

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 17, 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 9:43 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. I'll ask that you be seated at this time and remain seated until such time as Reverend Kelly indicates it's time to pray. At that time, if you would re-stand and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance this morning by Commissioner Helen Stone, our pro tem, from the 1st District.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, and it's a -- a pleasure this morning to introduce our devotional leader. Reverend Kelly is a native Georgian. Grew up in the Valdosta area. He's a -- went to Valdosta State College and later on to the seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, and he's ordained in the Episcopal church for 21 years. But what I found that was most interesting about Reverend Kelly is what he did when he was not counseling or serving the church. He spends quite a bit of time on the water. He's quite a kayaker, and I don't know if he will say anything about that this morning, but I am almost ready to sign up for some instructions, but, that's for another day. But at this time please welcome Reverend R. Kevin Kelly to lead us in our devotion this morning. Reverend Kelly, thank you so much.

Reverend R. Kevin Kelly said, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Reverend Kelly said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, thank you for your kind invitation. It is a privilege to be here with y'all. I'm not going to talk about kayaking because I only have five minutes as I understand it. So, that would take far -- far too long. I -- I'm always a little nervous when I'm asked to -- to speak to organizations like this, civic or government organizations, because I really don't have much experience with that sort of thing, but then I figure if the U.S. Senate has its own chaplain, maybe this is okay for us. Not that I'm comparing myself to Admiral Black, but this morning, y'all can just make do with me, I guess. I -- I preach from the aisle in my church and the congregation, you know, is sitting before me, and then the folks serving in -- in -- in the service that morning, are usually in -- behind the alter rail behind me, but I make them come down and sit in the congregation because it makes me nervous to have people behind me when I'm talking. I'll do the best that I can.

Reverend Kelly said, if -- if you have ever bought or sold a house or any other piece of real estate or -- or thinking of opening a private business, a retail shop or a restaurant, you're probably familiar with the mantra of the real estate agent, location, location, location. Location is important. Sometimes it is the most important consideration of all. In other words, place matters. Where we are matters. Where we have been situated, where we have chosen to be is important. In Christian theology we -- we talk about this as vocation. The notion that God calls us to a particular task at a particular time but also in a particular place. St. Benedict of the 5th and 6th centuries, the Father of Western Monasticism understood this very well. In -- in addition to the vows of chastity -- chastity and poverty, and obedience that his monks took, they also took a vow of stabilitas, a vow of stability, which meant for them that when they entered the order, unlike monks in other orders, they would not be moved from house to house but would spend the rest of their lives in the one monastery that they had entered. Benedict had this notion that the key to the success of the individual depended entirely upon the success of the community and the success of the community depended upon the lives of the individuals all committed to working together to make better where they were.

Reverend Kelly said, now, if there is a -- a criticism that can be legitimately lodged against Christianity it is that we are at times too focused on the life to come, on eternal life, on unfading glory to the point that we forget the life that we have now. We overlook at as transitory, as temporary, as a momentary affliction to be endured, and we forget that it is a gift that God has given us. Luke, the author of two books in the New Testament, the gospel that bears his name and the Acts of the Apostles seemed to understand this tendency, and also seemed to write against it. The Jesus that is revealed in the Gospel according to Luke is intimately connected with this life and concerned with it, particularly with the plight of the poor. While many of us are most familiar with that portion of Matthew's gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, called the Beatitudes, we remember that there is another account of it in Luke only slightly different. While in Matthew Jesus said blessed are the poor in spirit, in Luke it is simply blessed are the poor. And it is not those who hunger and thirst for righteousness that Jesus holds up, rather those that simply hunger and thirst. We are called to care for our

community, for our place, for our location, and for all who dwell there. Not just the wealthy and the powerful, but also the poor and the downcast. Not just the privileged, but those who are often forgotten or excluded or easy to forget.

Reverend Kelly said, I'm going to share with you one -- the -- the opening verses from the second book written by Luke, the Acts of the Apostles. He picks up where he left off in the first book. Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day he was taken up to Heaven. After giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during the 40 days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. This, he said, is what you have heard from me. For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. So when they had come together, they asked him, Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel? He replied it is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward Heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by him. They said men of Galilee why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus that has been taken from you into heaven will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. While staying with them he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem. In other words, Jesus said, stay in the city. They're not simply to follow him out to watch him ascend, to hope and long to go with Him to that place of eternal life and unfading glory, although it might be easier, instead he reminds his Apostles, his followers, those to whom he has entrusted his mission that they are to stay in the city. Stay in their place and to work there, and there he will give them power. Not power for their own gain or benefit but for the benefit of all. Because Jesus certainly seemed to understand that if any of us are to succeed as individuals, we must succeed collectively as the community in which he has placed us. Let us pray.

Reverend Kelly gave the invocation as follows:

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that Holy city to which the nations of the earth bring their glory. Behold and visit we pray the cities of the earth, especially Savannah and Chatham County. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice and oppression that peace may prevail with righteousness and justice with order and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott presented Reverend R. Kevin Kelly with a Certificate of Appreciation for his devotion and invocation.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

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

Chairman Scott said, Dr. Thomas reports that our Youth Commissioners are on summer break and not here today, so she doesn't have any Youth Commissioners to present to us today.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY 25 - AUGUST 2, 2015 AS GULLAH/GEECHEE NATION APPRECIATION WEEK. QUEEN QUET, CHIEFTESS OF THE GULLAH/GEECHEE NATION WILL ACCEPT THE PROCLAMATION.**

Chairman Scott said, and at this time we will start on page two of our agenda, and that's a proclamation declaring July 25th through August 2nd, 2015 as Gullah/Geechee Nation Appreciation week. And we have Queen Quet here to accept this proclamation.

Chairman Scott said, and I'll -- and I'll share just a little bit of it with you.

Chairman Scott read the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, Chatham County, Georgia is the location of the City of Savannah and numerous smaller areas of the Coastal Empire wherein Gullah/Geechee people still reside and upon its founding, Africans were brought in to build this county; and

WHEREAS, these African people populated the islands of the region which had already been occupied by the indigenous people for which many of the sea islands have been named including the islands of Ossabaw, Hutchinson, Tybee and beyond as well as areas such as Yamacraw and Pinpoint which became the home of these African people who came to be known as "Gullah/Geechee"; and

WHEREAS, several of those that grew from this soil were the founders of historic churches in Chatham County as well as in Liberia and this year, we commemorate 150 years since Gullah/Geechee ministers held a historic meeting in Savannah, Georgia with Union Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton and Major-Gen. William T. Sherman leading to land ownership and sustaining of their culture; and

WHEREAS, Queen Quet, who became the first Gullah/Geechee in the world to speak before the United Nations on behalf of Gullah/Geechees and established the Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition on historic St. Helena Island, South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare July 25 through August 2, 2015 as:

GULLAH/GEECHEE NATION APPRECIATION WEEK

in Chatham County and look forward to the series of activities that will take place throughout Chatham County to honor the history and legacy of the Gullah/Geechee Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 17th day of July 2015.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, Queen Quet. Do you have any comments?

Queen Quet said, yes, sure. T'engky, t'engky to all of Chatham County, especially to the County Council. Deseyuh fuh'um chillun. You might want to take these back with you, Chairman. One for each of you so you know what going on during Gullah/Geechee Appreciation week on through the area an thing like that. Things are going from Jacksonville, Florida to Jacksonville, North Carolina, but you know we have to be here in the Coastal Empire. And so the theme this here year, a time fa shout and it's sure shouting time for we. So we thank all our chillun for this shout. (Inaudible spoken in Gullah). But I can speak your language over here too, and I'm a native of Saint Helena, Island but has done a lot of work here in Savannah, Georgia, especially with one of our initial wisdom circle counsel of elders members, Dr. Amir Jamal Toure, who is a native to your city, and I know he's not unfamiliar to you, so it's a blessing to have him here this morning. I want to also give him an opportunity to give some words of thanks on behalf of the Gullah/Geechee Nation and our people for this outstanding proclamation. Thank you so much, and if you want to follow us and your viewers who are watching today want to follow us, follow @GullahGeechee on Twitter or Gullah/Geechee Nation on Facebook or gullahgeecheenation.com, and you'll have the whole list of events that you all just received as well.

Dr. Amir Jamal Toure said, so good morning Commissioners.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Dr. Toure said, always glad to see some of you, 'cause some of you are our great supporters and from -- those from events to programs and helping the youth and helping the community, and it's fitting that as Queen Quet shared with me, that Chatham County was the first to recognize because this is --

Queen Quet said, in Georgia.

Dr. Toure said, -- in Georgia because Gullah/Geechee culture begins in a place called Yamacraw right here in Savannah, Georgia, and so it's fitting that we are first, and we should always be first because we are the start of the culture and history of African people going back to thousands of years ago. So it's an honor to be before y'all.

Queen Quet said, yeah. T'engky, t'engky. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Queen Quet said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. We have a -- a few questions for you.

Queen Quet said, sure.

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner Holmes of the 2nd, then Commissioner Center of the 3rd and then Commissioner Shabazz of the 5th in that order.

Queen Quet said, and -- and Commissioner Holmes, I hope it's not nepotism. I'm a Holmes too. Yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, that -- that's -- that's why I wanted to speak with you.

Queen Quet said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, I just want to say the work that you all are doing are fantastic.

Queen Quet said, thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, about some 10, 15 years ago I was on the island.

Queen Quet said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, and I -- and I saw a young man doing a tour and talking, and that young man was that young man behind you.

Queen Quet said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, and I think that's when him and I first met.

Queen Quet said, all right.

Commissioner Holmes said, and the next time we ran across each others we been in Savannah.

Queen Quet said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, but what I want to ask you, how long have you been working with the festival?

Queen Quet said, myself?

Commissioner Holmes said, yes.

Queen Quet said, the festival is now ten years old. This is the tenth year for the Gullah/Geechee Nation International Music and Movement Festival.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

Queen Quet said, prior to that we've had the Gullah Festival and Heritage Days that happen in Beaufort County, South Carolina, and I've been a part of both of them from the beginning, and Heritage Day is 33 years old this year, and I'm chairing it now on St. Helena Island.

Commissioner Holmes said, keep the good work up.

Queen Quet said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, appreciate it very highly.

Queen Quet said, thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, congratulations.

Queen Quet said, appreciate you, cuz.

Chairman Scott said, Commiss -- Commissioner Center of the 3rd.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning.

Queen Quet said, good morning.

Commissioner Center said, and congratulations on the Gullah/Geechee National Appreciation week.

Queen Quet said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, and as a native of Savannah, I'm -- I'm very proud to -- you know, we all feel like we're Gullah/Geechee's --

Queen Quet said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, -- in -- in Savannah, and -- and -- but I -- when I saw this in our -- when our book was delivered to me a couple nights ago, and I saw this, I didn't know the Gullah/Geechee Nation, I knew the Gullah/Geechee heritage and culture --

Queen Quet said, right.

Commissioner Center said, -- and people, so I looked it up, and I noticed there was also a -- U.S. Congress gave some kind of recognition I think.

Queen Quet said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, Representative Cleb -- Clyburn --

Queen Quet said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- in Charleston to the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor.

Queen Quet said, yes, correct.

Commissioner Center said, are -- are there different organizations that all promote Gullah/Geechee? Do you all work together? Can you tell me a little bit about that?

Queen Quet said, well, actually, both of us were inaugural Commissioners on the federal commission, which is the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, and what that Commission's job was, and it sun

sets next year, was to actually create the national heritage area that is the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor. So many people who travel through the Coastal Empire now and up the Kings Highway will see the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor signs. That was one of the visuals that you can tell that we made some progress. But back in 2006 when President George Bush was in office was when the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act got passed, and so it was a U.S. Congressional Act that I helped Congressman James Clyburn get going and pushed it up the Hill from the low country to get passed to create that natural heritage area that became the 37th national heritage area and the only one that recognizes the living culture of people of African descent in North America and in America. And so I'm very proud that we have served, and that we really did a lot of work. And Dr. Toure was instrumental because when we did the initial special resource studies that led to this Congressional legislation, we had a meeting here in Savannah that he was the one that was instrumental in having placed here in this city, just a couple of blocks away from where we are now, and we could walk. And so it has been a long journey, but it's still going on, and so glad that you pay attention and much less we send you back to school a little bit for doing a little bit of studying.

Commissioner Center said, well, thank -- I'm glad I asked the question. It was very interesting.

Queen Quet said, I'm glad you did too.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Queen Quet said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'm glad to see you all are the keepers of the culture. I wanted to ask a question in terms of how does the Gullah/Geechee culture connects to the continent of Africa.

Queen Quet said, oh, wow.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and -- and -- and it's relationship to Africa.

Queen Quet said, you know we could be here for a couple semesters, right, Dr. Toure, on that answer.

Commissioner Shabazz said, just -- just --

Queen Quet said, well, I'll say this. I put together an anthology years ago *The Legacy of Ibo Landing: Gullah Roots of African American Culture*. In that anthology there are maps and there are charts because that's how much it takes to actually answer your question. The Gullah/Geechee's actually are the descendants of African people all the way from the Windward Coast, Rice Coast area down to Angola. So from Senegambia to Angola you have people that were kidnaped and then brought in to this area. In particular over 40 percent of all Africans enslaved in North America came through Sullivan's Island in Charleston, South Carolina. And, of course, we had many Africans sold here at River Street in Savannah and then taken down Lazaretto Creek, down to where Ibo Landing is on St. Simon's. And so, in terms of food way, spiritual practices, linguistic continuation, you have all of these relationships back to the mother land that are still living now, including our sea work traditions, which is what I thought the Chairman was going to say that our chaplain for this morning, the pastor, did was going out yonder and about to avoid casting the net when he said he had a relationship with the water. That's what came to my mind. And so, there are all these living African traditions that are still embodied within Gullah/Geechee culture and the people today. Did you want to add anything?

Dr. Toure said, in Savannah some of us are aware of traditions from the ring shout --

Queen Quet said, right.

Dr. Toure said, -- because we do it in our churches.

Queen Quet said, mm-hmm.

Dr. Toure said, and that back in Yamacraw, Robert Abbott, who was basically the cause of a number of African people to leave from this area and go up north.

Queen Quet said, right.

Dr. Toure said, he talked about in Yamacraw that he saw the ring shout tradition that comes directly from Africa, and then when some of us are eating gumbo.

Queen Quet said, right.

Dr. Toure said, and again we know that comes from Africa.

Queen Quet said, and red rice, the jollof rice.

Dr. Toure said, that's right.

Queen Quet said, uh-huh.

Dr. Toure said, and the seeking in the wilderness that people did in, we know it's Pinpoint, Sandfly, and in the City of Savannah. Traditions that go back to the 1700s, again tied to Africa, and many of them right here in what we know as Wright Square, and go in the City Market that people used to see that, and the man was saying crab sweet, crab sweet, Hilton Head crab meat, pork bagel, and traditions, that again go back home to Africa that lives with us and even with regard to the porches that we see, architectural features, all that. And we live it, and we're the embodiment of it.

Queen Quet said, right. And many of our people left Savannah to go back and found the churches that are in Liberia and Free Town, Sierra Leone today, and so we have a link coming from the mother land here and a link going back, and we're living right in the center of it all.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Queen Quet said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Holmes said, as the old saying, you go girl.

Queen Quet said, thank you, sir. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we have a -- we have a -- some further comments from our Vice Chair, Dr. Thomas, from the 8th District.

Queen Quet said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to echo the kind words of expressions that has been eluded here this morning. We are so happy, and we are so proud of all of the wonderful things that you have done over the years, and to say that it began in Yamacraw. And I want you to know that last year we sent about I think it was like 26 young people, along with parents to participate in the event over there. We're making plans this year to have even greater numbers because I think it's something that they need to participate in. Also I want to say to you that, Mr. Robert Abbott --

Queen Quet said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- was an uncle of mine.

Queen Quet said, oh, really?

Commissioner Thomas said, so, I didn't know that until --

Queen Quet said, outstanding.

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah. So --

Dr. Toure said, that's why we said that.

Commissioner Thomas said, so I'm just excited about that. But just want to say congratulations. Keep up the good work, and we are very proud of what you are doing.

Queen Quet said, thank you so much, and so we look forward to all of you joining us August 1st in Riceboro. We'll have your VIP seating for you. It won't be quite as comfortable as those chairs you're in today, but we will have it for you at Geechee Kunda, and so, please come on down and shout really wild, 'cause we're going to be shouting from now till then. T'engky, t'engky for this here.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Queen Quet said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, I'll also mention though when you talk about Yamacraw, Yamacraw name arrived from the Yamacraw Creek Indians, and for those who delve into history, you would know that when Oglethorpe approached Tomochichi about negotiating a treaty, he said that he could not speak for the creek nation, that he was only one chief, and then when they brought the chiefs together, one of the things that they negotiated that we don't talk about was that Tomochichi demanded that there be no slaves in the County of Savannah, and later -- because at that time there were no cities, and he also demanded that Oglethorpe take the slaves back to Charleston from where he had brought them, and then later slaves were re-introduced into Chatham County. But that was part of it, and all the chiefs, I think there were some six or seven chiefs that finally signed off on that

treaty with Oglethorpe, including the Yemassee Creeks and the Yamacraw Creeks. Thank you so much for being here.

Commissioner Center said, Oglethorpe also said no lawyers. How did they get back in Chatham County?

Chairman Scott said, well that wasn't part of this history lesson because that's not all he banned, but -- thank you so much.

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2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

Chairman Scott said, the next item we have is a special presentation by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Flood Plan [sic] Management Division, and I'm going to recognize Leon Davenport, our head of engineering for introductions.

County Engineer Leon Davenport said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. I won't talk very long. I really want the spotlight to be not only on the presenters today of what this -- the unincorporated area has achieved through this program but also on the staff that -- that really is the -- the driving force behind scenes that you never see the face of. Michael Blakely has worked very hard over the years, and that's been his -- his -- his charge to try to continue to improve our CRS, our community rating system status, when it comes to the number we are and to -- to bring savings to the -- to the unincorporated area resident through their flood insurance programs. I also don't understand why I don't get to just introduce people with the last name Smith or Jones. It never works that a way, so please forgive me gentlemen if I get a name wrong or if I don't pronounce it correctly, but, with us today is Mr. Tim Russo with FEMA, Region IV. He would like to give a few words, talk about the program and -- and present the latest information. I'll leave the spotlight on these guys. They'll tell you what this really means and -- and what we have achieved. Tom Shillock, also with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's Watershed Protection Branch. He is here with us today, and Tom Tkacs, close enough? All right. All right. Best I can do. If you saw how it was spelled, you would understand my dilemma. So, with any -- with any other words from me, I would --

Chairman Scott said, now, who's going to come up?

Mr. Davenport said, Mr. Tim Russo's going to come up and -- and -- and talk about the program, and if you would, he's going to present a -- a --

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Mr. Davenport said, -- a plaque to you.

Chairman Scott said, when he gets through with his comment, I'll come down and accept it.

Mr. Davenport said, but I'd also like the opportunity -- Michael Blakely, he -- he would like to share a few words with you about the program -- program, if you don't mind, at the end of this.

Chairman Scott said, sure. Thank you.

Mr. Tim Russo said, Chairman and Commissioners, thank you. Since Chatham County entered the NFIP, we have -- we have seen Chatham County make increased strides in administrating and enforcing it's floodplain management program. We -- the results of it's increased efforts are a safer and more disaster resilient community. In the early 1990s FEMA decided to recognize communities for an exceptional efforts by reducing flood insurance premiums through the community rating system, CRS. We developed a list of activities related to the program -- floodplain management program and established a credit-based point system. Communities receive a 5 percent discount for each class they advance from a class 10, which is a no discount to a class 1, which is a 45 percent discount off their flood premiums. The discount provides an incentive for flood protection prepare -- preparedness and mitigation activities that can help save lives and protect property in the event of a flood. Policy holders in Chatham County first began receiving a discount October 1st, 1991 and on May 1st of this year Chatham County's program was awarded a CRS class 5 rating, distinguishing itself as one of a very select group. So on behalf of FEMA Region IV, we recognize Chatham County on it's continuing efforts towards outstanding floodplain management. The county's actions will result in a community that is a more resistant and resilient to flood damage and will -- flood damage, excuse me. Congratulate -- I congratulate Chatham County on its achievement for a CRS class 5 rating.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I'll ask the County Manager and any members of the Commission wish to join me to receive this.

[NOTE: Chairman Scott was presented with the Class 5 Rating by FEMA.]

Chairman Scott said, let me -- let me just -- let me just say on behalf of all the citizens of Chatham County, we appreciate this designation and thank you for acknowledging Chatham County and for the citizens of Chatham

County, this acknowledgment really represents a 25 percent reduction in your flood insurance premium, and -- and that's wonderful news. Thank you, and thanks -- thanks to all the staff at Chatham County who made this possible as well.

Mr. Michael Blakely said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. I want to thank you for the opportunity to address you this morning regarding the -- Chatham County's Floodplain Management Program. The county's floodplain management program is a relatively new program of which very few members of the general public are aware of. I became involved with the program during 2002. At that time Chatham County was a class 9 community and the citizens only received a 5 percent discount off their flood policies. Within a few years Chatham County upgraded -- was upgraded by FEMA to a class 7 community, where the citizens received a 15 percent discount off their -- off their -- off flood property policies. Continued perseverance provided yet another CRS class improvement, this time to a class 6, providing home owners with a 20 percent discount off of flood insurance policies. As you are presently aware today, the -- the presentation by FEMA and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is to congratulate us again on being upgraded, this time to a class 5 community. That equates to citizens residing in FEMA's high hazard flood areas of unincorporated Chatham County now receiving 25 percent discount off their flood insurance policy. That equates to a county-wide savings of over \$3 million with the average to the -- with savings to the average home owner of \$263 per policy holder. Homeowners see this discount as a direct reduction in their mortgage payment because flood insurance is mandatory for those living in the high hazard areas, as the insurance is escrowed in their mortgage payment.

Mr. Blakely said, while doing my job, I find that I'm motivated by my ability to assist property owners and prospective buyers with questions regarding insurance issues, home improvement projects and concerns that they have about flood insurance rates and policies. But I could have never achieved this level of success without the support of Team Chatham which consists of my fellow co-workers in the engineering department, the Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services, the Public Works Department, ICS and Chatham Emergency Management Agency, and I would be remiss if I failed to mention the support that -- and contributions that I've received by the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff and the City of Savannah's permitting department. In closing I want to assure you that my plans are to continue -- continue my efforts to work hard for the citizens of Chatham County and to continue to further develop and expand Chatham County's flood management program. Thank you very much for your time.

Chairman Scott said, does that mean you'll be back here next year, and we'll be rated 4?

Mr. Blakely said, we're very close to being there.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. We appreciate you.

Commissioner Holmes said, thanks.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, anybody else is going to -- that has any comments in reference to this?

Mr. Tom Shillock said, good morning Commissioners, Mr. Chair. I'm Tom Shillock. I'm the State of Georgia National Flood Insurance Program coordinator. The State of Georgia as you know has 159 counties, over 500 municipalities are all members -- all members of the National Flood Insurance Program. This is only the second class 5 category that we are awarding for the State of Georgia. Your staff has done an excellent job. We are very proud of them. In this day and age economy is extremely important. This is going to be saving each homeowner 25 percent off their flood insurance premium. Every business that has flood insurance also saves that 25 percent. This is a savings that is great for the individual but it also brings your standards -- what the CRS program is about is increasing the standards. There's a level nationally of the national flood insurance program of guidelines, standards that you're following. You've increased this significantly. This is going to become a much more resilient community. You're saving people their property, their lives. You're going to save money every year on these flood insurance programs, but when it's really going to be most important, and we hope it never happens, but when the storm comes, a big storm comes, because you have taken preventative measures, because you have taken mitigation efforts, cleaning out storm drains, storm water management, outreach, education, all of this is going to pay off to you and to the citizens of Chatham County, and I am proud to be here and -- and to have this acknowledgment for you to be at a class 5. It's a great achievement, and I'm -- I'm going to be after Michael. I hope we can make it to number 4 next year in 2016. Yes, do you have a question?

Chairman Scott said, yes. Commissioner -- Commissioner Brady of the 6th and Commissioner Center of the 3rd in that order in that order.

Mr. Shillock said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, and we appreciate the class 5, but I -- I'm a real estate professional --

Mr. Shillock said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Brady said, and you know what's been going on in the real estate community. People are saying that they're being pushed out of their homes because of the -- the raise in the flood insurance premiums specific to Tybee Island or any water front communities. How does this compare to -- to -- to that?

Mr. Shillock said, this is a question that I get often -- asked often. It's -- it's the profession of -- of a homeowner saying I just cannot afford this flood insurance premium, and it keeps on going up, and it's -- what it is based on is your risk, your vulnerability. If they're that close to water, to a storm, to a storm surge, they are vulnerable. A home owner that is trying to sell their property still has to kind of look at it and say, I've got the flood insurance, and it's important to have this, and it -- it -- any damage that is done to your home by water, by flood waters is not covered under your homeowners insurance, only through flood insurance. But you had a follow-up question.

Commissioner Brady said, I -- I -- I do, and -- and because, I mean, I -- I know for a fact that people are being pushed out of their homes 'cause they can't afford the new flood rates. So basically, with this class 5, that doesn't take in consideration what -- what term are they using, velocity, and that kind of stuff when you start talking about, you know, I mean, we have islands all around us.

Mr. Shillock said, right.

Commissioner Brady said, I mean when flood insurance goes up from, you know, \$1,000 to -- to \$5,000 or \$6,000 on a single family home that's 1200 square feet, that's a problem. So basically, what you're saying, and -- and I don't want to put a damper on -- on the class 5, but that doesn't help those people. Would that be accurate to say?

Chairman Scott said, but without -- without the 5 classification it would be accurate to say their insurance would be 25 percent higher.

Mr. Shillock said, that is correct.

Commissioner Brady said, well, good Lord, then they definitely wouldn't be able to afford it.

Mr. Shillock said, if you look at what has happened in the country, Hurricane Sandy --

Commissioner Brady said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Shillock said, what has happened in Texas. So many of these homeowners did not have any flood insurance and they have no recourse. They don't have any way of recuperating the damages. With the flood insurance they will receive a maximum of \$250,000 of damages on the content -- on the structure and another \$100,000 on the content. So it is -- you wouldn't think of owning a home without fire insurance. You wouldn't think of driving a vehicle without automobile insurance. I'm not trying to sell it, but I just -- I just -- I -- I live up on a hill, and I have flood insurance. It's -- it's one of those things where it's just a protective measure, and I know that the prices are very, very high because you are so close to the water. We are going to be back in the Savannah area. We're bringing out brand new flood maps, flood storm surge maps that have been paid for by FEMA. They'll be coming out -- we're rolling them out later on this fall and the preliminaries will be later on in 2015. We will have public meetings, open houses. We'll try to explain -- we're ready to explain this to the public, and I -- I -- I hear you. We were at a -- a town hall meeting at Tybee Island and my heart went out to these individuals because they're on fixed incomes and that price just keeps going up. But again I don't want to be back on Tybee Island and saying I'm sorry, FEMA doesn't have the money, the government doesn't have the money to rebuild your home.

Commissioner Brady said, and I understand, and again, I'm not trying to rain on your parade, but I think we need to do a better job of getting in touch with the real estate community and getting in touch with folks that live on these islands to try to explain exactly what's going on and saying yes we are -- we've, you know, downgraded it so we can save you 25 percent of -- of your -- your premium, but they don't understand that.

Mr. Shillock said, well, bless you for bringing that up. I mean, I'm -- I'm here for you. I'm basically, wherever you need outreach, education, information, if you want us to speak to the Realtors or the -- or the homeowners association, you've already paid for my services, so call on me, and I'll be there.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Well, let's just give you an example Commissioner Brady. The homeowner that's paying \$6,000 a year, in the absence of this designation, they would be paying \$7,500 to put it in dollar terms. It's a \$1500 a year.

Commissioner Center said, actually they'd be paying \$8,000. They'd be paying \$8,000. Twenty-five percent of \$8,000 is two, but you're -- you're doing it -- the math --

Chairman Scott said, 6,000. I'm talking about 25 percent of 6,000.

Commissioner Center said, right. Twenty-five percent of eight is two, brings it down to six. You're actually paying 8,000.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. If you're paying eight.

Commissioner Center said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, but I'm saying if -- if you're currently paying six, in the absence of this, you would pay 7500.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's correct.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Yeah. And if you're -- and if you're paying 8,000 it brings it to six.

Commissioner Center said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, is there anybody out there from Georgia Tech that can tell me which one of these two is right? No, I'm just kidding.

Commissioner Center said, we'll get somebody from Benedictine.

Chairman Scott said, I'm -- I can assure you that 25 percent of -- of \$6,000 is \$1500.

Commissioner Center said, he knows 25 percent of 6.6 yards per carry though.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any -- any other questions?

Commissioner Center said, I -- I just want to follow up on that, and y'all both brought it out, Commissioner Brady and the Chairman, that you don't set the premium. We all wish the premium was lower. You don't set the premium, but what I -- this is Chatham County tax payers' money efficiently and effectively used by Chatham County tax paid employees have lowered premiums 25 percent. It's a good benefit the public has gotten out of their resources.

Mr. Shillock said, absolutely, and I think 2016 we might bring that down a little bit more.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Mr. Shillock said, we are all for making sure that you pay the least amount as possible, but also we want you to have that protection, your property, and -- and save lives.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Shillock said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I might -- I might also point out this was -- this is one of the focus that your County Manager and I have had several meetings on and -- and it's this flood insurance rating, and staff has worked very hard to make certain that everything was in order in order to get this classification, and they will continue to work to lower it as much as possible, but it -- it didn't just happen, it was a all out focus.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. [Applause.]

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3. PROCLAMATION FOR BRETT A. HULME FOR BEING NAMED THE 2015 LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR BY THE GEORGIA AFL-CIO LABOR AWARDS COMMITTEE.

Chairman Scott said, all right. The next item we have on here is a proclamation for Brett Hulme for being named 2015 Labor Leader of the Year by the Georgia AFL-CIO labor awards committee. This is quite a competitive activity, and he's -- he's been chosen out of all labor leaders throughout Georgia for this presentation. And I don't know if Brett's in the house --

Commissioner Center said, he's there.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, he is.

Commissioner Holmes said, oh yeah.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I'm going to step down to present this proclamation to Brett at this time. Members of the Commission please feel free to join me. I won't read it in its entirety, but I did want to cover a little bit of it.

Chairman Scott read the following proclamation:



The County of Chatham
Georgia
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Georgia AFL-CIO hosts an annual awards banquet to honor those that have demonstrated excellence in labor-management relations, cooperation and safety and today we recognize the 2015 Labor Leader of the Year, Brett Hulme; and

WHEREAS, Brett graduated high school in 1978 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1988 from University of North Florida after which he worked a variety of jobs and in December 1989, he began employment with American Income Life in Atlanta where he joined the Office and Professional Employees Union (OPEIU) Local 277; and

WHEREAS, he relocated to Savannah in 1990 and became an OPEIU Local 277 delegate to the then Trades and Labor Assembly of Savannah (CLC) and in 1991, he was elected Vice President and served in that capacity until January 2000. His active efforts to grow the Labor movement resulted in CLC affiliates increasing from 16 to 25 Local unions and a more active Labor presence in the community. Also in 2000, he was elected and still holds the office of President of the Savannah Regional Central Labor Council under his leadership, the Central Labor Council has increased to 44 affiliates.

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

BRETT HULME

for his outstanding achievement in being named the 2015 Labor Leader of the Year by the Georgia AFL-CIO Labor Awards Committee and join him as he looks forward to the next chapter in "Trying to Make a Difference" for working families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 17th day of July 2015.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, now, Brett, as you know has -- has been around for a long time, and we think of him almost as an extension of this Commission. But I want to just say that we are very proud of this award, and I want to just say now, therefore, Albert J. Scott, as Chairman, and on behalf of the entire Board of County Commission do hereby salute Brett Hulme for his outstanding achievement in being named the 2015 Labor Leader of the Year by the Georgia AFL-CIO Labor Awards Committee and join him as he looks forward to the next chapter in "Trying to Make a Difference" for working family. Brett, congratulations. [Applause.]

Mr. Brett Hulme said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any member -- any member of the Commission wish to make any comments before Brett makes some remarks?

Commissioner Thomas said, I would just like to echo the words of the Chairman in reading the proclamation. I'm excited about the fact that Mr. Hulme has been given this recognition. He is a worthy person. He has given the kind of leadership in this community that we are all proud of, and so today, we are very happy to be able to join with him in this recognition. Thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and congratulations Brett. I'd also like to add and -- and congratulate Christy also, 'cause I know that she's half of that team. When I listened to the pastor's comments this morning about working not just for the wealthy and the powerful, but those who -- the downtrodden and the others I think of Brett Hulme. He's not just a labor leader but a community leader who holds those ideals.

Mr. Hulme said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. It's rare that I'm a loss for words, but this happens to be one of those. I wasn't expecting this. Thank you very much, very much. It -- it embodies recognition of effort, and I -- I appreciate that immensely because there is no greater effort -- or reward than to be honored by your peers, in this case the Labor Awards Committee with labor leaders throughout Georgia, and y'all just -- just added to that. The -- the common issue in any topic you discuss somewhere in that conversation creeps in economics. Y'all were talking about a budget recently; we heard economics in the flood just a few minutes ago. Whether it be crime, taxes, education, whatever, economics comes into the conversation somewhere, but what I'm about is the economics of job creation, good paying jobs with benefits. This proves quite honestly that one can make a difference, however, one cannot do all the work, and I have to share this with a lot of my executive board over the years. Two that are not with us, Mr. L.W. Cochran and Mr. Tony Edgerly, both happen to be electricians by trade. Some former council board members that are with us today, Meddy Settles, business manager of the carpenter's union; Calvin Kennedy, president of the amalgamated transit union; Alfreda Goldwire, former president of the teacher's union; Carolyn Mackey, former secretary/treasurer of the teacher's union. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the current board members that have come up and taken time out of the day to help celebrate this with me, Monica Pattillo from the stage and theatrical employees union. We have Vicki O'Donnell with the teachers union; Robert Payne from the transport workers' union. He represents members down at Kings Bay; and I almost forgot Rhonda Hammett from the postal workers' union, who used to be our secretary/treasurer.

Mr. Hulme said, these folks, as you well know as a Board help make things happen. I can come up with some good ideas, they come up with some better ideas, but without their support and their effort, I -- we couldn't deliver. We're all about working people and back to close on the economics, somewhere in the majority of Americans conversation disposable income of their household enters into that conversation, whether it be you directly, somebody in your family, they're crunching numbers and, unfortunately, disposable income doesn't purchase what it used to and something's got to be cut, something's got to be bargained internally to make ends meet. In order to achieve the American dream, we feel the middle class, the working families of the United States who contribute directly to the economy, will make the difference in the path of this country. History has shown that.

Mr. Hulme said, Mr. Chairman, again, as a former union member when you were working with your tools, thank you personally. To your right, Commissioner Farrell, current card carrying member, thank you. But as Commissioner Center pointed out, all this, at the end of the day couldn't happen with[sic] the support of my wife.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes. All right.

Mr. Hulme said, many a late night -- [applause] --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes. Yes. Yes. Yes.

Mr. Hulme said, -- who by the way was a machinist, not only organizer but steward for Air Tran Airways. Many a late weekend, many on the road away from home --

Commissioner Thomas said, yep.

Mr. Hulme said, -- so trust is critical, and I thank her and love her.

Commissioner Thomas said, very good.

Mr. Hulme said, but at the end of the day it's about working people and jobs that make a difference. Thank you again so much for this. I cherish it tremendously.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much and thanks to all those who, as you said, made it possible. Thank you. [Applause.]

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, now we're on page three under Chairman Items, we don't have any items.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

1. **PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO APOSTLES LARINDA J. AND CHRISTOPHER KING OF THE END TIME COMMISSION (COMMISSIONER SHABAZZ)**

Chairman Scott said, under Commissioner's Item, I recognize Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th District for the purpose of presenting a proclamation.

Commissioner Shabazz said, can the End Time Commission come forward?

Chairman Scott said, after -- go ahead and read the proclamation and then extend an invitation to those who want to come down and present the plaque, the finished copy.

Commissioner Shabazz read the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commission takes great pride in recognizing places of worship in our community that serves as beacons drawing others to Christ and in that spirit, we commend a newly formed ministry, the End Time Commission; and

WHEREAS, End Time Commission, also known as C2L, started out as a campus ministry at Savannah State University more than 10 years ago and its founders, Apostles Larinda J. and Christopher King, has used their time and talents and made financial sacrifices to convert an old warehouse into God's house; and

WHEREAS, I bid greetings to other dedication guest ministers, Minister Randall Williams from Moriah Baptist Church, Pastor's Hassan & LaTonya Nyoka from Voices of Hope International located in Atlanta, GA, Guest Psalmist, Mario Johnson from Atlanta, Ga, Bishop Byron Curry from Life In the Word in Savannah GA, Pastor Jacquelyn Rivers from Jacquelyn Rivers Ministries in Elk Grove, CA and last but not least Apostle Larinda's Father, Elder Larry Norwood from Sacramento, CA.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Commissioner Yusuf K. Shabazz, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby salute and recognize Apostles Larinda J. And Christopher King as they celebrate the opening:

END TIME COMMISSION

and extend best wishes for great success so that this edifice will become a part of the history of Chatham County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 28th day of June 2015.

Yusuf K. Shabazz, Commissioner
District 5

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. Will Apostles Larinda and Christopher King come up to receive this proclamation?

Apostle Christopher King said, I'm -- I won't be before you but a moment, but we do want to take the opportunity to say thank you to the Chairman and to the Board of Commissioners for the opportunity to one, celebrate --

Chairman Scott said, raise your mike up just a bit --

Commissioner Center said, put your microphone --

Apostle King said, -- to one celebrate and two to recognize a continued effort and support here in Chatham County to raise a moral community. I believe that is our job as a church, to help build a moral standard, to build a people to support a people like the reverend had said earlier. Our job is to look after the poor, and we're grateful for that opportunity. I just want to take a brief moment to recognize what Commissioner Shabazz has been extremely supportive and inquisitive in what we've been doing on Mills B. Lane, and we're grateful to have

come across him by way of our Stop the Violence campaign that we've been doing here in Savannah on Wednesdays and Friday nights where we gather the young people of our community to come and -- and -- and do something about what's going on with the rest of the young people in our community. If we're going to fight violence that's happening in the youth -- youth, we need the youth to do it, and that more than anything has been our commission. But I want to recognize my wife, because even though I get the opportunity to stand and look prim and proper, I would not be had I not come across the vision that this awesome woman of God and awesome person who has just the biggest heart and -- to give her an opportunity to -- to share how this all got started and to -- and to just share her heart that has led me and many others to follow her in this effort to do our part in the city streets and in the communities and on the college campuses to raise awareness and to raise people that are going to take the seats of government and community in the latter generations and to prepare them for where it is that we feel is needed to do a job for our city and to make sure that our -- the responsibility is ours, and we take it and uphold it the way we should. So, if my beautiful wife will just come forward and say a few words.

Apostle Larinda King said, I won't -- just thank you -- just, you know, just remind you that our gifts is to love on the community, reach out to the young people and that has brought us before you. In Proverbs 18, where before great men and women take you.

Chairman Scott said, I want to just say thank you for all you do and especially your work with the youth and we need more of that, and thank you so much for being here. Thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Commissioners and guests, Chairman. I first met them on the streets of Savannah, Georgia when the crime was -- well it's still high, but they wanted to do something about it, and they firmly believe in making a change. So I met them one night at 12:00 midnight. They -- they were meeting on the corner of East Broad and Henry, is that right?

Apostle Christopher King said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and I saw all the young people come out, and I just said to myself, this is like a Kodak moment when the young people who they say that is so out of control and unruly, and I saw they were down there in an orderly fashion and they were praying for the healing of our city, praying that crime decrease, and calling the young people out and setting precedence among our young people. So I thought it was only fitting that we recognize them as a Board. Thank you Chairman for allowing that.

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

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman? Very quickly.

Chairman Scott said, Vice Chair Thomas have some comments.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you Mr. Chairman. To Commissioner Shabazz thank you for giving them that support and that guidance. To both of you I want to challenge you because this is something that is very serious not only just in Savannah and Chatham County, it's all over the world, but right now we are trying to zero in on Savannah and Chatham County. There are too many young people killing each other and doing other things that they should not be doing. Make sure also that you not just talk to the young people. You need to engage their parents as well. So I applaud you for what you are doing and hope that you will be very successful, and if there is any way that I can be of any assistance, please don't fail to call on me because this is something that I do too. It takes all of us to make that difference and until we can get our young people to understand that it begins with them not about other people but what are you doing to make a positive difference in your life as well as the lives of others. So I challenge you today to go forth and do that. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell would like to make some comments, please.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. Mr. and Mrs. King, I -- I appreciate what you're doing, and I -- my -- I -- I echo what Commissioner Thomas said, and I just want to let you know that, although I didn't know what y'all were about until just a few moments ago, I do deeply appreciate that you are making an effort to -- to try to stem the violence in our community --

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- and reaching out and trying to make a difference, and for that I -- I thank you and recognize you.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, again, thank you all so much for being here. We appreciate it.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone wish to make some comments, please.

Commissioner Stone said, just --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone is our pro tem from the 1st District.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just very briefly just to echo what's been said, but we really do have a serious problem with our young people and crime in this community, and all of our efforts need to be combined --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, -- to see what we can do to reach out to these young people and let them know then there is a better life than the life of crime, and I appreciate your efforts. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, again, thank you.

Apostle Larinda King said, may I just say one thing? I do -- I do want you guys to know that we -- we do have a -- a full out plan that we feel like will really help, and we've been working all year at it, and we just -- if you guys really mean that we really -- we really do need your support. You know, we're not asking you to go out there because we're young. We have the strength, we can go do it. You know, midnight work is, you know, -- you guys need to worry about leading us, but let us run -- let us get to the streets and do the work, but if you guys please just -- just look us up and, you know, it's, you know, Stop the Violence on Facebook. We have plenty of things we're trying to do because I really believe we can -- we can change the city. I came from a crime-ridden neighborhood in California in the '90s where it was -- I've seen drive-bys, I've been at parties where people were being shot, you know, with blood -- coming home with blood on me, and I made a decision not to join gangs because of the music, you know, it -- it influenced me. So I know it can happen. I believe that's why God sent us here, and it's -- it's not a problem. It can happen. And my city now that I grew up in is not -- is not one of the top-rated crime cities. So please look us up and whatever support you can give us.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, be careful.

Apostle Larinda King said, yes, ma'am.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

<p>Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*)</p>
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Chairman Scott said, okay. We don't have any tabled or anything for reconsideration.

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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 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015: 1) IN THE RESTRICTED COURT FEES FUND TRANSFER \$500,000 FROM THE "TECHNOLOGY FUND" TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP, 2) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$500,000 TRANSFER IN FROM RESTRICTED COURT FEES, b) INCREASE THE JUDICIAL CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT \$500,000, 3) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND APPROPRIATE \$5,850 TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM (CNT); 4) FISCAL YEAR 2016: IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$742,162 FOR A JUVENILE JUSTICE INCENTIVE GRANT AWARD, b) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$16,870 FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AWARDED TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT, c) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$36,870 FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY DUI COURT; 5) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND TRANSFER \$23,068 FROM THE RODNEY HALL BOAT RAMP LIFT STATION PROJECT TO THE AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT; 6) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND**

APPROPRIATE \$5,361 TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; AND 7) IN THE SALES TAX IV FUND TRANSFER \$1,969,000 FROM THE DIVERSION CENTER PROJECT TO THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT.

Chairman Scott said, now we are on the Items for Individual Action, which is on page 5 of our agenda, and Section 1 to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer for Fiscal Year 2015: 1) in the Restricted Court Fee -- Fees Fund Transfer \$500,000 from the "Technology Fund" to Transfer out to CIP, which is the Capital Improvement Fund, 2) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: increase Revenues by \$500,000 Transfer in from Restricted Court Fees, increase the Judicial Case Management System Project by \$500,000, and item 3) in Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$5,850 to the Counter Narcotics Team, CN -- CNT; 4) Fiscal Year 2016: in the Multiple Grant Fund: increase revenues and expenditures by \$742,162 for the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Award, b) increase revenues and expenditures by \$16,870 for a Supplemental Grant Award to the Chatham County Family Dependency Treatment Court, c) is increase revenues and expenditures by \$36,870 for a Grant Awarded to the Chatham County DUI Court; 5) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund Transfer \$23,068 from the Rodney Hall Boat Ramp Lift Station Project to the Aquatic Center Project; 6) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$5,361 to the District Attorney's Office; and 7) in the Sales Tax IV Fund transfer \$1,969,000 from the division -- from the Diversion Center Project to the Courthouse Project.

Commissioner Brady said, so moved.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any unreadiness or discussion? I'll recognize Commissioner Center of the 3rd and Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. As we pointed out in the pre-meeting, I wanted to discuss particularly item 1(6) where we're using Confiscated Revenues to assist the District Attorney in sending four people to the John Jay School in -- in New York. For those who are aware, the City of Savannah recently signed a consulting contract with David Kennedy out of Boston to help lower crime, I guess within the SSD and the City of Savannah just within the SM -- SCMPD District and the District Attorney has been invited to send four people to the school as part of his program, but I wanted to point out that this \$5,361 is coming from confiscated revenue, that the tax payers, neither the SSD or the others, there's no tax dollars being used, but -- is that correct, Mr. Manager?

County Manager Lee Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, that when -- in certain crimes, usually drug crimes if telephone, car, computer, house is used, it gets confiscated and turned into cash, and that's the money that's being used to send the district attorney to this --

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, -- very well regarded program.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, okay. I just wanted to make sure it's not tax payer funds.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. With your permission, or just by explanation I guess I'll say number 5 in here, number 5 in here in the Capital Improvement Program, transferring \$23,068 from the Boat Ramp Lift Station to the Aquatic Center Project, if we can vote on everything except that, I can vote yes for everything other than that or -- or I'll just vote no and -- with that explanation that that's why I'm voting no. So, whatever's fine.

Chairman Scott said, okay. The -- the motion before us is to approve Item 1 in it's entirety.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. And that's fine with me. I just -- explanation's on record of why I'm voting no.

Chairman Scott said, 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 request as written for the following budget amendments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2015: 1) in the Restricted Court Fees Fund Transfer \$500,000 from the "Technology Fund" to Transfer out to CIP, 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: a) Increase Revenues \$500,000 Transfer in from Restricted Court Fees, b) Increase the Judicial Case Management System Project \$500,000, 3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$5,850 to the Counter Narcotics Team (CNT); 4) Fiscal Year 2016: in the Multiple Grant Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$742,162 for a Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Award, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$16,870 for a Supplemental Grant Awarded to the Chatham County Family Dependency Treatment Court, c) increase revenues and expenditures \$36,870 for a Grant Awarded to the Chatham County DUI Court; 5) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund Transfer \$23,068 from the Rodney Hall Boat Ramp Lift Station Project to the Aquatic Center Project; 6) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$5,361 to the District Attorney's Office; and 7) in the Sales Tax IV Fund transfer \$1,969,000 from the Diversion Center Project to the Courthouse Project. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Kicklighter being the lone no vote.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: July 17, 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 for Fiscal Year 2015: 1) in the Restricted Court Fees Fund Transfer \$500,000 from the "Technology Fund" to Transfer out to CIP, 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: a) Increase Revenues \$500,000 Transfer in from Restricted Court Fees, b) Increase the Judicial Case Management System Project \$500,000, 3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$5,850 to the Counter Narcotics Team (CNT); 4) Fiscal Year 2016: in the Multiple Grant Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$742,162 for a Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Award, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$16,870 for a Supplemental Grant Awarded to the Chatham County Family Dependency Treatment Court, c) increase revenues and expenditures \$36,870 for a Grant Awarded to the Chatham County DUI Court; 5) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund Transfer \$23,068 from the Rodney Hall Boat Ramp Lift Station Project to the Aquatic Center Project; 6) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$5,361 to the District Attorney's Office; and 7) in the Sales Tax IV Fund transfer \$1,969,000 from the Diversion Center Project to the Courthouse Project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:**Fiscal Year 2015:**

1. The Clerk of Superior Court has requested a transfer of \$500,000 from the Restricted Court Fees Fund to the CIP Fund for the Tyler Technology Odyssey Court Case Management System. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund Judicial Case Management System project is being amended \$500,000. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested a Confiscated Funds appropriation of \$5,850 for surveillance fees and tags. A staff report is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

Fiscal Year 2016:

- 4a. Chatham County Juvenile Court has been awarded a \$742,162 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant. 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).
- 4b. Chatham County Family Dependency Treatment Court has been awarded a \$16,870 supplemental grant. 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).
- 4c. The Chatham County DUI Court has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$36,870. 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).
5. The Director of Public Works and Parks Services has requested a transfer of funds from the Rodney Hall Boat Ramp Lift Station project to the Aquatic Center project. A transfer of \$23,068 is requested to cover the cost of filters. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

6. The District Attorney has requested a Confiscated Fund appropriation of \$5,361 for travel, lodging, and per diem for four people to attend Cease Fire University training at John Jay College. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
7. The County Engineer and The Assistant County Manager have requested a transfer of \$1,969,000 from the Diversion Center project to the Courthouse project 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 Restricted Court Fees Fund, the Confiscated Revenue Fund and the Sales Tax IV Fund. The budget amendment establishes funds in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and the Multiple Grant Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

RESTRICTED COURT FEES FUND FY2015

Transfer \$500,000 from the "Technology Fund" (misc. charges) to Transfer out to CIP.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND FY2015

- a. Increase revenues \$500,000 Transfer in From the Restricted Court Fees Fund.
- b. Increase the Judicial Case Management System Project \$500,000.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND FY2015

Appropriate \$5,850 to the Counter Narcotics Team for surveillance fees and tags.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FY2016

- a. Increase revenues and expenditures \$742,162 for a Juvenile Justice Incentive grant.
- b. Increase revenues and expenditures \$16,870 for a supplemental grant awarded to the Chatham County Family Dependency Treatment Court.
- c. Increase revenues and expenditures \$36,870 for a grant awarded to the Chatham County DUI Court.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND FY2016

Transfer \$23,068 from the Rodney Hall Boat Ramp Lift Station project to the Aquatic Center project.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND FY2016

Appropriate \$5,361 to the District Attorney's Office for travel, lodging and per diem.

SALES TAX IV FUND

Transfer \$1,969,000 from the Diversion Center project to the Courthouse project.

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 FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR TAXES PAID, 124 BURTON ROAD.

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 is to request the petitioner's, David B. Crites, for reimbursement for taxes paid at 124 Burton Road. Is there anyone here who wanted to comment on this? Hearing none, I will entertain a motion.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we grant the request.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve the request to reimburse some taxes that was paid. All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the request for reimbursement for taxes paid for 124 Burton Road.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

Petitioner David B. Crites requested a refund on property taxes he paid for the last 26 years on property located at 124 Burton Road, PIN 1-1005A-01-006 due to a good faith mistake and belief that he owned the property and was in fact receiving a tax bill from the Tax Commissioner.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Crites bought the above property at a tax sale in 1986 and received a tax deed. Mr. Crites was under the impression that by virtue of the tax deed, he owned the property. He did not file any bar of redemption proceeding that would assist in perfecting title.

In June 2015, Simcoe Corporation, a developer, requested approval of a major subdivision, Mosswood, that would include in part the property claimed by Mr. Crites. As a result of conflicting claim, the matter was referred to the County Attorney's Office.

A title examination ensued and demonstrated that there was an open deed to secure debt on the subject property that was recorded in the early 80s and was foreclosed upon in 1984 under the power of sale contained in the deed to secure debt. Unfortunately, the foreclosure deed under the power of sale was not cross-referenced to the deed to secure debt. Given that the deed to secure debt pre-existed the tax sale and was foreclosed two years prior to the tax sale, the purchase at tax sale did not result in any interest of the property being transferred to Mr. Crites. The tax sale is "as is" and conveyance is by quitclaim deed.

The parties have resolved the issue of ownership between themselves. Both Mr. Crites and Simcoe paid taxes on the same property for 2013, 2014 and 2015. Mr. Crites is requesting a refund of \$9,731.08 for taxes paid for the last 26 years. The County can only reimburse the amount of taxes paid for three years, the maximum reimbursement permitted by law. The Tax Commissioner's Office provided the County Attorney's office proof that Mr. Crites has made payment for the last three years in the amount of \$1,065.02.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Mr. Crites bought the above property at a tax sale in 1986 and received a tax deed. Mr. Crites was under the impression that by virtue of the tax deed, he owned the property. He did not file any bar of redemption proceeding that would assist in perfecting title.
2. In June 2015, Simcoe Corporation, a developer, requested approval of a major subdivision, Mosswood, that would include in part the property claimed by Mr. Crites. As a result of conflicting claim, the matter was referred to the County Attorney's Office.
3. A title examination ensued and demonstrated that there was an open deed to secure debt on the subject property that was recorded in the early 80s and was foreclosed upon in 1984 under the power of sale contained in the deed to secure debt.
4. Unfortunately, the foreclosure deed under the power of sale was not cross-referenced to the deed to secure debt. Given that the deed to secure debt pre-existed the tax sale and was foreclosed two years prior to the tax sale, the purchase at tax sale did not result in any interest of the property being transferred to Mr. Crites. The tax sale is "as is" and conveyance is by quitclaim deed.
5. The parties have resolved the issue of ownership between themselves.
6. Both Mr. Crites and Simcoe paid taxes on the same property for 2013, 2014 and 2015. Mr. Crites is requesting a refund of \$9,731.08 for taxes paid for the last 26 years.
7. O.C.G.A. §48-5-380(a) authorizes a refund to taxpayers of taxes which are determined to have been erroneously or illegally assessed or which have been voluntarily or involuntarily overpaid. A refund may be requested three years after the date of the payment of the tax to the County O.C.G.A. §48-5-380(b). A claim for refund of taxes that is not based on any inaccuracy in the factual record or in any illegality in the procedure used to reach the assessment, but on a disagreement with the amount there of is not authorized. Gwinnett County v. Gwinnett I Ltd. Partnership, 265 Ga. 645, 647 (1995). The refund statute may

be utilized when it is claimed that a taxing authority assessed and collected taxes in violation of federal or state law. National Health Network, Inc., Fulton County, 270 Ga. 724 (1999).

FUNDING:

Delinquent collections of the Tax Commissioner's Office.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The petitioner mistakenly paid taxes for 2013, 2014 and 2015 for property he did not own and should receive reimbursement as the taxes on this property were paid by the true owner.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve refund of taxes paid by David Crites for tax years 2013, 2014 and 2015 in the amount of \$1,065.02.
2. Do not approve refund of taxes paid by David Crites for tax years 2013, 2014 and 2015 in the amount of \$1,065.02.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

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3. BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD A \$1,953,000 ANNUAL CONTRACT TO AETNA TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO MEDICARE ELIGIBLE RETIREES THROUGH A MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG (MAPD) PLAN.

Chairman Scott said, the third item on our Action -- Individual Action Calendar is to request Board approve to award a \$1,953,000 annual contract to Aetna to provide health insurance coverage to Medicare eligible retirees through a Medicare Advantage with Part D Prescription Drug plan.

Commissioner Holmes said, so move for approval.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any unreadiness or discussion?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, we have an unreadiness. I recognize the Commissioner from the 5th District, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, I -- I'd like for -- it's -- it's really no unreadiness, but it's just discussion.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and that is after discussing this with the Chairman and staff and the Board, I found out that there was a savings, and I just thought that the public should know that. That it's commendable that we have a savings with this action here. Thank you, Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, you're welcome. Mr. Manager, do you have any comments?

County Manager Smith said, sure. Well first I want to thank --

Chairman Scott said, in reference to what Commissioner Shabazz said?

County Manager Smith said, yes. I want to thank the HR staff for working on -- on this project for some time. With the Medicare Part D subsidies, this will offset -- and there are two items here. First of all it's going to offset annual required contributions to the OPEB -- the OPEB fund of 5.3 million, which is a direct savings, but it also over all the accrued OPEB liability, this is the future liability of Chatham County, this is reducing that by over \$55 million in the future. That is a huge savings to us moving forward and giving comparable service and benefits to the retirees. So we congratulate -- and this is -- I want to make sure I'm correct, this would be effective January 1st --

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

County Manager Smith said, -- so over the next six months we'll be working with retirees to gear them up and educate them on the change, but we feel very good about this and appreciate AON and the work they've done to help us. So, thank all the staff.

Chairman Scott said, okay. We have a -- more discussion from Commissioner Farrell from the 4th District.

Commissioner Farrell said, no more discussion. I just want to let staff know that I appreciate bringing this to us, to our attention and to the benefit of -- of all the retirees and the benefit of all the taxpaying citizens of our county. Many thanks.

Chairman Scott said, and I will comment that this is not an abandonment -- abandonment of retirees and it should be a program that will be equally as beneficial as what they currently have but will take away some of the long-term liability since we are self-insured of mandatory payments to that fund, and -- and with that if there's no further discussion, the motion is adopted.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved approve an award of a \$1,953,000 annual contract to Aetna to provide health insurance coverage to Medicare eligible retirees through a Medicare Advantage with Part D Prescription Drug plan. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Carolyn A. Smalls, Human Resources Director

ISSUE:

Request Board approval to award a \$1,953,000 annual contract to Aetna to provide health insurance coverage to Medicare eligible retirees through a Medicare Advantage with Part D Prescription Drug (MAPD) plan.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County provides health insurance coverage to employees and retirees on its self-funded plan. There are approximately 476 Medicare eligible retirees and spouses on the County's health insurance plan. For the Medicare eligible retiree population, Medicare is the primary payor of health insurance claims, and the County's health plan is the secondary payor. The County's plan pays the prescription drug costs for the Medicare eligible retiree population, subject to a copay.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On May 6, 2015, Chatham County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in an open bid process for a national Group MAPD benefit program to provide health plan and prescription drug coverage for its Medicare eligible retiree population. A Medicare Advantage (MA) plan is a fully insured Medicare plan that is provided by a private company. A Group MAPD is a managed care Medicare Advantage plan that includes a prescription drug component. The RFP sought a program that closely duplicates the current benefit coverage for Medicare eligible retirees.
2. Three firms submitted proposals to the RFP: Aetna, Human, and UnitedHealthcare (UHC). All three firms are known insurers that typically provide national MAPD programs. On June 26, 2015, staff conducted in-person interviews with representatives from the three firms as part of the evaluation process.
3. The proposals were evaluated on the basis of Cost, Plan Design, Organization and Experience, Administration, Account Management, and Pharmacy. Based on an evaluation of these components, Aetna was determined to provide the overall best proposal. The Executive Summary (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) provides an evaluative summary of the three proposals.
4. Staff believes that the Aetna MAPD provides the best solution for health coverage for the Medicare eligible retiree population. The MAPD plan provides numerous advantages to Chatham County and the Medicare eligible retiree population, including:
 - Enhanced care management and care coordination by the provider
 - Better coordination of benefits
 - Lower overall plan costs
 - Lower premium rates and overall comparable benefits for retirees
 - Prescription drug cost savings

- Reduced OPEB liability through Part D subsidies and lower plan costs

A chart showing projected cost savings with the Aetna MAPD plan is attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.

5. The implementation process is lengthy and will begin immediately after approval of the contract. The plan will become effective on January 1, 2016.

FUNDING:

Health Fund Budget (6509140)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$1,953,000 annual contract to Aetna to provide health insurance coverage to Medicare eligible retirees through a Medicare Advantage with Part D Prescription Drug (MAPD) plan.
2. Provides staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The MAPD plan for Medicare eligible retirees provides significant cost savings to the County while providing retirees with robust health and prescription plan coverage at an affordable price. The MAPD plan will significantly reduce the County's OPEB liability.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

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4. ADOPTION OF YEAR 2015 MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AND THE COUNTY OF CHATHAM PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

Chairman Scott said, Item 4, and there was much discussion about this in the blue [sic] room, but let's just say that this is requesting the adoption of year 2015 millage rate resolution for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and Chatham County, and this is pursuant to the advertisement having been published in accordance with Georgia Code 48-5-32.1. And -- and at this time I would entertain a motion.

Commissioner Brady said, so moved.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, is there a second?

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve not our levy but the School Board levy for public education that's required by Commissioners to adopt and that is the motion before you. I might also add we had a discussion in there. The Board of Commission is -- is bound by the highest law that the people of Georgia can enact, a constitution amendment. To that end the Constitution of the State of Georgia vested complete authority in local elected Board of Education to recommend a tax levy sufficient to fund public education. Such a recommendation must be levied by the Board of Commission which retains no discretion to the amount to levy unless it exceeds the Constitutional mandated limits of 20 mills. And at this time we have a motion and a second. Any unreadiness? Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center of the 3rd; Commissioner Stone of the 1st. In that order, please.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Start out by saying that the proposed budget from the Chatham County Board of Education is .75 mills higher than the current rate. Having said that and right off the bat, I'll state that I am not passing judgment whatsoever on our Board of Education as to whether or not they actually need a .75 increase in order to properly educate our children. However, I will vote today against the process which is known as state law that forces county commissions to vote yes on a millage levy resolution for the Board of Public Education as presented to us by the BOE. This state law basically says that if we don't approve, that state law actually allows the Board of Education to sue the county. The BOE does not by law have to provide the Commission with an explanation about their budget, nor do they have to offer an explanation as to why they are increasing property taxes. Having said that, again, I don't have the info or knowledge to approve the BOE budget at all, much less a budget with a tax increase. Nor do I have the info to defend a no vote in court. The state law basically, it's just flawed. It's misleading to the public. It gives the elusion that we somehow have the authority when in reality because of the law we're forced to rubber stamp, and to put it quite honestly in my opinion, it's just really a ignorant, flawed law. So having said that, I'll personally vote no against

this flawed law, and rather than the BOE's proposal because I don't know whether or not it's justified or not. Again my vote carries no weight as to whether or not the increase is justified. I'm sure those fine folks that we elected diligently went through and passed the budget that they deemed to be the best. So this is a vote against this flawed law with hope that maybe someone sitting out there watching it, and, you know, and it's -- that can just be one ignorant law they can take off the books. And that's it. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center of the 3rd District.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was totally prepared to join Commissioner Kicklighter and vote no when I came in this morning, and I say that, although I'm not going to vote no that -- the city I live in, the City of Savannah, did not increase millage rates this year. The Chatham Area Transit did not increase millage rates this year. Chatham County did not increase millage rates this year. The overall tax digest increased 7 percent. So without any millage raise at all, the revenues would increase 7 percent this year. The School Board millage rate is higher than all the others. And I don't want to pay more taxes, and I don't think taxes should be raised. However, as our county attorney has pointed out in memos, the state Constitution, not just a law and not just an amendment, but the State Constitution says the fiscal authority, that's us, shall enter -- levy the tax and shall have always been a mandatory command in the law. In two different Supreme Court cases, 1947 and 28 years later in 1975 the Supreme Court of Georgia ruled that the Board of Commissioners is bound by the highest law that the people of Georgia can enact, the Constitution of the State. Twenty-eight years later the Supreme Court of Georgia said the Board of Education shall certify, the fiscal authority, the Board of Commissioners, shall levy. It goes on further to say the Board of Commissioners must levy the tax as recommended, no discretion being vested in the Board of Commissioners as to the rate of taxation.

Commissioner Center said, I share Commissioner Kicklighter's frustration that we're elected but we have no discretion on how to cast this ballot. So I'm in a conundrum. Do I vote against the Supreme Court or I do what the highest law of our state says? And on a very -- but in an unrelated issue, but in a similar area on procedure, the United States Supreme Court recently made a ruling that's made clerks around this nation, some of them unhappy, and said they're not going to do what the Supreme Court says, and I disagree. I feel they either listen to the Supreme Court of the United States or resign their positions and those who will follow the law will do it. And, therefore, I'm going to reluctantly cast my vote yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone and then Commissioner Shabazz in that order.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with what's been said by my former two Commissioners. I've said for the last two years if the School Board really wants my approval on this budget, please provide me with a copy. This was a very close vote by the School Board. It was a 5-4 vote. They sent a copy of the resolution. Why can't you send a copy of the budget? Why can't you show us something that we're supposed to vote on? I understand what Commissioner Center said about the constitution, and I don't disagree with that. I just think this law needs to be changed or revisited, and I think for us to -- to vote on something that -- and maybe I'm -- I don't want to speak out of turn, maybe some of the other Commissioners went and got a copy of the budget and maybe they're comfortable with it. But I've heard all kinds of rumors of -- of this budget and what's going on, and all I've asked for the last two years, 'cause I voted against this for the last two years, is to have a copy sent to me, and I don't think that's unreasonable. So I will vote against it again. Thank you.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. If I'm not mistaken, I -- I think that -- well I know that the School Board voted to approve an increase. Is that right?

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so in terms of increasing taxes and getting flack from the public, that heat will be on the School Board. It's not on us because we didn't vote to approve -- we didn't approve a increase for the School Board. They just asked us to approve their budget. Is that right?

County Attorney Hart said, approve -- approve the millage rate contained in their budget.

Commissioner Shabazz said, approve -- approve the millage rate.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, which contains an increase.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Right, but the Chairman just read a -- somewhat of a -- of -- of a disclaimer saying that we're not responsible for that increase of their millage rate. And so that clears us there, and if we are mandated by state law to do that, I -- I don't see what's the -- what's the argument about. We're not held responsible for that.

Chairman Scott said, are you through with your remarks?

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'm -- I'm finished.

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

Commissioner Brady said, we do have a representative from the -- the Board of Education in the audience. He's been here since 9:30 at my request because I know how upset the Commission has been the past two years of not having representation in -- in the event there were any questions. Larry, could you stand up, please just to be recognized.

[NOTE: School Board budget analyst Larry Jackson stood for recognition.]

Commissioner Brady said, can you do me a -- a personal favor? Next year can you send Helen Stone a copy of the budget?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Brady said, Commissioner Stone a copy of the budget when y'all start going over it.

Mr. Larry Jackson said, I'll send a copy to the entire Commission.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

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

Commissioner Holmes said, all what have been said and -- and I listened to it, all the comments, you know, when I hear state come in to play, with us making decision, those almost like mandate decision that we make. But could I go on record to ask that when this is sent to us in the future that the School Board arrange a meeting with their representative with our representative and sit down with us like with sit with other groups to discuss budget before this come before us? I -- I -- I don't think I'm asking too much. The only thing that bothers some of these members on this Board is that we don't get any kind of documentation to why things is being asked, and I think if we meet leading up to a decision like this, it would help clarify and show us a little bit more directions. Thank you, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, any -- any further comments? All right. Commissioner Kicklighter from the 7th have some further comments.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I respect that that some Commissioners on here would like info, but I personally -- you can save that paper. State law is what it is.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if -- if we got to vote yeah, I don't need to know your budget. I mean that's -- that's your budget. Y'all passed it --

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- just state law needs to be changed. So, I don't need a meeting. I don't need anything. That's why we elected the good folks over there is to handle their business, but we -- again, my vote's strictly against the flawed law, and -- because we're not the authority that sets that millage rate and state -- state law needs to reflect that. So, I don't need to see it. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, I either.

Chairman Scott said, I might also comment that constitutionally in my opinion it's the State of Georgia who is responsible for funding education in its entirety. It's -- really shouldn't be a burden on property owners, and this has been put before the Georgia Supreme Court too in the past, and they refused to uphold that portion of the Constitution to fully fund it. It has also been recommended to previous governors by commissions that they have appointed that the state fully fund education so you would have at least an equal base amount throughout the state not based on property tax digest to fund what is recalled the quality basic education program in Georgia, and the state has not stepped up to that. So it is sort of a further mandate that trickles down to the local that forces local authorities, be they School Board or County Commissions to levy taxes versus the state fulfilling their obligations. With that said, no further discussion, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. Motion carries.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I probably would have switched my vote if I thought it was going to fail.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to adopt the 2015 millage levy resolution for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham pursuant to advertisement having been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-2 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Holmes, Center, Farrell, Shabazz, Brady and Thomas voting yes and Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter voting no.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

Adoption of year 2015 millage levy resolution for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham pursuant to advertisement having been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2015 must be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for the tax year 2015.

BACKGROUND:

A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the State of Georgia Department of Revenue, and is scheduled for delivery by the Tax Assessor's Office during the week of July 27, 2015.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. At its June 24, 2015 meeting, the Board of Public Education adopted a resolution for the millage levy for tax year 2015.
2. The recommended millage rates for tax year 2015 are as follows:
 - (a) General Fund, 16.631 mills. This is .75 mill higher than the current millage rate.
 - (b) G.O. Bond Debt, 0.00 mills. This is equal to the current millage rate.
3. The aggregate millage rate is 16.631 mills. This is .75 mill higher than the 2014 aggregate millage rate.
4. Correspondence and resolutions are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt the year 2015 levy resolution for the Board of Public Education pursuant to advertisement having been published and the Millage Rates as follows:
 - (a) General Fund, 16.631 mills.
 - (b) G.O. Bond Debt, 0.00 mills.
 - (c) The aggregate millage rate of 16.631 mills.
 - (d) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Georgia Department of Revenue Form PT 35.
2. Modify the tax levy resolution.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue (Ga. Code 48-5-302). Georgia law 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1 further specifies method of publication of ad valorem tax rate.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A MOTORIZED CART DISTRICT WITHIN ISLE OF HOPE.

Chairman Scott said, the next item on the agenda is to request the Board approval of a motorized cart district within Isle of Hope.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion?

Commissioner Stone said, I think -- Mr. Chairman, I believe there's some people in the audience that might want to say something real briefly.

Chairman Scott said, is anyone -- I see the leader of the neighborhood association out there. Ms. Adair do you have anything you wanted to say in reference to this? For the minutes Ms. Adair, would you just introduce yourself? I -- I know you are known to at least some of us and just tell them your position with Isle of Hope, please.

Ms. Anita Adair said, well, I'm Anita Adair from Isle of Hope, and I'm not part of the neighborhood association, I am head of the neighborhood watch.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Adair said, but --

Chairman Scott said, chair of the neighborhood watch committee.

Ms. Adair said, yeah. Mr. Chairman and the Commissioners, out of -- out of respect for you, we did not bring all -- all of Isle of Hope with us this morning. The one thing that I would like to address is we have two roads that are classified as collector roads. One is LaRoche and the other is Parkersburg. We need to -- I feel we need to work on the definition of collector roads so all of Isle of Hope's residents will be able to use their golf carts. On the LaRoche side, you're blocking off about half of Isle of Hope. On the other side, you have got Skidaway Road, and with the new school that's going to be opened, this is -- that is just on the -- on the latter part of Skidaway Road, but we're -- we have been real patient. We do appreciate it if you okay our motorized vehicle.

Ms. Adair said, I want to thank Chairman Scott, who has attended our meetings, has heard the voice of Isle of Hope. I would also like to thank Commissioner Stone, who has listened to all of us. But, please grant us the ordinance. Please look into the re -- the -- the definition of a collector road so all of Isle of Hope can use it. And I remember Chairman Scott in the meeting that we packed the building out there promising us that he would make us a golf cart friendly neighborhood. And for those of you who do not know it, Isle of Hope will celebrate it's 277th -- I mean 200 and -- yeah, 277th birthday this year which actually makes us older than the City of Savannah. But we -- we do appreciate your thoughts. Give us our ordinance and let us rip.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Will look into the Parkersburg. The LaRoche, I don't know. We'll -- we'll have to really study that one carefully. Thank --

Ms. Adair said, yeah, I think we probably would have to get with -- somebody will have to get with MPC.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct. Thank you so much. Any other discussion? Any further discussion?

Commissioner Shabazz said, what --

Commissioner Farrell said, quick question.

Chairman Scott said, we've -- we've got two. We've got Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th and Commissioner Farrell from the 4th, in that order please.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. If someone can just let me know briefly what a -- what the neighborhood watch -- what's your name, ma'am?

Ms. Adair said, Anita Adair.

Chairman Scott said, Anita Adair.

County Manager Smith said, Adair.

Commissioner Thomas said, Adair.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Anita Adair. When she mentions collector roads, what is -- what is actually meant by --

County Manager Smith said, I'm going to get --

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- collect -- collector roads?

Chairman Scott said, we'll get Leon to --

County Manager Smith said, we've been working with -- yeah. We'll get Leon Davenport to come up and just give you the explanation of that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is that a trail or something like that?

County Manager Smith said, we've had a lot of discussion about this.

Chairman Scott said, no. No. No. No.

Mr. Davenport said, yes Commissioner. A collector status road --

Chairman Scott said, mainly a thorough fare. Main thorough fares. Go ahead.

Mr. Davenport said, well -- yes, sir. It -- it -- it -- roads take on a classification based upon their use such that we -- we -- Jon [Hart] and I when discussing, you know, what we -- the safe roads, if you will, to put golf or motorized carts on, we started looking at what the classification roads are. It goes from local roads all the way to interstate arterials, which would be an I-16. A collector status road is the next step above a local street. So it -- it's usually based upon the -- the -- the volumes that the road sees. It's not a -- it's not a issue of speed limit, and I know that that's been a hard topic really -- to get around. It's based upon the roads volume, you know, how wide it is, what the access is along it. It's -- it's just not about speed limits when it comes to the definition of a road.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. Recently there was a ordinance concerning golf carts. Is that right? Where they would be able to use golf carts in certain areas.

County Manager Smith said, well that's --

Commissioner Shabazz said, like golf communities or something like that.

Chairman Scott said, if you approve this, this will -- this will allow Isle of Hope to become a golf cart community.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, the -- the vote today is -- actually comes from the ordinance that you adopted earlier this year, and the community gave 51 percent on the petition, so they did all the things they needed to do to make the request. Staff then looked at in that area where could golf carts be used --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, -- based on volume of roads, classifications, and we had given that in a map, and but for, I guess, property owners fronting -- or accessing LaRoche, Parkersburg, Skidaway Road are not included in the MCD, since the ordinance restricts motorized carts to low volume, low speed. So those would be the only ones restricted.

Mr. Davenport said, now there -- there's one other road that was in the map that was attached to your -- to your staff report. Now it allows them to cross that collector status road.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Mr. Davenport said, now, it just doesn't allow them to traverse horizontally along with traffic on a collector status road. That's the difference.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further discussion?

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank -- thank you.

Mr. Davenport said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion? Commissioner Farrell of the 4th.

Commissioner Farrell said, not so fast Leon. No, just a question. I -- I was studying the -- I'm very familiar with the Isle of Hope area. Been going out there all my life, and -- and I'm also familiar with other areas in the -- in the -- in the private sector that are golf cart friendly. If there was a -- a cart path built parallel to say LaRoche Avenue, would that be something that it's in the realm of possibilities if you cleared all the hurdles of actually having the right of way and actually building it to -- so that they could -- they could -- the -- the homes could like come off of Raleigh Drive, access the cart path, and then go to the rest of the island?

Mr. Davenport said, we've looked at what we consider to be multi-use paths and -- in other areas of the county, and it's not that it's outside the realm of possibility, it -- but, you know that -- that area, and, please, I think we all know Isle of Hope very well is -- there's not a lot of room in the rights of way in order to build any other facilities. Anything that would run horizontally along it, just like a sidewalk. I mean, we put sidewalks along arterials, which are, you know 45, 50 mile an hour zones when there's a separation for the safety of the pedestrians, and, yes, those facilities can be put in instead of them walking the gutter. So if -- if -- if it can be engineered, if it can be paid for, it's not that it's outside that realm, but I -- it doesn't -- and -- and I will -- Ms. -- Ms. Anita's very correct, there is an area that is cut off just because of the nature of the beast when it came to the way LaRoche comes in, but it doesn't cut them entirely. I mean this is a great deal of the neighborhood that does have the ability to -- to ride and go where they want to and then cross some of those collector status facilities. But -- but, yes, to answer your question, it could happen.

Commissioner Farrell said, it could happen. It would just have to be feasible to make it --

County Attorney Hart said, would have to take a lot of people's front yards.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. I'm not -- I'm just -- I'm just asking if it was in the realm of possibilities.

Mr. Davenport said, it's just a tough area to do it.

Commissioner Farrell said, I understand it --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, could we pave Osteen Road in my District before we start building golf cart paths down other Districts?

Commissioner Farrell said, just asking the question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh, I know.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter, you're out of order at this time.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, sorry about that. I was out of order.

Commissioner Center said, move to Isle of Hope.

Mr. Davenport said, he can't help it.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I would like to thank the staff for their work that they had to put in this. I -- I'd also -- I -- I want you all to know how hard the residents of Isle of Hope worked. They had to go out and get these petitions. They've been very diligent. They've been very patient. I hope that we can look at some alternatives to those roads, and we need to do this, 'cause we did make a commitment to make it golf cart friendly, and y'all have done most of it, but I'd like to see what we can do with these collector roads to see what the volumes are and -- and if we can make this an entirely golf cart friendly community like we set out to do. So that is the concern that I have, but I -- I know what work has been put into it, and I appreciate it on all fronts. This has been a combined effort to get this done, and I'm -- I'm glad that we're this far, but I'd like to see what we can do to make the whole island golf cart friendly.

Mr. Davenport said, if I may, the only comment that I would like to say in regards to that is -- is that if we go in and we start evaluating roads, and -- and understand we're working from a classification map that was done quite a few years ago that's based on the -- from the MPC that what I don't want to do is we could go in there and find other roads that are -- should be local roads, should be collector status roads. You may find one that's a collector status road that could be lowered to a local, but, we run the risk of --

Chairman Scott said, it cuts both ways.

Mr. Davenport said, yes, sir, it does. And that -- that -- that will be the risk if we start really diving into that process.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, I -- I understand.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. And the only other comment that I would make is that this will get us started in Isle of Hope and in the future, we might look more comprehensively at Isle of Hope and this -- this may very well be a -- a very good SPLOST VII project, is to somehow figure out where we need golf cart paths in various communities that we have designated golf cart communities going forth. And that's not something will happen immediately, but that's something that we could look at in the future. With that said, there's no further discussion. All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Nine to nothing, Ms. Adair.

Ms. Adair said, thank you.

Member of the Audience said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a Motorized Cart District within Isle of Hope. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5

AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Jon Hart, County Attorney
Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE:

To present the Board a request to create a Motorized Cart District within Isle of Hope.

BACKGROUND:

The residents within Isle of Hope community requested that a Motorized Cart District (MCD) be established for their neighborhood. Community Representatives met with the Staff and Commissioner Helen Stone to discuss the criteria and procedure for consideration of a MCD. At this meeting, the Community Representatives were presented petition forms and map exhibits, created by the Staff as identified by the Motorized Cart Ordinance approved by the Board of Commissioners. The Ordinance requires distribution to and signature obtained of eligible Isle of Hope property owners. The exhibit attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) meets the requirements of the Motorized Carts Ordinance found in Chapter 12, Article XIV of the Chatham County Codebook. Property owners were notified on the petition forms that it is their responsibility to adhere to the boundaries of the MCD and to the Motorized Carts Ordinance. A majority of the property owners voted in favor of petitioning the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to create a MCD.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. There are 943 qualifying properties within the boundaries of the Isle of Hope community that meet the requirements of the MCD. A total of 511 property owners votes were verified by Staff on the petition forms. This satisfies the majority vote requirement of the Motorized Cart Ordinance.
2. Property Owners fronting or accessing LaRoche, Parkersburg, and Skidaway Road are not included in the MCD since the Ordinance restricts motorized carts to low volume, low speed roads. LaRoche, Parkersburg, and Skidaway Road are not designated as Local Roads according to the Street Classification Map, as referenced in the Motorized Carts Ordinance. These roads are classified as Secondary Arterial Roads or Collector Roads in the Street Classification Map.
3. If the MCD is adopted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, then a signage and striping plan will be developed for the neighborhood by Staff. In addition, the Savannah Chatham Police Department will be notified in writing by the County Attorney to enforce the boundaries of the MCD and the Motorized Carts Ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the creation of a Motorized Cart District for Isle of Hope community.
2. To not approve the creation of the Motorized Cart District.

FUNDING:

Funding for the Motorized Cart District which was not allocated during the adoption of the Motorized Cart Ordinance. The expenditures will involve a minimum of seven vehicular warning signs and striping for at least two crossings of non-local roads.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

That the Board must approve the establishment of a Motorized Cart District for the residents of Isle of Hope.

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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, next on page 6 we have the Action Calendar. In our pre-meeting there was no indication of anyone desiring to pull anything off for individual action, so at this time I'll entertain a motion to approve the Action Calendar in its entirety.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, I would like to make a brief comment.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Properly moved and second. We have a motion. Any discussion? I recognize Commissioner Farrell from the 4th District.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. Item 12(Q) is the Memorial Stadium replacement strategy, and not to be redundant to those who were in the Green Room, but I -- I just wanted for the purpose of sharing some information with the public that there is a -- a -- a possibility that our premier stadium could be possibly, possibly located at a different site, and then possibly be able to save the Memorial Stadium that we have. Now, you know, there -- there's a lot of question marks in that, but when they're doing the study, they are going to -- I was assured that they would look at possible alternative sites with the idea that if we built a brand new stadium to current expectations for the community that perhaps we could have two stadiums. And I use the example of over my lifetime I've seen where the community has dismissed a -- a building or a site, either a public building or a school or -- or private building, only to have another entity come in, buy it for a very reasonable price, and then breathe new life into it, and now it's like, wow, why didn't we -- why didn't we think of that? And -- and I have to take my hats off to SCAD who's done that over and over again in our county and the City of Savannah. So, just as we're moving forward, as we're sorting through the different options for how to -- how to optimize our tax dollars and how to bring the most bang for our buck to the community to the -- to the folks that want to play these fields, whether it be primarily in this case football, of course, but they could also be doubled and used as other sorts of course. So anyway, I just wanted to bring that up that as we go through the planning, there is that small possibility that -- that it may not just be a knock down and stand up a new -- a new facility. So thank you for the -- for that.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further discussion on the motion before we hear it? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The Action Calendar is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 12 and under Item 12 Items A through Q. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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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 JUNE 26, 2015, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 18, 2015 THROUGH JULY 8, 2015.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of June 18, 2015 through July 8, 2015, in the amount of \$9,595,451. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AGENCIES RECEIVING FUNDS IN FY2016.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval of Memorandums of Understanding with agencies receiving funds in FY2016. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request Board approval of Memorandums of Understanding with agencies receiving funds in FY2016.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The adopted FY2016 budget includes funding for agencies that provide services to the county. These are continuing commitments. Contracts have been drafted and are submitted for approval. The contracts are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) and outlined below.
2. The adopted FY2016 General Fund M&O budget includes an appropriation of \$158,817 for salaries of staff in the Chatham County Extension Office. Invoices are submitted monthly by the University of Georgia. Funds are available in department 1009812, account 52.39001.
3. The adopted budget includes an appropriation of \$127,780 for salaries of staff at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens. Invoices are submitted monthly by the University of Georgia. Funds are available in department 1009814, account 52.39001.
4. The Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Step Up Savannah provides for an appropriation of \$66,632 payable in quarterly installments. Funds are available in department 1007660, account 52.11001.
5. The Agreement with Silver Cheetahs sets an annual budget of \$21,500. Payment is contingent on the organization providing the services described in the contract. Funds are available in department 1009975, account 57.30101.
6. The adopted budget includes \$369,600 for Greenbriar Children's Center, Inc. Payments for operating costs are made quarterly. Funds are budgeted in department 1005421, account 57.30001.
7. The annual budget for the Department of Family and Children's Services total \$916,595 and includes a number of program areas described in the contract. Funds are available in department 1005190, account 52.39001 and department 1005440, accounts 52.39001 and 57.30001.

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O as detailed in the Facts and Findings above.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign each of these contracts.
2. Provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Approval is consistent with Board action requiring a contract or Memorandum of Understanding with agencies providing services.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO CREATE A FULL TIME TEMPORARY PROJECT MANAGER POSITION TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TYLER TECHNOLOGY MUNIS SYSTEM FOR FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES INFORMATION MANAGEMENT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval to create a full time temporary project management position to oversee the implementation of the Tyler Technology Munis System for financial and human resources information management. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Carolyn A. Smalls, Human Resources Director
Amy J. Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

Board approval to create and advertise for a full time temporary Project Manager position to oversee the implementation of the Tyler Technologies Munis Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system in the Finance, Human Resources, and Purchasing & Contracting departments, hiring contingent on approval of the Tyler contract.

BACKGROUND:

In the FY 2016 budget, the Board approved funds for the purchase and implementation of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system for the Finance, Human Resources, and Purchasing & Contracting departments to replace the outdated Financial Management Information System (FMIS). These funds include a Project Manager position to oversee and direct the implementation and conversion to the new ERP system.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On February 24, 2015, Chatham County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit bids for a comprehensive, integrated ERP System to provide an information/transaction management and reporting system for the County's finance, human resources, and purchasing functions. The ERP would completely replace the Sungard Pentamotion Financial Management Information System (FMIS) currently in place.
2. Staff has selected Tyler Technologies as the successful bidder to implement its Munis system. Staff is currently in the process of working with Tyler Technologies to draft a mutually agreeable contract. Staff plans to present a contract with Tyler Technologies to the Board for its approval at either the July 31 or August 14 Commission meeting.
3. Tyler Technologies estimates that implementation of the system will take up to 18 months to complete. Implementation of the new system will require the dedicated attention of a staff person to coordinate internal activities as well as to serve as a liaison with Tyler Technologies on implementation issues.

4. Staff desires to have the Project Manager on board as soon as possible after contract award in order to be involved in the beginning stages of the implementation process. Because of the amount of time involved in recruiting and selecting a candidate, staff prefers to begin the recruitment process at the earliest possible time.
5. The Project Manager position will be temporary. Staff estimates that the position will be needed for up to 24 months to handle an unanticipated implementation delays as well as post-implementation operations and training activities.

FUNDING:

Capital Improvement Fund -- Finance 3005

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board's approval is required to create new positions. Approval of the requested position will assist staff in the effective and efficient implementation of the ERP system.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approval to create and advertise for a full time temporary Project Manager position to oversee the implementation of the Tyler Technologies Munis Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system in the Finance, Human Resources, and Purchasing & Contracting departments, hiring contingent on approval of the Tyler contract.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative 1.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A PROJECT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (PFA) BETWEEN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) AND CHATHAM COUNTY FOR SR 21 AT PIPEMAKERS CANAL CULVERT EXPANSION PROJECT (PI#0013281).
[DISTRICTS 3 and 8.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Project Framework Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Chatham County for SR 21 at Pipemakers Canal Culvert Expansion project. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

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

ISSUE:

To approve and execute a Project Framework Agreement (PFA) between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Chatham County for SR 21 at Pipemakers Canal Culvert Expansion project. (PI# 0013281).

BACKGROUND:

This project will construct additional culverts adjacent to the existing culverts for the Pipemakers Canal at SR 21 to remove the restriction and increase the capacity of the canal. The County is responsible for the preliminary engineering, and will pursue State and/or Federal funds for construction. The project will require coordination with the GDOT.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff solicited a Request for Proposals for engineering design services for the project on June 16, 2015.
2. Staff is reviewing the proposals submitted and will negotiate scope and fee with the highest rated firm.

3. The PFA commits Chatham County to funding the preliminary engineering (PE). PE is currently funded with a combination of local SPLOST funds and federal funds (M230) programmed through the CORE MPO.
4. The County Attorney reviewed and approved the PFA as to its legal form.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve and execute a Project Framework Agreement (PFA) between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Chatham County for SR 21 at Pipemakers Canal Culvert Expansion project. (PI# 0013281).
2. To not approve execution of the PFA.

FUNDING:

No funding is required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve Alternative 1.

District 3, 8

Prepared by: Nathaniel Panther, P.E.

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6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A PROJECT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (PFA) BETWEEN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) AND CHATHAM COUNTY FOR SR 25 AT PIPEMAKERS CANAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (PI#0013282). [DISTRICTS 3 and 8.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Project Framework Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Chatham County for SR 25 at Pipemakers Canal Bridge replacement. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

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

ISSUE:

To approve and execute a Project Framework Agreement (PFA) between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Chatham County for SR 25 at Pipemakers Canal Bridge replacement. (PI# 0013282).

BACKGROUND:

This project will replace the existing bridge over Pipemakers Canal to remove the restriction and increase the capacity of the canal. The County is responsible for the preliminary engineering and will pursue State and/or Federal funds for construction. The project will require coordination with the GDOT and the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff solicited a Request for Proposals for engineering design services for the project on June 16, 2015.
2. Staff is reviewing the proposals submitted and will negotiate scope and fee with the highest rated firm.
3. The PFA commits Chatham County to funding the preliminary engineering (PE). PE is currently funded with a combination of local SPLOST funds and federal funds (M230) programmed through the CORE MPO.

4. The County Attorney reviewed and approved the PFA as to its legal form.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve and execute a Project Framework Agreement (PFA) between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Chatham County for SR 25 at Pipemakers Canal Bridge replacement. (PI# 0013282).
2. To not approve execution of the PFA.

FUNDING:

No funding is required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve Alternative 1.

District 3, 8

Prepared by: Nathaniel Panther, P.E.

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR A CHATHAM COUNTY PURCHASING CARD POLICY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval for a Chatham County Purchasing Card Policy. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7

AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request Board approval for the attached Purchasing Card Policy.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Purchasing cards (P-Cards) have been used in government for many years as a method of reducing paperwork, administrative time and risk. Use of P-cards expedites purchases of small routine items needed in the normal operations of the County, which reduces the work required in both the Purchasing Division and Accounts Payable area.
2. P-Cards are safer than credit cards because limitations in both the dollar amount allowed monthly, but also per-purchase limits by individual. In addition, certain products such as alcohol or tobacco products will be blocked completely. Additional limitations can be added depending on the employees specific role and how the P-Card will be used. The County currently has numerous credit cards without this extra precaution, which would be taken up and replaced with a P-Card.
3. Currently a large amount of travel expenses are charged on individual employee credit cards to make reservations, car rentals, and registrations, which are then reimbursed. This policy would allow for most routine travel charges.
4. Background checks, credit checks and a statement of understanding would be required of every employee who applies for a P-Card. The Statement of Understanding acknowledges receipt and understanding of the P-Card policy as well as understanding that misuse will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. Department Heads will be held strictly accountable for all purchases made by employees of their department.
5. Bank of America has been the longstanding holder of the Georgia State Purchasing contract for P-Card administration. The service, software and all cards are free to the

County. In addition, there are no fees for using the cards even if payments are delinquent. The County will not be held accountable for any unauthorized purchases.

FUNDING:

No funding required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the P-Card policy as recommended by staff.
2. Provide other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

[NOTE: Chatham County Purchasing Card Policy is attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.]

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**8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A GROUND LEASE FOR SLIP 1 ON HUTCHINSON ISLAND, WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE COUNTY-OWNED BASIN TO BE COME PRIVATELY DEVELOPED INTO A MARINA.
[DISTRICT 3.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval of a ground lease for Slip 1 on Hutchinson Island, which would enable the county-owned basin to become privately developed into a marina. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8

AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Michael A. Kaigler, Assistant County Manager

ISSUE:

To approve a Ground Lease for Slip 1, which would enable the County-owned basin to become privately developed into a marina.

BACKGROUND:

At the June 26 meeting, the Board approved an Addendum to the Development Agreement to revise the configuration of Slip 1 on Hutchinson Island under a public-private partnership with Savannah Harbor Associates (SHA). By the terms of the Agreement, Chatham County would extend the Riverwalk while SHA as developer would construct and manage (or by sublease) a marina within the slip and invest to develop the adjoining 28-acre parcel into an upscale mixed-use riverfront development, valued at \$250 million to \$300 million and create more than 900 new jobs. The County to allow for State participation in funding would convey Slip One to the State with the slip lease back to the County. The County would enter into a Ground Sublease for the Slip 1 basin as the legal means to allow SHA to construct and manage (or sublease) the marina.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Ground Lease general terms and key provisions as agreed upon by County staff are set for the below. The County Attorney's Office has reviewed the lease terms and concurs in its form and subject to final lease agreement. Key provisions include:
 - a. Term would be 50 years, but because Georgia prohibits multi-year agreements, Chatham County would need to include either the Savannah Economic Development Authority or the Chatham County Recreation Authority as a party to the lease. The long-term lease becomes needed for the private developer to secure long term financing and make the investment economically sustainable.
 - b. Payment would be a \$1 a year for five years during construction, which includes building an initial set of docks and marina infrastructure then phasing in additional docking. SHA would be responsible for all starting in Year 6, the rate would be the value of a long term ground lease, rather than value based on sale in fee. The lease

amount would also take into consideration that Lessee would be responsible for all maintenance to manage facility and cost associated with dredging slip and disposal of dredged material.

- c. Term and payment would also factor in developer's capital investment of upwards to \$4 million in docks, utilities and other related infrastructure.
 - d. SHA assumes responsibility and cost for upholding the requirements of Chatham County's maintenance, including dredging under County's permit for Slip 1. Because of continual silting from tidal flow within the slip, maintenance and dredging will be required on a regular basis. This includes the cost of dredging and payment to the Corps of Engineers for collecting and disposing of the material.
2. Chatham County acquired fee title and easements to Slip 1 by conveyance in 1997 from CSX Realty Development as part of the Trade Center and riverwalk projects. The master plan included a riverwalk extension, marina and interpretive trail. As the master plan evolved, the project required amendments in March 2007 and June 2015.

FUNDING:

No County funding would be required for developing, constructing or managing the marina. All cost will be from private investment.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board vote to approve the key provisions of the Ground Lease as presented, or amend it as the Board deems appropriate.
2. Or, that the Board vote not to approve the Ground Lease.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The investment into public infrastructure along the Savannah River not only provides public amenities but also boosts the economic engine of tourism. Since the County's initial investment in Hutchinson Island, the public projects included future development of a yachting basin as part of the Riverwalk Extension. While Chatham County never intended to own nor operate the marina, the County needs to protect its investment of improvements funded with public dollars and ensure any agreement recovers substantial public benefit in use and return in new tax revenues. The Ground Sublease will ensure this goal will be met.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE 2015 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) IN WHICH AN APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AND THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY FOR 2015.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval for Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in which an application will be submitted on behalf of the City of Savannah and the City of Garden City for 2015. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-9

AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Joseph H. Lumpkin, Sr., Chief of Police

DATE: June 17, 2015

SUBJECT: Review Narrative
2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

For your review, please find a copy of the MOU (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in which an application will be submitted on behalf of the City of Savannah and the City of Garden City, for 2015. The award period is from October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2018.

Under the JAG program, joint applications for disparate jurisdictions are required. The City of Savannah will be the applicant and fiscal agent for the joint funds. All parties will adhere to rules indicated in the agreement.

The City of Savannah made the application available to Garden City Police Department for its review and comments on June 17, 2015. A public review announcement will be made available to the citizens of Savannah, Chatham County, and Garden City on June 23, 2015 by Savannahnow.com.

The joint award for this grant is \$84,386 based on the formula distribution. **No matching funds are required.** The formula for disbursement of the funds is as follows:

City of Savannah \$73,202
City of Garden City \$11,184

The grant's budget narrative for each municipality is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). Your signature, along with the City of Savannah and Garden City representatives are respectfully requested for completing the process of this application.

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10. REQUEST BOARD ACCEPT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,870 FOR CHATHAM COUNTY JUVENILE COURT'S FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT. NO COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for acceptance of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Accountability Courts supplemental grant in the amount of \$16,870 for Chatham County Juvenile Court's Family Dependency Treatment Court. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-10
AGENDA DATE: July 17, 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 Justice Coordinating Council's Accountability Courts supplemental grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has awarded \$16,870 to Chatham County Juvenile Court's Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The \$16,870 from the Accountability Court grant will be used to enhance services being provided by the FDTC in the form of transportation to services and visitation.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

FUNDING:

No funding required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is consistent with Board policy to accept grant funding which does not require county matching funds to provide/upgrade necessary services without cost to the County.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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- 11. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER FOR BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2015. PETITIONER: KEVIN W. SMITH, D/B/A SAVANNAH SOMMELIER, LOCATED AT 15 LAKE STREET, SUITE 150, 31411. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval for transfer for beer, wine and liquor retail license for 2015. The Petitioner is Kevin W. Smith, d/b/a Savannah Sommelier located at 15 Lake Street, Suite 150. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-11

AGENDA DATE: July 17, 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 approval for transfer for beer, wine and liquor retail license for 2015. The Petitioner is **Kevin W. Smith, d/b/a Savannah Sommelier located at 15 Lake Street, Suite 150, Savannah, Georgia 31411.**

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Smith requests approval of a transfer beer, wine and liquor retail license in connection with an existing package shop. The license is being transferred from Christi Lee Smith to Kevin W. Smith.

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 requirement of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 4

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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

AGENDA ITEM: X-12 A-Q

AGENDA DATE: July 17, 2015

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: LINDA CRAMER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$10,828 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for Building Safety & Regulatory Services.

BACKGROUND: This is the maintenance agreement for our annual CAMA software Marshall & Swift cost table maintenance support. This is required to ensure the smooth, continuous operation of our appraisal and assessment software. This software is necessary to generate values, assessments, the digest and all the necessary reports required by the Department of Revenue for digest submission. Maintenance provides for assistance with any problems associated with the software.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The sole source provider, ACS Government Systems, Inc., is the only company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
2. This is the Building and Safety portion of the cost which was awarded to ACS on June 12, 2015. Staff believes the total cost of \$10,828 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Building Safety & Regulatory Services
(5707210 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$10,828 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for Building Safety & Regulatory Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary software maintenance for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$26,729 sole source renewal of an annual software licenses agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for the Assessor's office.

BACKGROUND: The licenses agreement is for our annual CAMA software Marshall & Swift Right to Integrate (RTI) cost table applications. This is required to ensure the smooth, continuous operation of our appraisal and assessment software. This software is necessary to generate values, assessments, the digest and all the necessary reports required by the Department of Revenue for digest submission.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The sole source provider, ACS Government Systems, Inc., is the only company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
2. This license fee is for the Marshall & Swift valuation tables that power the ACS Assessment Office (AO) product. The Marshall & Swift tables are used to value the improvements within Chatham County.

3. Staff believes the total cost of \$26,729 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Assessor
(1001550 - 52.13011)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$26,729 sole source renewal of an annual software licenses agreement from ACS Government Systems, Inc., for the Assessor's office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary software licences and maintenance for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$29,284 annual renewal for Document Imaging System maintenance and support for servers and software for the Application Xtender from Palmetto Microfilm System for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: This maintenance is support for twelve (12) AX Image Capture Server, twenty-five (25) AX Web Net Public Access and one (1) AX Server from Palmetto Microfilm System for various departments within the county who scan, view, and retrieve documents in the document imaging system.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County I.C.S. has purchased all Application Extender, or AX licenses, Web X licenses, Workflow process builder from Palmetto Microfilm System. I.C.S. has recommended that all departments using document imaging use this software as a standard and annual maintenance is a requirement.
2. Palmetto Microfilm System is the authorized company to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$29,284 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
(1001535 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$29,284 annual renewal for Document Imaging System maintenance and support for servers and software for the Application Xtender from Palmetto Microfilm System for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary support for applications used for job productivity.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$47,800 construction contract to CNB Construction, LLC, for the Chatham County Aquatic Center changing room addition.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Aquatic Center has seen a growth in the type of clientele that utilizes the facility. The current bathroom configuration allows for a man's locker room and a women's locker room. However, based on the need of the public, a family locker room is needed to accommodate those families who have children of the opposite sex. Additionally staff is seeing more clients who have special needs and require access to a family locker room.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The new family ADA bathroom will be equipped with a shower, changing table, and other amenities to better accommodate the clients who utilize the facility.
2. This project was properly advertised and two (2) bids were received and opened on June 16, 2015. The bids are as follows:

	CNB Construction, LLC Savannah, GA	\$47,800
*	Collins Construction Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$51,150

* WBE firm

3. Staff finds the bid from CNB Construction, LLC, to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Aquatic Center
(3506124 - 54.13011 - 3503601)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$47,800 construction contract to CNB Construction, LLC, for the Chatham County Aquatic Center changing room addition.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval a \$15,728 purchase and installation of 25 Kw generator from Cummins Power South of Savannah, GA.

BACKGROUND: The Lakeside Crisis Center generator requires as to serve as backup power for the septic system, emergency lighting and food cooler. Due to its age, the existing generator must be replaced.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The request for bid was properly advertised and two (2) bids were received.

	Cummins Power South Savannah, GA	\$15,728
	Energy System Southeast Savannah, GA	\$18,415

2. Staff believes that the total cost of \$15,728 for the generator to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance
(1001565 – 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval a \$15,728 purchase and installation of 25 Kw generator from Cummins Power South of Savannah, GA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$23,068 Change Order No. 2, to Y-Delta, Inc., for plumbing changes for the filter replacement at the Chatham County Aquatic Center.

BACKGROUND: On March 13, 2015, the Board awarded a contract to Y-Delta, Inc., for a new filter and new HVAC replacement at the Aquatic Center. During the demolition phase it was discovered that plumbing pipes were located under the slab interfering with the new location of the filters. The location of the plumbing pipes was different than those on the as built drawings.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Y-Delta, Inc., is currently working on the new filter and HVAC replacement. The project has stalled until the plumbing pipes can be relocated overhead per the change order request.
2. The consultant engineer on the project has verified that the cost is a justified and necessary expense to complete the project.
3. Contract history:

Original contract (3/13/15)	\$494,500
Change Order No. 1 (5/8/15)	(200)
Change Order No. 2 (pending)	<u>23,068</u>
Revised Contract amount	\$517,368

FUNDING: CIP – Aquatic Center (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
(3506124 - 54.13011 - 35036017)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$23,068 Change Order No. 2, to Y-Delta Inc., for plumbing changes for the filter replacement at the Chatham County Aquatic Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$249,545 construction contract with Savannah Paving Company, Inc., for sidewalk and pedestrian improvements along Penn Waller Road.

BACKGROUND: The existing sidewalk sections along Penn Waller Road are not interconnected and some sections are in need of repair.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised and four (4) bids were received and opened on June 24, 2015. The bid results are as follows:

Savannah Paving Company, Inc. Ellabell, GA	\$249,545
* Sandhill A.L.S. Construction, Inc. Pt. Wentworth, GA	\$254,428
** E & D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$266,939
** First City Utilities, LLC Savannah, GA	\$284,360

* MBE firm ** WBE firm
2. Staff believes the bid from Savannah Paving Company, Inc., is fair and reasonable.
3. The contractor will have 60 days to complete the project after issuance of Notice to Proceed.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1985-1993) - Penn Waller Sidewalks
(3204220 - 54.14001 - 32056757)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$249,545 construction contract with Savannah Paving Company, Inc., for sidewalk and pedestrian improvements along Penn Waller Road.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$283,460 purchase of ten (10) 2015 GM Chevrolet Caprice Police vehicles from Dan Vaden Chevrolet for Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD).

BACKGROUND: SCMPD has approved funding to replace vehicles through the police merger agreement. The purchase of these vehicles will replace older ones that are beyond economical repair. The units to be declared surplus will be brought to the Board for approval at a later date.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. An Invitation To Bid was publicly advertised and opened on June 2, 2015. Responses are as follows:

Wade Ford, Inc. Smyrna, GA	\$23,742/ea
Dan Vaden Chevrolet Savannah, GA	\$28,864/ea

2. The low offeror, Wade Ford, Inc., did not meet the minimum specifications. The specifications were for Chevrolet Caprice police vehicles. Wade Ford, Inc., offered the Ford Police Interceptor vehicle.
3. Staff negotiated with Dan Vaden to reduce the price to \$28,346.
4. Staff believes the pricing offered by Dan Vaden Chevrolet to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Police Vehicle Replacement
(3501567 - 54.22001 - 3503068B)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$283,460 purchase of ten (10) 2015 GM Chevrolet Caprice Police vehicles from Dan Vaden Chevrolet for Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD).
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$28,369 purchase from CDW Government, LLC, for an EMC Storage Area Network (SAN) upgrade hardware for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The I.C.S. department has determined that additional resources for the County SAN are needed in order to provide server resources for the new Case Management System (CMS).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A Request for Quotes was properly advertised and opened June 18, 2015. The responses are as follows:

CWD Government, LLC Vernon Hills, IL	\$28,369
* OM Office Supply, Inc. Mechanicsburg, PA	\$31,634

Datalink \$32,450
Eden Prairie, MN

* MBE

- Staff believes the total cost of \$28,369 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP – Case Management System (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer and Amendment)
(3502101 - 54.25001 - 35030678)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of a \$28,369 purchase from CDW Government, LLC, for an EMC Storage Area Network (SAN) Upgrade hardware for I.C.S.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary software and support to backup data on the County network.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$209,484 renewal of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance with Safety National Casualty Corporation for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

BACKGROUND: Since 1990 specific excess insurance has been purchased to fund medical and indemnity (lost wage) expense that exceed annual per claim retention. The County self-funds Workers' Compensation with the assistance of a Third-Party Administrator, Underwriters Safety and Claims, Inc.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- The current carrier, Safety National Casualty Corporation, is offering a renewal quotation with a \$750,000 per claim retention and an annual premium of \$209,484. The expiring annual premium is \$172,936 with a \$750,000 per claim retention.
- Two (2) carriers, Midwest Employers, a carrier that previously wrote the Workers' Compensation Excess Coverage for Chatham County, and Starr Indemnity declined to quote a premium. Midlands Management and Ace Group each quoted a minimum premium of \$350,000 with Self Insured Retentions of \$850,000 and \$1,000,000 respectively. A Self Insured Retention is the amount the County agrees to pay on a per claim basis before the Excess carrier issues payments on a claim.
- The rate increase is based on increased costs associated with on-going large losses that have developed and increased payroll. The annual premium increase is consistent with increased medical costs and increase in claim severity. Excess Workers' Compensation is a very volatile line of business and there has been a decline in the number of insurers interested in underwriting government operations.
- The State Workers' Compensation Rule 121 requires self-insured government entities purchase excess Workers' Compensation insurance.

FUNDING: Risk Management - Workers' Compensation
(6259926 – 51.27008)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of the \$209,484 renewal of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance with Safety National Casualty Corporation for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The State Workers' Compensation Rule 121 requires self-funded governments purchase Excess Workers' Compensation insurance.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the annual premium of \$31,500 to ACE/Westchester, for renewal of Mosquito Control aircraft liability and hull (physical damage) insurance coverage for a term of one (1) year beginning July 11, 2015.

BACKGROUND: Mosquito Control purchases liability and hull insurance to protect highly valued aircraft, the public, and non-employee passengers in the event of an accident. Mosquito Control insures one (1) fixed-wing aircraft and three (3) helicopters with replacement values in excess of \$1.9 million.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current carrier, ACE/Westchester is offering a renewal quotation of \$31,500, which is a reduction in the 2014-2015 premium of \$32,240.
2. The renewal quotation includes Non-Owned Aircraft Liability and Physical Damage coverage. These endorsements were included to protect the County's interests with regard to pilot training in non-owned aircraft.
3. The County's insurance broker, USI Insurance Services, LLC., solicited quotes from AIG, Phoenix, and Global Aerospace. Global Aerospace declined to quote. AIG offered a quote of \$42,725 and Phoenix offered a quote of \$40,664. AIG and Phoenix were not competitive with our current carrier.
4. Staff does not recommend purchasing the War Risk/TRIA endorsement.

FUNDING: Risk Management - Premium Insurance
(6259922 - 52.31021)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the annual premium of \$31,500 to ACE/Westchester, for renewal of Mosquito Control aircraft liability and hull (physical damage) insurance coverage for a term of one (1) year beginning July 11, 2015.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The County has chosen to provide liability coverage for Mosquito Control operations and hull coverage to protect highly valued assets.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a sole source professional services contract with Papcon for the Chatham JIMZ Migration Project necessary for the data migration of case management information.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County has started the process of implementing a new case management system. As part of this implementation, the older systems currently maintained by Papcon, must be converted to a new format. The associated proposal is for work that can only be performed by Papcon to assist the new vendor, Tyler Technologies, with the conversion process. The Board partially approved this contract at the April 10, 2015 meeting. However, there was a misunderstanding of the Papcon proposal and this agenda item is a clarification.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Papcon is the only vendor capable of performing the conversion tasks necessary.
2. Tyler Technologies cannot convert the existing systems into their new case management system without assistance from Papcon.
3. The implementation of the new case management system cannot move forward without this agreement.
4. The proposal is broken into 4 parts:
 - a. A fixed fee of \$32,000 upon start of the project.
 - b. A not to exceed fee of \$110,000 for the export of 22 applications.
 - c. A no cost process to migrate the systems to read-only included in existing maintenance.
 - d. A per hour cost of \$127.50 as needed for exporting imaged documents. A not-to-exceed cost is not possible due to the nature of the work.
5. Staff believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP – Case Management System (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer and Amendment)
(3502101 - 54.25001 - 35030678)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a sole source professional services contract with Papcon for the Chatham JIMZ Migration Project necessary for the data migration of case management information.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide necessary professional services for completion of the work.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY
BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$66,465 purchase of Quantum Tape Backup System from CDW-Government, LLC, for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The I.C.S. department has determined that additional resources for the County's backup infrastructure are needed in order to provide data backup and recovery for the new Case Management System (CMS).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. An Invitation To Bid was publicly advertised and opened on June 18, 2015. Responses are as follows:

	CDW-Government, LLC Chicago, IL	\$66,465
*	OM Office Supply, Inc. Mechanicsburg, PA	\$103,578
**	Aprisa Technology, LLC Rohyn, NY	\$106,405
*	Zones, Inc. Auburn, WA	\$108,371
	Datalink Eden Prairie, MN	\$188,889
	Omni Systems, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$146,493
*	Studio Plaza Group Macon, GA	\$148,037

** WBE

* MBE

2. Staff believes the cost of \$66,465 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP – Case Management System (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer and Amendment)
(3502101 - 54.25001 - 35030678)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$66,465 purchase of Quantum Tape Backup System from CDW-Government, LLC, for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential hardware needed.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$69,064 renewal of a sole source annual software license and maintenance agreement with Sungard Public Sector, Inc., for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: These annual service agreements cover user software licenses and system maintenance required for technical support, "bug" fixes and software updates for the Financial Management Information System (FMIS) which is used by all departments.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Sungard Public Sector of Bethlehem, PA., is the only company permitted to make changes or updates to their proprietary software, thereby qualifying these agreements to fall under a sole source procurement.
2. Staff believes the cost of \$69,064 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
(1001535 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$69,064 renewal of a sole source annual software license and maintenance agreement with Sungard Public Sector, Inc., for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential license agreements and maintenance contracts.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a sole source contract with Nanonano of Dacula, GA, in the not to exceed amount of \$25,000, to purchase chemicals and supplies to provide surface sterilization of the facility at Chatham County Detention Center with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County has an obligation to maintain a high level of sanitation at the Detention Center.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Nanonano of Dacula, GA, has been providing sterilization equipment and supplies for the facility in conjunction with the various cleaning chemicals already in use.
2. The routine sterilization that is provided by this equipment and chemicals kills Mers virus, HIV virus, Flu virus, Tuberculosis and any other kind of virus or germs that adheres to surfaces.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 53.17005)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a sole source contract with Nanonano of Dacula, GA, in the not to exceed amount of \$25,000, to purchase chemicals and supplies to provide surface sterilization of the facility at Chatham County Detention Center with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve necessary purchases for the protection and safety of the inmates housed in the facility and those officers and civilians employed at the Detention Center.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET STAFF _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$6,302,947 construction contract to Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the J. Tom Coleman Judicial Courthouse Renovations - Phase I.

BACKGROUND: This project addresses the immediate needs of the judiciary at the J. Tom Coleman Judicial Courthouse. The court site will undergo renovations as part of a Phase I project. Additional courtroom space as specified in the Master Planning Study will be constructed. There will be two (2) new courtrooms and new judge's chambers, as well as expanded space for court administrative departments. A jury courtroom will be converted to a second Magistrate Courtroom on the 4th Floor. Total renovation area within the Courts Building is approximately 30,580 square feet. In the adjacent Parking Deck building, approximately 18,890 square feet will be renovated to accommodate a courthouse campus security control room; the County printing, shipping and receiving department; and office space for the County maintenance department.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On January 5, 2015, the County issued a Request for Pre-Qualification package for this project. On February 4, 2015, the County received the Pre-Qualification packages from three (3) local General Contractors. The Request for Pre-Qualification packages were scored by staff and the results were that all three (3) firms scored high enough to pre-qualify.
2. The three (3) firms that pre-qualified were provided the bid package, technical specifications and plans. Two (2) of the three (3) pre-qualified firms submitted bids which were opened on May 12, 2015. The dollar amount shown below includes the Base Bid and all seven (7) Bid Alternates that were part of the bid package. The bids are as follows:

*	Collins Construction Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$6,302,947
	M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. Savannah, GA	\$7,119,000

* WBE firm

3. Staff finds the bid from Collins Construction Services, Inc., to be fair and reasonable and within the construction estimate.

FUNDING: •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Construction - \$1,969,000 (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
(3234980 - 54.13011 - 32360427)
•SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Construction - \$4,333,947
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32460427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$6,302,947 construction contract to Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the J. Tom Coleman Judicial Courthouse Renovations - Phase I.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$98,900 professional design services contract to CHA Consulting, Inc., for Task 1 for the replacement of Memorial Stadium.

BACKGROUND: Memorial Stadium was constructed in 1957. Chatham County owns and operates the stadium for primarily high school football games and local youth football programs. On occasion the stadium is used for

special events. The stadium is a reinforced concrete structure with a regulation Bermuda grass football field, four (4) sets of public restrooms, two (2) sets of locker rooms with showers, press booth and full concessions. Area under the grandstands provides for storage of maintenance equipment and a small tool repair shop. The concrete is showing visible signs of surface deterioration. The stadium seating capacity is between 8,400 to 10,000.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project is to be divided into two (2) tasks. This contract is for Task 1 only. In Task 1, the consultant will meet with county staff to determine goals, expectations, schedule and consider the planned program of events. The consultant will also explore opportunities for other potential events in order to come up with a preliminary program of needs and issues. This will be used to develop a preliminary budget to maximize what can be accommodated in the \$12 million budget. Based on these findings, the consultant will provide the County a conceptual design plan suitable for public meetings and display purposes, along with architectural renderings of the new stadium. Also part of Task 1 is to provide a cost estimate to include demolition costs, site work, utilities, lighting, fencing, and permitting which includes storm water requirements, design services and contingency costs. Task 2 consists of geotechnical and topographical surveys, preparing construction plans and specifications, permitting and associated documents, preparing bid documents and assistance in the bid process, construction inspection services and close out documents which will include an as-built survey of the paving, grading and drainage plan. Task 2 will be negotiated after the completion of Task 1 and will be a separate contract.
2. This project was properly advertised and five (5) firms submitted proposals. The proposals were scored by the evaluation committee selected for this project. Following the scoring of the proposals, the top three (3) scoring firms were interviewed. After combining the scores from the proposals and interviews, CHA Consulting, Inc., was the highest scoring firm. (See attached score matrix for detailed scoring on pages 20 and 21.)
3. Using the Qualification Based Selection process (QBS) staff then negotiated the final scope of services and fee. Staff feels the negotiated fee is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2014-2020) - Memorial Stadium
(3254981 - 52.12003 - 32560753)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$98,900 professional design services contract to CHA Consulting, Inc., for Task 1 for the replacement of Memorial Stadium.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award design contracts to the highest scoring firm.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BOARD APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

1. **THE PETITIONER HAROLD YELLIN AS AGENT IS REQUESTING THAT THE FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES 6033 AND 6037 OGEECHEE ROAD BE CHANGED FROM COMMERCIAL-REGIONAL TO RESIDENTIAL GENERAL. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**
MPC FILE NO. Z-150526-00043-1

Chairman Scott said, we have some First Readers concerning some zoning changes requests. Do we have anybody here from the MPC? Marcus, would you -- would you come up, please and talk about one, where we have the Petitioner Harold Yellin as agent is requesting that the Future Land Use of Category for the subject properties 6033 and 6037 Ogeechee Road be changed from Commercial-Regional to Residential General?

The MPC recommend approval. Can you speak to that? I know this is a First Reader. Just so members of the Commission can understand what's going on, as well as the public.

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, yes, sir, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. Pardon me. The Petitioner is requesting this approval related to properties at 6033 and 6037 Ogeechee Road. Their intent is to request a change in the future land use category and the zoning classification for those properties related to a proposed multi-family residential development on the southside of Ogeechee Road, immediately across from Southwest Middle School.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any questions at this time of MPC staff? Okay. At this time I'll -- it's -- it's just a First Reader. We don't need a motion or anything.

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- 2. THE PETITIONER TG OGEECHEE, LLC, HAROLD YELLIN AS AGENT IS REQUESTING TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 6033 AND 6037 OGEECHEE ROAD FROM MIXED P-B (PLANNED BUSINESS) AND R-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURAL) ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS TO AN R-3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) CLASSIFICATION (24 UNITS PER ACRE PROPOSED). THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
MPC FILE NO. Z-150520-00041-1**

Chairman Scott said, and so we'll go to number 2. Petitioner TG Ogeechee, LLC, Harold Yellin as agent is requesting to rezone the property at 66 -- at -- at 6033 and 6037 Ogeechee Road from Mixed P-B or Planned Business and R-A, Residential-Agricultural, Zoning Classification to R-3, Multi-family Residential, Classification (24 Units per Acre Proposed). The MPC Recommended Approval. Can you discuss this briefly for members of the Commission, as well as our audience out there?

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir. These properties are currently a split zone, meaning that the zoning line bisects the property. A portion of the property is zoned -- currently zoned for planned business, which is sort of a general business classification and the rest of the property is zoned residential agriculture, as is typical in a lot of our larger parcels in the outskirts of the county. The petitioner is requesting the R-3 classification, which is the classification that allows multi-family residential. At the time of rezoning, the density or the units per net acre is established by this body, and the Petitioner is requesting 24 units per acre.

Chairman Scott said, any questions? If not we'll see you at the next meeting --

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, -- for Second Reading and approval.

Mr. Lotson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Chairman Scott said, we have no Second Readers.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, everything else that's attached is for 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: July 17, 2015

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Service fee for online surplus sale	Purchasing and Contracting	GovDeals, Inc.	\$3,631	General Fund
12000 filing system radio frequency locator tags for Clerk of Superior Court	I.C.S.	File Trail, Inc.	\$4,595	General Fund/M&O - Clerk of Superior Court
Accident repairs to unit #700 - Sheriff's Dept. law enforcement vehicle - County at fault	Fleet Operations	Rainbow Paint & Body, Inc.	\$6,616	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Accident repairs to unit #753 - Sheriff's Dept. law enforcement vehicle - County at fault	Fleet Operations	Ward's Auto Painting & Body Works	\$4,209	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Six (6) 20" chainsaws	Public Works and Park Services	Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc.	\$4,494	SSD - Public Works and Park Services
Track repair, new seals, spring tensioner, and parts to unit #5 - Solid Waste Excavator	Fleet Operations	Yancey Brothers Co., Inc.	\$6,558	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
20 tons of industrial grade sand	Mosquito Control	Standard Sand & Silica Company, Inc.	\$3,500	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Annual support for server and network storage unit for the Sheriff's Dept.	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$3,172	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Department

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, I might add that it will be necessary for an executive session for legal and personnel, and for the record, I will also note that we will be discussing possible appointment for the Chair of the Board of Election in that executive session. At this time I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

County Attorney Hart said, we'll -- we'll also be discussing litigation.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we recess to executive session to discuss litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor vote yes. We will now recess to executive session. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to recess to executive session for the purpose of litigation and personnel. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioner Shabazz did not cast a vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 11:33 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 Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **APPOINTMENTS
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to appoint Thomas J. Mahoney, III, as Chairman of the Board of Elections. His term is set to expire December 31, 2018. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a 5-4 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone, Farrell, Brady and Kicklighter voting yes and Commissioners Holmes, Center, Shabazz and Thomas voting no.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p .m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF JULY, 2015.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION