRO'S MEXICAN GRILL #5, LOCATED AT 461 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015. The petitioner is Absalon Arnold Gomez, d/b/a Cilantro's Mexican Grill located at 461 Johnny Mercer Boulevard. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: April 10, 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 a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015. **Absalon Arnold Gomez, d/b/a Cilantro's Mexican Grill**, located at **461 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Savannah, GA 31410**.

BACKGROUND:

Ms. Gomez requests approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday sales license for 2015 in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. Petitioner also declares that they meet the standards for Sunday Sales under the Chatham County 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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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AT BYNUH'S FIELD AT BETHESDA ACADEMY, 9520 FERGUSON AVENUE. PETITIONER: ROBERT EARL HARMAN, JR., FOR SAVANNAH SCOTTISH GAMES. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD MAY 2, 2015. [DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer) for a special event at Bynuh's Field at Bethesda Academy, 9520 Ferguson Avenue. The Petitioner is Robert Earl Harman, Jr., for Savannah Scottish Games. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: April 10, 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:

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County on May 2, 2015.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Savannah Scottish Games**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Robert Earl Harman, Jr.**, has filed a Special Event Application for a fundraiser to be held on Bynuh's Field at Bethesda Academy (9520 Ferguson Avenue). The applicant that has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer) at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupation Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event on Bynuh's Field at Bethesda Academy.
2. Deny Permit.
3. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative No. 1

District 1

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

AGENDA ITEM: X-6 A thru I
AGENDA DATE: April 10, 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 confirmation of an emergency amendment to our existing contract with Official Payments Corporation for electronic check, credit card and debit card transactions to include new payment types.

BACKGROUND: Departments within Chatham County are adding credit and debit card processing as new payment types. Official Payments requires an amendment to be signed that outlines the fee schedule for the new payment types.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County signed the original contract with Official Payments in March of 2013 for both online and in-person transactions for citizens who wished to reserve facilities from our Parks & Recreation Department.
2. Official Payments system offers us the ability to pass the transaction costs as a convenience fee.
3. We have since added credit and debit card processing for Water & Sewer, as well as Building Safety & Regulatory Services.
4. This amendment will allow us to proceed with implementing credit card payments for Probate Court for court fees, and Public Works for Right of Way Application fees.
5. Each new payment type provided by Official Payments will require an amendment.
6. This solution will provide citizens with more credit and debit card options when making payments at County offices.
7. Staff requested emergency approval from the Chairman so the payment process could be started in a timely manner. He concurred (see attached page 3 to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting on April 10, 2015.
8. Staff believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Funding is not required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of an emergency amendment to our existing contract with Official Payments Corporation for electronic check, credit card and debit card transactions to include new payment types.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential software that citizens use to submit non-emergency requests, complaints and problems and County personnel would use to track, report and manage requests throughout the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an Amendment No. 2, in the form of a work order, to our existing contract with Official Payments Corporation for electronic check, credit card and debit card transactions to include new payment types.

BACKGROUND: Departments within Chatham County are adding credit and debit card processing as new payment types. Official Payments now requires a Work Order to be signed that outlines the fee schedule for the new payment types.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County signed the original contract with Official Payments in March of 2013 for both online and in-person transactions for citizens who wished to reserve facilities from our Parks & Recreation Department.

2. Official Payments system offers us the ability to pass the transaction costs as a convenience fee.
3. We have since added credit and debit card processing for Water & Sewer, Building Safety & Regulatory Services, Probate Court and Public Works.
4. This amendment will allow us to proceed with implementing credit card payments for Magistrate Court, State Court, Superior Court Clerk and Human Resources.
5. Each new payment type provided by Official Payments will require an amendment or work order.
6. This solution will provide citizens with more credit and debit card options when making payments at County offices.
7. Staff believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Funding is not required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of an Amendment No. 2, in the form of a work order, to our existing contract with Official Payments Corporation for electronic check, credit card and debit card transactions to include new payment types.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$2,804 Summary Change Order to the contract with RS&H for professional engineering services related to the pedestrian improvements for the Bradley Point Sidewalk project.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff developed 3 concept alternatives to meet the scope of the project. These alternatives were presented to the public at a meeting held at the Frank G. Murray Community Center on March 3, 2015. The summary change order covers additional costs incurred by the consultant to develop concept renderings for the public meeting.
2. Contract History:

Original Contract	\$ 99,961
Summary Change Order (Pending)	\$ 2,804
Revised Contract Amount	\$102,765

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$2,804 Summary Change Order to the contract with RS&H for professional engineering services related to the pedestrian improvements for the Bradley Point Sidewalk project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$40,000 security agreement with Georgia Ports Authority for the Pipemakers Canal Tide Gate Replacement project.

BACKGROUND: Pipemakers Canal is the primary outfall for stormwater runoff for a significant portion of western Chatham County. Operational issues with the existing sluice gates require replacement. The tide gate structure is located in Chatham County easement within the Georgia Ports Authority secured perimeter. In order to maintain access to the site and establish responsibilities, an agreement is needed between Georgia Ports Authority and Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project will replace the existing 6 electrically operated sluice gates with flap gates.
2. The Board approved a construction contract with TIC on October 10, 2014.
3. The site is located on Chatham County easement within the secured perimeter of GPA's Garden City facility.
4. A security agreement between GPA and Chatham County is needed to establish requirements and responsibilities for Chatham County, TIC, and GPA in regard to access and security.
5. Security to the site is through gates controlled by the Port Police. The gates are required to be locked at all times when a Port Police representative is not present. The agreement calls for the Port Police to provide personnel to man this gate in a manner which does not hinder the County contractor by keeping this gate open during weekly hours, or such other actions as instituted by Port Police with Chatham County to reimburse GPA for costs associated with such action.
6. The agreement stipulates that Chatham County will reimburse GPA for any fines or assessments levied against GPA by regulatory agencies which are proven to be the result of actions by the County contractor. Any such costs would be recovered from the construction contract.
7. Funding of up to \$40,000 is requested to cover reimbursement items noted above.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Pipemakers Canal Drainage
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280213)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$40,000 security agreement with Georgia Ports Authority for the Pipemakers Canal Tide Gate Replacement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve security agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$188,831 construction contract to ABC Maintenance Services, Inc., to remove old asphalt shingle roofing and replace with new asphalt shingles at the Administrative/Legislative Courthouse for Facilities Maintenance and Operations.

BACKGROUND: According to maintenance records, the current roofing is well over 25 years old. In 2014, roof repairs and gutter work on the southwest section of the roof were performed. Since these repairs, other leaks have occurred.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The main gable roof section of the Courthouse has started to wear, causing water intrusion in various offices on the upper floor and in the information center data room. Several areas of this section have been repaired on various occasions. The southeast section of the roof which supports the functionality of the HVAC system cooling tower is still leaking after several attempts to repair.

2. The two (2) roof sections have become a maintenance concern from issues resulting in roof leaks. Continued water infiltration will result in damage to the integrity of the 100 year old building.
3. The County's consultant, Barnard Architects, developed specifications for this project which included the base bid (main gable roof section) and possible additives if funding allowed.
4. An Invitation to Bid was publicly advertised and opened on February 26, 2015. Responses are follows:

	Base Bid	Additive	Total
* ABC Maintenance Services ,Inc. Savannah, GA	\$169,669	\$19,162	\$188,831
* RPI Residential, Inc. Richmond Hill, GA.	\$179,970	\$28,600	\$208,570
Superior Roofing Systems, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$187,900	\$19,800	\$207,700
Metal Crafts, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$224,000	\$17,100	\$241,100

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5. Once bids were received, it was determined funding was available for the base bid and an additive which would replace the low slope roofing at the chiller area.

FUNDING: CIP - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
(3501565 - 54.13001 - 35031207)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$188,831 construction contract to ABC Maintenance Services, Inc., to remove old asphalt shingle roofing and replace with new asphalt shingles at the Administrative/Legislative Courthouse for Facilities Maintenance and Operations.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$16,974 purchase of weapons storage equipment from Patterson-Pope of Atlanta, GA, under the statewide contract.

BACKGROUND: In April 2012, Space Saver storage equipment was installed to house weapons, equipment and supplies in secure cabinets and racks.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Patterson-Pope is the authorized distributor of Space Saver storage equipment.
2. The weapons storage system will match the previously installed system.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$ 16,974 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CNT State Confiscated Funds - other equipment
(2103222-54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$16,974 purchase of weapons storage equipment from Patterson-Pope of Atlanta, GA, under the statewide contract.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for necessary equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of professional consulting services from Papcon to provide data migration as part of the Unified Case Management System. The cost will be a not to exceed amount of \$48,000 for setup and application export and an hourly rate of \$127.50 for images export as needed.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County has started the process of implementing a new case management system. As part of this implementation, the older systems currently maintained by Papcon, must be converted to a new format. The associated proposal is for work performed by Papcon to assist the new vendor, Tyler Technologies, with the conversion process.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Papcon is the only vendor capable of performing the conversion tasks necessary.
2. Tyler Technologies cannot convert the existing systems into their new case management system without assistance from Papcon.
3. The implementation of the new case management system cannot move forward without this agreement.
4. Staff believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP – Case Management System
(3502101 - 54.25001 - 35030678)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of professional consulting services from Papcon to provide data migration as part of the Unified Case Management System. The cost will be a not to exceed amount of \$48,000 for setup and application export and an hourly rate of \$127.50 for images export as needed.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to utilize professional consulting services when needed to complete work.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM H

~~**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$54,300 Change Order No. 2 to the engineering services contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company (T&H) for professional engineering services for the Gateway/Henderson Canal Drainage Improvement project.~~

~~**BACKGROUND:** The Gateway/Henderson Canal Drainage Improvement project is part of the 2008-2014 SPLOST Drainage Program. The Gateway/Henderson watershed consists of approximately 700 areas located in the northeast quadrant of State Route 204 and Interstate 95. The project will define problem areas, design and implement conveyance improvements and provide maintenance access to the system. The original contract and amendment 1 included surveys, wetland detention, preliminary design, final design of improvements, additional wetland an environmental permitting and construction period services. Change Order 2 will increase funding to cover additional costs associated with wetland and environmental permitting and design revisions resulting from agency review comments.~~

~~**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**~~

- ~~1. The original scope of work for the project provided for engineering services, wetland permitting, completion of a design hydrologic/hydraulic report, and preparation of preliminary engineering design. The Board approved a contract to T&H for this scope of work on July 26, 2013.~~
- ~~2. Following review of the preliminary submittals and improvement alternates, staff concluded that moving forward with the selected improvements to conveyance and access will maximize benefits for the impacted areas. Completion of final engineering design, permitting other than wetlands,~~

development of contract documents and assistance during construction were needed to accomplish this. Chatham Order No. 1 to the existing contract with T&H (approved by Board on May 9, 2014), provided support for these actions:

3. As work proceeded on the project it became evident that the scope of services needed to obtain the required environmental permits, including removal of some wetland areas from protective covenants, was more involved than anticipated. Also, the amount of design effort required to satisfy reviewing agencies, including Chatham County, was greater than anticipated. Change Order No. 2 will provide funds to cover the costs of these increased efforts.
4. State law allows contracting with the original professional engineering consulting firm used for previous studies and plans without further competitive process when those existing studies and plan can be used. It is the opinion of staff that soliciting proposals from engineering firms at large will not result in lower cost or better service to the County, and will result in more time and cost required to coordinate and finish the design work.
5. Staff solicited a proposal from T&H (dated February 27, 2015) and find that the level of service is in accordance with anticipated needs and that the cost represents fair compensation for the work provided.
6. Contract History:

Original Contract	(7/26/13)	\$ 80,000
Change Order No. 1	(5/9/14)	84,100
Change Order No. 2	(pending)	54,300
Revised Contract Amount		\$218,400

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Drainage, Gateway/Henderson Drainage Project
(3244220 - 52.12003 - 32480623)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 2 to the engineering services contract in the amount of \$54,300 with Thomas & Hutton Company (T&H) for professional engineering services for the Gateway/Henderson Canal Drainage Improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUGALO

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$5,375 Change Order 2 to the construction contract with RL Construction Group, Inc., for the Liberty City Community Center Addition.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Board of Commissioners approved an \$834,238 contract for construction services to RL Construction Group, Inc., at their March 28, 2014 commission meeting.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The location of the addition is in the front yard of the existing Liberty City Community Center on Mills B. Lane Boulevard.
2. This change order represents the removal and replacement of an existing double leaf exit door with the required hardware and glass vision panel.
3. Staff finds the price of \$5,375 for this change order from RL Construction to be fair and reasonable.
4. Contract history:

Original contract (3-28-14)	\$834,238
Change Order 1 (9-12-14)	9,500
Change Order 2 (pending)	5,375
Revised Contract Amount	\$849,113

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Liberty City Community Center
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32470347)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$5,375 Change Order 2 to the construction contract with RL Construction Group, Inc., for the Liberty City Community Center Addition.
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 _____
MARK BUCALO

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

Chairman Scott said, we have with us -- on page nine a First Reader, but we also have with us the staff from the zoning board. Can you -- can you come up and clarify something for us? Have you all received any indication that a portion or any of this item that we have before us for consideration, that the Petitioner has requested no further consideration? Do y'all have any knowledge of that?

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. On yesterday afternoon, I believe shortly after county staff was notified we received a notification that both items four and five have been requested by the Petitioner to be withdrawn from consideration.

Chairman Scott said, Items 4 and 5.

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, and Item 4 and 5 are the items that dealt with rezoning to be able to do a senior group home?

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir, on Bryan Woods Road.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And the other items are still active for consideration.

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I wanted to just clarify that before we wasted our time reading them as a First Reader.

County Manager Smith said, Mr. Chairman, I --

Chairman Scott said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, we just had a discussion that we think that Items 1, 2, and 3 need to be re-noticed to the public and for -- back as a First Reader on the 24th. Is that right, Gregori?

Mr. Gregori Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services said, yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, because of a technicality, they need to be re-noticed to make sure that it's clear. There's something that we're not sure about. So Gregori just approached me, Mr. Anderson, so we would ask that this -- those be re-noticed by staff and for First Reader on April 24th.

Chairman Scott said, we have --

Commissioner Shabazz said, what's the technicality.

County Manager Smith said, I'd have to ask Mr. Anderson. I just found out just moments ago.

Mr. Anderson said, good morning. We've just been notified by my staff that these three items that are remaining on the agenda have not been properly advertised. So to meet the proper requirements, we have to re-advertise, and we'll bring it back on the 24th for First Reading.

Chairman Scott said, you have to serve notice --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Chairman Scott said, -- in the legal organ of the county, and --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, may I ask a question?

Commissioner Shabazz said, so this is a --

Commissioner Center said, go ahead. I'm sorry.

Commissioner Shabazz said, this is a residential area?

Mr. Anderson said, well, I don't know the -- the content of the -- of the provisions. MPC staff can speak to that, but we're responsible for the advertising of it, and we're indicating that it was not properly advertised so we need to bring it back for First Reading on the 24th.

Commissioner Center said, can I ask a question about that also?

Commissioner Shabazz said, well, okay.

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'd like to ask --

Chairman Scott said, just a second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, this -- this area is residential?

Mr. Lotson said, this area is being considered for rezoning for the purpose of establishing some multifamily residential units.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. What was -- something was mentioned about a senior living.

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir. That's actually a separate item. Items 4 and 5 on the agenda.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Lotson said, those two items are not related to the first three items.

Commissioner Shabazz said, this -- the first three is for multifamily --

Mr. Lotson said, yes --

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- residential?

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, when you say multifamily --

Mr. Lotson said, apartments.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- that's apartments.

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Is that duplexes or?

Mr. Lotson said, no, standard apartments.

Commissioner Shabazz said, apartments?

Mr. Lotson said, mm-hmm.

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

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, my question was do we put the ad or does the petitioner draft the ad for us to put in it? I mean have we notified Mr. Yellin or?

Mr. Anderson said, county staff places the ad, so we will contact - well actually, the Petitioner has been contacted already.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Mr. Anderson said, to -- to inform them of -- of what has happened.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, can I ask one really quick question?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, do we need a motion --

Chairman Scott said, yes?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- to do anything?

County Attorney Hart said, just don't take it up. It stays a First Reading.

Chairman Scott said, the Commissioner from the 4th District has a question before you -- the two of you leave.

Commissioner Farrell said, just -- just for general information, the -- the state legislature had considered during this past term going electronic for these notifications, and my question to staff is do you know if that ever went forward or are we still --

County Attorney Hart said, it did not.

Chairman Scott said, did not.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, that would save -- who pays for the this the county or the petitioner?

Mr. Anderson said, the Petitioner pays for the ad.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Mr. Anderson said, the Petitioner pays for the ads.

Chairman Scott said, okay. All right. If there's no further inquires by members of the Commission, the Chair will not take any further action on the First Readers, and they will be on the agenda at our next meeting as First Readers.

Commissioner Stone said, do they need to be read though? The ones that --

County Attorney Hart said, no.

Chairman Scott said, no.

County Manager Smith said, they haven't been noticed.

County Attorney Hart said, no, we don't need to do that. We're just going to have to start from scratch.

County Manager Smith said, just starting over.

Chairman Scott said, they haven't been advertised. We can't read them.

Commissioner Stone said, oh. Okay.

County Manager Smith said, just starting over.

County Attorney Hart said, this was practice.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

1. THE PETITIONER, HAROLD B. YELLIN, AGENT FOR MARINER GROUP, LLC, IS REQUESTING A REZONING OF THE PARCEL IDENTIFIED AS 2100 EAST PRESIDENT STREET, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF EAST PRESIDENT STREET, FROM AN I-H (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) ZONING CLASSIFICATION DISTRICT TO A PUD-M 36 CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. THE APPROVAL OF THIS REZONING IS CONDITIONED UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT AND THE PROPOSED TAX AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM DENSITY PERMITTED IN A PUD-M ZONING DISTRICT FROM 25 UNITS PER NET ACRE TO 40 UNITS PER NET ACRE.

REZONING

MPC FILE NO. Z-150205-00012-1

[DISTRICT 3.]

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2. THE PETITIONER IS REQUESTING THAT THE FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, 2100 EAST PRESIDENT STREET, BE CHANGED FROM COMMERCIAL SUBURBAN AND HEAVY INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL-GENERAL. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM)

MPC FILE NO. Z-150302-00020-CPA

[DISTRICT 3.]

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3. THE PETITIONER, HAROLD B. YELLIN, AGENT FOR MARINER GROUP, LLC, IS REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE. SECTION 4-ZONING DISTRICT R-3-MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL; SECTION 4-6.1 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS - 4-3; SECTION 4-6.67D.1, PUD-M-DENSITY, AND SECTION 4-6.67 D.8 PUD-M-HEIGHT. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

TEXT AMENDMENT

MPC FILE NO. Z-150205-00011-1.

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4. THE PETITIONER, HAROLD B. YELLIN, AGENT FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC., REQUESTS TO REZONE SEVEN EXISTING UNDEVELOPED LOTS FROM AN R-1/EO (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO AN R-3-8/EO (MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL 8 UNITS PER ACRE/ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY) ZONING CLASSIFICATION. SUBJECT PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 80 BETWEEN BRYAN WOODS ROAD AND TURNER'S CREEK. THE MPC RECOMMENDS DENIAL.

REZONING

MPC FILE NO. Z-141223-00105-1

[DISTRICT 3.]

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5. THE PETITIONER IS REQUESTING THAT THE FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES BE CHANGED FROM RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN SINGLE FAMILY TO RESIDENTIAL GENERAL. THE SUBJECT

PROPERTIES CONSIST OF SEVEN LOTS OF RECORD COMPRISING 10.65 ACRES OF UPLAND AND 2.8 ACRES OF WETLANDS. ALL PARCELS ARE VACANT AND UNDEVELOPED. PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 80 BETWEEN BRYAN WOODS ROAD AND TURNER'S CREEK. THE PETITIONER'S INTENT IS TO DEVELOP THE SITE AND CONSTRUCT A SENIOR CITIZEN CONGREGATE CARE FACILITY. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS PETITION, A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT HAS BEEN FILED TO REZONE THE PROPERTIES FROM R-1 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3-8 (MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL - 8 UNITS PER ACRE) TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROPOSED USE. DUE TO THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES AND THE STABILITY OF THE EXISTING DEVELOPMENT PATTERN, THE MPC RECOMMENDS DENIAL. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) MPC FILE NO. Z-150402-0001-1 [DISTRICT 3.]

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XII. SECOND READINGS

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

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, and everything else is on for informational purposes.

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: April 10, 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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
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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POLICE MERGER UPDATE

Chairman Scott said, and I received a request from the Commissioner from the 7th District who had a question he wanted to ask of the Manager of information.

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. --

Chairman Scott said, and at this time I recognize the Commissioner from the 7th.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manager, could you give us a verbal update on the talks going on about the police arrangement that we have?

County Manager Smith said, sure. Absolutely. I know today Linda Cramer and myself will be meeting with Stephanie Cutter and David Maxwell at the city. I know there was a -- a letter that came over to the Chair reference some of the framework, but I will tell you the City Manager and I had an agreement that the framework would not be given to the public. It was still in negotiation. There has not been a framework agreed upon, so the items that you've seen have yet to be agreed upon. We can agree -- we can agree that we would take items back to our mutual Boards. We can't choose what the contract would be or what the agreement would be or if there will not be an agreement. But we are looking at and developing a framework whereby we could establish the -- you know the precincts as discussed, look at what our -- the two -- now the thing that is appropriate is we have and the county offered two years as the start of an agreement of a ten-year period whereby we would move into a fact-based or call-based system where we pay based on the service we receive. That being the case, that is very fair, so I feel like we are -- we have gotten close in the negotiations on that. So I do have some positive feelings about that in talking with -- with the Manager and with David Maxwell and Linda Cramer. While we have some points that we've got to refine, but it was important to us -- when you got into the full draft, it gets very confusing because, you know, attorneys like to do whereases and wherefores, and that's fine, but we thought it was important as to Managers to develop a framework that we brought back as an outline where you could agree as two Boards on the actual concepts of what we were trying to accomplish because if we can't do that, then a draft agreement doesn't mean anything.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, did -- did I read or see on television something where the Mayor stated that if we don't respond with some type of yes to their proposal that they would be suing us within ten days? Did I see something to that effect?

County Manager Smith said, as I understand -- I don't know that that's the case, and -- and I hate to paraphrase the Mayor, but I think she basically said that she had a deadline of ten days, but I think I'd understood that the city said that they really didn't do deadlines, but anyway, we'll talk about that later. But anyway, the City Manager and I are still talking and this committee, and, you know, we made pretty good headway in the last meeting, so I'm hoping today we get to that 95 plus percent mark.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. One last question. Do you as our Manager who is charted with overseeing the day to day operations --

County Manager Smith said, sure.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- have a drop dead date in mind that we absolutely 100 percent must make a decision one way or another?

County Manager Smith said, it's got to be this month. We've got to get something this month. If you're going to target the next year, and I will tell you, as a staff we have continued to work on the structure of a county police department. We've been doing that for nine months. We know what our department would look like, how it would be structured, how it would be funded, what it will cost. We know to, I would say, within five or 10 percent of capital up front. So we feel comfortable if we get a chief, if that's the direction we go in, if we get a chief in by August or September, that would give a chief, along with our existing staff that we have, you know, we've got like Mark Bucalo, he's one of our experts. We've put the structure in place, and a chief could come in very easily and then begin to look at SOPs, training standards, how to hire the officers, what would need to be done. So I feel like if we get someone in here by August, September, we're in good shape.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. One final question.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, has the contract for the search firm that we approved last time been executed, sent to the firm, and has money exchanged hands?

County Manager Smith said, no money has exchanged hands, but I need to refer that to the Chair.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what's the answer to the first question?

County Manager Smith said, there has not been any money exchanged that I --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, has -- has the contract been executed?

County Manager Smith said, I would have to give that to the Chair. I'm not sure.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I -- I'm the person who would have to execute the contract.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah. I -- I'm well aware of that.

Chairman Scott said, and no I have not executed it, but we have given the search firm the go ahead so that he is -- we are as I refer to it incurring some expenses. For instance, before -- the way this search firm works, before they could do a search, they develop a profile, and -- for the chief. They've come down and met with staff in an effort to develop that profile, so we have incurred some expense. But when you -- what you approved was not to exceed \$65,000. The way the contract works is that you pay based on deliverables, so you don't write a check for \$65,000 up front. So, that has not happened. And -- and the -- what we've been doing is keeping the process alive. Before you can actually do the search -- the search -- they are also actually going out gathering contacts, people that they would contact for this job. So there are some indebtedness that's being incurred.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so they're doing this work at this point for free?

Chairman Scott said, oh no. That's -- when -- they -- they're doing it at -- on an hourly basis and will invoice us.

County Manager Smith said, and we've talked with them about the fact that --

Chairman Scott said, they're not doing it for free.

County Manager Smith said, -- where we are in the negotiations, so it's been a very open, and the company's been very free to talk to us. We talk probably twice a week, but they are looking at their database for recruitment and talking to other folks and professionals that look for professional police staff or chiefs.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what would be common practice on executing something once this Commission approves something. How -- how -- how long can one legally just hold off on executing --

Chairman Scott said, but --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- something that's approved or not approved by this body?

Chairman Scott said, technically we have put the contract in motion if you would, but like most contracts when they send us something, I send it to the attorney's office, he goes over it, he sends it back to them, so that's sort of the stage we're in, the backwards and forth of making sure that what we want in there is actually in the contract, and -- and of course some give and take on what they want in there.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, when -- when we approved the contract at the last meeting we did not approve a contract?

County Manager Smith said, it was not a contract. We were developing the scope for the contract --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, -- so he's correct in that. That's correct.

Chairman Scott said, what you approved was the funding of the contract.

County Manager Smith said, was the funding for the contract.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that answered it then.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, but -- but you have to -- I assume they have their lawyers and they put their version in. We send it to Jon to make sure we're protected in it. It goes backwards and forth, and -- and we really went through this same process when we used the search firm to hire the Manager.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Well you're well within your rights of what you can do, and I'm -- I just didn't understand that particular process, so thank you for clarifying.

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner Holmes, and then we have Commissioner Shabazz, then Commissioner Center of the 3rd and Commissioner Stone of the 1st.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Smith, did we receive a letter from the Mayor this past week?

County Manager Smith said, I did not receive a letter, the Chairman received a letter, I believe.

Commissioner Center said, he received a letter.

Commissioner Holmes said, can we get a copy of it?

Chairman Scott said, sure.

County Manager Smith said, yes. We'll make copies that you will receive today, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, in fact the staff's here, and we'll go ahead and get them to get copies right now.

Chairman Scott said, it was -- it was hand delivered to me and given to the press at the same day.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that was the question I had was -- was it a matter of public record and can we see it. I wanted to ask that, but based on Commissioner Kicklighter's comments and questions, it seems as though these -- this -- this process of going ahead with the search is like you're selling wolf tickets, you know. It's -- it's like you're just using this to hold it over the City of Savannah's head if they don't do something. We're on a -- it's like a threat but at the taxpayers' expense.

Chairman Scott said, no, I -- I think the biggest threat is when you voted nine to zero to terminate the existing contract.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but that was under the -- under the auspices that we were going to get -- develop a new contract.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's why -- if -- if you're referring to why I voted for it.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, oh. Okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- in my opinion I think that was the biggest threat.

Commissioner Shabazz said, 'cause I did vote -- I did vote in favor of discontinuing the existing contract because I thought it had some glitches in it. I -- I thought it had some inconsistencies in it. But I still don't want to see the city and county end that agreement altogether.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, that's -- we're continuing to talk.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, thank -- thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I appreciate you're giving the Commission time to ask these questions. Mr. Manager -- County Manager, I -- I read in the paper all the time we're this close, we're that close, I really, I'm not in the loop of the actual words that have gone back and forth.

County Manager Smith said, sure.

Commissioner Center said, but I wanted to -- and I sometimes tend to oversimplify 'cause I try to simplify it so I can understand it.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, but let me tell you my position and ask you if you would comment on that. From all the workshop and talks we have, it's my understanding that staff feels that the county can police the territory that the county is required to police, the unincorporated area --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, -- paid for by the unincorporated area citizens for \$11 million a year.

County Manager Smith said, 11 to 12 million, right.

Commissioner Center said, and we're paying now if we exist in the relationship or continue with the relationship we now have with the City it's going to be \$15 million a year.

County Manager Smith said, pretty close, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, so there's \$3 to \$4 million a year more. Now I live in the city.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, I'm not an unincorporated person. I represent both sides.

County Manager Smith said, uh-huh.

County Manager Smith said, that we're asking, if we continue the present relationship, we're asking the unincorporated area citizens to pay \$3 to \$4 million more per year than we feel we could police them on our own. Secondly, there's an issue of control, and I personally feel that it's such a sensitive department, and people are human beings that you -- you have better control if someone can be -- can be hired or fired. I personally feel that any agreement with the city that the county ought to have the right -- that the city cannot hire, fire or retain a police chief without written consent.

County Manager Smith said, that's part of what we're negotiating.

Commissioner Center said, that's my personal feeling, and I think living with these people and working with these people for two years, I think the consensus may not be those exact words but along that line. I can't speak for anybody else, and that's what I'm concerned about. I read in the paper today that the city's letter says they're willing to move on the finances, but it seems to me they have to move a pretty good amount to bridge the gap between 11, 12 and 15 million and on the control issue. How do we stand on those? Are you -- are you -- do you feel at liberty to talk about the progress in those?

County Manager Smith said, well to a point because I did make an agreement with the City Manager about -- what I can say is on the control issue, and really I would use the word oversight instead of control, you know, because I think it is -- I apologize, sometimes I use that word in this --

Commissioner Center said, well I'll take the blame for control, oversight.

County Manager Smith said, okay. So let's say oversight. I think it is important that the county or whoever is in this position and then answering to the nine members that the county have say so over who is in that seat, how they're directed, having regular contact. Now I will tell you in my time here with Julie and then with the

most recent chief, I do have contact, 24 hours a day, and that's been relatively good. We've had glitches, but what we are negotiating now is to give us more oversight. We have to have that because if you do not have that oversight, and you do not have the issue of -- and -- and I appreciate you saying one thing, we -- you as a Board and this county legally is only responsible in law enforcement with police is in the unincorporated area. You do not have any legal responsibility or requirement for any citizen of any municipality. We have health and other issues that you do, Cities are responsible for police in their municipality -- geopolitical boundaries. We have it in the unincorporated area. That's not a negative, that's just the law. So what we are trying to do is figure a way that we can marry or partner or merge or contract a service where you meet the legal requirement to provide what is needed to protect the public in the unincorporated area period, at a reasonable cost.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

County Manager Smith said, that sounds -- an oversimplification, but that's what we're trying to get to.

Commissioner Center said, well when you change it into dollars, it's at least three million, and I understand if the SSD doesn't pay for it, I, along with other city residents are going to have to pay for it or somebody's going to have to cut it.

County Manager Smith said, well, here's -- here's the thing on the money. If you look at the fact that we want more service in the unincorporated area, and we hear that, we hear, we want more patrol, then that \$2 or \$3 million gap may close because I may require them to put more officers out there, and if that's the case, you would say to me, go do it, as long as we're within the confines of the budget.

Commissioner Center said, but we would vote on it.

County Manager Smith said, correct. So you see that -- it's -- it's -- so you got to be careful what we say, but -- but you see we're trying to get there. It -- it's -- it -- we -- and we've got to define it, but after two years, you -- we -- our -- it's going to be, and I think the Chairman uses the words evidence-based, and that incorporates call data. Our -- your responsibility -- or you're saying to me, we want more coverage, and if that means 1.1 officers or 1.5 officers per thousand, that may cost more, but you would say we want shorter service times in an area. That may cost more, but you will vote on that extended service and know what the cost is, and you will -- today, I don't know what I'm paying for.

Commissioner Center said, all right. Well also in preparation to speak to a -- a group a couple weeks ago, I boned up --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Center said, -- on the -- on the existing agreement --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, and it says over and over and over in the existing agreement that the county will pay for services delivered in the county; the city will pay for services delivered in the city.

County Manager Smith said, sure.

Commissioner Center said, the county will be responsible; one side will not -- and the city will be responsible; one side will not be responsible for the other side.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, and over the 13, 14 years we've been together, like any agreement, that blurs and becomes mixed, but --

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, -- are we trying to get back to a situation where the county is financially responsible for what happens in the unincorporated area, and the city is responsible for what happens in the city?

County Manager Smith said, yes. You have to do that. Legally you have to do that, and as -- I think as a -- as a Board -- as a -- as a corporation, we have to do that so we can be responsible to the tax payers to know exactly what service are they getting for the dollar they're spending, that they're investing in public safety. Right now I can't -- I can't define that. We are going to define that, and that's what we're really chipping away at.

Commissioner Center said, all right. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess then my question would be the nine compromises that are listed in this letter that the Mayor says have been agreed upon, you're saying that that can't --

County Manager Smith said, not necessarily.

Commissioner Stone said, -- that that can't be.

County Manager Smith said, well there are some things in there that I will tell you that the -- and again, not, you know, I don't want to break any confidence with -- with the -- in this negotiation, but there are some of those items that we are agreeing on, you know, because they do make sense, and there are finer points that we've got to define, but then there are some of the items that have not been agreed upon.

Commissioner Stone said, well that's what's troubling --

County Manager Smith said, the percentages, that's not been agreed upon.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand that, but that's not what's stated in the letter.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct. So it's --

Commissioner Stone said, it says that they have been agreed upon, and that's what's troubling to me.

County Manager Smith said, no. They -- and I'm stating to you, they have not.

Chairman Scott said, we haven't agreed --

Commissioner Stone said, because it --

Chairman Scott said, we haven't agreed to anything.

County Manager Smith said, no.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand that, and that's what's troubling to me that a document like this is sent saying that we've agreed upon certain things that we have not, simply have not --

County Manager Smith said, no.

Commissioner Stone said, -- nor have we been apprised of them.

Chairman Scott said, no, and the City Council hasn't taken a vote on anything, zilch.

Commissioner Stone said, well that's misleading in my book.

Chairman Scott said, oh, I think so too.

Commissioner Stone said, all right. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes, did you have? And then we've got Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Holmes said, I've -- I've -- I've got a copy of the letter that was sent.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Thomas, our Vice Chair.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I -- I just want to say, you know, I -- I'm very troubled about this whole thing because I'm one of the original persons who sits here now on this Commission when the merger first came up, and I was one of the persons that was most adamant in terms of having the merger because I saw what it could do for the total community. The one thing that disturbs me as we go forth now, and we have worked with -- or worked under two other administrations, I think if my number serves me correctly. Am I correct?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, at least.

Commissioner Thomas said, I think at least two, and we were always able to sit down and talk and work out any differences, but when you have two entities such as the city and a county, and we both are trying to do things together, from my perspective, I firmly feel and believe like in any situation we have to have unity of purpose. We must have a voice. We must have input, and we must agree. I don't want one person or one -- or a group of people making the decision for others. If we have a -- a contract to work together, then I think that's what we need to be doing is to work together. So that's what I wanted to say, and I'm hoping and I'm praying that we'll go back to the original times when we first agreed to merge, that we worked very well together, and -- and whatever differences that came about, we were able to do it and do it very diligently for the good of the people. So that's what I'm asking at this point.

Chairman Scott said, all right. And we -- two Commissioners have follow-up questions. Commissioner Shabazz and Commissioner Center, in that order, 5th and 3rd District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the -- this is for the County Manager.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, when you -- you state that there will be savings, and you say approximately 12,000, is that right? I mean, 12 -- 12 million?

County Manager Smith said, you talking about -- oh, you talking about if we stood up our own police department?

Commissioner Shabazz said, 12 million, I'm saying. Yeah.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, after year two or three we would save anywhere from two and a half up to \$3 million.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right, and that's --

Chairman Scott said, two and a half.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but that's a hypothetical, is that right?

County Manager Smith said, no.

Commissioner Thomas said, no.

County Manager Smith said, we've looked at the model --

Commissioner Shabazz said, hold on. Hold on.

County Manager Smith said, and I feel very certain that that is the case.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you looked at what now?

County Manager Smith said, I mean I -- I feel like that -- that we have put the model together and that -- that would be the case.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. So that -- that's a -- that's an estimate.

County Manager Smith said, sure it's an estimate.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Manager Smith said, but I think we will be well within \$2 million.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so, you need to -- you need to really place emphasis on this being a estimate and not the actual cost because you don't know really what it's going to cost, because then you turn around and say it's based on -- it's evidence-based.

County Manager Smith said, well now -- well, no, we were basing ours on actual how many people we would hire --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-mm. Right.

County Manager Smith said, -- in the precincts at so many officers per thousand in the unincorporated area. Our costs were exact. The evidence-based, we do not know what that will be. That's going to be based on how many officers we ask for in the unincorporated area, and also looking at call data in response.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the evidence based is based on --

County Manager Smith said, that is for the merger contract.

Commissioner Shabazz said, after -- after this is --
County Manager Smith said, after the two years.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. After it's already in existence, right.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Manager Smith said, so those are two separate issues. One is our model, separate one is merged.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. So -- so basically you don't really know what the cost is going to be. It's going to be more than that, man. You don't -- you don't know whether it's going to be over 15,000 [sic]. That's just your guess. If I -- if I -- if I say I could build this -- this structure here, you know, I -- it -- I can look at that wall, and tell you, say, well, I think something is behind that wall but until I actually go into that wall, I can't really -- I can't really see what's inside that wall.

County Manager Smith said, but if you look at call data that we've already examined and the fact that we have 95 percent property crime, and you look at the call data that already exists, we've had our experts look at it, and you will pay less than we're paying today.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right, but I just don't want you -- I just don't want the county to go into this expense, and then you have to come into the tax payers and say it's going to be more than what you thought.

County Manager Smith said, I will guarantee you -- I will place my job on the line, you will not. That's a guarantee.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you place your job on the line?

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's pretty firm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I hope you -- I hope you --

County Manager Smith said, I do.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, my family's counting on it. I'm -- I'm with you. That's why you hired me. I'm good.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions?

Commissioner Shabazz said, no, that's it.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center of the 3rd, and since we're on the second round, Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and I'll be -- Mr. Manager, I appreciate your hesitation of getting the lawyers involved, but I -- I -- I've just briefly read the letter, and -- and I've heard --

County Manager Smith said, they earn their money.

Commissioner Center said, -- okay -- and I -- and I -- and I've heard talks that the city wants mediation, but it's just not that simple. Have they talked in any general -- in any explicit terms what kind of mediation? Who will be there? Do they want the whole Commission and the whole Council? Just the Managers? The Chair? Who do they -- have they given you any back --

County Manager Smith said, all I've read is what I've read in the paper for non-binding mediation which to me is negotiation. That means at the end of it, you really don't have anything.

Commissioner Center said, so there's no detailed proposal. Just like Commissioner Shabazz asked you to detail a prediction of how we are going to do this, but --

County Manager Smith said, my office and I believe the attorney's office, we have received nothing as to any detail, and I don't -- and I would -- have spoken to the Chair, I don't think we have received anything.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and -- it -- a public body is different than a private corporation. The Chair can't fire anybody that disagrees with him, and he can't make, you know, you've to -- you've got to get five votes no matter what, and if we're not in participation, then you -- and you have a mediation, you've got to come back and report it. Same thing with the city. That's why I was asking if anybody has -- the Chamber any of these organizations put forth any detail of how this mediation would even be established?

County Manager Smith said, no, sir. No detail.

Commissioner Center said, and you know I do have one particular thing. I'm a member of the Savannah Downtown Neighborhood Association, and the Board voted to have mediation, but the membership has never voted on that, in the Downtown Business Association.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct. That's correct.

Commissioner Center said, I mean -- I mean, excuse me, the Downtown Neighborhood Association. All right. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Briefly, I just want to state that prior to the merger the police budget was around \$4 million for the unincorporated areas. After about three years it went up. It actually doubled, and then it went up to 15 million now. It's gone from 4 million to around 15 million. If as the Manager stated earlier, I -- I would just say that there will be no need to add more police because prior to the merger we had a much larger area. A lot of annexation has taken place since the merger, so they have less area to patrol in the unincorporated areas, and in ad -- in addition, that if we started out with the exact same number of officers that we actually had prior to the merger, and -- that would be more than sufficient because right now we're operating with an unknown number of officers in which I hear from police officers out there, most of them are pulled regularly from the unin -- unincorporated areas to patrol the higher crime rate areas within the city limits. I too almost said that I would resign if -- but I realized your -- your statement was smarter because you actually propose the budget, so, you know.

County Manager Smith said, I'm do or die.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah. I -- I -- I mean I was right there but then I said no, that man actually puts the budget forward.

County Manager Smith said, (inaudible.)

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's right. But --

County Manager Smith said, and my wife's probably texting me right now.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah. I -- you know --

County Manager Smith said, why are you doing that again?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll tell you this, if -- if that man right there sitting in that seat --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and he has to propose a budget for more, I -- I'll walk out the door with him.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but I won't say that about anybody else, but if it's -- if it's -- or if he proposes and one is voted through, there you go. I appreciate it.

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

Commissioner Holmes said, my question is for Mr. Jon Hart.

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, if we go to mediation, anything decided on at that, can it be appealed?

County Attorney Hart said, no --

Commissioner Stone said, it's non-binding.

Commissioner Holmes said, it's non-binding?

County Attorney Hart said, it's -- you don't even have an agreement. You got an agreement to try to agree.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, and mediations in which you've got nine folks on one side and nine folks on the other side that have got to affirm the deal, and if they're going to be there, to say it is cumbersome is an understatement.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. That clear my answer. Not that I'm pushing for mediation, I just want to get point over that's all.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Let me -- let me just clarify a few things. For those of you who may not know, the Mayor and I have lunch together once or twice a month, and it's sort of a standing lunch. It does move on dates based on our calendar, and we talk about a host of things. We had lunch some nine days ago. The entire lunch was taken up with discussion about the police merger. Those nine items in her letter are things that we discussed at lunch. Now one of the points we discussed at lunch that's not in that letter is that after two years we would move to a evidence-based funding formula. No if, no ands, no buts. That's where we would go. Now that's not in the letter, and outside of that, those were points we discussed. Now, I have not been part of -- I've sort of taken myself out of it. I have not been part of the negotiating team. It's been strictly staff on staff, okay? My discussions about it has been left with my conversations that I have with the Mayor and -- and we continue -- and we will continue to have lunch and talk about stuff. Now we -- I was with the Mayor on Tuesday of this week at a function, but we didn't discuss police merger or anything else. Usually that lunch is what we set it aside a couple of hours to sit down and talk about issues.

Chairman Scott said, but let me follow-up on something that the Chair [sic] said, and I want -- I want you all -- I want this to be as clear as a bell, not for you all, because I think you all understand it, but for the audience out there, the county's policing responsibility is to the unincorporated area of Chatham County. We have no responsibility for policing in any municipalities. Our relationship with the City of Savannah as far as policing is the same as it is -- it is with Tybee, Thunderbolt, Bloomingdale, Port Wentworth, Pooler, or Garden City. Vernonburg does not have a police department. Our relationship is the same. We have intergovernmental agreements with all those departments on various issues. Everything from LOST to SPLOST, you name it. We happen to have an additional intergovernmental agreement with the City of Savannah for them to provide police services in the unincorporated area, and this is what this is about. It isn't about policing the City of Savannah. It isn't about crime fighting in the City of Savannah. We have no responsibility for it. This Commission has no responsibility or jurisdiction for it. Period. It's not our responsibility.

Chairman Scott said, now, the other thing that I -- I want you to -- to think about this, and this must be emphasized, what the county does take on, and think about this list. The county funds DFCS, DFCS, the Department of Family and Children's Services. The county funds DFCS. The county funds the Chatham County Health Department. Both of those city -- facilities reside in the City of Savannah. The county funds them 100 percent. Okay? The county is totally responsible for funding inmate incarceration. The county is totally responsible for it until they've gone to trial and they become a ward of the State, and then the county no longer have responsibility for it beyond waiting for the State to pick them up or we transport them to the State. Okay? We fund the Curtis V. Cooper Health Center. In other words, we provide indigent health care for everybody in Chatham County. DFCS is everybody in Chatham County, but I would say the majority of the residents are within the City of Savannah. Same thing with the Chatham County Health Department, okay? Now, we fund the retention center. That's where I left off. We fund the District Attorney's office. We fund the Public Defender's office for inmates whether they're -- are in the City of Savannah or Pooler or Bloomingdale, the Public Defender's office is funded by Chatham County 100 percent, regardless of where they're at, except for what little state funding they get. The District Attorney's office, she has a handful of state-funded assistant DAs, and she has a mandate state salary that the state pays. We supplement her salary, and we have county-paid assistant DAs in her office that's funded 100 percent by the county. That's the DAs office.

Chairman Scott said, we fund the court system. The Superior Court we fund. He has a mandate salary that's funded by the state. We supplement that, and we pay for all his clerks and everything else, admins, secretaries, you name it. Okay? The same is true with State Court. The same is true with Probate Court. The same is true with Magistrate's Court, and then we fund 48 percent -- 48 percent of the Recorder's Court currently, because we have not settled a new contract on Recorder's Court, okay? And we administer the SPLOST program, the funding. We distribute it to the various municipalities. And we maintain -- not maintain but we build certain facilities within the City of Savannah. We are the -- partnering with the state to the widening of Bay Street, okay? We're doing a drop off facility in the City of Savannah for the soccer field. We funded the soccer field complex. Not the city, it's in the city limits. Lake Mayer is a county-funded and maintained project within the city limits. The city owns a golf course, Bacon Park. The county has one that it maintains and funds, the Henderson Golf Course, and the list goes on. And we partner with the Department of Transportation on 90 percent of all projects, road projects that happens in this county. When you add that up, you have exhausted 80 to 82 percent of the total county budget, of the total county budget, okay?

Chairman Scott said, now, we only collect money for police services in the unincorporated area. We do not collect a dime from the citizens in the City of Savannah or Pooler or any place else for police services. Now all those other things I just mentioned are general funds, and yes we collect taxes from the City of Savannah, Pooler, Bloomingdale, Garden City, Port Wentworth, Thunderbolt, Tybee and everything else, for funding the health department, indigent health care, to some extent the Public Defender's office, the judicial and the retention center. Those are the things that we collect money from from the City of Savannah. We do not collect money from police services nor do we have any responsibility for police services within the City of Savannah. Yes, your District resides some of you within the City of Savannah, and you certainly have a right as representing 12 and a half percent of the population to voice your opinion about the police merger or anything else. I see my role is taking all eight opinions and somehow figuring out what is best for the total county. But even in doing that, I've got to keep in mind that my responsibility is policing the unincorporated area. It's not policing Savannah.

Chairman Scott said, now, if I was responsible for policing Savannah, there would be a lot more policemen on the street of Savannah because I think they are understaffed. I would also tell you that I'm going on three years in office, and I would have already audit the police department at least once, and I would have also tell you that the police department would be on a zero-based budgeting, and the highest priority in that department would be putting policemen on the street. Okay? Now that's the position I would take if I was responsible for it. I'm not responsible for it. I only voice my opinion on those matters to the Mayor. She can do whatever she wants with them. I -- I have -- I have no influence over her, and she none over me, and that's the difference in the roles of government. Now the County Commission is a Constitutional creature. It's created -- it's within the Constitution. The cities, all of them, are legislative creatures. Their charters can be amended or abolished by the state legislature without any vote of anybody, and I wanted to just make it clear so when the people who call me and ask me about supporting the merger, I get very few calls from the unincorporated area. Most of my calls are from the City of Savannah, and this is the conversation I have with them when they call me. I don't have responsibilities for policing anything in the City of Savannah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if -- if I may off of that too. I think that was excellent. Nor -- nor do we have the ability through the current agreement to even influence the levels of policing within the City of Savannah.

Chairman Scott said, we have -- we have absolutely, positively no authority. We -- we don't under the old agreement, and we won't under the new agreement.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and -- and --

Chairman Scott said, and -- and this is the only reason -- this is the only reason that I'm not just totally committed -- totally committed to being able to fire the chief. Now, that might be a nice thing to do, but I'm not totally committed to wanting that authority, but what I am totally committed to is that we can have what I refer to as a population, land mass based funding, and I call it land mass, marsh based funding formula. Now if I -- I want nothing but the best for the City of Savannah. If there's something that I can assist them with in fighting crime that's not part of the unincorporated budget, I would certainly encourage you Commissioners to adopt it, but as far as the policing, our responsibility is in fact to the unincorporated area, and it -- it is not with the City of Savannah. It doesn't matter if we live in the City of Savannah. It doesn't matter if our District is 100 percent in the City of Savannah. You have no responsibility for policing in the City of Savannah, zilch, and that's all I'll say about it. The bullets in the letter was not a surprise to me because they were things that the Mayor and I discussed at lunch. What is surprising to me is that when I have a letter hand-delivered to me at 4:30 in the evening, and I get a call from one of the television stations or the morning news to ask me to comment on it, I left the office, I haven't even seen the letter to comment on it. It's given to the press the time it's given to me. So I can't respond to it, and I don't respond to it. So, when you see things written in the paper or on the air that I haven't responded to, it's because I choose not to respond to it because I'm not part of the negotiation, and until the County Manager come to me and says I think we can live -- as a Manager, I think we can live with this, then I'm willing to come try to sell it to you guys as a good deal, and then you can vote it up or down. But that's -- that's the process.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if -- if I may. I think you did an excellent job. I just want to help further on what you said explain. When you were saying we fund, we fund, we fund, DFCS, Health Department, inmate, Sheriffs, we means we, all of us throughout Chatham County.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's the entire county funds all those projects.

Chairman Scott said, that's -- that's the -- that's the 283,379 citizens.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. And that includes even major canal work and everything.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we, we being the entire county, and when -- when the Chairman actually said police services, it -- that -- that was never a Chatham County police department, which is the big misleading factor in all this. Each city pay -- people in the cities, they pay a tax for their police services. The unincorporated

area residents pay a tax for their police services, and that's it in a nutshell. This was never a county and city joining of police forces. This is simply basically two cities that one of them up to this point just hired services, and -- and that's it in a nutshell, and thank you Chairman for the great explanation because we are up against a media machine that hands off a paper to -- to the media right when they deliver it to you, and it -- it's great that -- anytime we can put a little explanation out there of what -- what actually the facts are, and that is the fact in which you stated, so thank you.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, and -- and I -- I offer no criticism about that if that's the way you want to do business. It's just not the way I do business.

Commissioner Center said, we don't need executive session, do we?

Chairman Scott said, no, we do not need an executive session. If there's nothing else in terms of information --

Commissioner Farrell said, how about the appointments on the zoning board of appeals?

Chairman Scott said, we don't -- we don't have but -- no, we don't have any --

County Manager Smith said, the 24th. We've got them for the 24th Janice just said.

Chairman Scott said, the 24th. At the next meeting --

County Manager Smith said, next meeting.

Chairman Scott said, -- is when we'll take up the appointments. Okay?

Commissioner Farrell said, yes, sir.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Scott said, if there's nothing else for the good of the Commission, we stand adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2015.

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