

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 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 9:39 a.m. on Friday, August 14, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, good morning. Thank you for coming. At this time, please be seated. And I'll ask that you remain seated until after our devotional leader has completed his remarks and indicate it is time to pray, and at that time, if you would re-stand and remain standing while we are led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Brady of the 6<sup>th</sup> District.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Scott said, it's a pleasure this morning to have with us Reverend Beene, who is the pastor of the White Bluff Presbyterian Church, and he's been there now for oh, a little over nine years. White Bluff Presbyterian Church is a deeply committed community-based church. They seek to serve Christ through serving the neighbors, and what I was impressed with was just some of the programs that that church is involved with, for instance, the 12-step program, and -- to help support people who are in recovery. They run a food pantry. They have an interfaith hospitality network. They are deeply involved with the Inner City Night Shelter. So this is a church that understand that saving souls is a 24-hour, 7-day a week proposition. And that's the reason it's such a pleasure to have the Reverend Eric Beene with us today to share with us his remarks and to lead us in prayer. Reverend Beene, thank you so much.

Reverend Eric Beene said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and on behalf of White Bluff Presbyterian Church, I want to thank all of you for your service to our community. A few weeks ago I was out volunteering with the Savannah Tree Foundation, and Commissioner Stone was also out there that morning with us. It was a steamy July morning, and we were out at the intersection of the new Truman Parkway and Whitefield Avenue, and as the morning went on and it started to get a little too hot and too steamy to be out there, I was out at the southwest corner of the intersection and saw one particular tree that had been planted. It was a very young tree. It had been planted a few months before, and it was unmoored from it's stake and had clearly been hit by a mower or affected by the weather, and it was actually bent 90 degrees so that the main part of it's branch -- of it's trunk was parallel to the ground. So as a dutiful volunteer, I went and reported that to Karen Jenkins, who is the director of the Tree Foundation who is supervising us as volunteers that day, and I expected that she would make a note of it so that she could call somebody and -- and have that tree removed, but that's not what she did. Instead she pointed out to me that that tree was still alive. That in fact there were branches that were growing out of it that were leafy and green, and that the tip of the tree had already started to turn heavenward again and grow in the direction that trees are supposed to grow. She said that someday she thought that people would look at that tree and think that it is the most fascinating tree in that entire intersection.

Reverend Beene said, so as soon as she said that, I realized what I had done. I had looked at that tree and only seen it as damaged, but Karen had looked at it and seen it as a survivor. She became fascinated by it's strength, by it's endurance, and by it's ability to right itself and keep -- keep on growing toward the light. She saw it's unique potential to contribute to the whole scene, to stand out specifically because it was not like all the other trees, and I've started to wonder in the last few weeks whether I do the same thing to people. I look at people who don't conform to my ideas about what is normal, and I see them as damaged. I pity them or I dismiss them or I otherwise try to have them removed, and I wonder if I need to look instead more often through a lense of compassion, like Karen had, to see how those people who don't conform are fascinating survivors who have a unique and important contribution to make to the whole.

Reverend Beene said, now I don't know all of the business that you Commissioners will have before you this morning, but I do know that at it's root all of that work has to do with the people who live and work together in our community, and I hope that you will be able to approach your work with the compassion that Karen had for that unique and fascinating tree. Will you please join with me in prayer.

Reverend Beene gave the invocation as follows:

Holy God, you are the source of all life, of all beauty and joy, of all grace and all compassion. We thank you for your presence in our world and all of the ways that we see you everyday. In the beauty of this part of the world, in the abundance of sunshine and water, of dirt and trees, of opportunities and creative ideas, of care and support shared among neighbors. I thank you for the people in this room today, the Commissioners, the staff, the people with business before the Commission, and the observers, and for the enormous resources they represent. I pray today for this meeting, that everyone here might feel your

presence. I pray that the work that happens here today will show the best of good governance. I pray that the resources which the people here make decisions about may be used for the good of all citizens, especially those who are poor, vulnerable and powerless. I pray that power may be used well, that wisdom may be applied in everything that is discussed, and that mercy and grace will guide discussion and debate. Show us your glory Holy God and bring us your wisdom and your peace so that together we may do the work you would have us to do, joining with you to bring about your vision of justice, peace, joy and beauty. I pray all of this in your Holy name. Amen.

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

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### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Brady said, join me in reciting the Pledge, please.

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

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### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Chairman Scott presented Reverend Beene with a Certificate of Appreciation for his devotion and invocation.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, before pastor leaves. Reverend --

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Thomas, our Vice Chair, from the 8<sup>th</sup> District for the purpose of comments.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say thank you for those encouraging words of wisdom. You certainly have set the pace this morning, and you have given me a new perspective in terms of leaders such as yourself and the various churches in our community. It makes me feel really good knowing that White Bluff Presbyterian Church is a church that is very much connected with the community, and that you are concerned about others. The Bible speaks about touching other lives, and I just want to say I was greatly impressed, and I thank you so much for doing so.

Reverend Beene said, thank you so much Commissioner.

Chairman Scott said, and we have a -- we have another comment for you pastor before you leave. We have Commissioner Stone of the 1<sup>st</sup> District.

Commissioner Stone said, Reverend, I want to thank you for your civic involvement as well. The fact that you came out to Whitefield Avenue, which is not where your church is located, and it was rather warm that day. As a matter of fact, it was downright hot and miserable, but I appreciate that, but I also appreciate the fact that you allow the Paradise Park Neighborhood Association to meet at your church. So you don't just exist within your church, you open up your church and your heart to other areas of this community, and I want to thank you.

Reverend Beene said, thank you. It is our pleasure to live into our calling to serve.

Chairman Scott said, I will also comment that -- that Pastor Beene is also the worship leader for a former member of this Commission, Commissioner Gellatly. And again, thank you so much for being here.

Reverend Beene said, thank you.

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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, thank you.

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## **RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUEST**

Chairman Scott said, and before we move on to our proclamation and special presentation, he's probably missing being in the legislative body. Normally they would start up at 10:00 a.m. sharp, and if the Lieutenant Governor wasn't in place when I served in that body, I would gavel the Senate to order. Lester [Jackson], no such luck, I'm here today, so you can't gavel this body to order, but I will recognize the presence of our State Senator from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Lester Jackson, who is in the audience. Thank you for joining us. And Commissioner Center wanted to make sure that you will work as hard on -- on his legislative agenda, as you are demonstrating your interest in Commission proceedings this morning. Okay.

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## **V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. PRESENTATION BY ALICIA SERRA, PRESIDENT OF THE GEORGIA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, FOR THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION'S CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL 2014 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'm going to recognize our Assistant County Manager, Ms. Linda Cramer, for the purpose of making a presentation. We have a presentation for -- that's going to be presented from the Georgia Finance Officers Association. It's a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finance -- Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2014 and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. And I'm sure that she will introduce everyone who is -- who is standing behind her.

Assistant County Manager Cramer said, yes, of course. I'm pleased to be here today. We had scheduled our Georgia GFOA president to come down, but she had a conflict, and -- and I'm delighted to fill in. I'm here today to present the 31<sup>st</sup> award for achievement for excellence in Financial Reporting to the Chatham County Finance Department. A few words that the reverend said that struck me were strength, endurance, and unique characteristics, and I think you will find that in the staff of the finance department. They work very hard not only on day to day activities for the county but in preparing the budget and the audit document, and this -- this award in particular is about the audit document to ensure that the county's reporting it's financial situation in compliance with governmental accounting standards set by GAAP and the GASB. Those are our four-letter words in the accounting world, GAAP and GASB. So, anyway, this is a -- a real privilege and congratulations to everyone in finance, and I'll ask Amy [Davis] to come forward and present this to her and then ask her to introduce her staff.

Ms. Amy Davis, Finance Director said, thank you. This year presented -- this is the 31<sup>st</sup> year we've received this award, but this year presented some extra challenges. This last year we lost about seven people on our staff, and we had to reorganize, so many of the people that were putting this together, they had not done it before, and we had changing rules throughout, and so, I just really applaud all of them. They've all grown so much this year and wonderful staff. From Linda over here, we have Michole Jenks, Felicia Chapman, Linda Sams, Rusheda Adeshina, Maria Waller, Alicia Fish, Joyce Prescott, Janie Brooks, Tonya Green, Phillis Simons, Irene Vigh, and Connie Powell. And by the way, it's Connie's birthday today. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, all right. Happy birthday.

Commissioner Center said, happy birthday.

Commissioner Thomas said, happy birthday.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, and I just want to personally thank you all. I know that you all have been busy trying to implement and learn new tricks with the zero-based budget. We appreciate your efforts in support of that process, and on behalf of the entire Commission, thank you for all that you do. Commissioner Center of the 1<sup>st</sup>

[sic] District and then we have our Vice Chair, who would wish to make some comments, Commissioner Thomas, and then we have Commissioner Shabazz from the 5<sup>th</sup> District, in that order, please.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's easy to see how you keep the numbers straight, but are we not required by law to have one male in the accounting department?

Chairman Scott said, there -- there is one male. He's not here.

Ms. Davis said, we keep him in the budget department.

Commissioner Center said, okay. We -- we know how to watch the money.

County Manager Lee Smith said, you two have got to stop.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I -- you know, I'm sitting here in awe, because I -- I would not have expected anything less. Since I have been a member of this Commission, every year, every year you have risen to the -- to the cause, and I just want to say again thank you so very much, and -- and it's very awesome to look over there at the Board. I can remember when Mr. Russ Abolt was here, he was just very adamant about that kind of thing, and so you have continued to, you know, to do so, so again, congrat -- congratulations and thank you so much for the hard work that you do.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Members of the Finance Department said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and I'd like to thank each and every one of you all for your hard work and your -- your diligence, and congratulations on your achievement, but I also would like to just say it's good to see the support behind the department head here because I've always seen here, but I've never seen any of you all. But I'd just like to tell you thank you for supporting and -- and your hard work and service. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank y'all.

Commissioner Thomas said, good work. Good job.

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## **VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, I don't have anything under Chairman's item.

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## **VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS**

### **1. PROCLAMATION OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO GDOT FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (COMMISSIONER FARRELL).**

Chairman Scott said, and at this point I'd like to recognize Commissioner Pat Farrell of the 4<sup>th</sup> District for the purpose of presenting you a proclamation for your consideration.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This year has been marked by some tragic accidents on our major highways leading to and from Chatham County, and it reiterates and refocuses everyone's attention to the quality and the ability of our highway infrastructure to handle the volume of people traversing the roads to do business and visit Chatham County. So, today I'm going to ask the Commission to consider a resolution that would show Georgia Department of Transportation, hopefully, our unanimous support and encouragement to look very closely at our major arteries leading in and out of our great community and to start the planning and the funding and the necessary construction of what is needed to carry us through the next, 10, 20, 30 years.

Commissioner Farrell said, when I-16 was built, it was more road than we needed. When 204 extension from the Vernon -- from the Forest River to the interstate was built, it was way more than what was needed. Highway 21 leading to our north was more than adequate, but those years have gone past, and they are far, far behind us. Fortunately for our community we have grown in population, in job opportunities, educational opportunities, and we are a major attractant for many different levels of folks to come and go from our community, and it's time that we make the necessary infrastructure improvements to not only handle current needs, but to look to the future and to take on the projections of -- of where we'll be in 30 years. So with the help of the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff, Tom Thomson, the Chatham County staff, led by Lee Smith, a resolution has been put together hopefully that meets everyone's satisfaction on this Board and if so I will ask that we pass this

resolution to all the municipalities within Chatham County to ask them to co-sign this resolution so that we can speak with one voice that our community is ready to move forward on infrastructure improvements to get us off to a good start for this new century that we find ourselves in.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, at this time I'll read the resolution for Board consideration.

Commissioner Farrell read the resolution as follows:



Chairman Scott said, okay. There's been a motion by Commissioner Stone, our pro tem, and it's been second by our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas. Is there any further discussion or unreadiness?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, recognize the Commissioner from the 7<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, since we have a great political leader for the State of Georgia in the audience, I would just like to state that I believe we all understand that this is -- would be a massive overhaul which we definitely need.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but in the meantime, if you and possibly some of the local delegation could just ride some of the main routes, say on Dean Forest, Highway 80, and just simply install turning lanes. Turning lanes would be amazing at this point to help eliminate some of that traffic. Just like 80 going -- getting onto Dean Forest and then Dean Forest crossing 80. There's no turning lanes, traffic's backed up. There -- there are some solutions that would help right now that's -- that's not the major overhaul while y'all come up with the rest of that money, and I would just ask that y'all look at those little things while you're trying to help get the larger pot of money there, but I commend Pat Farrell --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- for bringing this up. I had actually started like a on-line call for the same -- same thing of -- of this, and this is what's needed, and I -- I think getting all of cities involved will be great, and if we can do something, Senator, to come up there and help -- help beg for the money down here, because I understand you're outnumbered by far up there, but this is -- I know Chatham, and I know particularly that area on the westside is the --

Commissioner Thomas said, it's terrible.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- I guess driving a -- a major driving force in the state's economy right now, and if we can get that investment in the infrastructure, we'll actually, possibly be able to handle it when the containers actually double, I think the Governor said by 2020. Yeah. So, thank y'all very much.

Chairman Scott said, any further unreadiness? Commissioner Shabazz from the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. I'd like to echo my colleague from the 7<sup>th</sup> in -- in commending Commissioner Farrell for raising these concerns. Thank you very much for doing so. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, great. Wonderful.

Chairman Scott said, any further unreadiness or discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the proclamation [sic] indicate by voting yes, opposed no. It's carried. I will also instruct the Clerk once I've signed this resolution and

signatures are obtained from the other municipalities that we will forward a copy to the members of our legislative delegation.

Clerk said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, we have no further Commissioner items.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to approve a resolution encouraging the Georgia Department of Transportation to move forward on major highway infrastructure improvements. Commissioner Thomas the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS**

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

Chairman Scott said, we have no tabled items.

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**IX. ITEMS FOR *INDIVIDUAL* ACTION**

(Unless the Board directs otherwise, adoption of an Action Item will mean approval of the respective County staff report and its recommended action.)

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015: 1) IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND: a) TRANSFER \$4,301,351 FROM EQUIPMENT EXPENSE TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP, b) INCREASE REVENUES \$9,840,000 PROCEED OF REFUNDING DEBT, c) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$9,840,000; 2) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$4,301,351 TRANSFER IN FROM DEBT SERVICE FUND, AND b) INCREASE THE ICS DIGITAL RADIO PROJECT \$4,301,351.**

Chairman Scott said, we'll move now to Items for Individual Action. The first item is to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer for Fiscal Year 2015: in the Debt Service Fund: transfer \$4,301,351 from Equipment Expense to Transfer Out To CIP, which is Capital Improvement, increase revenues by \$9,840,000 Proceed of Refunding Debt, those are the proceeds, and increase expenditures by \$9,840,000; in the Capital Improvement Program or CIP Fund: an increase revenues \$4,301,351 and Transfer In From Debt Service Fund, and b) increase the ICS Digital Radio Project by \$4,301,351.

Commissioner Brady said, so moved.

Chairman Scott said, moved is there a second?

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the following budget amendments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2015: 1) in the Debt Service Fund: a) transfer \$4,301,351 from Equipment Expense to Transfer Out To CIP, b) increase revenues \$9,840,000 Proceed of Refunding Debt, c) increase expenditures \$9,840,000; 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: a) increase revenues \$4,301,351 Transfer In From Debt Service Fund, and b) increase the ICS Digital Radio Project \$4,301,351. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**

**AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 14, 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 Debt Service Fund: a) transfer \$4,301,351 from Equipment Expense to Transfer Out To CIP, b) increase revenues \$9,840,000 Proceed of Refunding Debt, c) increase expenditures \$9,840,000; 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: a) increase revenues \$4,301,351 Transfer In From Debt Service Fund, and b) increase the ICS Digital Radio Project \$4,301,351.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1a. The Debt Service Fund was amended June 12, 2015 to recognize \$4,301,351 lease proceeds for equipment purchases. Typically, a Debt Service Fund is used to accumulate resources for debt service payments. The proceeds need to be reclassified to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1b. The Commission approved the refunding of the 2005 DSA bonds, which closed October 3, 2014. An amendment to the Debt Service Fund is needed to recognize the bond refinancing. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Debt Service Fund \$9,840,000 are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 2a-b. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund is being amended to recognize \$4,301,351 Transfer In from the Debt Service Fund for the purchase of equipment. A resolution to amend the CIP Fund is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available in the Debt Service Fund. The budget amendment establishes funds in the Debt Service and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Funds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**DEBT SERVICE FUND**

- a) Transfer \$4,301,351 from equipment expense to Transfer Out to CIP.  
 b) Increase \$9,840,000 from Proceed to Refunding Debt.  
 c) Increase expenditures \$9,840,000 for bond refinancing.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

- a) Increase revenues \$4,301,351 Transfer in From Debt Service Fund.  
 b) Increase the ICS Digital Radio project \$4,301,351.

2. Amend or deny the request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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**2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A PLAN TO SELL ALL COUNTY-OWNED WATER SYSTEMS AND DEVELOP A MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE OPERATION OF COUNTY-OWNED SEWER SYSTEMS.**

Chairman Scott said, next item on our agenda is to request Board approval of a plan to sell all county-owned water systems and develop a management -- and develop a management contract for the operation of the county-owned sewer systems, and at this time I'll recognize Commissioner Kicklighter from the 7<sup>th</sup> District for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time I would like to make a motion to approve with the understanding that with the approval the Commission is requesting staff to negotiate a potential cap on water rates after the initial three-year payment freeze expires.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank y'all.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a plan to sell all county-owned water systems and develop a management contract for the operation of county-owned sewer systems with the understanding that the Commission is requesting staff to negotiate a potential cap on water rates after the initial three-year payment freeze expires. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**

**AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 14, 2015**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Linda Cramer, Assistant County Manager  
Robert W. Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services

**ISSUE:**

Request Board approval of a plan to sell all County-owned water systems and develop a management contract for the operation of County-owned sewer systems.

**BACKGROUND:**

Staff was directed to prepare a solicitation for the sale of the County-owned and operated water and sewer systems. The solicitation was prepared and a Request for Proposals (#14-0122-7) was advertised. Responses have been received and reviewed. Staff has prepared a plan as outlined herein, and requests the Board's approval prior to the development of contract documents.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County owns and operates a collection of independent water and sewer systems throughout the County. The System has 3,503 customers including 478 sewer-only accounts. The County's system is composed of water wells, water distribution, sanitary sewer collection, real property/easements and a land application sanitary sewer treatment facility. More specifically, the System includes:
  - a. The Glen of Robin/Montgomery Area (Permit #CG510109J/#CG0510099, 1.007 mgd)
  - b. Little Neck Plantation (Permit #CG0510124)
  - c. Modena on Skidaway Island (Permit #CG0510128)
  - d. Runaway Point (Permit #CG0510096)
  - e. West Chatham Water (Permit #CG0510133, 0.1 mgd) and the Pine Barren Land Application System (Permit #GA02-285, 0.06 mgd)
2. The County currently employs five (5) full time employees for the operation of the System's activities and three (3) full time employees for customer service and billing. Subsequent to the system's sale, the County would retain one operations employee to manage County-owned wells and sanitary lift stations that serve its park facilities.
3. With exception of the land application system (LAS) in the West Chatham system, the County collects sanitary sewer and pumps raw sewage to the City of Savannah for treatment. The County has an agreement with the City of Savannah to treat the sewage. The County pays a governmental rate to the City of Savannah for this service.
4. Staff was directed to prepare a solicitation to sell the County-owned water and sewer systems. The solicitation was prepared and a Request for Proposals (#14-0122-7) was advertised.
5. The County's top priority is to provide a safe and convenient water supply and sewer system for its customers. As such, proposers were asked to provide information demonstrating their capacity and experience in providing water and sewer utility services. Proposers were also asked about their capability to employ County staff who would be displaced by the sale.
6. In years past the County has solicited public interest to sell the System. The sale could never be finalized because of two obstacles:
  - a. The City of Savannah would not accept raw sewage from a private provider for treatment. The City of Savannah has not changed their position in this regard.
  - b. Previous interest had focused on portions of the system. The County did not want to retain remnant systems to operate.

7. As a result of the RFP process, the County received proposals from the City of Savannah, Water Utility Management LLC (Chatham Water), and Consolidated Utilities, Inc. All proposers were interviewed. After the interviews the County requested a Best and Final Offer from the proposers. Attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) is a matrix taken directly from the Best and Final Offers outlining the purchase price from each entity.
8. Staff proposes to sell all of its water systems with the exception of the Little Neck system to Water Utility Management Company, LLC ("WUM"). The systems include the Glen of Robin/Montgomery (water only), Modena, Runaway Point (water only) and the West Chatham/Pine Barren water and sewer system for a total value of \$6,960,000.
9. Staff is proposing to sell its Little Neck water system to Consolidated Utilities for \$63,000.
10. Because of Savannah's reluctance to contract with a private provider for sewer treatment, the County is unable to effect an outright sale of the sewer system to a private company. Therefore Staff is recommending that the County enter into a management agreement with WUM to operate the waste water system on behalf of the County and collect customer revenues. The County would retain ownership of the sewer system infrastructure and would still be responsible for maintenance of the system. Sewer fees would be billed by WUM and remitted to the County to pay for the wastewater system's operation, net of a management fee. The Board of Commissioners would continue to set rates for sewer treatment for the remaining sewer customers in the Glen of Robin/Montgomery area and Runaway Point area.
11. WUM has provided a Letter of Intent which outlines critical points in both the sale of the water systems (with exception of the Little Neck Plantation) and the management of the wastewater system. Staff is still negotiating some of the fine points of the Letter of Intent, but in summary the letter provides that:
  - a. WUM will purchase of all water systems and wells, except the Little Neck system. As an option, WUM shall have the option to purchase the County's wastewater system for 10 years at the price of \$1,000,000.
  - b. WUM will provide general routine and preventative maintenance of the system.
  - c. WUM will remit 90% of all wastewater revenue to the County and retain 10% of the revenue as a fee in accordance with the existing agreement.
  - d. WUM will offer compensation packages to the current County employees. Packages to be developed in coordination with the County Human Resource Director.
  - e. WUM will maintain the current County water and sewer rates for a three (3) year period following the sale of the systems.
12. Upon the Board's approval of the plan, staff will work with the proposers and the County Attorney's Office to develop contracts for sale of the water systems as well as a management agreement for operation of the sewer system. Final documents will be presented to the Board for approval. Closing should occur within ninety (90) days of the Board's approval.

**FUNDING:**

Both proposers are providing a cash sale. Proceeds will be allocated to the Water and Sewer Fund to be used for future maintenance and upgrades of the wastewater system infrastructure.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Board action is required to dispose County property.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Request Board approval of a plan to sell all County-owned water systems and develop a management agreement for the operation of County-owned sewer systems. Once contract documents are developed, they will be presented to the Board for final approval.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board approve alternative #1.

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3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE, IMPLEMENTATION AND CONVERSION FO EXISTING DATA TO THE MUNIS SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS.**

Chairman Scott said, item 3, request Board approval of the contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., for the purchase, implementation and conversion of existing data to the Munis software application as amended, and at this time I'll recognize the County Attorney to state the amendment.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, sure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Staff is totally recommending this contract from the standpoint that it's going to interface with a lot of our other contracts and -- and -- and --

Chairman Scott said, will you pull the mike there to you, counselor?

County Attorney Hart said, -- as between a bunch of our departments. Staff did ask me to make that approval contingent upon staff reaching an agreement with Tyler Technologies as to an agreed upon implementation plan. That's one of the details that they're still working on. I don't think that's going to be an issue, but if it is, we'll bring it back to the Board, and that will incent them to make sure that they have an implementation plan that meets what -- the needs of the county.

Chairman Scott said, does everybody understand the amendment? Okay. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Brady said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, as amended.

Commissioner Brady said, as amended.

Commissioner Stone said, as amended.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

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

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., for the purchase, implementation and conversion of existing data to the Munis software applications as amended. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-3**

**AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 14, 2015**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Amy J. Davis, Finance Director

#### **ISSUE:**

To request approval of the contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., for the purchase, implementation and conversion of existing data to the Munis software applications.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The existing software, Pentamation Financial Management Information System (FMIS) used for finance, budgeting, payroll, human resources, purchasing and fixed assets is outdated and does not accommodate new processes and requirements.

#### **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The current software was originally purchased in 1982. Several upgrades have been installed, but it is inadequate for the current requirements.
2. A Zero-based budget process was adopted beginning in FY2015. This process requires collecting and prioritizing a large amount of detailed information. FMIS does not accommodate this process and an Excel database was used for this purpose. It is time consuming and inefficient.
3. Beginning in 2015, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires detailed information of the health insurance coverage for all covered lives, including all dependents. Human Resources is in the process to find and contract with an outside vendor to collect and help Chatham County to report this information required because it is not available in one single location. The current software is not capable of this function.
4. When developing the requirements and scope of the request for proposals the following functionalities

were key for the winning company:

- a. Ability to accommodate the zero based budgeting process without the use of external tools. This will enhance the efficiency and transparency of the budget process and provide the detailed budget information desired of the Commission.
- b. Ability to “drill down” on financial transactions. This will greatly enhance the efficiency when inquires are made for detailed information. Specifically, from originating documents, including requisitions, purchase orders, invoices, etc. can be accessed immediately. In addition, efficiency will be gained by the reduction of paper and the elimination of the filing of bulky payable files.
- c. Ability to have an automated work flow process. This will greatly enhance efficiency by eliminating the “paper shuffle” and potential loss of documents and will result in payments to vendors in a timely manner.
- d. Ability to import employee time worked from a variety of timekeeping systems. Currently, the payroll system does not interface with any of the numerous timekeeping systems and the payroll specialist must enter time for all 1,600 employees manually every two weeks. This will eliminate the need to manually input time into the payroll system.
- e. Ability to collect and maintain information required of the ACA as well as generate the forms for reporting.
- f. Ability for employees to access and amend personal information via a self-service portal. This will increase efficiency for both the employees and personnel who currently must make these changes or provide information.

5. A committee was formed in the fall of 2014 comprised of representative from Human Resources, Finance, Budget, Payroll, Benefits, ICS and Purchasing. A detailed request for proposal was developed and issued in February 2015. We received four proposals as follows for software, implementation, training and conversion:

	Contract	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Annual M&S
a. Quintel Management Consulting (SA)	\$2,144,820	\$195,626
b. Techno Brain (Microsoft)	1,725,490	0
c. McGladrey (Microsoft)	2,560,267	70,515
d. Tyler Technologies, Inc.	798,930	26,633

- 6. These quotes do not include travel expenses for the vendor. Estimated travel costs for Tyler is 467,130.
- 7. In addition to the functionality required above, the Tyler application would include a Disaster Recovery service and installation of all tax tables annually.
- 8. The County Attorney has reviewed the contract and approved of its format and content.
- 9. ICS has given approval of the scope and hardware requirements.

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The county is required to produce a balanced budget annually, report to the federal government annually and produce information to the public on open records requests in a timely manner. Gains in efficiency and transparency in government are needed to continue serving the citizens of Chatham County at an enhanced service level without the need to increase taxes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Tyler Technologies, Inc. Not only does this company meet all the criteria listed above, but they are also the low bidder at \$885,983, including the 1<sup>st</sup> year maintenance and estimated travel expenses.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Accept the recommendation of staff.
- 2. Advertise for a new request for proposal.
- 3. Other directive as given by the Board of Commissioners.

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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, we're now on the Action Calendar, and we didn't have any objections in the pre-meeting. So I will now entertain a motion for approval of the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 7 and under Item 7 Items A through H. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 31, 2015, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 31, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 23, 2015 THROUGH AUGUST 5, 2015.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of July 23, 2015 through August 5, 2015, in the amount of \$3,721,565. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. **REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE EASEMENTS WITH GEORGIA POWER TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A NEW TRANSMISSION LINE ON VARIOUS CHATHAM COUNTY PROPERTIES (PIN 2-0784-05-016, 2-0784-02-001, AND 2-0784-02-002) LOCATED ON MIDDLEGROUND ROAD. [DISTRICT 6.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to authorize the Chairman to execute easements with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new transmission line on various Chatham County properties (PIN 2-0784-05-016, 2-0784-02-001, AND 2-0784-02-002) located on Middleground Road. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 14, 2015**

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

**ISSUE:**

To authorize the Chairman to execute easements with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new transmission line on various Chatham County properties (PIN 2-0784-05-016, 2-0784-02-001, AND 2-0784-02-002) located on Middleground Road.

**BACKGROUND:**

Georgia Power plans to construct a new Little Ogeechee-Truman Parkway 115 KV Transmission Line adjacent to Middleground Road. The new transmission line must cross three parcels owned by Chatham County. Georgia Power requests an easement to construct and maintain the new line.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County owns the parcels (PIN 2-0784-05-015, 2-0784-02-001k, and 2-0784-02-002) located on Middleground Road. They are remnant parcels remaining from the widening of Middleground Road. Georgia Power will compensate the County approximately \$33,250 for the easements.
2. Georgia Power will construct the new transmission line to serve the area surrounding Memorial Stadium.
3. The easement was reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to legal form.

**FUNDING:**

No funds are required.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To authorize the Chairman to execute Easements with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new transmission line on various Chatham County properties (PIN 2-0784-05-016, 2-0784-02-001, and 2-0784-02-002) located on Middleground Road.
2. To not authorize the Easement with Georgia Power.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board must approve easements.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve Alternative No. 1.  
District 6

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4. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT LIMITED AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A NEW CUL-DE-SAC AT THE END OF EAST WHITE HAWTHORNE DRIVE.  
[DISTRICT 6.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to authorize the Chairman to execute an easement limited agreement with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new cul-de-sac at the end of East White Hawthorne Drive. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 14, 2015**

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

**ISSUE:**

To authorize the Chairman to execute an easement limited agreement with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new cul-de-sac at the end of East White Hawthorne Drive.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Savannah quitclaimed a portion of a parcel of land (PIN 1-1004-01-028) to Chatham County for construction of a new cul-de-sac at the end of East White Hawthorne Drive. Georgia Power has facilities within the referenced parcel. The Easement Limited Agreement allows Georgia Power to continue to maintain and operate existing facilities (power distribution lines) within the quitclaim area.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The City of Savannah executed the quitclaim deed for the referenced parcel to Chatham County on June 10, 2015.

2. Staff completed construction plans for the new cul-de-sac.
3. The Easement Limited Agreement was reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to legal form.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To authorize the Chairman to execute an Easement Limited Agreement with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new cul-de-sac at the end of East White Hawthorne Drive.
2. To not authorize the Easement Limited Agreement.

**FUNDING:**

No funds are required.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board must approve Easement Limited Agreements.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve Alternative No. 1.  
District 6

Prepared by: Jeremy Mitchler, E.I.T.

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**5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 FROM AUTISM SPEAKS TO THE AQUATIC CENTER FOR SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from Autism Speaks to the Aquatic Center for swimming scholarships for children with autism. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**  
**AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 14, 2015**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager  
**FROM:** Robert W. Drewry, Director, Public Works and Park Services

**ISSUE:**

Request Board approval to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from Autism Speaks to the Aquatic Center for swimming scholarships for children with autism.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Chatham County Aquatic Center applied for funding through Autism Speaks. Autism Speaks has granted funding in the amount of \$2000 for scholarships for children with autism.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Aquatic Center offers swim lessons for children with special needs. The majority of those clients are children with autism.
2. Children with autism sometimes require one on one private lessons to allow them to become comfortable in the water.
3. Autism Speaks provides opportunities for children to learn various sports by granting funding for facilities that work with special needs children.
4. Currently staff is working with 12 autistic children in a one on one setting and there is a waiting list to get into the program.
5. The goal of this program is to teach the children how to swim and to move to our special needs swim team, Angel Fish.
6. This grant was applied for online through the new E-civis software.

7. At the May 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, the Board approved another grant from Autism Speaks.

**FUNDING:**

This will be funding for \$2000 from Autism Speaks. This is not a matching grant.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

It is Board policy for staff to seek grants for Parks and Recreation programs.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Accept the grant.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board follow Alternative 1.

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6. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO DISPENSE ALCOHOL (BEER AND WINE) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT (FUNDRAISER) AT THE VILLA MARIE CENTER, 6 DOLAN DRIVE. PETITIONER: MEMORIAL HEALTH FOUNDATION, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, THROUGH JANET MARY KOLBUSH. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2015. [DISTRICT 1.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to dispense alcohol (beer and wine) for a special event (fundraiser) at the Villa Marie Center, 6 Dolan Drive. The Petitioner is Memorial Health Foundation, a non-profit organization, through Janet Mary Kolbush. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**  
**AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 14, 2015**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

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

**ISSUE:**

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County on October 18, 2015.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. **Memorial Health Foundation**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Janet Mary Kolbush** has filed a Special Event Application at the Villa Marie Center (6 Dolan Dr) for a fundraiser to benefit The Children's Hospital. The applicant has intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event
2. Deny Permit.
3. Provide direction to staff.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Alternative 1.  
District 1

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to award bids as follows: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.) Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-7 A-H**  
**AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 14, 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 to renew environmental consulting services contracts for amounts not to exceed \$100,000 each with Sligh Environmental Consultants (Sligh) and Resource + Land Consultants (RLC) for a period of one (1) year.

**BACKGROUND:** Almost every County project has environmental impacts that require out-sourcing of consulting services to comply with Federal or State permitting requirements. The County routinely requires the services of environmental consultants for a variety of projects, including but not limited to, road and drainage projects, wetland and salt marsh mitigation bank planning and monitoring, real estate biological assessments and utility installation.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Board awarded Sligh and R.L.C. environmental services contracts on April 13, 2012 for a two (2) year period. These contracts can be renewed for two one-year terms by the County. This would be the second renewal period for the contracts.
2. Sligh and R.L.C. are local consultants and are the environmental consultants of record on numerous County projects either by being a subcontractor to an engineering firm under contract with the County or procurement actions directly with the County
3. The scope of services will include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Clean Water Act (CWA), Sec. 404 Wetlands: Preliminary Wetland Assessments, Freshwater Wetland Delineations and Verifications, Permitting, Wetlands Mitigation Planning, Implementation and Monitoring.
  - b. Salt Water Wetlands (River and Harbor Act, Section 10): Marshline Delineations and Verifications, Coastal Marshlands Protection Act Permitting, Section 10 Permitting.
  - c. Wetland & Stream Mitigation Banking: Alternative Mitigation Site Assessment, Development of Banking Instruments, Mitigation Bank Management and Monitoring.
  - d. Endangered Species Act (ESA): Threatened and Endangered Species Surveys and Assessments, Wildlife Management Planning, Biological Assessments, Environmental Assessments, ESA Section 7 Consultation, Safe Harbor Agreements.
  - e. Other Federal, State, & Local Regulatory Programs: U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permitting, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Studies, Shore Protection Act Permitting, Georgia Environmental Policy Act (GEPA) Studies, Natural Area Assessments, State Water Buffer Variance Permitting.
4. Sligh and R.L.C. were selected for these contracts based on their prior work on County projects and their

Georgia Department of Transportation pre-qualifications. As noted above, they are already the environmental consultant of record on many County projects. Staff routinely relies on them for follow up actions on past projects, in preparing for new projects, and on enforcement issues. All factors considered, both are highly qualified local consultants that are responsive to providing these services and the County stands to save by taking advantage of their previous work.

**FUNDING:** The costs will be charged to appropriate projects budgeted in the Sales Tax I, II, III, IV, V & VI SPLOSTs, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Special Service District (SSD).

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board to renew environmental consulting services contracts for amounts not to exceed \$100,000 each with Sligh Environmental Consultants (Sligh) and Resource + Land Consultants (RLC) for a period of one (1) year.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve consulting services contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$97,258 construction contract to A.D. Williams Construction Co., Inc., to construct the East White Hawthorne Drive Cul-De-Sac Project.

**BACKGROUND:** The cul-de-sac construction project for East White Hawthorne Drive includes grading, paving, curb and gutter, a concrete flume and drainage improvements. The contractor has 30 days after the notice to proceed is issued to complete construction.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Design of the East White Hawthorne Drive Cul-De-Sac was performed by Chatham County Department of Engineering staff.
2. This project was properly advertised and two (2) bids were received and opened July 29, 2015. The bid results are as follows:

	A.D. Williams Construction Co., Inc. Savannah, GA	\$97,258
**	E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$148,442
**	WBE firm	

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated County Roads, East White Hawthorne Drive (3234220 - 52.12003 - 32356897)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$97,258 construction contract to A.D. Williams Construction Co., Inc., to construct the East White Hawthorne Drive Cul-De-Sac Project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$10,936 Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the relocation and renovation of the Mother Mathilda Beasley House.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 9, 2011, the Board of Commissioners approved a design/build contract with

Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the relocation and renovation of the Mother Mathilda Beasley House.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. In May 2014, the Mother Mathilda Beasley House was relocated from Price Street to the northern end of the Mother Mathilda Beasley Park on East Broad Street.
2. The home is in the final stages of renovation and the development of the interpretive that will illustrate the life and history of Mother Mathilda Beasley.
3. This change order represents the replacement of structural elements that were identified as unsalvageable during the relocation and renovation, reproduction of damaged exterior siding, and the installation of additional sheathing to accommodate insulation that was not visible until the renovation process began.
4. Contract history:
 

Original Contract (9/9/11)	\$389,554
Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>\$ 10,936</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$400,490

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) - Mother Mathilda Beasley House  
(3234150 - 53.17009 - 32370082)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$10,936 Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc., for the relocation and renovation of the Mother Mathilda Beasley House.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$35,714 lighting agreement with Georgia Power to install underground power and lighting for the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp.

**BACKGROUND:** Phase I of the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp Improvement project consisted of the construction of two additional concrete boat ramps, floating dock, parking improvements and an additional access drive from the east bound lane of Johnny Mercer Boulevard. Construction is complete. Phase II of the project will incorporate a new building featuring a Marine Patrol office, separate men's and women's restroom facilities and a picnic pavilion. This portion of work will commence at the end of the calendar year.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Lighting is required at the boat ramp for safety purposes.
2. A lighting plan was developed for Turner's Creek Boat Ramp. Georgia Power will install and maintain 18 area lights and 4 flood lights. The cost of installation is \$35,714.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Turner's Creek Boat Ramp  
(3244981 - 57.30101 - 32460720)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$35,714 lighting agreement with Georgia Power to install underground power and lighting for the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve agreements with utility companies.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award an annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Staffing Companies, Inc., to provide contract labor for Public Works at a rate of \$9.80 per hour, with a 1% increase applicable in years two (2) through five (5) of the contract term.

**BACKGROUND:** Public Works has historically supplemented its workforce by using temporary contract labor from employment agencies to perform manually intensive tasks such as maintaining drainage ditches and trash collection services.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The contractor will be required to provide approximately 29 laborers per day during the work week. Contract laborers will be utilized as funding allows.
2. Bids were properly advertised and opened July 7, 2015. The bid responses are as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>County Cost</u>	<u>Employee Pay Rate</u>
Staffing Companies, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$9.80 per employee per hour 1% increase in years 2-5	\$7.25 per hour
Hibrid Staffing College Park, GA	\$11.05 per employee per hour 15% increase in years 2-5	\$8.00 - \$9.00 per hour
Temporaries Unlimited Savannah, GA	\$13.00 per employee per hour 2% increase in year 2 1% increase in years 3-5	\$10.00 per hour

3. Staffing Companies, Inc., the low bidder, met all specifications. Staffing Companies, Inc., has satisfactorily provided service to the County for the past 11 years. The current rate proposed by Staffing Companies, Inc., represents a 2.48% decrease from their current per hour labor rate of \$10.10 per hour. Staff believes the bid submitted by Staffing Companies, Inc., of \$9.80 per hour, with an annual increase of 1% to be reasonable and fair.

**FUNDING:** •SSD - Public Works  
(2704100 - 52.39001)  
•Solid Waste  
(5404502 - 52.39001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award an annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Staffing Companies, Inc., to provide contract labor for Public Works at a rate of \$9.80 per hour, with a 1% increase applicable in years two (2) through five (5) of the contract term.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUGALO

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$58,427 sole source annual software support contract from Manatron for the Tax Commissioner's Office.

**BACKGROUND:** VisiCraft Systems/Manatron Property Tax Collection program is used for property tax billing, collection and disbursement. The annual support contract provides user support, operating support, upgrades and new program releases.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Manatron of Chicago, IL, 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. This annual support software contract reflects a 3% increase over the cost of the agreement for last fiscal year. The increase includes enhancements that have been requested in the property tax billing, collection and disbursement areas of the software.

3. Staff believes the total cost of \$58,427 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner  
(1001545 - 52.11001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$58,427 sole source annual software support contract from Manatron for the Tax Commissioner's Office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to strive for the most efficient and effective means of service delivery.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of an \$11,000 contract with Rosser International, Inc., for engineering services involved with the removal/replacement of boilers and hot water pumps at the Sheriff's Complex.

**BACKGROUND:** In order to move forward with the CIP boiler replacement project at the Sheriff's Complex, it is necessary to have an engineering firm involved throughout this project. The selected firm will be responsible for the initial plans, assisting with the bidding process and consulting throughout the construction process.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The boilers were installed in 1992 and the fire bricks and tubes have been replaced several times. As of now the small boiler is not working and one (1) of the larger boilers keeps shutting off.
2. A Request for Quotation was issued and quotes were received on July 30, 2015. Responses are as follows:

Rosser International, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$11,000
Dulohery Weeks Sustainable Engineering Savannah, GA	\$14,000
Chatham Engineering Company, LLC Savannah, GA	\$25,000
Griffith Engineering, Inc. Atlanta, GA	\$52,500

**FUNDING:** CIP - Detention Center  
(3503326 - 54.13009 - 35030177)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of an \$11,000 contract with Rosser International, Inc., for engineering services involved with the removal/replacement of boilers and hot water pumps at the Sheriff's Complex.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve the award of a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM H**

**ISSUE:** Request Board declaration as unserviceable surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material older vehicles and equipment which cannot be economically repaired. The listed items

attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) can no longer be beneficially or advantageously used by the County.

**BACKGROUND:** Fleet Management and the department representatives are in agreement that the identified vehicles and equipment are unserviceable and should be disposed.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The list attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file), on page 11, are the vehicles and equipment to be disposed of at the auction or as scrap material.
2. These items will be disposed of as appropriate for condition, value and circumstance. By far, the most common method will be public auction, as prescribed by the Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual. Some items, however, without a reasonable resale value, will be sold as scrap.
3. The date, time and location at which these vehicles and equipment will be auctioned will be publicly advertised to give citizens an opportunity to bid on these vehicles.

**FUNDING:** N/A- Revenue Producing

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board declaration as unserviceable surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material older vehicles and equipment which cannot be economically repaired. The listed items attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) can no longer be beneficially or advantageously used by the County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve disposal of surplus County property through a public auction.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MELVA SHARPE

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.

Chairman Scott said, there are no First Readers.

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'm going to invite up our staff from the Metropolitan Planning Commission, Marcus [Lotson]. Are we ready to move on this?

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, yes, sir, we are. Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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

**Note:** At the May 22, 2015 meeting, the property owner requested the Second Readings for items XII-1 and XII-2 be delayed until the Board meeting on June 12, 2015.

**Note:** At the June 12, 2015 meeting, items 1 and 2 were postponed until August 14, 2015.

1. THE PETITIONER, HAROLD B. YELLIN, AGENT FOR MARINER GROUP, LLC, IS REQUESTING A REZONING OF THE PARCEL IDENTIFIED AS 2100 EAST

**PRESIDENT STREET, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF EAST PRESIDENT STREET, FROM AN I-H (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) ZONING CLASSIFICATION DISTRICT TO A PUD-M 36 CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. THE APPROVAL OF THIS REZONING IS CONDITIONED UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT AND THE PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM DENSITY PERMITTED IN A PUD-M ZONING DISTRICT FROM 25 UNITS PER NET ACRE TO 40 UNITS PER NET ACRE.**  
**REZONING**  
**MPC FILE NO. Z-150205-00012-1**  
**[DISTRICT 3.]**

Chairman Scott said, and -- and this is the Petitioner, Harold B. Yellin, agent for Mariner Group, LLC, to request that we rezone parcels identified at 2100 East President Street, located at the northeast corner of East President Street from I-H, heavy industrial zone classification district, to PUD-M-36 classification. The MPC recommends approval. The approval of this rezoning is conditioned upon the approval of the associated Comprehensive Plan Future Plan [sic] Use Map amendment and the proposed text amendment to increase the maximum density permitted in the PUD-M zoning district from 25 units per acre to 40 units per acre. At this time I'm going to recognize Marcus for further explanation.

Mr. Lotson said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, before we entertain a motion.

Mr. Lotson said, as you will recall, this item came before you back in May for a first reader. The petitioner had been working out a number of issues with his client as to this rezoning, and they are requesting to rezone this property at 2100 President Street from the current heavy industrial classification to the PUD-M-36 classification which is a multi-family designation that would allow a maximum of 36 units per net acre. As you all know the north side of President Street between General McIntosh and -- and the river really has changed over the years. A number of uses continue to operate on the river that are industrial in nature, however, those uses that are -- have abutted President Street, we feel the development pattern is changing in that -- in that area and will no longer be designated for heavy industrial more than likely going forward. We believe that commercial and multi-family uses are appropriate at that location. The Petitioner's intent is to establish a multi-family development on this property. There has been a number of interested parties in property along President Street both for non-residential and residential uses. The expansion of downtown is certainly headed in this direction, and the Planning Commission is recommending approval of the change from the heavy industrial classification to this PUD-M-36 that's been requested by the Petitioner.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Hearing the explanation for Item 1 under Second Readers from Marcus, is there -- is there a motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can we see if anybody opposes this in the audience first?

Chairman Scott said, if -- if there is we'll -- we'll --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, is there --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I was going to make a motion if there's not.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Is there anybody in the audience who want to speak to this who are in opposition or in favor of it?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, nobody opposes?

Mr. Harold Yellin said, I'm -- I'm here to answer any questions you may have.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, there's no opposition?

Chairman Scott said, there's no opposition.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I'll make the motion to approve.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any unreadiness? Any further discussion? Counselor you have anything you wanted to add?

Mr. Yellin said, no, sir. Just here to answer questions.

Chairman Scott said, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion -- motion carries.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's good to finally hear you speak.

Mr. Yellin said, I've got a two-hour presentation if you want to hear it.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to rezone parcels identified at 2100 East President Street, located at the northeast corner of East President Street from I-H, heavy industrial zone classification district, to PUD-M-36 classification. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM:** ~~XI-1~~

**AGENDA DATE:** ~~April 10, 2015~~

**AGENDA ITEM:** ~~XII-1~~

**AGENDA DATE:** ~~April 24, 2015~~

**AGENDA ITEM:** ~~XII-1~~

**AGENDA DATE:** ~~May 22, 2015~~

**AGENDA ITEM:** ~~XII-2~~

**AGENDA DATE:** ~~June 12, 2015~~

**AGENDA ITEM:** ~~XII-1~~

**AGENDA DATE:** August 14, 2015



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER**

**FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:**

The petitioner, Attorney Harold B. Yellin, is requesting a rezoning from an I-H (Heavy industrial) zoning classification district to a PUD-M-36 classification. The MPC recommends approval. The approval of this rezoning is conditioned upon the approval of the associated Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map amendment and the proposed text amendment to increase the maximum density permitted in a PUD-M zoning district from 25 units per net acre to 40 units per net acre.

File No. Z-150205-00012-1

**ISSUE:**

The rezoning of the parcel identified as 2100 East President Street (PIN 1-0282-01-002) from an I-H (Heavy Industrial) zoning classification to a PUD-M-36 (Planned Unit Development Multi-Family Residential) classification (proposed).

**BACKGROUND:**

The subject property is located at the northeast corner of East President Street and Woodcock Road. The subject site is undeveloped land and has numerous large canopy trees that are healthy.

Subject property and the properties east and south have been zoned I-H since zoning was adopted in unincorporated Chatham County. The site adjacent to and east of the subject site was rezoned from a PUD-B-C classification to its current R-M-27 classification in 2014. There have been no other zoning changes within the immediate area in the last 15 years.

The petitioner wishes to rezone the 9.837 acre parcel to develop an apartment complex.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS**

1. **Existing Development Pattern:** The predominant land use within the vicinity of the subject property is industrial, commercial, and single family residential. The land uses and zoning districts

surrounding the subject property include:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	Undeveloped Land (Majority Of the land is wetlands)	I-H
South	East President Street Single Family Residential	R-6[1]
East	Woodcock Road Red Cross Center Vacant Land	I-H I-H
West	Vacant Land (To be developed As an apartment complex)	R-M-27[2]

2. **Transportation Network:** The property is accessed by East President Street and Woodcock Road. In 2011, the average daily traffic count for this section of East President Street between Truman Parkway and the Wilmington River was 18,800 vehicles per day. Woodcock Road is an unclassified roadway and there are no traffic counts available.
3. **Public Transportation:** The subject site is presently not directly served by Chatham Area Transit (CAT). The nearest CAT service (Route 10 East Savannah) and bus stops are available at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Capital Street, as well as East President Street and Riverview Drive. The stop at Pennsylvania Avenue and Capital Street is approximately 2500 feet from the subject site and the stop at East President and Riverview Drive is approximately 1,875 feet from the subject site.
4. **Public Services and Facilities:** The property is served by the Metropolitan Police Department, City fire protection, and City water and sewer services.
5. **Land Use Element:** The Tri-Centennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designates the subject property as Heavy Industrial. The proposed PUD-M-36 zoning classification and the proposed multi-family development are not consistent with the definition of this land use category. Therefore, the Future Land Use Map will need to be amended to the Residential-General category. Multifamily residential units in this location will support the existing commercial and industrial uses, as well as the Savannah Central Business District, which is approximately 2 miles west of the subject site.
6. **Existing I-H Zoning District:**
  - a. **Intent of the I-H District:** The intent of the I-H zoning district is to protect areas in which industries, which are not permitted in other zoning districts, can be permitted.
  - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the I-H district are attached.
  - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the I-H district appear in the attached table (Table 1).
7. **Proposed PUD-M-36 Zoning District:**
  - a. **Intent of the PUD-M-36 District:** The R-3-36 district is intended to allow a variety of residential development with a maximum density of 36 units per acre.
  - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the PUD-M-36 district are attached.
  - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the PUD-M-36 district appear in the attached table. (Table 1).

#### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:**

1. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would create traffic volumes, noise level, odor, airborne particulate matter, visual blight, reduce light or increased density of development that would adversely impact the livability or quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood?  

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   X
2. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would adversely impact adjacent and nearby properties by rendering such properties less desirable and therefore, less marketable for the type of development permitted under the current zoning?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

3. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would generate a type of mix of vehicular traffic on a street or highway that is incompatible with the type of land use development along such street or highway?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

4. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate greater traffic volumes at vehicular access points and cross streets than is generated by uses permitted under the current zoning district to the detriment of maintaining acceptable or current volume capacity (V/C) ratio for the streets that provide vehicular access to the proposed zoning district and adjacent and nearby properties?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

5. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would require a greater level of public services such as drainage facilities, utilities, or safety services above that required for uses permitted under the current zoning district such that the provision of these services will create financial burden to the public?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

6. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would adversely impact the improvement or development of adjacent and nearby properties in accordance with existing zoning regulations and development controls deemed necessary to maintain the stability and livability of the surrounding neighborhood?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

7. Will the proposed zoning district permit development that is inconsistent with the comprehensive land use plan?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the petitioner’s request to rezone a 9.837 acre parcel from an I-H (Heavy Industrial) zoning classification to a PUD-M-36 (Planned Unit Development Multi-Family Residential) classification (proposed).
2. Approve an alternate zoning classification or density.
3. Deny of the petitioner’s request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The proposed rezoning to a PUD-M-36 classification is not consistent with the Tri-centennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map. The amendment to the Future Land Use Map is recommended for approval. The requested rezoning will establish a zoning district that has a use and density that will provide residential housing in an area that will serve the needs of the immediate area, as well as providing housing within 2 miles of the Savannah Central Business District and Landmark Historic District.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Commission recommends **Approval** of the request to rezone the subject property from an I-H (Heavy Industrial) zoning classification to a PUD-M-36 (Planned Unit Development Multi-Family Residential) classification (proposed).

The approval of this rezoning is conditioned upon the approval of the associated Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map amendment and the proposed text amendment to increase the maximum density permitted in a PUD-M zoning district from 25 units per net acre to 40 units per net acre.

The Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map amendment and the text amendment are on the March 18<sup>th</sup> MPC agenda.

PREPARED BY:  Gary Plumbley, Director   
**Development Services**

March 18, 2015

Gregori Anderson, Director   
**BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

**Table 1: Comparison of Development Standards for the Existing I-H and Proposed**

PUD-M-36 Zoning Districts

	I-H District	PUD-M-36 District
Minimum Lot Area	N/A	3 acres
Minimum Lot Width	N/A	N/A
Front Yard Setback	85 ft from C.L. of an arterial 67.5 ft from C.L. of a collector 55 ft from C.L. of a minor	35 ft from P.L. along an arterial 30 ft from P.L. along a collector 25 ft from P.L. along a minor
Minimum Side Yard Setback	25 feet	None - 10 ft if abutting an "R" district
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	40 feet	25 feet
Maximum Height	N/A	36 feet (proposed)
Maximum Building Coverage	N/A	N/A
Maximum Density	N/A	40 units per net acre (proposed)



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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----- MEMORANDUM -----

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

**PETITION REFERENCED:**  
 Harold B. Yellin, Agent  
 Mariner Group, LLC, Petitioner  
 2100 E. President Street and Woodcock Road  
 File No. Z-150205-00012-1

**MPC ACTION:** Approval of the petitioner’s request to rezone the subject site from I-H to PUD-M-36. Approval of this rezoning is conditioned upon the approval of the associated FLUM and proposed text amendment.

**MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of the petitioner’s request to rezone the subject site from I-H to PUD-M-36. Approval of this rezoning is conditioned upon the approval of the associated FLUM and proposed text amendment.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 7 + Secretary

Tanya Milton  
 Joseph Welch  
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 Lacy Manigault  
 Tom Woiwode

**VOTING FOR MOTION**

Tom Woiwode  
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**VOTING AGAINST MOTION**

None

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FOR APPROVAL: 8

FOR DENIAL: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson  
Executive Director

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**2. THE PETITIONER IS REQUESTING THAT THE FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, 2100 EAST PRESIDENT STREET, BE CHANGED FROM COMMERCIAL SUBURBAN AND HEAVY INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL-GENERAL. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) MPC FILE NO. Z-150302-00020-1. [DISTRICT 3.]**

Chairman Scott said, the -- the second item for Second Reading. The Petitioner is requesting that the Future Land Use Category for the subject property at 2100 East President Street, be changed from Commercial Suburban and Heavy Industrial to Residential-General. The MPC recommend approval. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment Future Land Use Map, F-L-U-M, MPC File Number is Z-150302-00020-1.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any unreadiness? Marcus, you have any further discussion? Any further explanation?

Mr. Lotson said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, we have one unreadiness. Commissioner Shabazz from the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. This second item here, you want to change that from commercial suburban to -- and heavy industrial to residential-general?

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir. Based on the zoning that you just adopted, the Future Land Use Map designates each property with a land use designation, and because the property was zoned heavy industrial, it also had a similar land use designation. So now that it's been changed to a residential classification for zoning, it's also appropriate to change the land use designation to go along with the zoning that you just adopted.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so if they decide years down the road that they want to demolish this -- this project here, then it could -- it would never be -- go back to heavy commercial -- heavy industrial?

Mr. Lotson said, no. Actually under this same process that exists today any future developer could certainly come back before you and request a change both to the zoning classification or -- and the land use designation. But that would be up to this body to adopt that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. All right.

Chairman Scott said, any further unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Motion carries.

Mr. Lotson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to change the Future Land Use Category for 2100 East President Street from Commercial Suburban and Heavy Industrial to Residential-General. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-2~~**

~~AGENDA DATE: April 10, 2015~~

~~AGENDA ITEM: XII-2~~

~~AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2015~~

~~AGENDA ITEM: XII-2~~

~~AGENDA DATE: May 22, 2015~~

~~AGENDA ITEM: XII-3~~

AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: XII-2

AGENDA DATE: August 14, 2015



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TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER  
FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The petitioner is requesting that the Future Land Use Category for the subject property, 2100 East President Street, be changed from Commercial Suburban and Heavy Industrial to Residential-General. The MPC recommends approval. File No. Z-150302-00020-CPA

**Proposed Amendment:** The petitioner is requesting that the Future Land Use Category for the subject property be changed from Commercial Suburban and Heavy Industrial to Residential-General.

1. **Describe how the amendment is consistent with the overall intent of the Comprehensive Plan.** Following are the policies for future development as listed in the Tricentennial Land Use Plan. With each is a statement as to how the proposed land use change does or does not comply with the policy.

**Proposed Development Category (Land Use):** Residential-General

- a. **Appropriate Land Uses:** Single-family detached, single-family attached and multifamily residential uses at a density greater than 10 dwelling units per acre as well as limited civic uses.

The subject property is located west of and adjacent to a 16.2 acre tract of land recently rezoned and approved as a multi-family residential development. Continuing west across Wahlstrom Road are vacant properties and two retail commercial developments. East of the subject on the east side of Woodcock Road is the headquarters for the Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross. North of the subject site is a small parcel of uplands and a large expanse of wetlands. Approximately 1,075 feet north of the subject site is a large warehouse facility.

South of the subject site is East President Street, a railroad right-of-way, Beech Street and the abutting single family residential structures and a Savannah Board of Education training center.

Based on the uses in the general area, it is highly unlikely that a non-residential use requiring a Heavy Industrial zoning designation will be built in close proximity to the subject site. Also, the recently adopted change in land use for the adjacent 20 acre parcel from Commercial Suburban to General Residential helps justify and lends support to changing the land use classification to General Residential.

- b. **Characteristics to Encourage:** Encourage a mix of housing types. Encourage mixed use development consistent with Smart Growth principles. Encourage commercial development meeting the needs of residents and protecting established neighborhood character.

The character of this area is mixed with retail commercial, residential, and industrial uses. The proposed amendment will allow for additional residential development that will provide a housing option which will have a broad based appeal, including people who work in the downtown area.

**There are several undeveloped commercial properties located within 1,200 feet of the subject site on the north side of East President Street west of Wahlstrom Road. There are also several developed commercial properties along the section of East President Street west of Wahlstrom Road and south of East President Street on Pennsylvania Avenue.**

- c. **Characteristics to Discourage:** Discourage intensive forms of commercial or industrial development that is not compatible with adjacent residential and institutional users.

**The surrounding uses including the significant areas of wetlands, institutional development, and the recently approved multi-family development is compatible with the proposed multi-family residential development.**

- d. **Methods to Enhance Community Character:** Enhance the mixed use residential character of these areas by permitting a gross area density (i.e., density including right-of-way) greater than 10 units per acre.

**The petitioner seeks to rezone the property to a multifamily residential district with a density of 36 units per net acre.**

2. **What specific goals and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan will the proposed amendment address?**

Section 5.2 Land Use

GOAL F: REDUCE AUTOMOBILE DEPENDENCE AND ASSOCIATED CONGESTION AND POLLUTION BY PROVIDING A BROAD RANGE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

Objective 1 - Enhance connectivity within and between residential and commercial areas.

Strategy b. - Require or incentivize efficient vehicular access and road linkages for and between new developments

**The location of the amendment provides the ability for the proposed residential development to connect to adjacent commercial areas, as well as being located only 2 miles to the Central Business District and Landmark Historic District.**

Section 5.3 Economic Development

GOAL H: WORK TOWARD A COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDES THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND INCREASES THE MOBILITY OPTIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT PLANNED GROWTH COUNTYWIDE.

Objective 2. Designate economic development zones where people can live, work, and recreate in the same place.

Strategy a. Identify developable areas where there is land available to accommodate the required infrastructure to support a mixed-use community with enough critical mass to become self-sufficient and self-perpetuating.

**While the property is not located in an official economic development zone, it is located within a diverse area including nearby limited retail uses as well as industrial employment areas. Providing the residential development in close proximity to these uses ensures there are housing options for people close to where they are employed.**

3. **Will the amendment alter the land use pattern in the surrounding area? How?**

The proposed amendment will alter the land use pattern in the immediate surrounding area by providing a different type of housing not presently located within the immediate area.

4. **How does the amendment benefit the entire community?**

Adding housing options within a commercial employment area and near an industrial employment area allows people to work closer to where they live, and can potentially reduce traffic congestion.

5. **If the amendment requires a greater expenditure of public funds for improvements to roads and utilities how will the public benefit directly from such experience?**

Water and sewer services, as well as adequate roadways, are already available in this area.

6. **How will the amendment contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the environment?**

The same amount of open space and Tree and Landscape Quality Points are required for multifamily and nonresidential development. In fact, multifamily development typically provides a much higher amount of green space than commercial development. Therefore, the proposed amendment will not negatively affect the environment.

**7. How will the amendment contribute to preservation and enhancement of historic and cultural resources?**

There are no known historic or cultural resources onsite.

**8. How will the amendment contribute to the economic development of the community?**

The proposed amendment will allow for residential development that can support the existing and future non-residential development in that area, as well as the nearby Downtown Central Business District.

**9. How will the amendment contribute to the health and safety of the community?**

The location of a multi-family residential development in close proximity to existing industrial uses does present a potentially greater impact than areas which do not abut industrial uses. However, the safeguards required for the adjacent industrial uses should provide the necessary degree of safety for the proposed development.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Planning Commission recommends **Approval** of the petitioner’s request to change the Future Land Use Category for the subject property from Commercial Suburban and Heavy Industrial to Residential-General.

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director  
Development Services

March 18, 2015

Gregori Anderson, Director  
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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

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

**PETITION REFERENCED:**  
Comprehensive Plan Amendment  
2100 East President Street  
File No. Z-150302-00020-1 CPA

**MPC ACTION:** Approval of the petitioner’s request to change the Future Land Use Category for the subject property from Commercial Suburban and Heavy Industrial to Residential-General

**MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of the petitioner’s request to change the Future Land Use Category for the subject property from Commercial Suburban and Heavy Industrial to Residential-General

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 7 + Secretary

James Blackburn, Jr.  
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Lacy Manigault  
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Joseph Welch

James Overton  
Tom Woiwode

**VOTING FOR MOTION**

**VOTING AGAINST MOTION**

**\*ABSENT OR \*\*FAILING TO VOTE**

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None

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FOR APPROVAL: 8

FOR DENIAL: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson  
Executive Director

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, we have a lot of information items for you.

**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: August 14, 2015**

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Helicopter recovery trailer	Mosquito Control	Coastal Auto Sales	\$5,500	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Replacement bulbs for Ultra Violet Sanitation system	Aquatic Center	Janco360, Inc.	\$2,897	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Annual software and support renewal of Track-It! - work order system for the Sheriff's Office	I.C.S.	BMC Software, Inc.	\$6,522	•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Export indexes and related documents for the Case Management Project from Probate Court	I.C.S.	Palmetto Microfilm Systems, Inc.	Not to exceed \$6,500	CIP - Case Management System

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Office furniture	County Manager	Mason's, Inc.	\$3,229	General Fund/M&O - County Manager
Repair to hazardous dip in road in Southbridge Subdivision	Public Works and Park Services	Crosby Paving Company, Inc.	\$9,250	CIP - Public Works
Five (5) mini domes with cameras	Detention Center	Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC	\$2,739	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
50 cases of insulated compartment trays	Detention Center	Cook's Correctional	\$6,463	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Smoke machine, assembly and 55gal drum of liquid smoke for camera truck	Public Works and Park Services	P & H Supply, Co., Inc.	\$4,795	SSD - Public Works
Fertilizer	Public Works and Park Services	Bulloch Fertilizer Co., Inc.	\$3,912	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Generator control unit	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$2,795	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Annual security monitoring services	Public Works and Park Services	Tyco Integrated Security	\$2,769	SSD - Public Works
71 Earpieces for Motorola radios	I.C.S.	Savannah Communication & Electronic	\$3,763	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) Interview Recording Management System room add-on with software support for the Sheriff's Dept.	I.C.S.	Carolina Video Security, Inc.	\$5,960	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's
Repair to fire alarm system due to lightning strike	Mosquito Control	Simplex Grinnell, L.P.	\$3,010	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Annual fire sprinkler system inspections, maintenance and repairs	Mosquito Control	Simplex Grinnell, L.P.	\$4,303	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Auto lube systems for street sweepers	Public Works and Park Services	Environmental Products of Florida	\$9,998	CIP - Public Works and Park Services

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### 3. STATUS ON MPD MERGER AGREEMENT AND RECORDER'S COURT.

Chairman Scott said, and also as information item, I'm going to recognize the County Manager for an update on the status of the police merger agreement. And are you also going to say anything about Recorder's Court?

County Manager Lee Smith said, yes, sir. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Manager Lee Smith --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, -- is recognized.

County Manager Smith said, good morning. We, the staff, have been meeting with the City of Savannah. I will tell you we've had in the last week two or three meetings, I guess, between the attorneys, also between Ms. Cutter, Ms. Cramer, and the finance officer with the City of Savannah. We have received -- we've been going back and forth with some final drafts based on the framework. I will tell you in the last 24 hours, Jon Hart and I have talked, and as of late yesterday, it does appear that the drafts that will be coming back from the City should mirror the actual framework that we put together. There were some minor changes that we agreed to. Some of them I think were semantics, but things that needed to be done, that a word was not clear or something, so I -- I feel very good about that.

County Manager Smith said, I -- I have made it -- you -- you have seen in the paper the issue of salaries as they relate to recruiting and retention of officers within Metro. I made it very clear, so has the -- all of our staff and

the attorney with the folks with the City of Savannah that we had a framework agreement that we agreed to that said that we had \$14.1 million allocated, that's what we would pay for this coming year. In that framework it says that if there's any consid -- there's consideration of additional dollars or something needed, that would be discussed by the policy committee. The policy committee would then bring that back to staff. Staff would bring it to both boards and take a look. But that it was -- in our opinion, we could not, based on what you agreed to, we could not add anything else to that agreement, which included additional costs. I think they understood that very clearly yesterday. So at this point I do expect -- I'll be surprised if I get anything different that I'll get an agreement back on, particularly on Metro, on the police agreement with the two-year, with the consultant of which we're looking at details on now, with an extension, once you agree, at the end of two years, that we would go to eight more years of the agreement. So, at this point, I think it's going to come back pretty positive as far as the framework.

County Manager Smith said, Recorder's Court, we had some issues that came back in the last week that we did not agree with. There were some discussions about a city municipal court. What we agreed to as a staff is that we would do and bring back as part of the Recorder's Court agreement, a term, what, to the end of 2016, December 31<sup>st</sup> of '16. If the City wants to look at some other avenue for court, then they would need to let us know that in 2016. We have renewals for each year thereafter, where it could continue to be negotiated.

County Manager Smith said, as you know, my office took steps, and we informed the Board I was taking steps on indigent defense, which I believe we are taking the right steps to make sure that folks are being properly represented, but also that we're paying proper costs. My concern is -- is that we now look at all total indigent defense. It is now pushing close to \$5 million a year. I feel like that number is out of control, and, I will tell you, we have gotten really good support from a lot of our judges, who have come to us and said, we think you're moving in the right direction. They gave us some great input. Attorneys who have contacted us have been -- I -- I've been actually pleasantly surprised at the input they have given us that has been very positive because they also want a good system. We should pay attorneys to defend people when it's necessary, but they also have requirements to -- and should have performance outcomes. If they cannot perform to our standards, they should not be defending, and I think that's appropriate.

County Manager Smith said, I think the City understands what we're trying to accomplish, and I told Ms. Cutter yesterday, we should be given this next year and a half to get indigent defense under control, and once we do that, then if they want to look at some change in Recorder's Court, we've got to talk, because changes in Recorder's Court has a lot of impact on our budget, as we take care of the majority of judiciary in this county financially. So, I do think, based on our conversations in the last 24 hours and our meetings over the last week, we should have next week a final draft of Recorder's Court and a final draft of Metro, of which we would be asking the Chair to consider a special called meeting whereby we could address it with you to ask for consideration. But a date we don't know yet. I'm waiting to get the agreement back.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager, you have a question from Commissioner Stone, from the 1<sup>st</sup> and Commissioner Shabazz from the 5<sup>th</sup>.

County Manager Smith said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, I was just wondering in -- in looking at the agreement --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Stone said, -- a couple of times recently, are we up to date with what we owe as far as equipment and vehicles?

County Manager Smith said, we had not been, and I will tell you, because of Fleet changes, but Michael Kaigler and our staff has worked really hard. I think we're pushing I think 20 and 20, we'll be getting our cars up to date, new vehicles.

Chairman Scott said, we just approved --

County Manager Smith said, yeah. What --

Chairman Scott said, -- the purchase of new vehicles at our last meeting.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct. So now what we're doing is we're having to go through that process.

Commissioner Stone said, but I just --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, that's -- that's what sort of begged the question, but --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, -- are -- are we up to speed where we need to be?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, and --

County Manager Smith said, things are -- we've now are purchasing.

Commissioner Stone said, and their equipment that -- that we're responsible for?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, and that that is not in is in the process of being purchased.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. But I mean do we have a deadline for when we will be caught up and -- with what --

County Manager Smith said, well, we've had to order the vehicles. I mean, so it's just based on production.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, and if I recall, I -- I signed the purchase order last week.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, and so it's -- those cars will probably be delivered within the next 30 days.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, but -- and -- and the equipment as well, that we're -- we're --

County Manager Smith said, probably 45 days --

Chairman Scott said, 45.

County Manager Smith said, -- 'cause we have to do -- establish equipment and that kind of stuff.

Chairman Scott said, 45, 'cause you've got to outfit them once they get here.

County Manager Smith said, exactly. Yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, right, but I believe there was some other equipment like their -- that they -- that the officer's use. Are we up to speed on that?

County Manager Smith said, I believe so.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, I don't -- I -- we really have not heard anything else in the meeting about any other equipment.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I -- I'm just want to make sure.

County Manager Smith said, so I feel comfortable we've done what we needed to do.

Commissioner Stone said, my question -- the reason I'm asking, I just want to make sure that the county's doing what we're supposed to do to keep our police force up to where it should be.

County Attorney Hart said, yes, ma'am.

County Manager Smith said, and we -- we've been checking, particularly on the vehicles because we knew we were behind on that --

Commissioner Stone said, right.

County Manager Smith said, -- with Fleet, but we were also -- there was a lot of consideration of the type of vehicles, to -- you know, because --

County Attorney Hart said, the Crown Vic.

County Manager Smith said, we --yeah. The Crown Vic versus, you know, some of the newer, what, Chevrolets, they were looking, because we want to standardize. Having different types of equipment causes different types of certified mechanics in Fleet, and we wanted to make sure we begin to standardize as we talked about some of the things with title this morning.

Commissioner Stone said, right.

Chairman Scott said, and then we had to go through the bid process, as well.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, I just -- was just --

County Manager Smith said, but I feel -- if there's something that's not caught up, we've not been informed, but I feel like we have.

Commissioner Stone said, I just wanted to make sure --

County Manager Smith said, sure.

Commissioner Stone said, -- we're in compliance for our part.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm. Yes.

Chairman Scott said, okay. We have Commissioner Shabazz, Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Holmes, our Vice Chair, and then Commissioner Center in that order, have some questions.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning --

County Manager Smith said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, County Manager. Whenever I hear the term indigent, it -- it's very dear to me, you know.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I -- I think of -- of individuals who are defenseless, who just don't have it, you know. And so, I heard you say that you -- you're going to put steps in place to ensure effectiveness for the indigent defense.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what steps are those?

County Manager Smith said, well, I will tell you, we put a -- what a six-month and one year work plan. We are now working with our coordinator indigent defense, because effective today, that individual -- technically, I guess, Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock, that person will be officially under the auspices of my office. We have --- Linda Cramer, Jennifer Burns, Jon, we've all worked together to look at that work plan. We've asked her to take a look. We've also involved some of the attorneys to look at that plan. Some of that is right now we have a voucher system of which, has been in place for more than 20, 21 years. Some may disagree with me, but I believe that system is no longer working properly. So, without going into a lot of detail, we're looking at putting together, and Jon you might have to help me with this, but putting together whereby we actually have attorneys in certain courts at certain times designated versus vouchers. We think that it will be much more efficient. It will, I think, cost us less, and also, we can monitor that people are being defended. We've got -- we've -- I don't feel like we have, and this is being critical of our own system, that we have properly looked at the quality assurance piece of defense. I don't think we've done that, and I believe it behooves us to do that for cost, but also for the defense of whoever we need to take care of.

County Attorney Hart said, the -- the public defender's office has done a really good job --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, -- and until this Supreme Court decision came down and said, you know, you -- the public defender can only represent one Defendant, the indigent cost part that we're trying to deal with now had become a smaller component. But when that law changed it all of the sudden mushroomed into a big component, and it just needs to be looked at. I think this plan will do a lot of things for the people who are -- are the users of that system from the standpoint they'll get earlier assignment of counsel; they will have earlier appearance. If it's a Recorder's Court matter, we're hoping the thing will either be resolved there, if not resolved, it will go to the State or Superior Court as appropriate, and we're hoping for vertical representation between

Recorder's Court and State Court. By that I mean if you get a lawyer in Recorder's Court who gets familiar with your case, it gets bound over to the State Court, then he would follow the case into State Court. Now all that's -- we, you know, we can't guarantee 100 percent perfect -- perfection, but we can -- we think we can assist the Court in making it more streamline, making the system more accountable, and also making it less cumbersome on the attorneys to participate within the program and -- and eliminate a whole lot of time keeping and paperwork that really doesn't do anything.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so -- so, are we -- are we talking about two separate entities -- entities here?

Chairman Scott said, there are.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. What -- what's -- what's the difference?

County Attorney Hart said, well, the public defender office is almost like a -- a district attorney's office except it represents the people who are charged with something.

Chairman Scott said, people who can't afford their own --

County Attorney Hart said, yeah, people who cannot afford it are assigned to the public defender. But let's say there's three defendants, you know, three guys are alleged to have robbed a -- a -- a convenience store. Well, the public defender can certainly represent one of them. They used to could represent all three of them. They'd just assign them to different attorneys within the public defender's office. The Supreme Court came down with a ruling saying that the public defender's office would be treated just like a law firm. Therefore, the public defender's office could only --

Chairman Scott said, you'd have a conflict at that point.

County Attorney Hart said, -- could only represent one of the defendants as there would be a conflict with the other two. When they made that ruling, that meant the public defender's office could take care of one of those defendants and the county would have the responsibility to hire two more lawyers to represent each of the other defendants, and when that happened, that mushroomed the cost to the county. So we -- we got to find a new delivery system. That's basically it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so that's outsourced.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, on indigent defense, correct.

County Attorney Hart said, Chatham County could be real --

Commissioner Shabazz said, so there's not a department -- there's not a department per se?

Chairman Scott said, yeah. The public defender's office is a department.

Commissioner Shabazz said, no, I'm not talking about that. I -- I know that.

County Manager Smith said, on indigent defense we actually now are creating a department.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'm talking about --

County Manager Smith said, it basically was a program --

Chairman Scott said, yes. There is another department.

County Manager Smith said, -- whereby you had a person that was looking at giving out vouchers to pay these attorneys to defend. Yeah.

Chairman Scott said, but to answer his question, there is another department.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, and that department outsourced it to other attorneys.

County Manager Smith said, indigent defense is a separate department.

Chairman Scott said, essentially.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, it's a management tool.

County Manager Smith said, it's -- they manage vouchers and -- yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Okay. Okay. So -- so, the public defender's office, that -- that position is still vacant?

County Attorney Hart said, no. It -- it will stay -- no, the -- the new public defender was appointed this week.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Who is that?

County Attorney Hart said, and that office will remain right now as it is, and we'll just have this other department that will manage the independent lawyers on an as need basis.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so, I'm saying who is the public defender?

County Manager Smith said, the new one is --

County Attorney Hart said, it's --

Clerk said, Robert Persse.

County Manager Smith said, what is it?

Assistant County Attorney Jennifer Burns said, it's Robert Persse.

County Manager Smith said, Robert Persse.

County Attorney Hart said, and he -- he originally was here --

Commissioner Shabazz said, was he in-house -- was he --

Chairman Scott said, no. No. He's -- he's appointed by the Governor's office now.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, he's appointed by the Governor's office? Okay.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, he was highly recommended.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, we have the opportunity to have a panel --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, -- that interviewed, and he was found by this panel to be very highly qualified, along with the other two candidates.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, and then -- then the director of that --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, -- at the state level picked him. He originally was with the public defender's office --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, -- in Chatham County when it opened so he's very familiar with it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, he subsequently went to Bulloch County and took over that judicial region there --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, -- and provided services there. So, now, really he's coming back home. He -- he was originally a Sav -- a Savannah native.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, so. He's familiar with our needs.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so -- so -- so will this be -- this -- this -- this -- will it be based on their effectiveness or their merit in terms of --

County Manager Smith said, you talking about with indigent defense?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, well, that's part of what we're looking at in putting together -- actually we will do RFPs --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, -- where people are going to have to, you know, bid for and we will have contracts, and then we will have times where attorneys will be in place, but then we can monitor effectiveness that way. Are they showing up? Are they defending? Are they getting these first appearances quickly? Are they -- you know, we've got to take a look at that. I don't think we do a good job of that, and when I say that, I'm not being critical of just the attorneys. I'm being critical of all of us because I think our system isn't working.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and we're looking --

County Manager Smith said, as it should.

County Attorney Hart said, -- prime -- primarily at -- at -- at professionalism. Do they handle the client correctly professionally? We can't judge outcomes. I mean, you and I could be lawyers and you get five guilty people --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, -- and I get five innocent people --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, obviously my statistics are going to be better than yours.

County Manager Smith said, that's right.

County Attorney Hart said, so, we're not looking at that. We're looking at how they actually operate --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, how we're responding to things -- yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Brady, did --

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to piggy back on what Commissioner Stone was -- was asking about in reference to equipment. And -- and this has just happened in the last six months or so where the City of Savannah if I call -- recall correctly, they decided they were going to buy body cameras for the police officers --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Brady said, -- which I think they need, but my question is -- is that -- how did we interact with the City of Savannah in the decision making that they made in reference to body cameras?

County Manager Smith said, we did not. We were told after the fact. That's part of why we've said in this contract any changes to cost within the department that impact the County of Chatham, we have to be informed in advance. We negotiate, and they cannot place that cost upon us. That's why we placed a hard number that really sent the message, it's 14.1, there's no more. If there's body cameras that need to be purchased and 100,000 they want us to purchase, they have to take it to the policy committee, the policy committee talks about it, the staff talks about it, we take it to both boards for consideration. For increased costs or reduction in cost. We'll see if that happens, but we'll look.

Commissioner Brady said, well and then also in reference to the raises for the police officers.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Brady said, which I know they deserve.

County Manager Smith said, sure. I --

Commissioner Brady said, I mean there's no question about that. Did we have inter -- did we have any conversations with the City of Savannah in reference to the cost of -- of these raises?

County Manager Smith said, I will say this. When the -- and out -- out of respect to the City Manager, she has been very forthright. She came to me the next day after the meeting, and she talked with me and said that she did believe that a comp study needed to be done, and in theory -- and -- and I believe she's correct that their level of hiring, their hiring rate is too low. That their retention, that they need to get for their APOs, their certified officers, needs to be raised, but what I've said is what is the total impact? What is the -- and she said her plan was to have gone this fall. Her Board chose to react early, earlier than I think she anticipated quite frankly. This is my opinion. Now she has to deal with it. She did come to me as -- within 12 hours, she came to me and said, this is what's happened, but she --

Chairman Scott said, Council -- Council acted in advance of getting the study.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct. And -- so there are no details --

Chairman Scott said, in a nutshell.

County Manager Smith said, -- no money. We don't know. So that's why I've said clearly in the contract, we have to say that would be a negotiating point moving forward. Because even if we had our own police department, I think we would probably have to pay similar or better to make sure we grow.

Commissioner Brady said, well, I -- I think there's a --

County Manager Smith said, yeah. So I think in theory she's right. And --

Commissioner Brady said, I think they deserve it.

Commissioner Stone said, I do too.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Brady said, I just worry about, you know, the -- what has been a lack of communication between us and them.

County Manager Smith said, that's why we've tried to make that clear in this agreement --

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, -- that they cannot place those costs upon us without our negotiating. We would have to negotiate.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, thank you for the question.

Chairman Scott said, Vice Chair Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to piggy back on what has been said by my other fellow Commissioners I -- I think you're right on target with your questioning as to what took place and what has happened. I'm sorry. I don't have my mike on. Let me start all over. Just want to thank each and every one of the Commissioners for your input. You're right on target with your questioning. This has been an awesome task. I mean it has not been easy, and the bottom line as far as I'm concerned is what's right and the quality of service to be rendered with less or no negative effect. The main thing that I think as we move forward is to increase our accountability on both sides' use of professionalism, and the key to success is to stay the course and communicate, and if we do those kinds of things, I think that we will be successful and this is in regards to both the County, as well as the City. But I would like to thank county staff. As I said, this has not been an easy task at all, and it's not over by a long shot. Still have much work to do. But, again, just thank you so much.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes --

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, -- of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Smith?

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, I think I remember someone mentioning to us that we wanted the chief or someone from his staff to come to us occasionally --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, -- at our meeting to give us some sort of update.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Holmes said, when all that was -- is going on throughout the City of Savannah from downtown to southside, from east to west, at what point are we going to ask the chief to come before us?

Chairman Scott said, we already have.

County Manager Smith said, we've asked him. We're going to start that later in the fall.

Commissioner Holmes said, start that when?

Chairman Scott said, it should -- it should be I think the first meeting in September.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, the first meeting in September.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, and --

County Manager Smith said, to come to -- like a -- either at least a quarterly report very similar to -- 'cause he does one for the City, so we've already discussed that, but with --

Commissioner Holmes said, that was my next question.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, after that, then how would we go about? It's going to be quarterly?

County Manager Smith said, we're looking at doing at least quarterly. If we needed more, chief was fine, but at least quarterly.

Chairman Scott said, either -- either quarterly or bi-monthly.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. All right. Thanks.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too want to commend you on your hard work, and particularly drawing the line, but I want to ask some questions that affect my thinking and how I may vote in the future. Listening to Commissioner Brady's questions and -- and about the body cameras and the cost, and you're -- you're making it very clear that any changes above a certain level have to come to us. That language is already in the existing agreement that we terminated but we're living under, that if they have a change in cost, they have to come to us, submit the budget to you, you -- or whatever, and -- and we vote on it. Isn't that already in the existing contract?

County Attorney Hart said, the existing agreement's language is not as good as the language that's in this agreement. You know, if -- if it's a budget variance by example, it's got to come to the policy committee, and that certainly is -- is a vast improvement over the past, and -- and it gives both Managers the opportunity, which is think is a -- is good for both Managers to at least say wait a minute, this needs to go to the policy committee, and we also need to consult with our partner, as opposed to let's go ahead and do this, and we will tell you to do it, Mr. Manager --

Commissioner Center said, and send a bill.

County Attorney Hart said, -- and then we'll announce it, and then we'll consult.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, that -- that -- that is not a good way of doing business.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. So this tightens it up.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, all right. And secondly, I heard you say that even though of all the votes, and all the publicity and to some extent rancor that's been out there, we put a limit of 14.1 million, and the City came back and wanted us to raise that limit and you said absolutely not. Is that what happened?

Chairman Scott said, no.

County Manager Smith said, no. What they -- what --

Commissioner Center said, good. Please explain it briefly.

County Manager Smith said, what I was asked over the last two weeks is to place consideration of the comp plan in the agreement, you know, with this increase, and my objection, first of all is, I don't even know what the number is. We agreed, 'cause I -- I think, we -- all of us said we believe we've got to do something because we've got to recruit better and retain, but that I -- I heard my Board say this is the framework, this is as far as we're going right now, and we've stood fast on that, and I think we got our message across. In the last 24 hours, they've said, we get it. Because we put language in there to say if there are other cost considerations, we would do that. After we have an agreement we'll take a look, but it doesn't mean that you will. My fear was -- is I put it in now, you're saying yes we will. Well, I think in theory, you'll say we need to do something, but I did not want to lock this Board down to something that is an unknown.

Commissioner Center said, well, and -- and I appreciate that.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, we're changing the deal at the last second, and that -- that was not appropriate.

Commissioner Center said, yeah. And I very much appreciate that, because it boiled down to two major points. One was authority --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- and one was price, and we -- we conceded authority, but we drew a hard line on price.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, and I just wanted to make sure -- how I was hearing it is what I was questioning.

County Manager Smith said, we tried to find balance.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner --

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell of the 4<sup>th</sup> District has a question, Mr. Manager.

Commissioner Farrell said, Commissioner Center I want to piggy back on your question about that, and in previous public meetings, I've pointed out that there's a lot of data that suggests that the county and the unincorporated area should be in the \$10 million range not the \$14 million range, so I think we've got a long way to go before we pass what we've already said in additional compensation. Not taking anything away from the thought process that our officers need to be equipped and paid a competitive salary and treated with respect and dignity and -- and given the tools that they need to operate and to be the best policemen they can be for our community.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Anybody else have any questions of the Manager? If not -- let me speak briefly on the procedure. Through the Manager and his meetings with the City Manager, what we expect is that the City to take a vote on the -- on the merger agreement hopefully at their next meeting, which would be next Thursday, and what we want is a document that's been approved by their Council before we do any more voting over here, and then once that happens we will take a look at it, and then we'll make the determination whether or not we will have a special-called meeting before our meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month for the purpose of approving the merger agreement, and if we decide to go in that direction, we will poll everybody in terms of their availability in advance before we set the date, and then we'll publicize it and have a special-called meeting.

Chairman Scott said, I might also say that I think you all share, and I've heard this from almost everybody, about supporting the increased salary or competitive salary, or competitive compensation for Savannah-Chatham

Metro, and so, this Commission is on record at -- at least verbally supporting the salary increase for policemen, and my only statement is as follows: that we have a number of vacancies already on the Savannah Metro, so we have a -- a pool of dollars for personnel that's already available, and we think that pool of dollars is sufficient to cover whatever raises that the study will support, and until we get at or near maximum capacity with the Savannah-Chatham Metro, and at such time the personnel costs exceeds what we had anticipated when we set that fixed dollar amount, then it will be discussed and reviewed at the policy committee level, and if the policy committee agrees that we should adjust the salary column of that -- the contract, then we will bring that back to the Commission, but I think that's pre-mature at this time, and it will be probably for the next year or two to really talk about increasing the amount for the framework until such time we get at or near capacity, and we exhaust the existing salary dollars. And so that's where we're at with it, and -- and so I want to make clear that -- that we are in full support of increasing the salary, and our opposition to increasing the dollar amount in that contract is based on the fact that there's a pool of money already for personnel, and until that pool of money is exhausted will we add any more. And that's -- that's the position that -- that I think we ought to take on it, and I just wanted to provide that to you for clarification.

Chairman Scott said, and so there may be a need and the Clerk may reach out to you or something to check your availability for a special-called meeting, but we will not decide that until after the City has in fact passed the merger agreement contract.

Commissioner Brady said, I have one more question. One last question.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, very quickly. The policy committee. I -- I don't recall that there was ever any indication that it was meeting on a regular basis in the past.

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Brady said, correct me if I'm wrong.

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Brady said, so my question is this --

Chairman Scott said, well, in that new agreement, I think we talked of meeting quarterly.

Commissioner Brady said, quarterly?

County Manager Smith said, yeah. The staff will have our -- what -- our team between the City and the County.

Commissioner Brady said, uh-huh.

County Manager Smith said, the chief will have certain folks on there with a consultant that will meet on a -- at least a monthly basis.

Commissioner Brady said, uh-huh.

County Manager Smith said, I think we'll meet more, particularly in the first six months, probably every two weeks, but the -- our goal is -- is that the policy committee would meet at least quarterly because we're -- we need to be giving updates. It may be bi-monthly, but I would say at a minimum quarterly, and we would -- we need to have those.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and I think that -- I think that information needs to be documented.

Chairman Scott said, it is documented.

County Manager Smith said, it -- it's --

Chairman Scott said, we said a minimum quarterly.

County Manager Smith said, yes. It's in there.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. All right.

Chairman Scott said, we said a minimum quarterly. Yeah.

Commissioner Brady said, 'cause I -- I just don't see it happening.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, I have concerns about that.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, just -- just want to -- for the record say it's basically not a new agreement. It's an approved proposal from this body because they have not signed it and just wondering if anybody up here is surprised that it's not going as smoothly as maybe anticipated.

Chairman Scott said, no, while you -- while you were out, what we stated is that we expect the City to approve the contract at their next meeting, which is next Thursday, and then we will not take any further action until they have approved it. And so then we will have an approved document to adopt, and there may be a need to have a special-called meeting to do that in advance of our scheduled August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, and if so, we will notify you after the City take action on the merger agreement at their meeting, which is scheduled next Thursday.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, why -- why would we have to rush to jump if -- if they just so happen to get around to approving something that this body approved a while back? I mean why -- what would be the need of a special-called meeting?

Chairman Scott said, because at our scheduled meeting, we've had an indication that a number of Commissioners have a conflict, and if that's the case, then we'll have a called meeting to approve it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh.

County Manager Smith said, we have three or four that appear may be out on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no one polled me about that, so, was that just right then?

Chairman Scott said, I think -- I think --

County Manager Smith said, well, no, we just at the last meeting, several said. We haven't really polled, just three or four have come to us and said, we're not going to be there.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, so we have not polled anybody yet. He just said the Clerk would call.

Chairman Scott said, what -- what we're saying is individual members of the Commission have shared with the Chairman or the Manager that they will not be in attendance at the meeting 28<sup>th</sup>, and -- and in that case, it may dictate calling a special-called meeting.

Commissioner Brady said, I'll try not to break a bone.

County Manager Smith said, don't break anything else.

Chairman Scott said, but we -- we don't know that we're going to have one yet.

County Manager Smith said, no.

Chairman Scott said, it -- it will depend on --

County Manager Smith said, what action they take.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I sure wouldn't hold my breath waiting on them to approve something.

Commissioner Thomas said, be positive.

Chairman Scott said, and it -- it won't be scheduled on your birthday, Commissioner, 'cause you've already had that yesterday.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman for acknowledging.

Commissioner Center said, and hopefully you'll have another one.

County Manager Smith said, and we don't want to wait till next year.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further questions of the Manager? Anything further you want to share, Mr. Manager?

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#### **4. SELECT DATE FOR COMMISSIONERS' WORKSHOP.**

County Manager Smith said, the only other item was -- is we have -- in talking with the staff late yesterday, we

are targeting September 3<sup>rd</sup> for the workshop because of a number being out the last week. Some leave early, you've got different conferences and things you're going to and some vacations, so we were looking at Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. So if you could look at calendars, and we're going to poll in the next -- say by Monday afternoon, and this is for -- from -- we're looking at going to Armstrong for the meeting from 9:00 to 2:00. We'll be addressing right now the items are EMS, issues about blighted properties ordinance, obviously an update on SCMPD, some other issues, public works, state routes, some changes there. We may also be able to give you some updates on water, just depends on where we are, and also on Cease Fire. We're trying to get those folks 'cause there was some interest about that, when they're in town, so I'm trying to work around their schedule, when they would be here, and that might work. So we will have about six items that we wanted to address. Plus, we would like to start, we had a -- a team meeting yesterday, we really want to get the Board kind of moving as far as your objectives for budget for next year. I know you just adopted it, but I tell everybody budget starts July 1<sup>st</sup>. So I'm really looking to get your objectives for the next year, two years, five years, so we can begin working on budget. I -- I don't like starting the budget and then coming to you saying, okay, what are your objectives when I'm half way through. I think we need to talk earlier.

Commissioner Thomas said, right. I agree.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, what -- what is Cease Fire?

County Manager Smith said, Cease Fire used -- a group -- we had several from the county, they went to New York, I believe --

Chairman Scott said, and -- and -- and Cease Fire, Mr. Manager, is also supposed to be on that agenda.

County Manager Smith said, yes. Yeah. That's the one I said, Cease Fire is supposed to -- they're supposed to be here.

Commissioner Center said, okay. 'Cause it made me think, will we ever get a report from Assistant Manager Kaigler about the trip to New York where they -- I -- I know it's --

County Manager Smith said, well that's part of what this is.

Commissioner Center said, that's part of this?

Chairman Scott said, it will be talked about on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

County Manager Smith said, they're going to be doing that in the workshop.

Commissioner Center said, okay. They're going to be doing that?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, and how it applies.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, that's all I have.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Center said, executive session? Executive session?

Chairman Scott said, yeah. We need an executive session for legal and personnel and real estate.

County Attorney Hart said, land -- land -- possible land acquisition.

Commissioner Stone said, and appointments. Appointments.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Then I move we recess to executive session -- is it okay -- you ready for a motion? Okay. I move we recess to executive session for the purpose of real estate, litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, appointments.

Commissioner Center said, that's personnel.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. The unreadiness, we will be considering appointing -- appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any further unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. We are -- we will move into executive session.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

The Board recessed at approximately 10:54 a.m.

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**ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

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2. **APPOINTMENTS  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to appoint Chip Kreps to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Kreps' term is set to expire August 1, 2020. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to appoint James Coursey to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Coursey's term is set to expire August 1, 2020. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Scott did not vote; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote. ]

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF AUGUST, 2015.

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ALBERT J. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY,  
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JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION