

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Albert J. Scott called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 12, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. I will ask that you be seated and remain seated until such time as our devotional leader indicate it's time for prayer. At that time I would ask that you re-stand and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by our Commission Pro Tem from -- Commissioner Stone from the 1st District.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will recognize the Commissioner from the 2nd District, Commissioner Holmes, for the purpose of introducing our devotional leader.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and good morning to all.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Commissioner Holmes said, it is indeed a pleasure, a honor, and most of all, to listen in audience today. The young man that's going to bring our word of comfort, peace and concern is a good, dear friend of mine from the 2nd District. I've often passed by that church, and before I entered that church, I always said the congestion of the cars always going to and forth. So one Sunday I decide to stick my head in the door, and when I went in, the leader of that church greeted me, and that's been some time ago, and that day to this day, him and I have grown as good leaders in the 2nd District. I'm going to give you a little history on this young man. Reverend Nelson is originally from California. He's retired from the U.S. Army. He has been the pastor of Holy Lutheran's Church for the past 15 years. It seems as though he's been there for 30 years, that's just how much work he have done. He's the president of the Savannah IMA for eight years. He graduated from St. Mary's where he received his BA in management. But what really stand out for me, all these things that he have accomplished is how he work in the community, his concern for people in the community, not only his church members. And hosting so many meetings at his church. His doors are always open to that neighborhood, to the eastside, and to many people. So with no further adieu, I'd like to introduce to you my friend, Reverend Nelson of the Lutheran church. Thank you. [Applause.]

Reverend W. James Nelson said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Reverend Nelson said, Commissioner Holmes, I have to say, I didn't know all of that. That sounds pretty good to me.

Commissioner Holmes said, you earned it.

Reverend Nelson said, thank you. Good morning Chairman Scott and you other Commission, it is a joy to be here this morning, and I didn't know all this was happen -- happening with these young peoples being honored this morning, but I did come to prepare, and I -- I want to speak on a -- a couple of things, and I want all of you to think about this, just -- just -- just use this as a thought today. That's what I do, and that way I'm going to include the young peoples. They can also use this too. And I'm going to call it, It is a sin. It is a sin. Listen to this. Is it a sin to play cards -- play the lottery; to play cards; to gamble; go to a casino; to drink wine; to drink beer; to drink strong drinks of liquor; to dance; to party; to over eat; to smoke cigarettes, pipes or cigars; to smoke marijuana; to wear make up, womens especially; to listen to songs, (inaudible) and music; to go to a movie or go to a live show? Is it a sin? Don't answer me that. Don't answer right now but think about it throughout the day, and I'd like for the young people to think also about what I just have said. So let us pray.

Reverend Nelson gave the invocation as follows:

Dear God, as we look upon a season of many gatherings, we ask your blessing upon you -- us, and upon this gathering. As we now share with each other on this beautiful day, help us to use our time wisely as we quote -- cope with all the many detail of day to day living. In all that we do we hope and pray that we are doing the right thing. And Father as we come together this morning, we ask for peace and joy. Look upon this Commission with joy, and open their hearts and open their mind and let them know that

everything going to be all right because your presence is always in the midst. And as we celebrate this day for these young peoples, we hope Father that you strengthen them and guide them and just be a blessing to them and be a blessing to their families and their loved one. And we just thank you for who you are because you made each one of us in your image and you love us so much that you showed us what you can do and how you can do it. So we pray that we continue to strengthen each one -- one another, and we pray that we come together as a body in unity and a Commission for we can reach out and just touch some more peoples we need to touch. But most of all we thank you, and we ask this in your name, Your Holy name. Amen.

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

Reverend Nelson said, thank you.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott presented Reverend W. James Nelson with a Certificate of Appreciation for his devotion and invocation.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

County Manager Lee Smith said, Mr. Chairman, if I could, the Chief did send a text a while ago, and he apologizes for not being here this morning. We had the funeral this morning of Officer Morgan who passed away recently. So he sends his apologizes for not being here this morning.

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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
Lori L. Brady, District Six
Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

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

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will introduce our Vice Chair, Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, from the 8th District for the purpose of introducing --

Commissioner Thomas said, thank --

Chairman Scott said, I will say the leaders of the Youth Council who are assembled at the table. I didn't say introduce members of the Youth Commission because you would -- you'd be here a while.

Commissioner Thomas said, I'll be here all morning.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Yeah.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we'll do that later.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Thank you. Good morning. We're delighted to have with us today Mr. Abdallah -- Mohammed Abdallah. He is the Chairperson. He tends -- he attends Woodville-Tompkins. Lindsey Mitchell, the Vice Chair-Elect, a student at Windsor Forest; and Jamilah Hilliard, Parliamentarian-Elect, Savannah Christian. Welcome. Feel free to ask any questions that you may want to ask during the discussions, okay?

Youth Commissioner Mohammed Abdallah said, good morning.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Youth Commissioner Abdallah said, first of all thank you for being here, and thank you for doing what you do. Dr. Thomas, thank you for founding the Youth Commission. You've done such a great job. Commissioner Al Scott and Commissioners, the hard work and dedication that you do with your job, it's really a great inspiration for me and all the other Youth Commissioners. So thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. RECOGNITION OF CAMERON CHASTAIN OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARK SERVICES ON RECEIVING THE "KATHRYN HALL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE" AWARD DURING THE 2015 SAFE KIDS SAVANNAH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON.

Chairman Scott said, today we have some recognitions we'd like to make. One we have one of our employees to have received an honor and -- and this is Cameron Chastain of Public Works and Park Services on receiving the Kathryn Hall Distinguished Service Award during the 2015 Safe Kids Savannah Annual Awards luncheon. And at this time I'm going to recognize our Assistant Director of Public Works and Park Service for further comments.

Mr. Steve Proper said, thank you Chairman and thank you Commissioners. I'd like to recognize many of our staff that helps that's in partnership with Safe Kids of Savannah, including Cameron and the staff at the Aquatic Center. Safe Kids Savannah is a local coalition of organizations and concerned individuals with a common goal preventing accidental childhood injuries and death. Safe Kids Savannah is a member of Safe -- Safe Kids Worldwide, a network of over 600 coalitions, including Safe Kids of Georgia.

Mr. Proper said, Cameron Chastain is right here. He's a very distinguished staff member of -- of -- of Chatham County Park Services. He's -- he's the recreation supervisor, and he has partnered with Safe Kids of Savannah. He is the sports and recreation safety commission chairperson for Safe Kids of Savannah. He's also been the organizer for the last few years of the Safe Kids Triathlon, which is -- which gives me a segway to go into the Aquatic Center because the Aquatic Center helps in that and -- and its -- and it hosts -- hosts that event, which has grown throughout the years. Its' a -- it's a great -- great event, triathlon. It's mini -- just like the regular triathlon, but it's mini and it fits the kids, so we do it at Lake Mayer and we do it at the Aquatic Center.

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2. RECOGNITION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER ON RECEIVING THE "OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION" AWARD DURING THE 2015 SAFE KIDS SAVANNAH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON.

Mr. Proper said, Chatham County's Aquatic Center has won the Safe -- Safe Kids Savannah Outstanding Organizational award. Misty Self, the facility manager at the Aquatic Center, Misty, and her staff has done a

remarkable job with -- with helping Safe Kids put on these events. They host a -- a Savannah Kids Triathlon, like I said, and also her program coordinator, Mary Ryan Amar, she serves as the Safe Kids Savannah Chairperson. Misty also serves as the water safety committee -- committee chairperson, so we are intricately involved with the Safe Kids of Savannah, and -- and they do very good work. They hold forums. They give -- they give safety equipment and education to organizations so we can keep our kids safe in -- in the coastal empire. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and thank you so much for bringing them here. Earlier in the room, Commissioner Center of the 3rd District asked who was Kathryn Hall, and she's one of the original founders of Safe Kids.

Mr. Proper said, correct. Correct.

Chairman Scott said, and this is the highest award you can get as far as the Safe Kids program is concerned. And on behalf of all the Commission, Cameron, we salute you and just want you to know that we sincerely appreciate your service and your representation of Chatham County.

Mr. Cameron Chastain said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and I'd also like to just say to the staff that's represented here of the Aquatic Center that you too is perceived as the face of Chatham County when the kids are in that Aquatic Center, and we appreciate everything that you do and we just encourage you to keep up the good work.

Ms. Misty Self said, it's our pleasure. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and -- Cameron, you have anything you want to say?

Mr. Chastain said, no. I'm -- I'm good.

Chairman Scott said, you're good?

Mr. Chastain said, I'm good.

Mr. Proper said, give a speech.

Mr. Chastain said, thank you and appreciate being here. So.

Commissioner Center said, congratulations.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank y'all.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. [Applause.]

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3. PRESENTATION ON NEW ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT BY HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION. DANIEL G. CARY, PRESIDENT AND CEO, WILL BE PRESENT.

Chairman Scott said, the next item, we -- we had a request from Historic Savannah Foundation to address the Commission, and at this time I'm going to ask that Daniel Cary, the president and CEO of the Historic Savannah Foundation, if he would come up. He -- he wanted to talk to us about the economic impact report by the Historic Savannah Foundation. And Daniel, it's a pleasure to see you and welcome.

Mr. Daniel Cary said, thank you, Chairman Scott. Good morning Commissioners. Pleasure to be here because I have good news to share with you. I hope that it will be a tool that -- that the county can use to both retain and attract business in Chatham County. And so if -- if I could get a little assistance, I'd love to be able to distribute this report to you all. There's I think enough for everyone. Thank you.

Mr. Cary said, while we're doing that, and I'll be brief and to the point. The motivation for Historic Savannah Foundation undertaking this study was to I think remind this community of the obvious, and that's the importance of historic preservation. Not just to our quality of life here in Savannah and Chatham County but in fact to our economy, and so much goes into identifying and restoring and maintaining historic buildings that we sometimes appreciate the product, but we don't always understand or appreciate the process of what goes into that, and it's so much investment, and it's investment that is spread throughout the community in terms of materials and professionals, like architects and engineers and contractors, and then the benefits of all that investment come back in the form of sales tax and property tax and -- and stable property values, and so we -- we thought it was important to quantify all that. I think we can all appreciate living in a beautiful, historic place as we do, that we -- that we enjoy those results, but we thought it was important to underscore the real value, and so we've quantified that, and it's pretty easy to read.

Mr. Cary said, there's an executive summary up front. There's some easy to follow recommendations at the end, and I think our bottom line would be that if things are good in Savannah and Chatham County, and I think they are, they're even better in the historic districts. So maybe the encouragement would be to keep designating historic districts and keep investing in historic districts, because what you'll find there is that those property values are a little bit better. The foreclosure rates are lower, and there are real incremental benefits -- financial benefits to the city and the county. So, again, it's 60 pages or so, but it's full of pictures and charts and easy to follow. Again, I -- I made them write it so that I could understand it. So I hope that you can use this, and -- and it would support, again, what the -- what the county does in terms of both recognizing the value of preservation, but also helping us retain and attract good business in our community, 'cause that's where people want to live, and that's in historic districts.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mr. Cary said, any questions? Or if we can do follow-up. I -- I think you all have received an invitation to a -- a -- an event that Historic Savannah Foundation is hosting Thursday, June 18th, from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Creative Coast over on Boundary, and we're going to just redistribute the report, have a chance to mingle, but there will be city and county officials there I hope, and a lot of other sort of VIPs from around the community and community leaders, and we hope you can join us.

Chairman Scott said, Daniel, thank you, and we appreciate the Historic Savannah Foundation, and -- and I -- when you were talking, you were talking about your tour of the Mother -- the Mother Beasley park, when you and I spoke.

Mr. Cary said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, and you had some very positive comments about that, and -- and we really appreciate that. And Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, Cary --

Mr. Cary said, Coach.

Commissioner Holmes said, I've been watching you for many, many years. I remember when these houses was being restored, I got mad because I didn't want this one to be restored, but as I learned more about your work and what you was doing and what it was standing for, I jumped on board with full pledge and support so the good work that you're doing, keep it up, and you always got my support.

Mr. Cary said, thank you so much.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you.

Mr. Cary said, and -- and I would just return the favor and thank you all again and remind you for the support that you lent to Historic Savannah Foundation when we hosted the National Preservation Conference last fall. The county was very generous in supporting the opening reception which is where everyone comes together and networks and may be the most important event within that conference, and -- and we're deeply grateful for the support you provided.

Chairman Scott said, you're welcome. Thank you. Thank you so much.

Mr. Cary said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions? Thank you, Daniel.

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4. GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION CLASS OF 2015.

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'm going to call on one of our dedicated county employees and our longest serving member of the County Commission to come forward and -- because the next item is why you see so many adults in the audience today. I think they're here, Reverend Nelson, in support of all these folks you see to -- to my left, and at this time, it's the graduation ceremony of the -- for the Chatham County Youth Commission Class of 2015. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, in case you don't recognize him with that get up on, that's actually Van Johnson, who is a dedicated county employee who also serve us well on City Council. Van.

Mr. Van Johnson said, thank you, sir. Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Ladies and Gentlemen of this Honorable Commission. It is with great pleasure that we gather here this morning during the sixth month of the year for a right of passage that we have observed annually now for the past 23 some odd years to celebrate the accomplishment of eighteen very special young people. Young people who have gone above and beyond their

peers, and I'm referring to the Chatham County Youth Commission class of 2015. Interestingly enough as Mr. Cary just eluded to, today we celebrate the product. We celebrate product from your process, and in a time where negative actions of a few young people have dominated our news feeds, we have consciously chosen to articulate the positive, as Johnny Mercer would say, in our community. Young people working hard, sacrificing, serving, and achieving, and as you are familiar, these young people have distinguished themselves over the past nine months. As you remember in March they were invited to the White House where they talked to members of President Obama's intergovernmental affairs team about youth programs, youth services, and youth initiatives right here in Chatham County, and as you know, last month, as you hosted County Commissioners from across Georgia during the Association of County Commissioners conference in April, the Chatham County Youth Commission made history by hosting 70 young people from Fulton County, Macon-Bibb County, and Dougherty County right here for the first ever ACCG Youth Caucus.

Mr. Johnson said, and we were excited to partner with the Rotary Club of East Savannah to form one of the county's first interact clubs. So these young people are in effect Rotarians or so to speak. Through their collective efforts, these young people have earned more than 6,000 hours of community service in a little over nine months. That's something that we should be clapping about today. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, thank you. Thank you. Thank you for making these young people a priority. Thank you for interacting with them. Thank you for taking the time to get to know them. Thank you for making them not feel that they are a bother or an intrusion on -- on your precious time. Thank you for patiently listening and patiently answering their questions, and all of you have done that, and I thank you so much for doing that. I thank you for your continuing support of this 23-year experiment here in Chatham County. I thank Dr. Thomas for her vision, for what is a vision without a visionary? She is our mentor. She is our shero, and she still asserts herself quite regularly, and we appreciate her for being just who she is, and we thank her so much for that. Let's show some love for our founder. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, and certainly our County Manager, Mr. Lee Smith; my director, Mrs. Carolyn Smalls; all of our county department heads, and this wonderful team that works with me to include Debra Allen, Marilyn Rodriguez, Octavia Brown, Ms. Leigh Herald, Ms. Linda Polite-Gordon, Ms. Lama Niam (phonetic), and of course, Mr. Pete Nichols, and the newest member of our team, Ms. Katrina Suarez (phonetic). And we want to thank our partners in progress, and there are a variety of them. We thank those principals and those teachers who interact with us and work with us. They let us know if the young people are falling off, and we get involved. We're part of that village that helps to engage these young people on a variety of levels. And sometimes they do fall off, but they get right back in place again, and we thank them for that. We also thank these parents, these grandparents, aunts, uncles of these fine young people. We've cried with them during the bad times, and -- and we've celebrated with them during the good times, and we thank them because they allowed us to challenge their young people. They allowed us to make their young people mad, sometimes very mad at us, very, very mad at us sometimes, but they also allowed them -- allowed us to help them to grow, to allow them to face their fears, to allow them to aspire and allow them to dream, and so we would like to ask all of our parents and family members of our young people to please take a moment to stand. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, that was kind of weak. Can y'all do that better than that? [Cheers and applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, and certainly to -- to -- to my children, who are not children anymore, and they've reminded me. I offer just a few famous words from a very famous author, and the verse says, that you'll get mixed up, of course, as you already know. You'll get mixed up with many strange birds as you go. So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact and remember that life is a great balancing act. Just never forget to be dexterous and deft and never mix up your left foot -- your right foot with your left. The second is you have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know, and you are the one who will decide where to go. And finally, you're off to great places. Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting so get on your way.

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Chairman, would you also join us down here as we present our graduates? Some have waited three and four years for this moment. So.

Chairman Scott said, I would also like the County Manager to join us down here, please.

Mr. Johnson said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, Lee.

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Mr. Johnson said, okay. Our first graduate is Gabrielle James. She served two terms. She graduated from Savannah Arts Academy, and she will be attending Southeastern University. We ask her parents to come up as well. [Applause.] And all the little ones can come up too. There's a bunch of them. Former Youth Commissioners -- I mean present Youth Commissioners.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Johnson said, Simone Greene served three terms with us, and she graduated from Savannah Arts Academy, and she will be attending Kennesaw State University. [Applause.]

Youth Commissioner Abdallah said, you said Savannah Arts.

Mr. Johnson said, oh, I'm sorry. St. Vincent's Academy. Ryan Pacheco served two years with us. He graduated from Savannah Early College, and he -- it says on his hat that he will be attending Mississippi State. [Applause.] Kendyl Parker graduated and -- and -- and left soon after graduation. She has moved to Nashville, but she graduated from Savannah Christian, and she will be going to the University of Georgia, but we wanted to recognize her anyway. Let's give her a round of applause. [Applause.] Dominique Bolds graduated from Memorial Day School. She is in her first term. She I understand is on a cruise somewhere. I can't understand why she would be on a cruise, but she will be going to the college by the sea, Savannah State University. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Martyshia Brown is a two -- second year Youth Commissioner. She graduated from New Hampstead, and she will also be attending Savannah State. [Applause.] Moryce Brown is a one term Youth Commissioner. She graduated from Jenkins High School. She will be going to Savannah State. I understand she just got back from a cruise, and she is not here. That's not good. I mean I need to go on a cruise. Let's give her a round of applause anyway. [Applause.] Destiny Craig-Mojica graduated from Savannah Early College. She is a second year Youth Commissioner, and she will be attending Valdosta State University. [Applause.] Philip Dove is a first term Youth Commissioner. He graduated from Bethesda Academy, and he will be staying right here attending the Savannah College of Art and Design. [Applause.] Follow your son, Mrs. Dove.

Mr. Johnson said, probably our tallest Youth Commissioner was Jesse Green who grad -- who -- who was a -- a second year Youth Commissioner. He graduated from Beach High School, the Chairman's alma mater, and he will be attending West Virginia University. [Applause.] Monica Green is a second year Youth Commissioner. She graduated from Johnson High School. She's going to East Georgia and could not come today because she is working, which is always a good thing. So let's give her a round of applause. [Applause.] Malena Hall is a second year Youth Commissioner. She graduated from Beach High School, and she will be going to Savannah State. [Applause.] JeQuan Hatcher is a second year Youth Commissioner. He graduated from Benedictine, and he will be going to Georgia Southern University. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Chance Jackson graduated from Benedictine as well. He's a second term Youth Commissioner, and he will be playing football at Stetson. [Applause.] And I believe, Commissioner Kicklighter, he has a -- a -- he has a state championship under his belt.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Johnson said, Keona Payne is a second year Youth Commissioner. She graduated from Windsor Forest, and she will be attending Albany State University. [Applause.] Kayla Smokes is one of my three term Youth Commissioners. She graduated from St. Vincent's Academy, and she will be attending Columbia -- Columbus State University. [Applause.]

County Manager Smith said, I have to make this comment.

Mr. Johnson said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, when you guys are up here on week nights, they are never this quiet.

Mr. Johnson said, exactly. They're being dignified right now. Mr. Manager, give us a couple of minutes upstairs, and you'll hear them. Ms. Breanna Swain is a one term Youth Commissioner. She graduated from Memorial Day School, and she will be attending Savannah State University. [Applause.] And last but not least Ms. Tanardjah Washington. She graduated from Savannah Early College, and she will be attending Clark Atlanta University. [Applause.]

Commissioner Shabazz said, AU.

Mr. Johnson said, okay. She's going to Savannah State.

Commissioner Shabazz said, SSU.

Mr. Johnson said, we would be them at football anyway, so.

Commissioner Shabazz said, go Tigers. Yes, sir.

Mr. Johnson said, ladies and gentlemen, let's give a big round of applause to the 2015 class of the Chatham County Youth Commission. [Applause.] You may all have a seat.

Commissioner Thomas said, while everyone is trying to get back to their seats, protocol has been established, but I would be remiss if I didn't say a few words. First of all, I'd like to thank the Commissioners for your support. I cannot say enough for Mr. Van Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem, and all the other accolades that he has. When I was looking for someone to assist me because we have two Chatham County youth initiatives, that is the Chatham County Youth Commission and the Summer Bonanza youth group. When I asked Mayor Pro Tem Johnson if he would consider serving as the director of -- of this group, he said he certainly would do that, and I just want

you to know that he has done a yeoman's job. The extra work that this man puts in outside of his required time, I mean, you cannot measure it, and he doesn't get paid for this extra time. It is time consuming. Every week there is something. So I just want to say here today on behalf of the Chatham County Commissioners, myself, and everyone's connected to the Youth Commission, we thank you so very much for your diligence and for your great leadership. Without your leadership, we could not see this day, and we hope that you will continue to serve in that capacity, and that one -- one day I'm hoping that we will be able to do something special for you. Okay? All right? [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, thanks to the parents, without your support -- and I want to say lastly to these young people, while you will not be here with us, our eyes and ears will be on you 24 hours to make sure that you are engaged as if you were here in Chatham County, okay? All right. Just want to put you on notice. So don't think that you're getting away with -- oooh, this is a good time now, we are finished. No, you will never be finished. Okay? All right. Thank you all so much. Great job. Have a wonderful summer. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, thank you so much. Thank you. Y'all show some love for our founder. [Cheers and applause.] Mr. Chairman, she meant when she told me that I was going to run the Chatham County Youth Commissioner. I don't -- I don't think it was ever formed in a question. It was formed as you will do this, now, today, and it's been 20 years this year that I celebrate being with the Chatham County Youth Commission. Wanted to introduce our Vice Chair, Ms. Gabrielle James. [Applause.]

Youth Commissioner Gabrielle James said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Youth Commissioner James said, to Chairman Scott, Vice Chairman Dr. Thomas, and all the Commissioners in their respective places, Mr. Johnson, Youth Commissioners, and our family and friends. How do we measure the time we've spent in high school? In the beginning we measured it in class periods, counting down the days to eventual freedom. As the days and weeks passed, we measured it in semesters, and then later years we moved from being those clueless freshman who weren't allowed on Youth Commission yet to becoming sophisticated sophomores who thought they had it all figured out. By the time we reached our junior year, we were confident that we were prepared to take over the school as graduating seniors, and we couldn't wait to rule the school, and now here we stand. Our rule is over and it's up to the next class to step into our shoes and take over. I know that as I stand before all of you, I will measure my time here in a much different way. I will measure it in all the friendships and memories that I've enjoyed these last two terms, like when we were in annual trip in New York and had Nafia and Breanna gospel choir, a/k/a the bootleg Mary, Mary; our officer trip to Texas for National League of Cities. I won't go into detail about that one. Or when we had the all white party on the boat and Malena blew everyone away with her jiggling abilities. Those are just a few of the countless memories that we share together.

Ms. James said, we stand here today on the precipice of our future. It's not a distance reality anymore. It begins here and it begins today. We joined the Youth Commission as children, but we're leaving here as young adults. We've completed many, many challenges and gained strong leadership skills that will serve as the platform that we use to launch ourselves into our futures. Each of us will travel our own path. No matter where we go or what we do there are going to be challenges ahead of us. What I'm asking from each of you and from myself is to meet those challenges straight on with your head held high and your heart wide open. It's not enough to simply try to get by in life. That doesn't move the world forward. You must do your absolute best to excel in everything that you do. Strive for excellence in every task, large or small. Although it may not be easy to see, every accomplishment that you achieve is added to the world's book of accomplishments. Your individual successes benefit society as a whole because when you succeed, you lighten the burden on your neighbor. When you succeed you are in a position to give rather than to take.

Ms. James said, by becoming a Youth Commissioner, you've joined the pact. You've made it known to the world that you refuse to be average. You will exceed expectations. You will not conform to the negative ways of today's society, and most of all, you will be outstanding, uplifting, encouraging, strong-minded leaders. You will live your life by the seven core values, being respectful, achieving success, being influential, living with integrity, and being the best leader that this world will ever see. I thank my fellow Youth Commissioners for entrusting me to be one of their leaders. I thank Dr. Thomas for seeing something great inside of me that I could not see.

Mr. Johnson said, stop crying.

Ms. James said, I'm trying. I'm trying.

Commissioner Thomas said, it's okay.

Ms. James said, sorry.

Commissioner Thomas said, it's okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, go ahead.

Commissioner Thomas said, it's okay, Gabrielle.

Ms. James said, I thank Mr. Johnson for nurturing my potential greatness and for keeping it real with me even when I didn't want to hear it, and I want to thank my family for being my personal cheerleading team, taxi service, and strength in the time of storm. As I prepare to close, CCYC class of 2016, be greater than the class of '15 could have ever been. Step up to the plate and never back down. I have tremendous faith in all of you. You have all become my brothers and sisters and I know that all of you will be -- you all have something great deep down inside of you waiting to come out. When I was younger I had been told that I dreamed too big, that someone of my kind could never do anything great, but I stand here today proving all my doubters wrong.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's right.

Ms. James said, I had to realize for myself that God saves his toughest battles for his strongest fighters, that no weapon formed against me shall prosper, and greater is He that is within me than he that is in the world. Keep your head held high, keep your faith strong, and never forget who you are. Our tassels have been turned, a new chapter has been opened, and a new day is ahead of us. Class of 2015 go forward and grow larger, and don't forget to work that jive out. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, we -- we have a no crying rule, and she broke it, so you're fined \$20 for -- for crying. Ms. Simone Green.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's really tough to follow right there.

Youth Commissioner Simone Green said, good morning.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, good morning.

Ms. Green said, the Beverly M. Whitehead award is named in honor of Chatham County's first Human Resource Director, who passed away in 1998. This award recognize organization and/or individuals who have provided exceptional service to youth through Chatham County Youth Commission. Our first recipient has used her time back in her home town of Savannah to be an inspiration to many students, including those of the Chatham County Youth Commission. Through her efforts, we were fortunate to have a public relations class at Savannah State University, spent an entire semester examining the Chatham County Youth Commission brand, and we are proud to announce a new look, a new brand, a new logo, and a new website that you will see later this year. It is my pleasure to present the 2015 Beverly M. Whitehead Award to Professor Tasha Fox of Savannah State University Journalism and Mass Communication program. [Applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Pacheco.

Youth Commissioner Ryan Pacheco said, good morning. Our second recipient is one of the unsung heros of the Chatham County Youth Commission. She has been there whenever we have needed her. Even though she's a busy wife, mother, grandmother, she has traveled with us, especially on the Houston trip. She has been chaperoning us, and she has supported us for years even though our -- her -- her own daughter graduated in 2013. We love her and appreciate her for all she has done for us. It is my pleasure to present the 2015 Beverly M. Whitehead Award to the CCYC mom, Ms. Linda Polite. [Cheers and applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, no crying.

Youth Commissioner Phillip Dove said, good morning. The Brandon Brown Youth Commissioner of the Year Award is named in honor of a young man who exemplified the core values of Youth Commission. When Brandon passed away in 2004 at the age of 21, his passing left a void that still exists today. This award is presented to the Youth Commissioner who during the year has exhibited the six core values of the Youth Commission, respect, success, influence, integrity, and leadership. This year's recipient is a first year Youth Commissioner, but you would not know it seeing him in action. He worked hard and has definitely made an impression on his fellow Youth Commissioners. We can count on him to be present at almost every Youth Commission function. We can count on him to have great attendant [sic]. We can count on him to ask great questions and to take extensive notes. In March while we were meeting at the White House, he has also declared that he -- that in 2033, he will be the President of the United States. It is my pleasure to present the 2015 Brandon Brown Youth Commissioner of the Year Award to Nicholas Williams. [Cheers and applause.]

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you all so much for your time, and it's always good to know a President of the United States, so in 2033, I might need a job from Mr. Williams. And I believe his parents are here, if they would stand, Mr. and Mrs. Williams. [Applause.] Thank you all so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Van.

Chairman Scott said, again, congratulations to all of you. And to all the parents, thank you for your support during this Youth Commission activities. I know some of you probably had sleepless nights when they were out of town, but we really appreciate your continued support. Thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MILLAGE LEVY PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 18, 2015 AT 9:30 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M. AND ON JUNE 26, 2015 AT 9:30 A.M.

Chairman Scott said, the next item is under Chairman's Items, and we really want to make sure that the public knows and remind members of the Commission that we have a public millage levy hearing scheduled for June 18th, 2015. The morning hearing will be at 9:30 a.m. in this room and then we'll have an evening hearing at 6:00 o'clock p.m. also in this room, and we will have a third hearing on June 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. also in this room.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

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

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. I would just like to go on record to say that I will be out of town on county business on the 18th, so I will miss those two public hearings.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, I'd like to also echo at 9:30? I have an 11:00 o'clock. That's going to be pushing, so we'll -- I'll see how it goes.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. You -- you should be in good shape.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, and -- okay.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

1. POLICE MERGER FRAMEWORK (COMMISSIONER FARRELL)

Chairman Scott said, the next -- the next item on the agenda, I'm going to recognize Commissioner Pat Farrell who wanted to make some further comments on the police merger framework. Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Three weeks ago this Board and our corresponding Board on the City Council agreed to enter into a framework to extend the police merger agreement. There were some items that I would like some more information about as we work towards a mutually agreeable merger terms. The first one and probably the foremost one is accountability. Since the beginning of the merger I have been unable to track with -- with -- the authenticity through a paper trail of how many police officers are working in the City of Savannah and how many police officers are working in the unincorporated area. I believe that is the crux of many of our particular problems. Jerrell [McRell], I'm not quite ready for that slide. So when we're talking about accountability, I'd like to ask some questions about the -- to the County Manager for starters. I know what we've had since I was a Commissioner elected many years ago, and that is no account -- no -- no authoritative accountability of where the resources are in either the City of Savannah or the county. Going forward under this framework, what's going to be different?

County Manager Smith said, basically what we have looked at in the framework in talking with the chief, and I will say this starting out, we've got a really good relationship with the chief. I am now in communication with this chief pretty much 24 hours a day. He responds, send me issues, you know, keeps in contact. We meet weekly, but what we're going to do and the -- the fallacy that I've seen in the past has been poor 9-1-1 data. That is a big issue for us. In fact all the city managers and myself meet next week, and that's one of our agenda items. We've got to update that system. The system is more than seven years old, approaching eight or nine years old, I believe. Those systems are five to seven life. The data that we get from that system can be improved. Part of -- the chief, along with the consultant and Linda Cramer and myself, David Maxwell, and the City Manager, as a staff group will be meeting every month, but I hope we'll meet every two weeks as staff so that we can generate better data because the one thing I can -- as you said, we cannot say definitely how many are in the city? How many are out in the county? We don't know because of poor reporting, poor policy, and the chief has talked to me that the policies have got to be improved and adherence by his team to those policies. But also then to verify through the 9-1-1 data.

County Manager Smith said, you can be tracked every step. And we've talked about, you know, like within the precincts and beats. That will do no good if you can't track where they are. Well we can track where they are with MDTs, those are mobile data terminals in the vehicles. So our plan is to improve the system, but we can start first by improving the policies by which they live by today, and that's part of what the chief and I and Stephanie Cutter are talking about now. So that will have to be incorporated. Even if we had our own system, we still have to have an evidence-based system. We don't have that, and that is our goal with this two years.

I'm hoping in -- our goal is in one year we have that, and if that's the case, we can then speed up the process. 'Cause we don't have to wait two years, that is just kind of the extent that we thought it may take, but we feel like we might be able to do it within, you know, a year's time to get the data put together --

Commissioner Farrell said, so --

County Manager Smith said, -- and all the policies and everything that goes along with it.

Commissioner Farrell said, so do you have a blue print of -- of -- and a timeline of how each of the governing bodies is going to be able to track their manpower and their resources that's -- that's being applied to -- to their -- to their area of governance?

County Manager Smith said, we don't -- well that will be over this next year. We're going to bring the consulting company on. We're already starting to look for firms that would help us do this that do regular police work to help the evaluation process, but we're beginning to meet now, so I would say within 90 to 120 days we would have a framework that I -- I'm -- I'm getting away from the framework of the actual document, but a framework or a timeline that would say, here's what our expectations as a group are, and we would then communicate that back to both Boards, and we will report to you every month of our success or our failures. We've got to do that, and that's been the poor part of the merger. It's -- it's just never been reported, so that's -- a lot of it is miscommunication and no communication. We've got to do that and find out, you know, is some of it perception. I believe some of it is perception, some of the problems, and some of it is not perception, it's real, not enough officers out in the unincorporated area, and -- and also we want to go out in the community and find out what's the community want? What do they want in the unincorporated areas? I'm talking -- I'm meeting with HOAs almost every two weeks, and as I talk with them, what do you want? And they'll say, we would love to see an officer x number of times a month, and as we look at that to find out what is the industry standard or best practice for a police service in a rural area, an urban area and a metropolitan area, and then establish those terms and how much does that cost and then -- and then verify it through our 9-1-1 system.

Commissioner Farrell said, well, --

County Manager Smith said, and I think that can be done.

Commissioner Farrell said, the accountability part has a huge influence on the fiduciary responsibility --

County Manager Smith said, absolutely.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- of this Board to get a fair and reasonable and just deal when -- when we're handing over basically all the control of this police -- policing to another entity, a whole 'nother department. So accountability is -- is a huge factor for -- for me. One of -- and again, the accountability and the financial part go hand in hand. For instance, very rarely, if ever, that I -- in my memory in the last ten plus years do I recall where we were fully staffed at approved levels for the metro police department. However, as we all know, and every department head here and the -- every Commissioner knows that when staff positions are left unfilled for a prolonged period of time, it has a significant positive financial effect on your budget. If you're not paying a person a salary and their benefits and their retirement and their healthcare and all those different perks, then we're -- the money stays in the General Fund, or in this case the SS -- could be the SSD fund or whatever. But in this particular merger agreement, all those financial benefits go to the other part -- party. None of it is reflected in our budget. So, you know, before we get into a framework and go forward for two years, there needs to be some -- I mean that's very -- should be easily identified, that -- you know, and that's never been identified. So that -- that's a financial hardship that the tax payers and the unincorporated people incur constantly.

Commissioner Farrell said, now we'd rather have a fully staffed police force. I think that would be the goal. I think I can speak for -- for the leadership of this county or the -- all the leaders in the city and the county. I think that's generally consensus, they would prefer to have it fully staffed, but if it's not going to be fully staffed, then there needs to be accountability on vacancies. You know, there's people in the City of Savannah that feel like that they're not getting enough service. I think the folks in Gordonston area are constantly bringing attention to the -- the problems that they have, and they're having to pull police officers off the Island precinct to come over there and -- and work on them, which -- which brings me to the police beats. I just have to wonder out loud if the police beats are -- wouldn't be better served to look more closely at them. Why would police officers from across a river and a vast marsh come to a particular area in the City of Savannah, I -- I don't understand that, why that would be set up that way? So police beats to me should be more geographically centered, especially on the islands. That's such a easy, clearly defined geographical area, and then staff them accordingly. You may be able to staff several islands with maybe one patrol officer, with just the ability to call up some help if something happened, and that would be a very low cost but effective way to do things. And there's other police beats that are having problems, and they need to be more fully staffed, and -- and if that's trackable and accountable, that's fine, that's -- that's really giving the folks what they need when they need it, and the governing authority should pick up that part of the tab that applies to them whether it's extra money or a savings, whichever way, and then -- there's got to be some sort of accountability there. So these are some things that I'll be looking for in the framework and hopefully some of the -- of my counterparts will -- will also be looking for that.

Commissioner Farrell said, now there's a second area on this proposed merger extension that -- that came up with a -- a dollar figure. Again, since there's no accountability everybody's taking a stab in the dark of what the dollar amount is, you know, how much should the county pay for its police services. Somehow we came up with a -- with a cost of \$14 million per year. Now that's a slight improvement over where it was, but there was a -- a flawed analysis that -- that stated from the beginning that the merger should be based on population. Well, that's very flawed because the -- the --the data we do have and the crime statistics that are printed in the paper shows you where the -- the calls for service and the -- and the crimes are being committed and they're clearly, very few of them, in the unincorporated area. So, we have to throw that yardstick away and again get back to more evidence based. Jerrell [McRell], could we show that summary cost history?

Commissioner Farrell said, one of the things -- since we're just taking a stab in the dark at what the number should be, I decided to ask staff to generate some numbers and let me explain what this is. It's pretty easy to understand, and I want everybody to be able to see it and look at it. In 2003, that's just kind of a base, it's -- the SSD part of the police budget, and for discussion purposes today, I will not discuss any of the items in policing that are in the M&O budget, only in the SSD, and then that's the 31.7 million for the City of Savannah. The first year of the police merger according to our staff accounting department, we were up to \$9.1 million and the city was 35.4 million. We've gone up substantially according to this documentation. For some reason, and I'm -- I'm no fool everybody knows it costs more for a loaf of bread now in 2015 than it did in 2005, so there's naturally going to be some creep in -- in the actual dollar amount to provide a service. I don't think the unincorporated area has needed more service over these years because quite a bit of the populated areas where service would be needed have been annexed by no other than the City of Savannah and some of our other local municipalities that decided to capture that urban type growth.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, in this diagram you will see that the county's portion in a ten-year period went up by 57.5 percent. That's its growth rate. The city's proportion of dollar growth rate went up 19 percent. That's a huge disparity when you're talking about millions of dollars. We're not talking about a \$2.00 loaf of bread here, we're talking about millions of dollars. Every percentage point is very significant. So if you combine the numbers, the whole police department increased by 28 percent for a period of ten years. So my projection, my -- my question to staff, and they did a great job preparing this slide for us, if the county's proportion of increase were equivalent to the city's proportion of increase in the last ten years, what would we be paying today in real dollars? And you can clearly see it's \$10.8 million for the SSD portion of this police merger. Now you could say, well, obviously, these numbers are very apart, so if you average the two of them together, assuming that each entity paid a proportional amount and needed no more service, which I don't -- I can't speak for the City of Savannah if they need more police services or if crime's changed significantly in ten years because I don't track that very carefully. I'm more interested in the constituents that -- that I'm directly responsible for in the unincorporated area. But let's say you go with the 28 percent number, that brings the -- the SSD up to 11.6 million. So my question for the County Manger, the City Manager, the City Council, the County Commission is how did we get to 14 million? And is that a reasonable number for the person -- for the entity that could very reasonably look at well why isn't it 11 million?

Commissioner Farrell said, so, to me, before we bring a document back, I think that \$14 million needs to take a serious look at that cost split and get somewhere closer to the 10, \$11 million area for this police merger. Now, having said that, it goes right back to accountability and evidence-based -- if -- if we've got police officers and we've got crime, and we've got CID costs, and it's accountable, then there's no guess work. 14 million is a guess. This is a projection using real numbers and real data, and it comes out significantly less. If the unincorporated budget had an extra \$3 million in it, assuming everything else stayed even, now we're starting to get streets swept on a regular basis, which they are not. The city got their streets swept on a regular basis. You better move your car once a week or you're going to get it towed or ticketed. How often are we sweeping the streets in the unincorporated area? Once, twice a year if we're lucky. Okay? We don't even have the equipment, and this discretionary spending of the SSD. The only discretionary spending we have is how much public service we give in our public works department. So \$3 million roughly would help the unincorporated area significantly and the sooner we got accountability then that number could go up or down, and everybody should be satisfied with it because both sides could look at the same data, and if it's a mathematical situation, they should come up with the same answer, as long as their calculator was working properly. So that's the -- that's the second item I wanted to -- to bring, accountability and this launching point going forward of 14 million, I think is significantly higher and excessive than what it needs to be.

Commissioner Farrell said, now the third item that I'd like to be looked at and discussed would be if we de-merge -- is Jerrell -- could we get that other slide up? If we -- if we de-merge, I asked staff to generate some numbers of what it would cost to de-merge to start up a new police department 'cause currently until there's an agreement signed, that's the course that this Commission is on through a unanimous vote a little over half a year ago. So the first question I have that perhaps staff could answer is -- and I believe roughly there was a \$3.5 million estimate -- estimate to get the police -- to stand up the police department that we folded into the Savannah Police Department over ten years ago. So my first question for staff is if it's going to cost us about \$3.5 million to -- to -- to -- to start our own police department, and we're a merged department, then how much is it going to cost the City of Savannah to start their own police department when we de-merge?

County Manager Smith said, well we gave to you -- in looking at the start up -- first let me back up just -- if -- if I can, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, let's -- I want to -- I want to make -- before we go to answering --

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- I want to make sure that Commissioner Farrell has completed his -- his points.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, and then -- and then -- so -- so staff can respond to --

Commissioner Farrell said, well -- yeah, there -- there -- there's lots to talk about here, and that -- so, my question -- my first question is assuming that this is a -- a -- a -- an accurate estimate of what it would take.

County Manager Smith said, sure.

Commissioner Farrell said, how much, you know, and we're a merged department, so when we de-merge, I assume that there's going to be start-up costs for the City of Savannah. So -- so how much did they estimate it would cost them when we left to start up their police department?

County Manager Smith said, they have not -- we don't know of a number for them.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and why would -- why would there be a start up cost?

Commissioner Farrell said, well.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and the start up cost here, the 3.4 million is in addition -- in addition to the current cost of police service because you would be in a period where you just couldn't tomorrow say we are starting a department. It doesn't work like that. So you'll have overlapping costs, and you would still be paying the City of Savannah. The 3.4 would be in addition. So if you were paying 14 million, the 3.4 you would be paying 17 or 18 million the first year. 'Cause this is an additional cost. You still have all the other costs associated with policing the police department or the unincorporated area until you in fact phased over, and at some point you would see a reduction.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. So anyway --

Chairman Scott said, does staff want to respond any further on that?

Commissioner Farrell said, so we don't know what the city -- what -- there's not a number for the city because we're going to assume that we pull out, it's just business as usual. Is that -- would that be a fair assumption?

County Manager Smith said, I would have -- well -- I -- I -- I really couldn't speak for the city because I don't know what their --

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, -- you know, I really couldn't speak to that.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, I really don't know what their plan is.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. So under the current framework, we're looking at basically a two-year extension to try to work out some of these accountability and evidence-based financial accountability and human resource accountability issues. At the end of that two-year period, there is another opportunity to stay with it or -- or de-merge. My question is if -- if you've got a merged police department, and this Board has been paying not only it's fair share, but in my personal opinion, a greater number, multiple millions of dollars more than their fair share, then here's a line item, officer equipment, 93 officers at \$4400. Where is it in this proposal that should be coming to us pretty soon that addresses some of these issues? In a marriage when there's a -- when there's a divorce, the parties kind of split the -- split the furniture and split up the household goods, and -- and here, we -- we've been paying a portion of the -- of the fees, but there's nothing in writing that says that we'll bring so many vests with us, that we'll have so many computers come over, that we'll, you know, some things -- if there's video cameras, radios, that sort of thing. So, my request to the staff would be if we're going to extend this thing for two years and -- then let's put in writing what we walk away from. The only thing the original merger put in writing was police cars. So we know which police cars we've purchased. So, I believe that we've paid our freight from this Board, and that if -- if there was a time, then -- and hopefully, you know, these issues of accountability and -- and fairness of finance will be worked out, and it may never come to this, but if it does, then I think that there should be something in there about this hardware. Now obviously we couldn't expect our partners to pay for training costs and some intangibles like that, but your - your hard costs, your equipment, I believe that something should be addressed in the -- in that market -- in that -- excuse me -- in that framework agreement.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, those are some of the points that I wanted to bring out, some of the questions that I wanted to ask, some of the things that I wanted my fellow Commissioners to consider, and, you know, as we're soon, in a few weeks we'll be looking at a document, and I -- again, just to recap, the accountability I think

we can get there faster if we do it on the front end rather than, you know, let's buy in, so I would much prefer to have serious accountability before the next document is signed. I would certainly, if we're going to take a stab in the dark what a fair price is, I would certainly hope that serious consideration would be taken to this hard data of -- of cost projections and cost share, and that on the back end if we get into a deal, we should walk away as a -- from a -- if we're truly a merged police department and we've been paying our fair share, then we should walk away with more than just a fleet of police cars, and a -- and -- you know. So those are the three major items that I would like to be more fully addressed before we're -- we're asked to look at another, more binding document.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, and I thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Commissioners for abiding me the time to -- to -- to put this information out for you and the rest of the community.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. I -- I see Commissioners has put up their hands, but this is not a -- we don't have anything to discuss or to vote on, so if a member of the Commission have a request of staff or a point of clarification on what Commissioner Farrell has presented, I will entertain that, but we don't -- this is not a debate or discussion or anything. Okay. And I saw Commissioner Center, then Stone, then Commissioner Holmes.

County Manager Smith said, do you want me to address the items before? I kind of made notes to address them first.

Chairman Scott said, well let's -- let's see, you may have more stuff to address.

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, let's --

County Manager Smith said, all right.

Commissioner Center said, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and, you know, I too appreciate your giving Commissioner Farrell this time to bring this up. Some questions I had from what he -- what Commissioner Farrell pointed out. Can you -- can you explain to me how it works. We're reading the city -- the -- the police department is either 70 or 100 officers vacant.

Chairman Scott said, the staff -- the staff can get to that in response to Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Center said, okay, well, that -- that's -- that was asked -- well, let me define it how -- so you can answer in response to me also. Commissioner Farrell says that if we're not paying 100 vacancies, there's a savings some where or is the county getting a share of that savings, and I thought that municipalities were not allowed to have extra monies, so if you could, in your response, explain how that procedure works. If we're not paying those 100, are we actually saving money or just not budgeting that? Secondly, I too would like to know exactly what does the county own in addition to cars? Do we have that list somewhere? And thirdly, I want to understand according to what I read in the paper today about animal control, under the present agreement, do we -- does the county pay 100 percent of animal control or is that shared?

County Manager Smith said, we pay all of it.

Commissioner Center said, all right. All right. So we pay it all, but the city passed some ordinances yesterday. If each municipality around the county passes ordinances that increase the cost of animal control, do we have an agreement with any municipalities that they bear part of that increased cost or is it -- do they have to come back to us and ask us -- we've passed this ordinance, will you agree with us and fund this? Can you tell me how -- how that relationship works?

Chairman Scott said, if -- if a -- if a local community passes that, and -- we would have to also take some sort of action to expand what animal control is doing. In the absence of that the city would have to police it themselves. Now -- because there's some things just simply wouldn't come under animal control, such as bees. Now -- but Tybee Island, I want -- I want to make sure that folk understand that, have their own animal control.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, so when you say municipalities, it's not all of them.

Commissioner Center said, yeah, I -- I don't -- I don't want to pick on the City of Savannah alone. They just happened to be in the paper yesterday, but it occurred to me with all municipalities, if Garden City passed something that affected animal control or Pooler or Port Wentworth or Thunderbolt, do we -- do they then have to come to this Commission and say, guys, you know, the whole county's paying for something we want, how do we share the cost? Is there any -- how does that work now? And I know that's not part of what Commissioner Farrell brought up, but it occurred to me.

Chairman Scott said, no, and -- no, and --

County Manager Smith said, had it on my list to talk about.

Chairman Scott said, -- and I was tempted to call -- I was tempted to call you -- point of order on you too.

Commissioner Center said, I know I -- I pushed the envelope a little bit there. I appreciate it.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just real quickly, I find it -- well, first of all I want to thank Commissioner Farrell for bringing forward the information and for the Chairman to allow this discussion to continue, but I find it a little bit alarming that the accuracy of the data is in question, and I don't know how long that's been going on, but I -- I -- I find it a little shaky that we've been working with an agreement with sketchy data, so I would like to know what the scope -- before we vote on this, what the scope of these consultants --

Chairman Scott said, we aren't voting on anything today.

Commissioner Stone said, no, I'm -- I'm -- I'm not saying today, I'm saying in the future, before we vote on an agreement, I would like for the scope of these -- what the scope of the work of the -- these consultants --

Chairman Scott said, see here -- here was the reason -- here is the reason I was reluctant to even allow you to go down this path because you're way off of what Commissioner Farrell asked to address this Commission for.

Commissioner Stone said, well, all I'm asking Mr. Chairman is for the --

Chairman Scott said, and -- and you have something that you want staffed cause you -- when this come before you -- you'll have a chance to ask all those questions that you're currently asking. If you want staff --

Commissioner Stone said, but I would like -- but I would like to have that data before we vote on it, the scope of what these consultants is going to do.

Chairman Scott said, make -- make your -- make your request to staff.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I'm making the request of the scope of what the consultants are going to do to better analyze the data.

Chairman Scott said, okay. That's --

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, that's a good -- good request.

Commissioner Stone said, took me a minute to get there.

Commissioner Center said, you get the Chairman's award for good requests.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I knew where you were going.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Well, that's all. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you. Just a comment I want to make in -- in -- in hearing Pat with -- with -- with your nice homework. What I -- what -- what -- what -- what I want us to do and what I would caution us to do, when we first came on board, Pat, Helen, if you remember, when we had meetings, our Manager used to come back to us with a tight face. Do you remember? That's the meeting that was held between us and the City of Savannah, and we often wondered why he was uncomfortable. We often wondered why he was so mad, and I think the last two meetings he came back from, I -- you know, I thought we were going to put him in a straight jacket. That is how angry and mad he was. He was mad because here are some things that wasn't taking place then and it's taking place now, and that's why I want us -- it's a new day and a new time. Under the county we have a new Chairman, new Manager, new members of the Commission, this Board. The city, new Mayor, new Manager, Council Members are new. We've got a new chief. When that come in place now, what do we have in place? We have better communication. We got a better attitude. We got a better working relationship. To make matters worsen, you know, what we need to give credit to in the past is that we were out negotiated. As you take it, and me being a competitive person, I know when I got defeated, and I know when I get beat, and I know how I got whipped. We were out negotiated, but we have flipped the script, Ladies and Gentlemen. We're not going to get out negotiated now, and you know why? Because it's better communication. It's better relationship. It's a better attitude. It's a new day, and I'd just like us to be patient. I want you to continue being on the front end so it makes us be on the front end, and that's a good point, Commissioner Farrell, is being pro active instead of wait for it to come back, and we have to act on it. So I love that, but I'm also being cautious that we have the right people in place from the city and the county that all of this is going to be worked out, and I think when it comes back, we wouldn't be saying we were out negotiated, we were saying, we were negotiating to the table for a better merger. Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank --

Chairman Scott said, from the 7th District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Point of clarification. Contrary to possibly with respect to some comments earlier, the current agreement is no different than the last agreement. I've sat through both. The current agreement actually prolongs negotiations for two years with a hope and a prayer that we achieve a better goal. The ultimate goal listed in the current so called agreement would be better than the current. But currently, we are sitting two more years with a hope that Savannah will actually approve a better deal in two years.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, other point of clarification, the numbers provided up here earlier, I believe, staff needs to recheck that. I believe they presented inaccurate numbers for the first year. In 2002, the SSD entire budget was \$19.4 million, so 7 something million of that wouldn't have been appropriate. It -- it was -- so prior to that -- in 2002, which would have been the year prior to the merger taking place, it was actually somewhere around 4 million to \$4.5 million, and then when it kicked in, you may have -- the year that's shown here as prior may have kicked in the extra millions from 4.5 up to 7 something, but it jumped from approximately \$4 million to 16 million.

Chairman Scott said, it jumped from approximately five million.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, four and a half to five instead of seven, but it was in the four range, not even the five range, so, just point of clarification there, that these were -- these numbers were wrong.

Commissioner Farrell said, so the percentages are even more lopsided than we've seen today?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, percentages are much greater. Yes. Yes. And I just want that on the record and in the minutes and I would appreciate, and I'm sure Commissioner Farrell would appreciate if we get the accurate numbers, and the adjustments made to reflect the actual costs.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank y'all.

Chairman Scott said, now, I want -- because this is being viewed by others in this room, I want to make a couple clarifications and let staff respond to some of the questions that have been raised. First, on the old agreement, it clearly stated in the agreement, for those who have read it, this agreement was entered into not for the purpose of saving money. It -- it stated that in the agreement, just clear as day. It was not entered into for the purpose of saving money, so there was no efficiencies spelled out in that agreement. Okay? That -- that's just a fact. And then secondly, the agreement called for paying based on population, so when you look at the -- the 2010 numbers that were shown up there, that was a reflection of the growth in the county from the time the agreement was negotiated until 2010, and that's -- was the major area of dispute where they -- where we moved from 35 percent to 39 percent of the cost, and it was just -- that's what was in the contract.

Commissioner Farrell said, it was a bad contract.

Chairman Scott said, population. There was nothing -- nothing in the contract that ever spoke to evidence-based. It was just not there. So you can't go back to it. It was never there. And the whole purpose of the new agreement is really to move you away from a population formula and land mass formula, which is what the old one was to an evidence-based formula, okay? And during the interim -- during the interim, the Manager successfully negotiated with the city a reduction in the cost while we were moving to an evidence-based formula, which will then determine what the true cost, which will probably be somewhere around \$11 million when you get to an evidence-based, but we're not there. And -- and so that's what was in the original document.

Chairman Scott said, now, there was some comments about precincts and beats and etcetera, and I'm just saying this for the record, for those who can recall, there was a precinct during the merged agreement that was located on Bee Road and Victory Drive. It was called the eastside precinct. There was another precinct -- was located on Skidaway Road, which was referred to as the island precinct or whatever you call it, but it -- it covered -- it covered Sandfly area. It covered Isle of Hope, Dutch Island, Skidaway, Burnside, what I call the -- the non-descript area where Commissioner Stone lives. It cover -- Shipyard Road and all. That's the area in which it covered, and when budgets started tightening because it happened over here, the county merged departments and everything else as a cost savings when the economy went south in '07 and '08. Well, the city was doing the same thing and the police department was asked to do the same thing. They closed the precinct on Victory and Bee Road. They closed the precinct on Skidaway, and they moved them all to a newly constructed precinct that was built with SPLOST dollars by the county on the island. So essentially you were then running essentially three precincts out of that. But precinct is just simply a locale in which the officers report to before they go on their beats.

Chairman Scott said, their beats is their actually [sic] assignment, so you actually have people at the island precinct as we keep referring to it who beats are in fact in east Savannah. So, they don't spend their day at the

precinct. They go to the precincts, they get briefed, and then they go out to their beats, and they spend their time in their patrol cars on their beat. That's actually their work assignment. So I just want to make sure that the public understands that. And so when -- we kind of blur precincts, and the city does it to in their comments. They blur precincts and beats, and -- almost as if they are one and the same, when they are not, and so I wanted to just make that clarification for the public. And now I'm going to let the Manager respond to the other questions, and I'm -- I'm sure he'll have answers for all these questions before he bring back a -- a comprehensive agreement for us to debate and agree on to vote it up or down. Mr. Manager.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, and staff or whomever you wish to call on.

County Manager Smith said, okay. Well right now, it's kind of interesting with some of the comments. I wrote down the word blurred lines. For the past ten years you've operated with blurred lines with the City of Savannah. What we've finally been able in these negotiations to get the City of Savannah to accept the fact that they are blurred lines and that there are fallacies in the agreement. That's why this is not an extension but a new agreement. We don't want to even say that we're extending. We're doing a new agreement that has a new intent. So, first of all, let me -- I'm going to start on a couple items. First of all the 14 million was a negotiated dollar amount. We would have been close to \$16 million this year with the City of Savannah based on their budget.

Chairman Scott said, based on population.

County Manager Smith said, based on population, we'd have been close to 16 million. We started out somewhere around 12 million. We basically split the difference for this year and next year to hold the amount for two years, that it would not rise. So it was basically a negotiated amount. Next, the -- you know, it was mentioned about -- one of the things we were trying to achieve within the current budget is that Public Works and some of the other areas do not have money that they need to do things like street sweeping, to do things like covering all the routes as they need to do. That was --

Commissioner Stone said, mowing.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, and mowing. I mean seriously. We -- but I will tell you, based on where we are going on this, we're ordering new equipment. We're ordering new sweepers, new mowers, looking to hire a few new people starting July 1st because we've not had the money to do it, and it's because we knew we were spending too much in this area, but now we're going to be able to do those things, and that was part of my intent this year was to get to that point, along with staff. Also, want to mention to you that when you look at that amount of ten or \$11 million, and -- and I agree with Commissioner Kicklighter, that's also very blurred because there are years you have to look at times where CNT was included or marine patrol was not. 9-1-1, was it, was it not? It's never been accurate. Therefore, we've got to get rid of the blurred lines.

County Manager Smith said, now, when we get to this new agreement, the new agreement, which is two years. At the end of the two years, you terminate within six months. Now, in that --

Chairman Scott said, if -- if -- if you don't adopt the evidence-based formula.

County Manager Smith said, if -- if you do not adopt the evidence-based formula, that is correct. Now in that two-year time period, the county has the opportunity, and which we will take, and we've already started to look at what does it accurately take to start a new department. So, therefore, when we look at this \$3.48 million of our cost, we're hiring a consultant that's going to do a couple things. First off the consultant is going to come in and not only look at best practices and industry standards for running a police department for the City of Savannah and the county in the unincorporated area, but we are also hiring someone to come in to do a financial analysis of the police department. The county's going to do that because we don't know what we've spent on vests and guns.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and let me also point out --

County Manager Smith said, we don't know that.

Chairman Scott said, -- that this -- that was negotiated in the agreement as well.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, that the county could in fact do a financial analysis of the police department as long as we were underwriting the cost.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, and they have -- they have a CAFR. They have a certified, you know, annual report every year, however, I wanted to go deeper than that. Therefore, the city agreed that we could go and

do that, and we would hire someone to go do that. I think it's important because as a couple of you have pointed out, we don't know what we bought. Well if you do that analysis, we'll know what we purchased. So in a divorce, when we divide the kids up and the cars and the refrigerator and the sinks, we then can say, what do I own? What do I get to take with me and what do you take? Well, we're going to know that.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. And the only reason --

County Manager Smith said, and that's important.

Chairman Scott said, the only reason we mention the cars is because the cars are very straight forward.

County Manager Smith said, yes. That was in the agreement.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and -- and I see it when it come across my desk is that the cars are titled to the County Commission.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, point -- point of --

Chairman Scott said, so the cars are pretty straight forward.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, point of clarification on this also.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, approximately five years ago --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I requested that the staff give us a list, and prior to that, they had absolutely no knowledge of what we owned, including the vehicles. They did provide me with a list, that actually, I'm -- I'm -- I wouldn't lay my life on the line, but I'm pretty sure that at that point, they provided a number of weapons that we owned at that point, so possibly, we need to get staff to look -- research the file.

County Manager Smith said, there -- we do know of some of that information, but then it was not kept up with again, so it kind of got lost in the mix again because there have been purchases since then.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. But -- but I believe --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, however, we should know at least a minimum --

County Manager Smith said, the weapons change. Yeah, sure.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- of what we owned five years ago.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I mean we should still own.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. What -- what that information you were given was based on -- we've always known what cars we own.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, I -- just because of how they are titled.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, believe it or not we didn't keep track. That had to be researched to provide, and -- which is really sad.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I -- I know, but -- but the other thing is that -- keep in mind when you did the merger, you had a number of county policemen went over, and they carried their weapons and all their equipment with them.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, and so at that point when you -- when you were provided that information, you knew then because of the number of officers who left here with their weapons and their guns and their equipment, and some of those officers are now retired or left the force, and then there's been no new accounting, and that's part of the confusion about the equipment portion of it.

Commissioner Farrell said, I've got --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, I have one comment. One -- one thing, when you said if we were going on the 39 percent that was originally agreed upon by a -- a Commission twice removed.

Chairman Scott said, no. no. no.

Commissioner Center said, it was a default position.

Commissioner Farrell said, most of them are not here, but they agreed to it, which is fine, and -- and that's where I walked in as a -- an official, and -- and I think there was five of us that came in and replaced five of the Commissioners that -- that voted for the original agreement, but what I -- what the point I want to make is that in that agreement, as many things that we want to change as there are, one thing that was in there was that at the four-year mark it was supposed to be renegotiated.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

Commissioner Farrell said, this Commission on numerous occasions attempted to renegotiate and were met with stony silence and there was no negotiation. So in my mind at that four-year point with no negotiation, we've been in effect running a -- a merged police department on shaky ground because we never followed the thing to begin with. We never renegotiated. We never addressed our problems at the four-year mark. We've kicked the can down the road. Thankfully we're doing something about it now, and forgive me, but I'm just anxious to get a good document to work from, and I don't want to wait two years. I want to do it now. I've waited long enough. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, just a brief comment.

Chairman Scott said, well, let's let this --

Commissioner Thomas said, in reference to what -- what you're talking about.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, so I think that number is -- is -- is not a -- a good number that they're using to make that average.

Chairman Scott said, now keep -- keep in --

Commissioner Farrell said, 'cause we should have negotiated it -- everybody on here wanted to re-renegotiate it, and --

County Manager Smith said, and we will -- we will all agree with you on that.

Chairman Scott said, now, keep -- please keep in mind now we had -- we had all this discussion when we voted on the framework, but go ahead. Go ahead Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah. I don't want to discuss, I just -- I just want to make a comment.

Chairman Scott said, go ahead, Dr. Thomas. Go ahead.

Commissioner Thomas said, and it -- and it should -- we should be coming to an end on this here because I thought that we -- we were talking about the new agreement, the new agreement, not what we have done in the past. What we are doing now is dealing with a new agreement.

Chairman Scott said, yes, and what Commissioner Farrell asked me for, he wanted an opportunity to publicly instruct the staff on some of the things he would like to see in the new comprehensive agreement.

Commissioner Thomas said, which is fine.

Chairman Scott said, with -- and -- and that's how we got here.

Commissioner Thomas said, which is fine because in the new agreement, we -- we need to have everything that we need to -- to have so that we won't be coming back at the table again and saying well, we should have said this, and we should have said that. So my point is that we are not continuing with the old agreement. We are now focusing in on a new agreement, and this is where we need to be moving forward.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, staff, you have anything else in response to the questions?

County Manager Smith said, yes, well, it was also brought up about the -- the scope. That is what we -- and in fact I have a -- a meeting with the City Manager next week, and we're looking at putting project teams together to begin looking at these very issues, at the scope, hiring of a consultant, you know, the cost, those type things. But what will we include, and then our staff will look at the scope for the group we'll bring in to do the financial analysis, and we'll be giving you monthly reports on where we're going with that because again I go back to the blurred lines. We cannot walk into an agreement with blurred lines again. You cannot in this day and time walk into an agreement with the spirit of what it may mean. It has to be in black and white so that we all understand it and that was the fallacy of the first agreement. So we are moving away from that as -- as the Vice Chair said to go to a new agreement.

County Manager Smith said, but as we look, also I wanted to mention the 9-1-1, you know, you have to -- I think on the 11.6 million, I believe, on that last slide that was put up, you know, and -- and I agree with Commissioner Kicklighter, those numbers are off somewhat, but no matter what you have to do, you then have to add for -- another \$600,000 on 9-1-1. Now the 14 million includes 9-1-1, and we were able to negotiate that because it was really going to be like 14.6 or 7. We were able to get that down, make sure that was included in the 14 million. And --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but 9-1-1 fees are assessed separately in taxes, so that -- that's -- that portion is paid through a fee, correct?

County Manager Smith said, well, this is our portion of what we do to help kind of upfit 9-1-1. So this is -- Linda [Cramer], help me on that. Linda -- on 9-1-1. What that comes from.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so 9-1-1, because we collect fees for 9-1-1 shouldn't actually be --

Assistant County Manager Linda Cramer said, generally in the past few years we've been paying additional over and above the fees that are collected.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and why are we doing that?

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, disproportionate to -- because in the contract --

Chairman Scott said, the fee's in -- inefficient.

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, not enough.

County Manager Smith said, the fees do not cover it.

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, if -- if the fees don't cover the total cost of the operation, we're subject to that percentage on -- on that cost.

County Manager Smith said, and the city and all the others are doing the same. They're having to put in local dollars also because the fees don't cover it.

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, no. I don't think that's true. I think it's just us and the City of Savannah.

County Manager Smith said, I thought City of Savannah -- yeah, City of Savannah is what I'm saying.

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, but not the other cities.

County Manager Smith said, I don't know about Tybee.

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, yeah. I don't know. They're -- they're separate, so.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Tybee and I talked about that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what -- what -- what -- what do we need to pay to be able to have a citizen call 9-1-1 and not get put on hold?

County Manager Smith said, that's part of what we're going to be discussing. In fact we have a Managers meeting next week. We've got to look at what's the problem with 9-1-1 because first of all, do we have enough positions? And when I say positions, I mean if you have 10 actual stations, do we need 12? Well, that's part of the data we've got to look at of how many calls are coming in. First of all, are we taking administrative calls in the 9-1-1 system to say my water's been cut off? That's not 9-1-1 folks, but we've got to determine that, and we then have to, as part of this deal, we want to in two years establish a new 9-1-1 system that would be civilian operated. That's part of our goal.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and -- and -- and could -- could we take a lead on that that would actually encourage each municipality to -- because I -- I believe citizens, when it comes to 9-1-1, I believe that they would not mind -- mind their fee actually covering the cost of a good 9-1-1 system. So could -- I mean is there -- 'cause I guess at this point, we have no -- we can't tell any city or whatever what they have to charge to properly fund the thing, but -- but you think we can in this agreement work it --

County Manager Smith said, that's -- well --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- where we can somehow recommend --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- and -- and we all pretty much have this fee that will cover?

County Manager Smith said, well, for instance with Tybee, I've met with Tybee.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, and Tybee says look, if we have a civilian -- basically we would have all the chiefs and other civilians that would be on a board that would operate 9-1-1 systems that are very common. They've said that they would come on board with us, and then we would have finally one unified system, which we desperately need. But we need a system that is more efficiently operated. The chief agrees. I -- I -- we had -- we met with the, oh gosh, the Burroughs group the other night. We had staff out there, took Metro out, and part of the -- what -- some folks said we've called, we were put on hold on 9-1-1, and we took notes on that to say give us specifics, when did it happen, because we know we've got problems on the 9-1-1 system. So we are already starting that negotiation. We meet with the City Managers next week with Stephanie Cutter, and we've got to look, along with the chief, how do we improve it? What is it going to cost? It might, but if costs, then let's tell everybody it's going to take another \$500,000. We need four more people, but if it keeps somebody from being on hold with a heart attack --

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

County Manager Smith said, -- let's hire them.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

County Manager Smith said, so I'm with you on that, and that's what we're looking at.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. I mean that's just one that we -- that we have to do.

Commissioner Farrell said, can we somehow split the administrative cost, because I mean how does somebody call the police without calling 9-1-1?

County Manager Smith said, well, that's -- well that's what we'll talk about because we've got to look at that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, with a board.

County Manager Smith said, you know, where's it come -- where's it coming from? What is administrative versus what is emergency? I don't know. So we're -- that's what we're beginning to negotiate now, you know.

Commissioner Farrell said, do you have like a 3-1-1 and a 9-1-1?

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, the city does have a 3-1-1.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. They do have a 3-1-1.

Commissioner Farrell said, that's what I'm saying.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so does your proposal, the plan that was approved, does it keep the 9-1-1 under -- after two years, does it keep it under --

County Manager Smith said, the plan is after two years the 9-1-1 would go to a new system where it would be a unified system, operated separately from the city. It would be operated separately from all of us. It would be a new --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's what I'm saying. That is what it --

County Manager Smith said, -- self system.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. That's our goal.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah. That's good. That part would be good.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Anything else you want to respond to, Mr. Manager, before we moved on?

County Manager Smith said, not really.

Commissioner Center said, wait -- wait -- you didn't answer my question.

County Manager Smith said, you know there was -- I -- I will comment to you on animal control. I will say to you, if the county intends and -- right now you fund animal control with the exception of Tybee. If we fund animal control in its entirety, the ordinances have to be virtually the same, and part of my comment to Stephanie Cutter yesterday by text and email was we need -- make sure your ordinance is very close to ours as a county. If there are differences, we've got to talk about it because we cannot -- if we're going to operate it in full starting -- that's why I wanted a year, because ordinances are first, and once we get those laws in place, and I go in July 1st, 2016 to operate it, if I've got 10 different ordinances, we're in trouble. They've got to be very similar, or our folks will not be able to enforce it.

Chairman Scott said, yes, and you're going to be able -- you're going to have to define what animal control encompasses.

County Manager Smith said, what they do. That's correct, and I will tell you, services will change. There are some things we do today we won't do and some things we'll begin to do, because I do think we do some things in animal control that are not in the best interest. We need to change how we're doing business.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, and the -- the one thing, Mr. Chairman, it wasn't answered, explain, is there really a savings being stashed away because there's a vacancy of 70 to 100 officers? Explain that procedure.

County Manager Smith said, well I will tell -- I will -- I will say this Mr. Chairman, if I can. I was -- and Linda [Cramer], we were able to -- to get the 16 down to 14 pretty quickly when were able to define the fact that -- say, well there have been reconciliations at the end of the year for you over the years of some savings --

Chairman Scott said, you do that at the end of the year.

County Manager Smith said, -- of a few hundred thousand, but I will tell you, there was a lot more.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, and it's because the lines were blurred, we've not kept up with it. That money should have come back to the county.

Commissioner Center said, you're -- you're doing exactly what Commissioner Farrell brought up. You're -- you're looking at it and getting a more definite.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct. Thank you. Anything else, Mr. Manager? Thank everybody for their patience. And now --

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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 TRANSFER \$5,000 FROM OTHER PURCHASE SERVICES TO REGULAR EMPLOYEE OVERTIME WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE BUDGET, 2) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND: (a) INCREASE REVENUES \$1,984,039 FROM SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS, (b) INCREASE THE FLEET BUILDING REPLACEMENT PROJECT \$1,984,039, AND (c) TRANSFER \$50,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE STATE COURT CIP PROJECT, 3) IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND: (a) INCREASE REVENUES \$4,301,351 FROM LEASE PROCEEDS, (b) APPROPRIATE \$27,000 NET ASSETS AND (c) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$4,328,351; 4) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND APPROPRIATE \$50,767 TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM; 5) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$173,712 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL; AND 6) IN THE SALES TAX IV FUND TRANSFER FUNDS AMONG PROJECTS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED MEMORANDA.**

Chairman Scott said, we'll move on to Items for Individual Action. The first item is to request the approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O transfer \$5,000 from Other Purchases Services to Regular Employee Overtime within the Administrative Services budget, 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: increase revenues by \$1,984,039 from the Sale of Capital Assets, and increase the Fleet Building Replacement project by one million, nine hundred and eighty-four -- \$1,984,039, and transfer \$50,000 from Contingency to the State Court CIP project, 3) in the Debt Service Fund: increase revenues \$4,303,351 [sic] --

Commissioner Center said, one.

Chairman Scott said, -- from Lease Proceeds, appropriate \$27,000 Net assets and increase expenditures by \$4,328,351; in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate 50,000, 767,000 [sic] to the Counter Narcotics Team; 5) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures by \$173,712 for a grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and 6) in the Sales Tax IV Fund transfer funds among projects as outlined in the attached memoranda.

Commissioner Center said, you ready for a motion?

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Center said, I -- I move that we --

Commissioner Brady said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

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

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, point -- point of clarification.

County Manager Smith said, we had -- I -- I think it was just -- you were going through them, the -- in the Confiscated Revenue appropriate -- I think with CNT, it's 50,767.

Commissioner Center said, yeah, he -- he added a thousand.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's what he said.

Commissioner Brady said, that's what he said.

Commissioner Center said, well, he -- can --

County Attorney Hart said, you said 767,000.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. You said 767 -- anyway, we're just clarifying --

Commissioner Center said, well, can --

Chairman Scott said, yeah. It's \$50,767.

County Manager Smith said, yes. Okay.

Commissioner Center said, well, can I move that approve the request as written?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

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

County Manager Smith said, Mr. Chairman, if we can this morning in the Green Room it was mentioned, on the sale of that one facility, 84 Lumber, that sale -- and I wanted to thank the staff, Mike Kaigler, a lot of folks who worked on that, the Attorney's office, it saved the county \$600,000 that aided in building the new Fleet facility which was fantastic. So there have been some Commissioners on the Board who really helped push to get some buyers on that and that -- that helped us tremendously on the \$600,000.

Chairman Scott said, yes, and -- and let's also add a previous Commission purchased that old 84 Lumber property on Highway 17 for the purpose of relocating our Fleet facilities there.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, and then after an exhaustive study they decided that was not the best location and they decided later on -- they hold on to the property for a good while, and then they decided later on to put it back on the market, and we were able to realize a gain --

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Chairman Scott said, -- of \$600,000.

County Manager Smith said, that -- that -- that was tremendous, so that you for all you've done on that.

Commissioner Center said, to buy more land. To buy more land.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Thomas said, good job.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the request as written for the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O transfer \$5,000 from Other purchase Services to Regular Employee Overtime within the Administrative Service budget, 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: (a) increase revenues \$1,984,039 from Sale of Capital Assets, (b) increase the Fleet Building Replacement project \$1,984,039, and (c) transfer \$50,000 from Contingency to the State Court CIP project, 3) in the Debt Service Fund: (a) increase revenues \$4,301,351 from Lease Proceeds, (b) appropriate \$27,000 Net Assets and (c) increase expenditures \$3,328,351; 4) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$50,767 to the Counter Narcotics Team; 5) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$173,712 for a grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and 6) in the Sales Tax IV Fund transfer funds among projects as outlined in the attached memoranda. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: June 12, 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 transfer \$5,000 from Other purchase Services to Regular Employee Overtime within the Administrative Service budget, 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: (a) increase revenues \$1,984,039 from Sale of Capital Assets, (b) increase the Fleet Building Replacement project \$1,984,039, and (c) transfer \$50,000 from Contingency to the State Court CIP project, 3) in the Debt Service Fund: (a) increase revenues \$4,301,351 from Lease Proceeds, (b) appropriate \$27,000 Net assets and (c) increase expenditures \$3,328,351; 4) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$50,767 to the Counter Narcotics Team; 5) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$173,712 for a grant

award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and 6) in the Sales Tax IV Fund transfer funds among projects as outlined in the memoranda (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.)

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Administrative Services Manager has requested a transfer of \$5,000 from the operating budget to overtime within the Administrative Services budget. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 2a-b. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget is being amended to recognize \$1,984,039 from the sale of the 84 Lumber property. The property was originally purchased with funds reserved for the Fleet Replacement project. A resolution to amend the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 2c. The Clerk of Court/Court Administrator has requested funds to replace courtroom furniture. A \$50,000 transfer from contingency to the State Court CIP project will provide the needed funds. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 3a. An amendment to the Debt Service Fund is needed to recognize \$4,301,351 lease proceeds for equipment purchases. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 3b. An amendment to the Debt Service Fund is needed to appropriate \$27,000 net assets for issuance costs and fiscal agent fees. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
4. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested an appropriation of \$50,767 confiscated funds for the purchase of Daniel Defense Tactical Rifles. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
5. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has awarded \$173,712 for the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court. A matching amount of \$19,301 is required and will come from the Juvenile Court budget. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
6. The Assistant County Engineer has requested project modifications in the Sales Tax IV Fund. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O, the Capital Improvement (CIP) Fund, Confiscated Revenue Fund and the Sales Tax IV Fund. The budget amendment establishes funds in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the Debt Service, and the Multiple Grant Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

Transfer \$5,000 from Other Purchase Services to Regular Employee Overtime within the Administrative Services budget.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND

- a) Increase revenues \$1,984,039 from Sales of Capital Assets
- b) Increase the Fleet Building Replacement project \$1,984,039.
- c) Transfer \$50,000 from contingency to the State Court CIP project.

DEBT SERVICE FUND

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$4,301,351 lease proceeds.
- b) Appropriate \$27,000 Net Assets.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND

Appropriate \$50,767 to the Counter Narcotics Team for the purchase of 15 rifles.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

Increase revenues and expenditures \$173,712 for a grant award to the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Court.

ONE PERCENT LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUND IV

Transfer funds as outlined in the memorandum (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

2. Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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2 REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO CREATE A FULL-TIME GRANT FUNDED POSITION FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY JUVENILE COURT AS A RESULT OF RECEIVING AN ADDITION TO THE CJCC JUVENILE JUSTICE INCENTIVE GRANT. NO LOCAL FUNDS REQUIRED.

Chairman Scott said, now Item 2 on the Individual Action is to request Board authorization to create a full-time grant-funded position for the Chatham County Juvenile Court as a result of receiving an additional [sic] to the CJCC Juvenile Justice Coordinating Incentive -- Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Chairman Scott said, there are no local funds required.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the request to create a full-time grant-funded position for the Chatham County Juvenile Court as a result of receiving an addition to the CJCC Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Adam Kennedy, Juvenile Court Administrator

ISSUE:

Request Board authorization from the Commission to create a full-time grant-funded position for the Chatham County Juvenile Court as a result of receiving an addition to the CJCC Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County Juvenile Court has been the recipient of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant for the past two fiscal years and have applied for continuation funds for the FY 16 fiscal year. The funding agent (CJCC) has offered to fund an Administrative Assistant to assist in data entry as it relates to the grant requirements.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County received a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in the amount of \$742,162 to continue funding of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant for Chatham County.
2. Included in the grant budget is \$27,754 for salary and \$22,184.15 for benefits to create a new full-time case manager position.
3. This position is 100% grant funded for the grant period of July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016. There are no county funds required for this position. If future grant funding is not provided this position will not be filled.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the creation of the grant funded Case Manager position.
2. Do not authorize the creation of the grant funded position.

FUNDING:

This position is 100% grant funded for the grant period of July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016. There are no county funds required for this position.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Governor and the State legislature has provided funding to assist counties in implementing evidence based programs that are designed to reduce the prison population. The County and its at risk families would benefit from the creation of this grant funded position.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY COURT'S GRANT. THIS GRANT REQUIRES MATCHING FUNDS, WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET.

Chairman Scott said, the third item on the Individual Action Calendar is to have the Board of Commission accept the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court's grant. This grant requires matching fund, which have been identified in the current budget.

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

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the acceptance of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court's grant. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3

AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Adam Kennedy, Juvenile Court Administrator

ISSUE:

To have the Board of Commissioners accept the Criminal Coordinating Council Accountability Courts' grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has awarded \$173,712 for the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The \$173,712 from the Accountability Court grant will be used to enhance services being provided by the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court in the form of treatment, training, screening, and other needs of the Family Dependency Treatment Court.

FUNDING:

A matching amount of \$19,301 is required and will come from the Juvenile Court M&O budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To have the Board of Commissioners accept the funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court grant for the purpose of enhancing the services of the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court.
2. For the Board of Commissioners to refuse to accept the funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is consistent with Board policy to accept grant funding which does require county matching funds to provide/upgrade necessary services in the amount of 19,301. This amount is requested in the Juvenile Courts 2015-2016 budget request.

RECOMMENDATION:

To accept Alternative 1.

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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, and before we entertain the Action Calendar, there's one item on the Action Calendar, the McQueen Trail, we're going to ask our engineering staff to come up to give us an update, and once he does that I will entertain a motion to approve the Action Calendar.

Mr. Leon Davenport, County Engineer, said, I'll do my best. Sorry a little under the weather. I hope you can understand me. Yes, sir, we have a project on the books for quite some time, McQueens Trail. The Attorney's office and I have worked very hard to get this little green piece of paper from the DNR, a permit that allows us to actually perform the work.

Commissioner Center said, we have a green card.

Commissioner Farrell said, yes, we do.

Mr. Davenport said, yes, sir, Engineering had to have a green card in order to do this one. But basically we're going to be doing a -- the trail reconstruction in a couple of different phases. For you -- any of you that use the trail, there's an east and west portion from the main entrance where the parking is. To the -- the west side, we will not be going all the way to the Hammock. This permit that we received doesn't get us all the way to the hammock. That will require another permit from the DNR, which we'll work on after we restore this section, but during construction, we'll close each section to the public to allow the contractor to work, 'cause it's -- it's a very narrow work environment obviously. This -- this work will hopefully provide permanent stabilization to the trail in these areas where we've seen a lot of erosion. The back river channel has really encroached up on the trail over the years and taken a lot of vegetation away, which is the protective buffer that trail has experienced for quite some time. So the areas where we're doing a majority of the work is where the water has actually gotten right up against the trail. We'll be installing bulk heads in some of those areas and then some rip rap in some of the areas as well. So we're really trying to look at a permanent solution, and I think that will provide us. One of the interesting or the good things about this is, and with our conversations with the DNR and the problem that we had with maintenance on the trail, the permit by -- by issuance to the county for this permit, we have permanent maintenance authority on the trail through the section. So not only will we have something that's good and stable, the DNR has basically granted us permission to go back and do all the work we need to in the future.

Chairman Scott said, all right. Okay. Anything else? Any questions of Leon?

Commissioner Center said, I move that we adopt the Action Calendar.

Chairman Scott said, be -- before we do that, there are some folk in the audience who contributed money to this project. I just wanted to acknowledge them if they're here. Stand up.

Commissioner Farrell said, we -- we rarely get citizens that actually fund projects that they want. It's usually 99.9 percent of the time, they come to the County Commission for funding for their particular project, so it's -- if you've got anything to say or anything, we'd like to recognize --

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- the continued effort that y'all put in to bringing attention to the trail, and --

Chairman Scott said, just -- just mention the name of your organization, even if you don't want to say anything.

Commissioner Farrell said, oh, I'm going to put you on the spot.

Ms. Michelle Daniels said, of course my cohort just left.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. I saw him leave. Yeah. That was good of him, wasn't it? Leave you hanging.

Ms. Daniels said, just in time. My name is Michelle Daniels, and we started Save our Rails To Trails a few years ago after seeing the extensive erosion wanting to see if a) there was funding within the county and if not, then see if we could have permission to raise the funding and make sure it goes directly to that -- our love, our passion. So we're glad to know that this is finally coming to fruition and hopefully we'll finally see it out there.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Thank you, and -- and we really appreciate --

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, they made a \$10,000 donation, and we really appreciate it. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, wait a minute. May I ask, do y'all have a website or anything if people want to continue to give that they know how to get in touch with you?

Ms. Daniels said, yes. We're working on a 501(c)(3). That's kind of been pushed to the way side for a couple of years because of this race that we started to raise the funds for -- right now if they would like to go to danlhernandez.com, then -- and his LLC is called Run 4 A Reason. That is the best way at this point until we get the 501(c)(3) --

Chairman Scott said, Run 4 A Reason.

Ms. Daniels said, yes. Run 4 A Reason, yes. And it's 4, the number 4.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Ms. Daniels said, so, yes, and then we have a Facebook page, Save our Rails to Trails Savannah.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, very good. Thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Michelle. Appreciate you coming out today.

Commissioner Center said, good job.

Chairman Scott said, now I'll entertain the motion.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we adopt the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion or unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The Action Calendar is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 11 and under Item 11 Items A through V. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 22, 2015, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 14, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2015.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of May 14, 2015 through June 3, 2015, in the amount of \$8,601,629. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. TO AUTHORIZE A THREE-PARTY CONTRACT ITEM AGREEMENT (CIA) AND RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT), CHATHAM COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR \$1,076,324 FOR REQUIRED WATER AND SEWER RELOCATION ON THE WEST BAY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. [DISTRICT 8.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval to authorize a three-party contract item agreement (CIA) and Resolution between the Georgia Department of Transportation, Chatham County and the City of Savannah for \$1,076,324 for required water and sewer relocation on the West Bay Street Improvement project. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2015

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

ISSUE:

To authorize a three-party contract item agreement (CIA) and Resolution between the Georgia Department of Transportation, Chatham County and the City of Savannah for \$1,076,324 for required water and sewer relocation on the West Bay Street Improvement project.

BACKGROUND:

The project is in the Coastal Region (CORE) Transportation Improvement Plan for construction in Fiscal Year 2016. City of Savannah water and sewer utilities must be relocated to construct the project. By Local Government Project Agreement with the GDOT approved on November 13, 2001, the County is responsible for cost of relocating utilities. The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the water and sewer relocation on October 25, 2013.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Contract Item Agreement (CIA) is based on a cost estimate for the required relocation. The City of Savannah is responsible for facility upgrades. Once actual bids are received by GDOT, the Department will notify the County as to the actual amount due.
2. After the construction project is complete, the Department will refund any underrun or request a check for any overrun required to complete the work.
3. Funding for the relocation is a combination of Federal (M230) and SPLOST funds. Currently \$574,300 of Federal (M230) funds are allocated for utility relocation on the project. Additional Federal (M230) funds are available pending MPO Board approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To authorize a three-party Contract Item Agreement (CIA) and Resolution between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Chatham County and the City of Savannah for \$1,076,324 for required water and sewer relocation on the West Bay Street Improvement Project.
2. To not approve the CIA.

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the 1998-2003 SPLOST, W. Bay Street Improvement Project (Fund 322, Department 4220, Account Code 54.14007, Project #32250976).

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board approves Intergovernmental Agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve Alternative #1

District 8

Prepared by: Pamela Bernard, P.E.

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4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE 2015 ACCG HEALTH PROMOTION AND WELLNESS GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ITS SUBSEQUENT AWARD.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval to apply for the 2015 ACCG Health Promotion and Wellness grant and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Carolyn A. Smalls, Human Resources Director

ISSUE:

To request Board approval to apply for the 2015 ACCG Health Promotion and Wellness grant and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award

BACKGROUND:

For the past ten years, Human Resources has applied for and received grant funding from ACCG for wellness programming. Grant funds have been used to purchase items that encourage employees to lead healthy lifestyles.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The premise of the ACCG grant is to promote worksite programs designed to enhance the health and wellness of County employees and family members. Awards are made to members of ACCG based on a County's commitment to employee health and demonstrated collaboration with other community groups and organizations engaged in health promotion.
2. The Board of Commissioners has demonstrated strong support for the health and well-being of employees through the adoption of a formal wellness policy during its October 3, 2008 meeting. To further support employee health, during the June 26, 2013 meeting, the Board approved the establishment of the Chatham County Employee Health Center.
3. Previous ACCG grant funds have been used to purchase incentives such as water bottles and pedometers, as well as educational materials that promote healthy living.

FUNDING:

No match required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to apply for the 2015 ACCG Health Promotion and Wellness grant and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It has been the Board's policy to support programs and funding that enhance the health and well-being of Chatham County employees.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board adopt Alternative 1.

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of an agreement to provide Mosquito Control Services to the National Park Service. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Jeffrey L. Heusel, Mosquito Control Director

ISSUE:

Request Board approval of agreement to provide Mosquito control Services to the National Park Service.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County Mosquito Control is responsible for providing a comprehensive, cost effective mosquito abatement program for Chatham County and all of its municipalities. Fort Pulaski National Monument contains several sites that can serve as breeding habitats for saltmarsh mosquitos.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Since 1997, Chatham County Mosquito Control has been providing mosquito control services to Fort Pulaski National Monument through an agreement to follow National Park Service's Integrate Pest Management Program for such services.
2. Prior to 1997, Chatham County Mosquito Control has been providing these services on a routine as-needed basis.
3. The proper application of mosquito control services on Fort Pulaski can provide significant reductions in mosquito populations on National Park Service lands as well as to surrounding communities.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Agreement with the National Park Service.
2. Disapprove the Agreement with the National Park Service.
3. Provide staff with other direction.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is consistent with Board policy to promote safe, cost effective and responsible operations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative 1.

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6. TO PRESENT A REQUEST TO THE BOARD FOR THE TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PERIOD 2008 THROUGH 2015. WITH AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR THEM TO INSTRUCT THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS NOT TO CREATE A 2016 ASSESSMENT AND/OR ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SAME PROPERTIES.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval to present a request to the Board for the Tax Commissioner's Office to write off uncollectible property taxes for the period 2008 through 2015. With an additional request for them to instruct the Board of Assessors not to create a 2016 assessment and/or any subsequent assessment of the same properties. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-6

AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
THRU: Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner
FROM: Theresa C. Harrelson, Special Projects Accountant

ISSUE:

To present a request to the Board for the Tax Commissioner's Office to write off uncollectible property taxes for the period 2008 through 2015. With an additional request for them to instruct the Board of Assessors not to create a 2016 assessment and/or any subsequent assessment of the same properties.

BACKGROUND:

During the period 2008 through 2015 numerous personal property and mobile home tax accounts on the County's Tax Digest remain uncollected. These accounts are uncollectible for many reasons such as the owner(s) cannot be located; the owner(s) have moved; the owner(s) are deceased; the business is no longer in operation or has no assets or a bankruptcy judgment has paid less than 100 cents on the dollar. Therefore, the balance outstanding in these accounts cannot be collected.

The amount of uncollectible personal property and mobile home taxes determined thus far for the period of 2008 through 2015 total \$12,138.29 that consists of 58 tax bills as summarized:

Tax Year	No. Of Bills	Net Tax	County Portion
2009	2	321.13	135.29
2010	2	159.53	65.31
2011	3	387.00	145.43
2012	21	3,108.58	1,212.50
2013	22	6,583.53	2,549.75
2014	7	1,558.93	637.91
2015	1	19.59	6.92
TOTALS	60	\$12,138.29	\$4,753.11

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. When yearly audits are performed by both External and State Auditors, as well as periodical audits by Internal Auditors, it has been their recommendation to write off these uncollectible accounts.
2. A copy of the schedule listing all the accounts is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk's Commission meeting file.)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Tax Commissioner's request to write off these uncollectible accounts.
2. Do not approve the Tax Commissioner's request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

By writing off these uncollectible personal property accounts the County will be working with an accurate Tax Digest and valid delinquent accounts receivable records.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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7. **TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD A REQUEST FROM MR. MCKINLEY GREEN FOR THE COUNTY TO DECLARE UN-OPENED ALLEY RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) LOCATED BETWEEN HIS TWO PROPERTIES ON MEDFORD STREET AS SURPLUS AND TO QUITCLAIM THE ROW. [DISTRICT 5.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of a request from Mr. McKinley Green for the County to declare an un-opened alley right of way located between his two properties on Medford Street as surplus and to quitclaim the ROW. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2015

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

ISSUE:

To present to the Board a request from Mr. McKinley Green for the County to declare an un-opened alley right of way located between his two properties on Medford Street as surplus and to quitclaim the ROW.

BACKGROUND:

The petitioner owns the properties (PINs 1-0702-17-001 and 1-0702-17-004) which bounds the alley ROW on the north and south. The alley ROW was created when Lamarville was platted in 1906. It remains un-opened and is not maintained by Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The location of the request is shown on the map (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.)
2. Staff evaluated the ROW and determined this portion is of no use to the County.
3. The petitioner was notified of the quitclaim consideration and advised as to the date and time of this meeting.
4. If approved, the petitioner must pay the County the fair market value for the ROW to be determined by a professional appraisal, and provide the necessary appraisal, deed, and plat at his expense. The appraiser is selected by the petitioner and must be certified as a professional appraiser by the State of Georgia. Staff will review the submitted appraisal, deed and plat for completeness and reasonableness before the deed is sent to the County Clerk for processing and the fair market value payment check is sent to Finance for deposit.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve a request from Mr. McKinley Green for the County to declare an un-opened alley right of way (ROW) located between his two properties on Medford Street as surplus and to quitclaim the ROW.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 5

Prepared by: Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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8. **REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2015. PETITIONER: DANIEL SCHMIDT, D/B/A APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD BAR & GRILL, LOCATED AT 5460 AUGUSTA ROAD, GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA 31408. [DISTRICT 8.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of a transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2015. The petitioner is Daniel Schmidt, d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill, located at 5460 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia 31408. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2015

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer for beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2015. Petitioner: **Daniel Schmidt, d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**, located at **5640 Augusta Road, Garden City, GA 31408**.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Schmidt requests approval of a transfer beer, wine and liquor-pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Neal L. Chamberlain, Jr. to Daniel Schmidt.

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.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 8

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

 Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

 Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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9. **REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2015. PETITIONER: DANIEL SCHMIDT, D/B/A APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD BAR & GRILL, LOCATED AT 587 AL HENDERSON BOULEVARD, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31419. [DISTRICT 5.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of a transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2015. The petitioner is Daniel Schmidt, d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill, located at 587

Al Henderson Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31419. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-9
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2015

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

ISSUE:
Request for transfer for beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2015. Petitioner: **Daniel Schmidt, d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**, located at **587 Al Henderson Blvd., Savannah, Georgia 31419.**

BACKGROUND:
Mr. Schmidt requests approval of a transfer beer, wine and liquor-pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Neal L. Chamberlain, Jr. to Daniel Schmidt.

- 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.
 4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

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

District 5

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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10. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2015. PETITIONER: DANIEL SCHMIDT, D/B/A APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD BAR & GRILL, LOCATED AT 4705 U.S. HWY 80 EAST, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31410. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of a transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2015. The petitioner is Daniel Schmidt, d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill, located at 4705 U.S. Highway 80 East, Savannah, Georgia 31410. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-10
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:
Request for transfer for beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2015. Petitioner: **Daniel Schmidt, d/b/a Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar**, located at **4705 US Highway 80 East, Savannah, Georgia 31410**.

BACKGROUND:
Mr. Schmidt requests approval of a transfer beer, wine and liquor-pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Neal L. Chamberlain, Jr. to Daniel Schmidt.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center 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 Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

[NOTE: See original staff report attached to Clerk’s Meeting File.]

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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 don’t have any First Readers.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Note: The petitioner has requested the Second Readings for items XII-1, XII02, and XII-3 be delayed until the Board meeting on May 22, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, so we'll now move on to Second Readers.

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. Chairman, in the interim since the pre-meeting, it is my understanding in the Second Reading, that attorney Harold Yellin that represents the group would like to entertain the text amendment portion of this, and I'll let him explain what he would like to do in regard to the -- the zoning, and we can go from there.

- 1. 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.**

Chairman Scott said, okay, but before he -- before he does that, this is -- the Petitioner is Harold -- Harold B. Yellin, and he's the agent for Mariner Group, LLLC [sic], and they are requesting an amendment to the following section of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, Section 4 - Zoning District - R-3 Multi-Family Residential, Section 4-6.1 Develop -- Developmental Standards -- Development Standards - R-3 Section 4-6.67 d. 1. PUD-M-Density, and Section 4-6.67 d.8 PUD-M-Height, and the MPC has recommend approval, and now before we go to the text amendment, I'm going to recognize staff, as well as Mr. Yellin to speak to the text amendment.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. -- point of order, please.

Chairman Scott said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and -- and it's your meeting to conduct. Is there any way to know -- there -- because if they're not straying off of the -- the original amendment that was presented through the MPC that was recommended for approval, is there any way if we can find out if there's anyone here in opposition and that away we can --

Chairman Scott said, we -- we will at the end of it. We'll see if anybody's out there.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, I understand Mr. Yellin gets paid by the hour, you know, so I --

Chairman Scott said, yeah, well, we're going to ask.

Commissioner Farrell said, so he wants us to drag it out even more.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Harold, you do a great job, though.

Chairman Scott said, Marcus.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, hey, I'm -- I'm just trying to get it passed for the man just -- just real quick, you know.

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Pardon me. The item number 1 under Second Readings is -- is associated with the other items here that Mr. Yellin will discuss here shortly, but this first item is a text amendment, a proposed text amendment to the zoning ordinance so this is a requested change to the language of a portion of the zoning ordinance not specific to a particular property, and the proposed amendment addresses four sections of the ordinance that are related to multi-family development, and particular in the R-3 and PUD-M Districts, which are the two multi family districts within the county zoning ordinance. The first proposed change is to adjust the maximum density that can be requested in the R-3 District. Currently, and as of the time that zoning was adopted in Chatham County in 1961 within the R-3 District, if a petitioner comes before the Commission requesting that zoning district for the establishment of multi-family use, the maximum requested density that they can ask for is 24 units per acre. The proposal is to increase that from 24 to 40. That would be consistent with both the City of Savannah Ordinance, and the sort of general needs of the development community and residents that have changed over the years. So the Planning Commission is recommending that that amendment be made and that the -- the allowed density that can be requested be amended from 24 to 40. Now this doesn't grant any density to any project. This only grants what a petitioner can ask for when they come before the Commission --

Chairman Scott said, but you can go up to 20 --

Mr. Lotson said, -- requesting a rezoning.

Chairman Scott said, you can go up to 40 on an acre.

Mr. Lotson said, if -- if this is adopted, yes, sir. Yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, if this is -- that's correct.

Commissioner Farrell said, is that net -- net acre or gross acre?

Mr. Lotson said, net.

Commissioner Center said, what's the difference?

Mr. Lotson said, the -- the second part of this is -- is similar to the first part, but it applies to the -- to the PUD-M District, which is another multi-family district, so it's a request to change that from the current 25 per net acre to 40 per net acre, and the -- the third proposed change is within the R-3 District. Currently, that section limits den -- density based on the type of unit that you're talking about, whether it be one bedroom, two bedroom, three bedroom, etcetera, but within the rest of the ordinance, and again, this is a hold over from the original ordinance, it is not calculated that way. It is strictly calculated on unit, not whether it's a two bedroom or a four bedroom, so we're recommending today that that be changed to mirror the rest of the multi-family districts within the ordinance. And finally, we're recommending that a maximum permitted height be added to the PUD-M, again a multi-family district because there is no maximum permitted height currently allowed by the ordinance. As policy, we've always used the 36 feet because it's the same as the R-3 District, the other multi-family District, but it hasn't been law. So since we're going through these changes, we thought it would be appropriate at this time to recommend a maximum height in the PUD-M District, which would be 36 feet. So those are the proposed changes and the Planning Commission is recommending approval of those changes.

Commissioner Center said, may I ask a question?

Chairman Scott said, but, also, Marcus, for the people out in the audience who are looking, give them the address of this property. It's -- it's written in the report here, but it's on East President Street, 2100 East President Street.

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir. There is a -- a -- a property that's associated with Item number 2 and 3 on the agenda today that the Petitioner is -- is seeking rezoning on that is 2100 East President Street, and this is immediately west of the Red Cross facility, if you're familiar on the northside of President, and this is -- this is the property that brought up these issues as we began to look at it. This particular property is actually just immediately next door to a property within the City of Savannah that the petitioner has acquired and intends to develop on as well, so it -- we're right on the line, and again, as the -- as the Manager said earlier, there's -- you know, we've got some -- some different zoning requirements, sort of right next door to each other, so that's what we're trying to address today.

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th and Commissioner Center from the 3rd.

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, where exactly is this property located? This parcel of land?

Mr. Lotson said, just to be clear, the -- the first item on the agenda that we're discussing is a text amendment, so it's not specific to a piece of property. It -- it is specific to changing the language within the ordinance. However, the subsequent item is specific to 2100 East President Street, which is an existing vacant lot on the north side of President Street adjacent to Woodcock Drive. It's immediately next door to the Red Cross Center on East President Street and across President from the former Eli Whitney School.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Is that where the -- was it a housing --

Mr. Lotson said, yeah, immediately next door to this property there was a former multifamily development that --

Commissioner Shabazz said, what was -- what was the name of that?

Mr. Lotson said, it was -- it's been gone for a number of years.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Stratmore? Was it Stratmore?

Mr. Yellin said, Oak Tree.

Mr. Lotson said, Oak Tree Apartments.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Oak Tree. Okay. Okay. So the -- the -- the height restriction is 36 street -- 36 feet?

Mr. Lotson said, no, what we're recommending because there is no height maximum currently in the ordinance for the PUD-M District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Lotson said, we're recommending that we establish one and that it be 36 feet, which is the same as the other multi-family district in the county.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so that's approximately -- approximately three stories?

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Lotson said, and that's fairly standard for multifamily development in our community 'cause you rarely see apartment buildings higher than three stories due to the cost of installing elevators if you have -- if you go beyond three stories.

Commissioner Shabazz said, will this be -- will this be government subsidized housing or this is regular apartments? What is it?

Mr. Lotson said, I'm sorry, sir?

Commissioner Shabazz said, will this be government subsidized?

Mr. Lotson said, I believe the Petitioner can probably answer that better, but as I understand it this is just a -- just a normal private development, not associated with government subsidies.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Center said, would you explain to me the difference between a gross acre and a net acre?

Mr. Lotson said, the net acre takes out the -- does not include the car area, the parking area, drive outs, etcetera. That -- that's removed when you do the calculation.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, right of ways?

Mr. Lotson said, right of ways as well, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, or any wetlands or anything else that might be on it.

Mr. Lotson said, right. The buildable area, essentially of the where the building is.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further question of staff before I recognize --

Commissioner Brady said, I -- I -- I have a question. Well, and I -- and I don't know if this should be directed to the staff, but, I guess I ought to let Mr. Yellin get up there because I'm a little -- I'm confused on why you only wanted to do the text amendment and not do the rezoning on the two properties.

Mr. Harold Yellin said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the record, Harold Yellin, and I represent the Petitioner, Mariner Group. If I could, let me give some very brief comments about the text amendment first, which will apply county wide and -- and the reason why we brought it in the first place. Last year the Petitioner, Mariner Group, bought the property called the old Oak Tree Apartments. We went before the MPC. We went before the City of Savannah. We have got an approved site plan to build apartments on that site. Next door, and when I say next door, I mean exactly next door, east of the property we bought last year, there's a line that runs and the city is on one side and the county is on the other. Sometimes we don't learn about things until it's right in front of you. When we went to look at the county ordinance, we discovered that the city allows you up to 40 units an acre but the county allows only 24 units per acre under one section and 25 under another. So we were staring at a situation where we were trying to create apartments with different density requirements, and so we -- we did in fact bring this text amendment to try and make some uniformity between city and county. To Mr. Lotson's comment it does not allow 40 units per acre, it allows up to 40 units per acre, and the reason for this change is quite candidly, apartment units are actually getting smaller not bigger. Students are looking for efficiencies, professionals are looking for efficiencies, and we tend to have more units per acre than what we had before, so that's the reason for the text amendment.

Mr. Yellin said, there's no reason to hold up this text amendment. We believe it's good for the county. MPC staff believes it's good for the county. In fact, the discussion at the MPC focused on whether there was a need for a height limit or not. Some Commissioners thought there should be no need for a height. They ultimately decided on 36 feet or three stories. So, the first item before you is a text amendment which we fully support. The next two items go to the very specific property of rezoning. Currently there is an engineering issue which we're trying to resolve and which we've been trying very hard to resolve for the last several weeks and months. The owner of the property will be down zoning his property. It's currently zoned commercial and industrial and if this were to be approved, it will be down zoned to a multi family classification, which in the owner's mind is a

down zoning and makes it less valuable, but it is what my client would like to have. Until that engineering issue gets resolved, he has asked that we continue this to a date certain. That date certain we would ask for would be August the 14th. At that time we'll come back before you. If we don't have this resolved by the 14th, we will withdrawal our petitioner and we will waive the \$4,000 plus fee which we have filed with this zoning. That will be our request, and I -- I may be speaking too soon because that goes to item -- the next two items, but we are at that point where we think the text is good for the county whether we proceed or not. The other two items need to be continued to a date certain, and we are suggesting that you consider your County Commissioner meeting on August the 14th. And I'll be happy to answer any questions y'all may have. Yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady, did -- did you have any?

Commissioner Brady said, no. No. No.

Mr. Yellin said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, that satisfied.

Mr. Yellin said, thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Brady.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, once again for the slowest Commissioner, you're buying it and the owner wants to hold off on the -- on items 2 and 3 --

Mr. Yellin said, yes, sir. I --

Commissioner Center said, -- and the -- and the purchaser is willing to go along with that? The Petitioner?

Commissioner Brady said, that's what he said.

Mr. Yellin said, I -- I am here representing the potential buyer/developer, but I'm also here with the authority of the owner who signed the authorization for me to be here. Once we rezone this property, it's rezoned and the owners are saying, because I'm doing this as a down zone, I'm going from commercial to residential --

Commissioner Center said, okay. The owner wants more options in case y'all don't --

Commissioner Farrell said, in case the deal falls through.

Commissioner Center said, -- go through the deal.

Mr. Yellin said, if we can't solve the engineering, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Mr. Yellin said, that's exactly what that's -- what this is about.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Thank you.

Mr. Yellin said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. If there's no further questions, then what we're going to ask is approval of Item 1 under Second Readers and a postponement of the remaining items.

Commissioner Center said, motion --

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve Item 1, which was read.

Commissioner Center said, now --

Chairman Scott said, any discussion or unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Center said, and Mr. Chairman, I have a question. Point of order. On items 2 and 3, should we table this till August 14th --

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, -- so it either gets resolved or done that day?

County Attorney Hart said, correct. Correct.

Commissioner Center said, rather than just let it hang on?

Chairman Scott said, that's a separate motion.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Are you ready for that?

Chairman Scott said, not yet.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, we've got to announce them.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, Item 1 is -- is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to adopt the text amendment. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~April 10, 2015~~

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XII-1~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~April 24, 2015~~

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XII-1~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~May 22, 2015~~

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XII-1~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~June 12, 2015~~



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

110 EAST STATE STREET PO BOX 8246 SAVANNAH GEORGIA 31412-8246 PHONE 912-651-1440 FACSIMILE 912-651-1480

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The petitioner, Harold 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 - R-3; Section 4-6.67 d.1, PUD-M -- Density, and Section 4-6.67 d.8 PUD-M - Height.

The MPC recommends approval. File No. Z-150205-00011-1

ISSUE:

A request to amend Section 4 - Zoning District - R-3 Multi-Family Residential, Section 4-6.1 Development Standards - R-3 Multi-Family Residential, Section 4-6.67 d. 1. PUD-M-Density, and Section 4-6.67 d.8 PUD-m-Height of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance.

PURPOSES:

The purpose of the amendment to Section 4 - Zoning District - R-3 Multi-Family Residential is to increase the maximum permitted density from 24 to 40 units per net acre.

The purpose of the amendment to Section 4-6.1 are to increase the maximum density from 24 units to 40 units per net acre and eliminate the variations in density based on the number of bedrooms with the R-3 zoning classification.

The purpose of the amendment to Section 4-6.67 d.1. is to change the maximum permitted net density for multi-family dwellings. The proposed change would increase the maximum density from 25 units to 40 units per net acre within the PUD-M zoning classification.

The purpose of the requested amendment to Section 4-6.67 d. 8, is to establish the maximum permitted height for all structures within the PUD-M zoning classification.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

No public notice is required based on the fact that the proposed text amendment(s) applies to all of unincorporated Chatham County and not to a specific parcel of land.

FINDINGS:

1. The existing densities allowed in PUD-M and R-3 zoning districts have remained unchanged since the creation of both zoning classifications. However, as unincorporated Chatham County continues to develop, there is more pressure to allow more residential units in terms of net density.
2. In addition to the requested increase in density in an R-3 zoning district, there is also a need to eliminate the density variations between differing types of multi-family units to make standard the density for all types of multi-family units, regardless of the number of bedrooms. For example, the maximum number of efficiency units per net acre is 24 and the maximum number of units per net acre with three or more bedrooms is 14. This is the only district that determines the density based on the number of bedrooms.
3. Increasing the maximum net density in both zoning classifications will not change the manner in which a property is evaluated to determine whether it should be rezoned to allow a greater density, but would provide an opportunity currently not available when an increase in the net density is warranted.
4. In determining the appropriateness of how multi-family properties are developed, there are factors other than density which will affect the total number of units that can be developed on a parcel. Some of these factors are: required setbacks and buffers, drainage and increased stormwater which typically requires on-site detention, maximum permitted height, required greenspace, and the required Tree Quality Points and Landscape Quality Points.
5. The Planned Unit Development Multi-Family (PUD-M) zoning district does not address the maximum permitted height for all structures in the existing development standards. Typically, the policy has been to apply the maximum height for all structures in accordance with the general development standards contained in the R-3 zoning district which is 36 feet. Based on this finding, it would be appropriate to amend the PUD-M zoning classification to establish a maximum height of 36 feet for all structures.
6. A zoning ordinance is not static, but a document that continues to change to meet the needs of the community. Such needs can be brought about by a variety of reasons including the desires of the general public as a whole, as well as the providing development opportunities that continues to change as building technologies and market conditions evolve.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The proposed amendment to change the maximum net density in both the PUD-M and R-3 zoning classifications is necessary to provide a means to meet the needs of unincorporated Chatham County. This change would not automatically increase the densities of developable properties, but would provide a means to permit certain properties to be developed at a higher density when deemed appropriate. The proposed amendment would also establish the maximum permitted height for all structures which has previously been regulated by policy only.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approval of amendment to Section 4 - Zoning District - R03 Multi-Family Residential, Section 4-6.67 d. 1 and Sections 4-6.67 d.8 and 4-6.1 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance.
2. Denial of the proposed amendment.
3. Approve an alternative amendment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Planning Commission recommends that alternative 1 be **approved** and that Section 4 - Zoning District - R03 Multi-Family Residential, Section 4-6.67 d. 1 and Sections 4-6.67 d.8 and 4-6.1 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance be amended as outlined (in the original staff report attached to the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.)

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director
Development Services

March 18, 2015

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

"Planning the Future – Respecting the Past"

----- M E M O R A N D U M -----

DATE: MARCH 18, 2015
TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:

Chatham County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment
RE: Section 4 - Zoning District - R-3 Multi-Family Residential
 Section 4 - Zoning District - R-3 Multi-Family Residential
 Section 4-6.1 Development Standards for Dwellings - R-3 Section 4-6.67 d.1.
 PUD-M - Density Section 4-6.67 d.8 PUD-M - Height
 Petitioner: Mariner Group, LLC
 Agent: Attorney Harold Yellin
 File No. Z-150205-00011-1

MPC ACTION: Approval of alternative 1 (one) and that Section 4 - Zoning Districts - R-3 Multi-Family Residential, Section 4-6.67 d.1., Section 4-6.67 d.8, and **Section** 4-6.1 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance be amended as outlined.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of alternative 1 (one) and that Section 4 - Zoning Districts - R-3 Multi-Family Residential, Section 4-6.67 d.1., Section 4-6.67 d.8, and **Section** 4-6.1 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance be amended as outlined.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 7 + Secretary

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| Tanya Milton, Secretary | James Overton, Treasurer |
| Joseph Welch | Lacy Manigault |
| Stephanie Cutter | James B. Blackburn, Jr. |
| Timothy Mackey | Tom Woiwode |

<u>VOTING FOR MOTION</u>	<u>VOTING AGAINST MOTION</u>	<u>*ABSENT OR **FAILING TO VOTE</u>
Tom Woiwode Joseph Welch James B. Blackburn, Jr. Stephanie Cutter Timothy Mackey Lacy Manigault Tanya Milton James Overton	None	*Shedrick Coleman *Ellis Cook *Adam Ragsdale *Lee Smith *Linder Suthers *George Woods

FOR APPROVAL: 8 FOR DENIAL: 0 ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

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2. 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.]

Chairman Scott said, and now we'll entertain a motion on item 2 and 3.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we table items 2 and 3 to August 14th, 2015.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Items 2 and 3 under Second Readers are postponed till August 14th.

Mr. Yellin said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to table Items 2 and 3 until the Commission meeting of August 14, 2015. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. **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-150302-00020-1. [DISTRICT 3.]**

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, the remainder of your package is informational item.

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: June 12, 2015

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Stock sign sheeting	Public Works and Park Services	Vulcan, Inc.	\$7,659	CIP - Public Works and Park Services
46 inch touch screen replacement monitor	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$2,925	General Fund/M&O - Public Defender
Repair cooling system in unit #283 - Public Works spray truck	Fleet Operations	Roberts Truck Center, Inc.	\$3,674	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Air condition service machine	Fleet Operations	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$3,619	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Landing gear skid for helicopter	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$6,525	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Fuel pump for helicopter	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$2,500	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Jumping jack compactor for pothole repairs	Public Works and Park Services	Global Equipment Co., Inc.	\$2,655	SSD - Public Works
Six (6) laser jet printers for Tax Commissioner	I.C.S.	Staples Business Advantage	\$2,964	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
85 cans of two part epoxy paint to protect against vandalism and graffiti	Detention Center	Sherwin Williams	\$9,238	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Engine governor for helicopter	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$5,100	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Transportation for Youth Intercept participants	Victim Witness	Kelly Tours, Inc.	\$3,000	MGF - Victim Witness
Nine (9) office chairs	State Court Clerk	VIP Printing & Office Supply	\$5,315	General Fund/M&O - State Court Judges
Filters for helicopters	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$6,305	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Promotional items for "Say No to Drugs"	Sheriff's Dept.	GI Custom, LLC	\$4,520	50% Drug Surcharge Sheriff's
One (1) chainsaw, one (1) weedeater, and one (1) blower for ditch maintenance crews	Public Works and Park Services	Lawnmower Store	\$3,030	SSD - Public Works
15 desktop computers for Sheriff's Dept.	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$8,391	I.C.S. Computer Replacement
May 2015 Tax Sale Ad	Tax Commissioner	Shivers Trading / Operating Company	\$4,160	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Prisoner transport	Detention Center	U.S. Prisoner Transport	\$2,801	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, we do have a need for an executive session. At this time I will entertain a motion.

Commissioner Center said, all right. I move that we -- that we recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel and real estate.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Thank you. We are now heading for executive session in five minutes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

The Board recessed at approximately 11:43 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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2. **APPOINTMENTS
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AUTHORITY**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to appoint Dr. Jerald Gottlieb to the Economic Opportunity Authority. His term is set to expire December 31, 2019. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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LIVE OAK REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to appoint Dr. Nazarene German to the Live Oak Regional Library Board. Her term is set to expire June 30, 2018. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to re-appoint Robert Tully to the Chatham Urban Transportation Study (CUTS) Citizens Advisory Committee. His term is set to expire June 30, 2018. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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CHATHAM TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to re-appoint Commissioners Stone, Holmes and Thomas to the Chatham Area Transit Authority. Their appointments are set to expire June 30, 2016. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. DISTRICT ATTORNEY OUTSIDE COUNSEL

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the District Attorney to hire outside counsel, said counsel to be paid at the same rate as the County Attorney. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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4. CONSULTANT FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the contract for a consultant at the Sheriff's Department, which includes a transfer of funds from the DFCS budget to the County Attorney budget. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF JUNE, 2015.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION