

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 9:28 a.m. on Friday, August 28, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, good morning. Welcome. Please be seated. I'll ask that you be seated until such time that Dr. Gregory has completed his message and have indicated it's time to pray, and at that time, if you would re-stand and remain standing for prayer, and we will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Farrell of the 4th District, and please stand through the Pledge of Allegiance.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, it's -- it's really a pleasure to have with us today a -- a friend. He's served in the United States Navy. He's a veteran. He's a product of the public schools here in Savannah. In fact, he went to Savannah High, Savannah State University, and what -- what I was impressed when I was chatting with him, he's been married for 41 years to the same person. That's a -- that's a long time, and -- his high school sweetheart in fact, but -- and some of you may know him from the fact that he used to work at the Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Center. He was the director of operations for that facility, and he's currently, in addition to being a minister of the gospel, he's also an administrator for a personal care home, and it's a family-owned business that he and his wife are committed to and -- and so he -- he does work, just not in the church, but outside the church, and he's a person who takes pastoring a 24/7, seven days a week endeavor, and he's been at the -- at the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church of Savannah for 15 years, and he said to me, he says, it was his motto that we need to strengthen ourselves so that we can strengthen others.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, and at this time, please join me in welcoming Dr. Ronald B. Gregory of Savannah to lead us in our devotion this morning. Doctor, it's a pleasure to have you here.

Pastor Ronald B. Gregory said, good morning.

Commissioner Thomas said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Pastor Gregory said, Chairman Scott and his Council members and to all of you who are gathered here this morning, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. I come to you this morning not as a politician but as a preacher. I come to you to just inform you for a few moments that God is yes still alive, and he's still in his blessing business. It is no great surprise of the events that has occurred not just within our cities, but throughout these United States and the world, and it appears that things are going totally wrong, total chaos. Some of us will ask the question well where is God, and God will probably answer to you and say I'm in the same place where I was when my Son was crucified and beaten and died on the hill. I'm still in heaven, still giving out grace and mercy. And I believe that a lot of the stuff that is going on today will not be resolved until we pull ourselves into relationships again. We find ourselves squabbling and arguing about laws, not taking consideration about what God wanted for us, and he wanted relationship. The Bible teaches that throughout the text and the Book.

Pastor Gregory said, the Bible says that everything that God did was perfect. He began to have order. He created order. Later we find out in the Bible that there was total chaos. But the one thing that we must pay close -- close attention to in the Bible is that when God created relationship between man and wife, that's when the blessings started, and I believe that we should begin a new revelation, a new era of forming relationships in our lives. Let me give you this quick analogy of something that Jesus talked about. Jesus Christ talked -- told a story once about the prodigal son. When we hear that story many times we -- we place so much -- we pay so much attention to the rude son and the selfish son, but Jesus was really putting emphasis on the father because that father cared about relationship.

Pastor Gregory said, Jesus said this, he said there was -- there -- one day a young man came to his father and said look, dad, give me what I'm going to have when you die, and the Bible said that the father did not argue with this son, but he gave this son what he asked for. Now, technically, when you study that text, you -- you will learn something that that father could at that particular time had that son killed because the son was disrespectful. He could have taken him out in the square and had him stoned, but he didn't. Jesus said that

the father gave the little boy what he -- the little man what he wanted, and he took that money and he went to spend wisely -- not wisely but widely. Let's just say he went to Atlanta, and he began to just spend up money buying expensive cars, going to clubs night after night, and all of the sudden, he ran out of money. He ran out of money. Now, because of what his father had installed in him, and I believe this is where we go wrong in our live -- homes is that we don't install the word of God in our children anymore.

Commissioner Thomas said, yep.

Pastor Gregory said, because now if you really look at it the Bible says that when that son ran out of money, he went to work. He did not beg but he went to work. So that indicates that this father installed in both of his boys the book of Proverb, train up a child in such a way that when -- that when he grow old he will not depart from it. This boy had the ethics of work in him because he went to work. Even though he had to find a job that was not of his culture, he worked, and I believe that we must form relationships in our lives, father's must begin to control their homes, begin to train up their children with a code ethic of working. Because the Bible said even as this young man worked, he did things that was not of his culture. No one gave him anything, and when you read that verse, you will find that -- the Bible says that and when no one gave him anything, he came to his right mind.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Pastor Gregory said, isn't it funny that -- how the government has set itself up to give people things, give people things. Don't teach anybody anything, but just give people things. But when you don't give them, they have to resort on what -- to what they was taught, and I believe all of us in this room, we have had parents who taught us about -- about -- about giving, how to love one another, and we need to go back to those principles. And so the Bible said that when that little -- that when that young man came to himself, he said, look, I got a daddy that have everything. I'm not going to go back to him as a son, but I'm going to go back to him as a servant -- as a servant, but the Bible said, as he went back to his daddy, his daddy saw him, and his daddy ran to him and kissed him on his neck and said, son, you was lost, but now you're found. You were blind but now you see. And the Bible says that the father told his servant, go out -- go out -- go out there and get a -- a -- a -- a ring and a pair of shoes to put on my son.

Pastor Gregory said, now these are the three things that we must look at. The ring represent eternity, and our relationship, like in a marriage, when we give our wives these ring, that ring never ends. We must install in our children that -- that they are connected to us forever. That there's an agreement. That they're connected to us forever. The robe represent that all father's should cover their houses and their children. They're the protectors, they are the priests, they are the providers. And the shoes that he gave his son was for direction, and this is what father's need to do, give our children direction.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Pastor Gregory said, so I say to the Commissioners today, what we need to take into considerate -- consideration that our heavenly father loves us. We are his children. He wants the best for us, but he said in order for this to happen, to occur, he said we must begin to form relationship. In the Word, in II Chronicles, he said, if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, seek my face, turn from their wicked ways, the Bible says, then I will come in, and I will heal the land. We're just trying to do too much. We should leave it up to the Lord to heal our land. And so saying, I just say to this Council, thank you for the privilege of allowing me for these few moments, and to leave you with this: relationship is far better than laws we try to sit down here and create. Just try to form a relationship of love. And through the -- through that word love, you will be surprised what you'll be able -- what you'll be able to accomplish. God bless. Let us stand for a word of prayer.

Pastor Gregory gave the invocation as follows:

Father God, in the name of Jesus, as we come on this morning that you have allowed us to rise, it was not because of our alarm clocks or because of our ideas or our thoughts that we were able to do it on our own, but because of your grace and mercy, God, you blessed us this morning. And now as we come together to take care of the affairs of this great city, God, place in the hearts and minds of the men and women who are gathered here today that they are not doing it for selfish reasons, but they are doing it -- they are doing it for the purpose of the people. That relationships may be formed through this process. Bless this Commissioner, God. Bless this awaiting people who are gathered here today. Give them a mind and a -- a heart of peace. We ask these and all of the blessings in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Pastor Gregory said, God bless you.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott presented Pastor Gregory with a Certificate of Appreciation for his devotion and invocation.

Pastor Gregory said, God bless you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, before the pastor leaves.

Chairman Scott said, pastor, before you -- you leave.

Commissioner Thomas said, may I --

Commissioner Shabazz said, come back.

Commissioner Thomas said, may I have words, please?

Pastor Gregory said, yes, ma'am.

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair would like to make a comment.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission. Pastor, thank you so much for your gracious words and wisdom. What you have just shared with us this morning reflects back on my own personal life as I was raised by my grandmother, and the words that were spoken by you this morning, I have heard those words over and over and over again throughout my lifetime. As a public official, and as an individual, I have tried to the best of my ability to work with young people in particular, to work with families and try to remind them of the things that you just shared with us again this morning. Building relationships are so important. Partnerships, reaching out. Everything begins really in the home. It starts in the home. If we could ever get parents to understand that everything that's being resonated today starts in the home, and so if we can get others to share the same kinds of concepts that you are sharing with us this morning all throughout Savannah and throughout this nation, I think that we will make a great impact. We must make a difference in the lives of our young people in particular. There are too many of them losing their lives every day, every day. So may God bless you. Continue to share the words of wisdom and hopefully that we will see a change somewhere in the near future.

Pastor Gregory said, God bless you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you so very much.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell of the 4th District has a comment.

Commissioner Farrell said, Pastor Gregory, thank you for coming today. Very inspirational message you had for all of us, especially in our community. At -- I -- I appreciate what -- what you have to say, and I certainly hope that your message goes viral in our community, and it's -- goes to each and every household because the words you spoke are very basic but have a profound way of affecting the way people interact with each other.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, and solve their problems, and we could have a much more peaceful community and a much more productive community if we could get that message to every household in Chatham County and throughout this country, and for that, I thank you and think you're spot on with your comments and your -- your presentation, and I thank you.

Pastor Gregory said, God bless you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much. Really appreciate it, doctor.

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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
 James J. Holmes, District Two

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

Not Present: Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One
 Tony Center, District Three

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, may I make a motion?

Commissioner Shabazz said, she hasn't finished calling.

Commissioner Brady said, oh, she's finished, isn't she?

Commissioner Shabazz said, she didn't call Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Brady said, she calls her because she's Vice Chair.

Chairman Scott said, what is your motion?

Commissioner Brady said, my motion is that the Commission excuse Commissioner Center from the meeting today.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Second.

Chairman Scott said, moved and second. All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Thomas said, where's Helen?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll -- I'll make a motion to excuse --

Commissioner Brady said, she's on vacation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize -- well, let's carry this motion first, and then I recognize Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th District for a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'd like to make a motion to excuse Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, hearing the motion, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Brady moved to excuse Commissioner Center from the Commission meeting. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to excuse Commissioner Stone from the Commission meeting. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION OF ROBERT PERSSE AS THE NEW CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER, EASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'm -- we have a special guest, and I'm going to invite him up. This is Mr.

Robert Persse, who is the new circuit Public Defender for the Eastern Judicial Circuit. Mr. Manager, you wanted to say anything before --

County Manager Lee Smith said, no, we -- I appreciate having the Public Defender here today. I know he's been on the job, what, a week and a half, two weeks?

Mr. Robert Persse, Public Defender, said, about a week and a half, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. So he's getting his feet wet quick. We've had -- he's -- he's coming to -- and I appreciate his first week here attending our weekly meeting, which is great to have the Public Defender's office represented, and we look forward to working with him. As we know, we've got a lot of changes coming. I know we represented some ideas on indigent defense that we're looking forward to working with the Public Defender's office and being more effective with that. So thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and for those of you who do not know our Public Defender, he's -- he grew up in Savannah, although he's been working for a number of years down in Bulloch County in Statesboro in -- in that circuit, and now he's sort of back home, if you would, and it's really a -- a pleasure to have him here, and I'm looking forward just excellent things from him.

Mr. Persse said, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for having me this morning. I'm grateful for the opportunity to return to Savannah and particularly honored to return to my hometown in this position that I think is so important to the criminal justice system. I look forward to working with the County Attorney's office, with the County Manager's office, and every one of you, and I pledge to you 100 percent of my mind, body and spirit to making sure that the Public Defender's office in Savannah is the best in the State and demonstrates professionalism and excellence. Having said that, I also recognize that Pastor Gregory is impossible to follow in any form. I'm grateful to be here. I take this position very seriously. And I'm very impressed with Commissioner Shabazz's choice of necktie.

Commissioner Shabazz said, my sentiments exactly.

Mr. Persse said, well, mine's --

Commissioner Farrell said, twins.

Mr. Persse said, that's right. Mine is maroon and grey because our Benedictine Cadets are number one in the State and I intend to enjoy that. Thank you very much Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Chairman Scott said, okay. We -- you probably have some comments and questions before you get away, and we'll recognize at this time our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas of the 8th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission. I just want to echo the words of greetings. I had a moment to just briefly introduce myself --

Mr. Persse said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- before coming in here, and I want you to know that we're looking forward to a great professional relationship as we deal with the circumstances of that office. I also want to welcome you as a partner. We formed a partnership last year with the Public Defender's office through the Chatham County Summer Bonanza program, which are children and youth, as well as the Chatham County Youth Commission. We would like to continue that partnership and see if we can continue to make a difference in the lives of these young people and others that you serve as well.

Mr. Persse said, everyone in our office, including me, looks forward to continuing to work with every member of this Commission and to make sure that that relationship is strong on both ends.

Commissioner Thomas said, great, and we welcome you.

Mr. Persse said, thank you, ma'am.

Chairman Scott said, again, thank you so much. There are no further comments. County Attorney, do you have anything, Jon?

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, no. I -- I knew him before he took a job somewhere else, and I know him now, and he's well qualified for the job, well thought of in the profession, and I -- and has the ability to operate a -- an organization of this size and the case load of this size. So I -- I think this is going to be -- we're lucky. That's all I can say.

Mr. Persse said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

Mr. Persse said, thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, we don't have any Chairman item.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, or Commissioner's items.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Scott said, and there are no tabled items for -- for reconsideration.

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IX. ITEMS FOR *INDIVIDUAL* ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: (1) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND a) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$71,880 FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO THE CHATHAM-SAVANNAH VETERANS TREATMENT COURT, b) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$274,848 FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY DRUG COURT; c) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$72,000 FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO THE CHATHAM-SAVANNAH MENTAL HEALTH COURT, d) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$220,100 FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM, (2) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND APPROPRIATE \$63,053 FUND BALANCE AND INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$63,053 FOR THE HUTCHINSON ISLAND ON-RAMP REPAIR PROJECT, (3) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND APPROPRIATE \$63,366 TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM (CNT); (4) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O TRANSFER \$28,940 FROM CONTINGENCY TO TRANSFER OUT TO SSD, and (5) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SSD): a) INCREASE REVENUES \$28,940 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND M&O, and b) INCREASE THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET \$28,940 FOR A METER AND BACKFLOW INSTALLATION AT THE THUNDERBOLT LIBRARY.**

Chairman Scott said, so at this point we'll move on to our Action Calendar. The first set of items on our Action Calendar, number one is to request the approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures by 71,000 --

Commissioner Shabazz said, excuse me, Chairman. That's Action Calendar or which one is that?

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Brady said, Items for Individual Action.

Chairman Scott said, Individual -- Individual Action --

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, items.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Again, we'll start over, to request the approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures by \$71,880 for a Grant awarded to the Chatham-Savannah Veterans Treatment Court, and b) increase revenues and expenditures by \$274,848 for a Grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court; and c) increase revenues and expenditures by 72,000 for a Grant awarded to the Chatham-Savannah Mental Health Court, and increase revenues and expenditures by \$220,100 for a Grant awarded to the Chatham County District Attorney's Violence Intervention Program; and (2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund appropriate \$63,053 Fund Balance and increase expenditures by \$63,053 for the Hutchinson Island On-Ramp Repair Project; and in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$63,366 to the Counter Narcotics Team; (4) in the General Fund M&O Transfer \$28,940 from the Contingency to Transfer Out to the SSD Fund; and (5) in the Special Service District (SSD): increase revenues by \$28,940 transferred in from General Fund M&O, and b) increase the Public Works Budget by \$28,940 for a meter and backflow installation at the Thunderbolt Library.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) in the Multiple Grant Fund a) increase revenues and expenditures \$71,880 for a Grant awarded to the Chatham-Savannah Veterans Treatment Court, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$274,848 for a Grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court; c) increase revenues and expenditures \$72,000 for a Grant awarded to the Chatham-Savannah Mental Health Court, d) increase revenues and expenditures \$220,100 for a Grant awarded to the Chatham County District Attorney's Violence Intervention Program, (2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund appropriate \$63,053 Fund Balance and increase expenditures \$63,053 for the Hutchinson Island On-Ramp Repair Project, (3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$63,366 to the Counter Narcotics Team (CNT); (4) in the General Fund M&O Transfer \$28,940 from Contingency to Transfer Out to SSD, and (5) in the Special Service District (SSD): a) increase revenues \$28,940 Transfer in from General Fund M&O, and b) increase the Public Works Budget \$28,940 for a meter and backflow installation at the Thunderbolt Library. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Center were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 28, 2015

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

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) in the Multiple Grant Fund a) increase revenues and expenditures \$71,880 for a Grant awarded to the Chatham-Savannah Veterans Treatment Court, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$274,848 for a Grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court; c) increase revenues and expenditures \$72,000 for a Grant awarded to the Chatham-Savannah Mental Health Court, d) increase revenues and expenditures \$220,100 for a Grant awarded to the Chatham County District Attorney's Violence Intervention Program, (2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund appropriate \$63,053 Fund Balance and increase expenditures \$63,053 for the Hutchinson Island On-Ramp Repair Project, (3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$63,366 to the Counter Narcotics Team (CNT); (4) in the General Fund M&O Transfer \$28,940 from Contingency to Transfer Out to SSD, and (5) in the Special Service District (SSD): a) increase revenues \$28,940 Transfer in from General Fund M&O, and b) increase the Public Works Budget \$28,940 for a meter and backflow installation at the Thunderbolt Library.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1a. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has awarded a \$71,880 grant to the Chatham-Savannah Veterans Court. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1b. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has awarded a \$274,848 grant to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1c. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has awarded a \$72,000 grant to the Chatham-Savannah Mental Health Court. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

- 1d. The Department of Health and Human Services has awarded a \$220,100 grant to the Chatham County District Attorney's Violence Intervention Program. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Hutchinson Island on-ramp is in need of emergency repairs. A \$63,053 appropriation of FY2015 CIP fund balance will provide the funds needed for the repairs. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested a confiscated funds appropriation of \$63,366 for the purchase of three PEN-LINK Intercept Networks. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 4-5. Funds needed for a meter and backflow installation at the Live Oak Library in Thunderbolt. The Public Works Director received a quote of \$28,940 to complete the work. A General Fund M&O contingency transfer to the Public Works budget is requested. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

The budget amendment establishes funds in the Multiple Grant, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the Confiscated Revenue, and the Special Service District Funds. Funds are available in the General Fund M&O for the transfer.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$71,880 for a grant awarded to the Chatham-Savannah Veterans Treatment Court.
- b) Increase revenues and expenditures \$274,848 for a grant awarded to the Chatham-Savannah Drug Court.
- c) Increase revenues and expenditures \$72,000 for a grant awarded to the Chatham-Savannah Mental Health Court.
- d) Increase revenues and expenditures \$220,100 for a grant awarded to the Chatham County District Attorney's Violence Intervention Program.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Appropriate \$63,053 fund balance and establish the Hutchinson Island On-Ramp Repair project.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND

Appropriate \$63,366 to the Counter Narcotics Team for network upgrades.

GENERAL FUND M&O

Transfer \$28,940 from contingency to Transfer Out to SSD.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

- a) Increase Revenues \$28,940 Transfer in from General Fund M&O.
- b) Increase Public Works budget \$28,940 for a meter and backflow installation at the Live Oak Library in Thunderbolt.

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 REVISED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR INSPECTION SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND, GEORGIA.

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 for Individual Action is to request Board approval of revised Intergovernmental Agreement for inspection service rates with the City of Tybee Island, Georgia. Mr. Manager, you want to speak on that?

County Manager Smith said, I can. We -- I had discussions --

Chairman Scott said, we also have Mr. Anderson --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, -- is in the audience as well.

County Manager Smith said, Mr. Anderson's here. I've been working with Building Safety and with Diane [Schleicher] at the City of Tybee. We've talked about the services we offer, three or four days of service. I think we're, Gregori [Anderson], at about 20, 25 hours a week.

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

County Manager Smith said, and what we've done is -- is -- and we're talking to other municipalities about our sharing inspectors. We're seeing our inspections go up, which is great. That means that the economy is moving a little. Not a lot, but it's moving a little. This enabled us to keep staff, but what we've done is fully costed out at \$37.50 an hour, full cost. We used to basically subsidize that and for a municipality, and Diane [Schleicher] agreed and the other municipalities agree, that needs to be a full cost share. If they're using per hour, they need to pay for part of the car, benefits and the salary of the person. So we're getting the full cost back of the 25 hours, and then we get the remaining 15, Gregori, is that correct?

Mr. Anderson said, that's correct.

County Manager Smith said, so, Gregori, helped put this together with Diane, and Gregori you might want to mention, kind of, it takes, what? Nine months to a year to get someone geared up inspections and hired unless you're able to find somebody with level threes. That's very hard. So anyway, Gregori might want to mention some other details. But I appreciate his working on this and -- and Tybee. It's a great relationship.

Mr. Anderson said, our relationship with Tybee goes back to 1996, so we've been doing services out there for many, many years, and the Manager is correct it's -- it's difficult to find talented and -- and certified inspectors in this day and age, so we have to bring them in, train them and get them certified through -- through a process, and that process usually takes anywhere from six to twelve months. So we have a young man who was recently onboard who is going through that process now that -- that provides that service to Tybee every day. So we have an inspector that's on Tybee every single day as far as that service. So, and things are moving at Tybee. Things are -- things are booming at Tybee so -- so we have plenty to do. So we're thankful for that.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Is there any questions? Okay. I recognize the Commissioner Pat Farrell of the 4th District for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'll make a motion that we approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Tybee.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the revised Intergovernmental Agreement for inspection services with the City of Tybee Island, Georgia. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Center were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 28, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director, Building Safety and Regulatory Services

ISSUE:

Revised Intergovernmental Agreement for inspection services with the City of Tybee Island, Georgia.

BACKGROUND:

The Chatham County Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services has provided building inspection and plan review services to the City of Tybee Island since 1996. In 2009, the inspection services agreement was revised to reflect the rise in the cost of providing the service.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The proposed agreement reflects the revised rate that covers the current cost to provide the inspections and plan review service.

- 2. The City of Tybee Island City Manager has acknowledged the revised rate and has amended their budget accordingly.
- 3. The revised intergovernmental agreement has been reviewed for content by the County Attorney.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Approve intergovernmental agreement and revised rates.
- 2. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The intergovernmental services agreement is revised periodically to reflect the rising cost to provide the inspections and plan review service. The proposed agreement identifies the change in cost from the 2009 agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative #1, approve the agreement.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
 COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

INSPECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Intergovernmental Agreement, entered into this _____ day of _____, 2015, by and between the **City of Tybee Island**, hereinafter the "City", and **Chatham County**, hereafter the "County."

WHEREAS, the City is in need of qualified inspector(s) to inspect matters relating to the administration, plans review, and enforcement of its several construction codes in the City and enforcement of certain provisions of the Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the County is providing an essential government function on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the inspector(s) of the County Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department are qualified to make such inspections, review construction plans, and administer the City's building, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, gas, fire code, flood damage control, and Land Development Code according to the attached scope of work.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual benefits flowing from one party to the other, it is hereby agreed as follows:

- (1) The City shall pay the County the sum of \$45,000.00 annually and the County shall provide its inspectors to make reasonable and necessary construction code and local ordinance inspections required by the City. The annual sum will provide the City with ninety-two (92) hours per month will be billed at an hourly rate.
- (2) The County shall keep appropriate records of the number of hours of inspection services rendered to the City on a quarterly basis. The City agrees to pay the County Finance Department \$3,750.00 per month plus \$37.50 per hour for time in excess of ninety-two (92) hours per month. Payment for services will be made by the City within thirty (30) days from receipt of the County's invoice.
- (3) The County will undertake to provide a part-time inspector to make reasonable efforts to perform services requested by the City, but limited to those services outlined in the agreement and attached scope of work. The County inspector in its inspection are solely for the benefit of the City to assist in code compliance and the services are not intended to be relied upon by a third party not part of this agreement. The County does not issue any express or implied representation or warranty to the City of any third party as to the performance of services under this agreement. The County does not issue any express or implied representation or warranty to the City of any third part as to the performance of services under this agreement. The County or City does not waive sovereign immunity, and all actions or services provided hereunder require skill and judgment, the interpretation of codes and no action or omission to act shall be deemed or constructed to be ministerial in nature.
- (4) The City agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its Commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens, and judgments of whatever nature, including claims for contribution and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death of any person or persons or damages to the property or the rights of any person or persons caused by the County while engaged in the performance of providing inspection services to the City.
- (5) The agreement shall be an annual agreement which shall automatically continue from year to year unless terminated after a written notice of not less than thirty (30) days before the annual renewal date. In the

event that an adjustment(s) to this agreement is desired by either party during the annual thirty (30) day renewal period, such adjustment shall be mutually agreed upon and the agreement revised or amended and approved and signed by the appropriate authorities for each party.

Either party may terminate this agreement as a matter of convenience at any time during the year after a written notice of the proposed termination of not less than sixty (60) days prior to the proposed termination date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first written above.

This agreement becomes effective the _____ day of _____, 2015.

CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND

Jason Buelterman, Mayor

Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

Approved as to Form and Legality

Albert J. Scott, Chairman, Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Attorney-at-law

Janice E. Bocook, Chatham County Clerk

[SEAL]



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SCOPE OF WORK

Code and Ordinance Enforcement
Services for the City of Tybee Island
(Revised August 2015)

SCOPE

- Provide a physical presence in the Tybee Island Planning and Zoning Department and conduct field inspections.
- Building construction document and drawing plan review for compliance to the State construction and fire codes and to City of Tybee Island development ordinances and State amendments.
- Construction site inspections for compliance to the State construction and fire codes, Tybee Island building and flood damage control ordinances.
- Sign-off on all inspections, flood damage control inspections and Certificates of Occupancy.
- Site inspections for compliance to the City of Tybee Island Land Development Code.

FEES

Base Annual Rate: \$45,000.00
Includes: Twenty-three (23) hours/week
Time in excess of ninety-two (92) hours/month will be billed at an hourly rate of \$37.50.

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Scott said, now we're on the Action Calendar, and we didn't have any indication from anyone in the pre-meeting of anything they wanted to vote on separately. So at this time I'll entertain a motion to approve of the Action Calendar as presented by staff.

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

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 4 and under Item 4 Items A through E. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Center were not present.]

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

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- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2015, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Center were not present.]

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- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 6, 2015 THROUGH AUGUST 19, 2015.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of August 6, 2015 through August 19, 2015, in the amount of \$11,878,502. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Center were not present.]

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- 3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE RENEWAL OF FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH FOR THE VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM/YOUTH INTERCEPT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ITS SUBSEQUENT AWARD. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved for approval for the renewal of federal grant application from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health for the Violence Intervention Program/Youth Intercept Program and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant application and its subsequent award. Commissioner

Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Center were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 28, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Sheryl Sams, Program Director

ISSUE:

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

FUNDING:

No additional County funds are required.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approves Alternative 1.

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4. **REQUEST 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 Brady 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. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Center were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4 A-E

AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 28, 2015

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: LINDA CRAMER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$59,649 annual renewal for Cisco Smartnet maintenance and support for all hardware and software for the Cisco network equipment from Cisco Systems Capital Corporation for the I.C.S. Department.

BACKGROUND: The entire County network operates on a Cisco Network and this support is essential to ensure functioning network operations. This maintenance provides hardware and software support, upgrades and replacements for one year for our Cisco equipment. The support is supplied directly from Cisco Systems Capital Corporation but through Entre Solutions, a local authorised Cisco Partner. This contract provides 24 x 7 tech support 365 days a year. It gives advance hardware replacement for any equipment 24 x 7, advanced software configuration, interoperability and upgrade questions via tech support and hardware and software information

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The price offered by Cisco Systems Capital Corporation through Entre Solutions, a local MBE firm, is based on a three (3) year agreement from 2013. This price has increased from \$54,036 due to the additional Cisco 6506 Network Switch.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$59,649 for Smartnet maintenance on all the Cisco equipment to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$59,649 annual renewal for Cisco Smartnet maintenance and support for all hardware and software for the Cisco network equipment from Cisco Systems Capital Corporation for the I.C.S. Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary computer equipment system support for hardware and software for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of a \$14,345 purchase order to Boan Mechanical for the emergency repairs for the Mosquito Control administration building HVAC system.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Mosquito Control facility sustained damage during a thunderstorm in July 2015. Electrical components of the fire alarm system, security gates and HVAC unit in the Administration building suffered damage. One (1) of the two (2) compressors for the air conditioning unit experienced a power surge that cause it to fail, leaving the 30 ton unit with only one (1) working compressor. Since the HVAC unit had only one (1) working compressor, the increased load on that compressor severely shortened its life and it soon failed, leaving the building without a working air conditioning unit.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The air conditioning unit is a 30 ton, dual compressor, typhoon HVAC unit designed to bring both compressors online during heavy loads. With one (1) compressor not working, the other compressor had to take the load to cool the entire building and failed within one (1) week.
2. Anticipating the need for replacement of both compressors, quotes were requested from three (3) authorized service companies. Their quotes are as follows:

Boan Mechanical Savannah, GA	\$14,345
A.S.R.S., Inc. Savannah, GA	\$15,817
Southeastern Air Conditioning Co., Inc. Garden City, GA	No Response

3. Staff requested and received emergency approval from the Chairman on August 10, 2015 to repair the HVAC system. Staff now seeks confirmation of the emergency request as stated in the emergency approval letter on page 3.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
(1005144 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of a \$14,345 purchase order to Boan Mechanical for the emergency repairs for the Mosquito Control administration building HVAC system.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to confirm emergency approvals.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$9,600 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to Sparkling Cleaning Service to provide janitorial services for the Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center.

BACKGROUND: Janitorial contracts have proven to be more cost effective than hiring personnel to perform the service "in-house." This contract provides the Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center with daily janitorial service.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Specifications established work schedule, hours to be worked, out of scope service requirements and minimum qualification criteria.
2. A pre-bid conference was conducted. Following this conference, staff accompanied bidders on a walk through of the site.
3. An Invitation to Bid was publicly advertised and opened on August 2, 2015. Responses are as follows:

*	Sparkling Cleaning Service Savannah, GA	\$9,600
*	Clarks Cleaning, LLC Savannah, GA	\$10,560
*	CKC Enterprises Savannah, GA	\$12,192
*	ENIA Cleaning Services Savannah, GA	\$12,995
**	RW Cleaning Services Savannah, GA	\$13,800
	Goodwill of the Coastal Empire, LLC Savannah, GA	\$14,160
**	Right Solutions Janitorial Services Savannah, GA	\$15,600
**	Imagann Cleaning Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$22,470

* MBE

** WBE

4. Staff reviewed the bids and believes the low bid from Sparkling Cleaning Service to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O-Weightlifting Center
(1006130 - 52.21301)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$9,600 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to Sparkling Cleaning Service to provide janitorial services for the Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation for the \$63,053 emergency procurement for drainage repairs to the Hutchinson Island on-ramp with T.I.C. - The Industrial Company.

BACKGROUND: The on-ramp for access to US 17 southbound from Hutchinson Island is experiencing significant stormwater erosion of the backslopes. The washouts have undermined the shoulder in two (2) locations, and failure to repair these washouts quickly will result in undermining of the travel lanes.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff obtained two (2) quotes for the proposed work. Bly, Bly, Pittman proposed to repair the washouts for \$86,575 and T.I.C. proposed to repair the washouts for \$63,053. Staff believes the estimate from T.I.C. is fair and reasonable for the proposed work.
2. The proposed improvements include removal of the existing, deteriorated asphalt curbing and replacing it with 10-inch concrete curb. Four (4) new stormwater inlets will be constructed with 18-inch HDPE slope drain pipe and will include filter fabric and rip-rap to convey the water down the backslopes.
3. Staff requested and received emergency approval from the Chairman on August 13, 2015 to repair the Hutchinson Island on-ramp. Staff now seeks confirmation of the emergency request as stated in the emergency approval letter on page 7.

FUNDING: CIP - Highways, Roads, and Streets
(3501575 - 54.14001 - 35050727) (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation for the \$63,053 emergency procurement for drainage repairs to the Hutchinson Island on-ramp with T.I.C. - The Industrial Company.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to confirm emergency approvals.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Amendment No. 1 to extend on a month to month basis, the annual contract with Staffing Companies, Inc., to provide temporary labor service for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: On June 25, 2010, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to Staffing Companies, Inc. to provide temporary labor service.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. 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.
2. The Purchasing Director previously granted a 90-day extension of the contract.
3. This extension will allow the County to complete the solicitation process and the continuation of services.
4. Staffing Companies, Inc., has agreed to continue this service with all terms and conditions of the contract remaining the same.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Amendment No. 1 to extend on a month to month basis, the annual contract with Staffing Companies, Inc., to provide temporary labor service for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to extend essential service contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

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, we have no First Readers.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Chairman Scott said, and on the Second Readers, we've been asked to postpone activity, and I would like to at this point have a motion to postpone further action indefinite on -- on the following items.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so moved as stated by the Chairman.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we postpone Second Readings by the Petitioners, Harold Yellin, agent for the Petitioner, indefinite. 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 Kicklighter moved to postpone further action on the Second Readings indefinitely. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Center were not present.]

Note: At the July 31, 2015 meeting, the petitioner requested the Second Readings for Items XII-1 and XII-2 be delayed until the Board meeting on August 28, 2015.

Note: Attorney Harold Yellin, agent for the petitioner, has requested items XII-1 and XII-2 be withdrawn from consideration and removed from the agenda. Letter dated August 25, 2015, is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

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

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

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, what we have on the remainder of the agenda is informational items.

- 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 28, 2015

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Two (2) ice makers with warranty	Detention Center	Savannah Restaurant Equipment	\$8,425	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Notar pitch bearing for helicopter	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$5,785	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Office furniture	County Manager	VIP Printing & Office Supply	\$3,076	General Fund/M&O - County Manager
2016 AutoCAD software for Engineering	I.C.S.	DLT Solutions, LLC	\$3,900	SSD - County Engineering
Rental of diesel compressor for blasting during the Phase 2 construction project at the Detention Center	Detention Center	United Rentals, Inc.	\$2,596	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Out-of-state prisoner transport	Detention Center	U.S. Prisoner Transport	\$2,739	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Accident repair to unit #834 - Metro-law enforcement vehicle	Fleet Operations	Low Country Collision	\$3,393	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Non-contract passenger vehicle tires	Fleet Operations	S O S Radial Tire Service	\$3,804	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
August 2015 Tax Sale advertisements	Tax Commissioner	Shivers Trading/Operating Company	\$5,770	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Two (2) laptop computers for Sheriff's Dept.	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$2,891	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept.
Promotional items for "Drug Free"	Sheriff's Dept.	4Imprint, Inc.	\$4,199	50% Drug Surcharge Sheriff's
Mower tiller repair parts	Public Works and Park Services	STEC/Specialized Turf Equipment	\$3,037	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Automated vehicle locator system for Public Works and Park Services	Public Works and Park Services	CalAmp Radio Satellite Integrators	\$3,375	CIP - Public Works
25 tons of industrial grade sand	Mosquito Control	Standard Sand & Silica Company, Inc.	\$4,375	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control G
Mailing of pre-bills for month of August	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$6,466	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Removal and repair of 23'x12' damaged wall at the Recycling Center	Facilities Maintenance	Glovers Masonry	\$6,150	Solid Waste - Restricted
Promotional items for "Drug Free"	Sheriff's Dept.	Positive Promotions	\$3,983	50% Drug Surcharge Sheriff's

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS
AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 28, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County road projects.

BACKGROUND: Funding priorities for projects using Federal aid are established in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). For awarded construction contracts, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Jimmy Deloach Parkway Extension and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design is on-going. Right of way acquisition for both projects underway. Notice to Proceed with ROW acquisition issued October 3, 2014 for Extension project and notice to proceed with ROW acquisition issued March 12, 2015 for the Interchange project. Projects to be let together for construction by GDOT in Fiscal Year 2018.
2. Bay Street Widening. ROW acquisition complete. GDOT certified the ROW on April 1, 2015. Final plan complete and submitted to GDOT. Environmental re-evaluation underway. Staff anticipates GDOT letting a construction contract in 2015.
3. SR 307 Widening from US 17 to I-16. GDOT accepted for ownership and maintenance the section from I-16 south to Hardin Canal. Project from Hardin Canal south to US 17 is substantially complete and open to traffic. Corrective work is taking place.
4. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Design is underway on a high level bridge to replace the bascule bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway on Islands Expressway. Environmental document was approved on May 26, 2015. ROW authorization issued June 24, 2015. ROW acquisition underway.

5. SR 25 @ Pipemakers Canal. Staff is negotiating scope and fee with Moffatt & Nichol following the QBS process. Project will involve replacement of the existing structure. CORE MPO programmed M230 money for preliminary engineering in Fiscal Year 2016.
6. SR 21 @ Pipemakers Canal. Staff is negotiating scope and fee with Moffatt & Nichol following the QBS process. Project will involve adding addition capacity to existing crossing of Pipemakers Canal. CORE MPO programmed M230 money for preliminary engineering in Fiscal Year 2016.
7. Interstate 16 @ SR307. Lump sum operational and safety improvement project. Chatham County is sponsoring preliminary engineering and GDOT is funding right of way and construction. Need a project framework agreement between Chatham County and GDOT.
8. Local Roads under Construction.
 - a. Road Resurfacing.
 - a. Construction is substantially complete for 2.9 miles of road resurfacing to include Albert Road, Cottonvale Road, Dove Lane, Goldfinch Court, Lansing Avenue, Lions Gate Entrance, Raleigh Road and Springhouse Drive. Corrective work is underway.
 - b. Board approval of a contract award for road surfacing of 1.5 miles of roadway including Diana Drive, Michael Court, Bellview Drive, McLeod Street, West Fox Chase Road, Legacy Boulevard, Gamble Road, Adams Avenue, LaRoche Avenue and Pine Barren Road considered on June 26, 2015.
9. Local Road Projects under Design.
 - a. Benton Boulevard. Preliminary design underway. Project will extend two lanes of Benton Boulevard north from its existing terminus at Highlands Boulevard to State Route 30. Public Information Open House scheduled for May 5, 2015. Preliminary plans anticipated in October 2015.
 - b. Quacco Road. Board approved professional services engineering contract with Moffatt & Nichol on May 8, 2015. This phase will consider improvements from US 17 to the bridge crossing Interstate 95. Traffic counts and database preparation underway.
 - c. Skidaway Road. Project will provide improvements along Skidaway Road from Montgomery Cross Road to Ferguson Avenue. ROW plans are complete. Staff requested titles of impacted parcels to begin ROW acquisition. A property owners meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2015.
 - d. Hill Road. Dirt road paving project. ROW plans are under review and final design is underway. Relocation of City of Savannah waterline could delay construction.
 - e. Fairwind Road. Final plans to pave Fairwind Road within the existing right of way under review.
 - f. East White Hawthorne Drive Cul-de-sac. Construction plans are complete. Awaiting execution of contracts to issue notice to proceed with construction.
 - g. Bradley Point Sidewalk Improvements. Concept development complete. Public meeting held March 3, 2015. Preliminary plans and environmental permitting underway for the preferred alternative based on comments in support of the alternative received from the March 3rd meeting.
 - h. Canebrake Road Improvement Project. Preliminary design underway. Design includes an extension of the Coastal Georgia Greenway on the southside of Canebrake Road, a 5-ft sidewalk on the northside of Canebrake Road and pavement widening to provide two 11-ft travel lanes. Utility coordination is underway.
 - i. Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase 2-A. Revised concept development underway. Project kick-off and coordination meeting held on July 8, 2015. Staff anticipates completion of concept development in October 2015, with a Public Information Open House to be held November 2015.
 - j. Crisp and Fisher Street Improvements. Dirt road paving project. Preliminary design is underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 28, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County drainage projects.

BACKGROUND: For awarded construction contracts, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates. For projects pending environmental permits, start dates are best estimates. Project scopes include varying degrees of canal widening, bank stabilization, bridges and culverts.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Ashley Road Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve a drainage system from the Ashley Road cul-de-sac. Design work is underway.
2. Gateway-Henderson Drainage Improvements. The project will improve portions of the drainage system in the northeast quadrant of I-95 and SR 204. The project includes construction of maintenance access and drainage improvements. Design work is underway.
3. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work, permitting, and acquisitions are underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road.
4. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the canal. Design of improvements along the Marshall Branch Canal is underway and includes construction of maintenance access and culvert replacements. All permits have been received, and property acquisition is nearing completion. The project is out to bid.
5. Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide access for maintenance for the Remington Canal from Ferguson Road to the outfall at Moon River. The outfall passes through the Winterberry private development. Design work is underway.
6. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. Design of a project to expand and relocate an existing outfall channel is underway.
7. Little Hurst Canal. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance along the canal. Field surveying and wetland delineation are complete. Design of improvements at the CSX railroad crossing is underway.
8. Willow Lakes Drainage Improvements. The project will relieve internal drainage issues within the Willow Lakes subdivision. The project will increase the storage capacity of the pond by lowering the existing water elevation. Design work is underway.
9. Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvements. The project will relocate a part of a drainage system located on private property into the County right-of-way and an acquired drainage easement. Construction is underway with completion anticipated by January 2016.
10. Vidalia Road Canal Drainage Improvements. The project will improve conveyance and obtain easements for access and maintenance. Design and permitting is underway.
11. Concord Road Drainage Improvements. The project will include the replacement of the existing open channel along Concord Road with a closed system and improvements to the outfall system along Penn Waller. Design is underway.
12. Tiana Circle Drainage Improvements. The project will reconstruct a segment of the existing roadway which has settled and improve the drainage system to eliminate chronic street ponding. Design is underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts: All

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4. COUNTY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP UPDATE AGENDA DISCUSSION.

Chairman Scott said, I will also recognize the -- the Manager at this time, Lee Smith, for the purpose of giving us a little more information on the location and details of the public hearing for the public, please.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. We will have the next County Commissioner workshop on September 3rd at the Armstrong Center from 9:00 to 2:00 and if someone's not familiar, we'll make sure you have the proper address. We will be covering a number of items, to include blighted properties. That's something that a couple of you have talked about, about properties that we've got complaints about or that are unsafe, so Jon Hart, in the County Attorney's office will be reviewing that with us and possible options. And, of course, as the Chair said, SCMPD and Recorder's Court, we will go over those agreements in their entirety and our recommendations as to that that has been forwarded from us -- or to us from the City. We will be reviewing emergency medical services. It's been some time since the Board has really been updated. We've had a lot of changes in the county with emergency medical, and our population and demographics are changing. We have areas where we're aging. We have younger people. You've got to look at how we're providing service. So we're going to bring Michael Kaigler and Zach in to go over that with you, and we may talk about some service changes, but also about possibly looking at an RFP in the future for those services.

County Manager Smith said, Cease Fire, you've read about that in the paper. We will have the folks here represented, along with Assistant County Manager Kaigler, who will be going over that with you, and what they found and what -- how that will be proceeding with the City of Savannah. We'll have Tara Jennings. We're going to give you a blueprint update on the strategic plan. We now have gathered our data from our internet surveys, mailed in surveys, literally thousands of people have been involved in this. We had a great meeting last week. I was just thrilled with the meeting we held regarding the strategic plan. It's coming together. So we're going to be giving you that update. So -- and we've got two more big operations on that in October and November before it comes to you in a -- what we would call a draft final form in December.

County Manager Smith said, I'll also be updating you on what I call second quarter plans for staff budget, staffing operations. Also to talk to you about a future workshop for visioning objectives because as this strategic plan comes to you, that is the community telling you what they want, and we thought this was a great time for you then to meld into what your vision is as a Board and then we as a staff can then line up what our action plans are to accomplish those things that you would like us to accomplish based on those plans. So we're excited about that.

County Manager Smith said, the other thing is I've asked Joe Marinelli, he's going to come in and give you a mid-year update on tourism. We -- I got that report today, and he's going to review that. There have been some exciting changes there, and I've told him that we want to be more involved in those activities, because tourism -- no disrespect to the City of Savannah, tourism occurs county-wide, from Pooler to Tybee to Garden City, and we need to recognize that and recognize that the receipts come in from everywhere, and -- and even in the incorporated areas, we have receipts, and he recognizes that. So I have asked him if he would come and address the Board because we wanted to be -- and I think Commissioner Center, I believe, is on the advisory board now that I think it's important that you hear that and understand it and understand the impacts of the dollars that we play a role in that as a -- as a county. So that is going to be the workshop next week, and we're looking forward to that. I think the ones we've had this far, we've gotten great responses back from all the Board members.

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5. STATUS ON MPD MERGER AGREEMENT AND RECORDER'S COURT.

Chairman Scott said, and we had a discussion in the pre-meeting about the status of the police merger agreement. We -- we received a copy of it back from the City this week. The County Attorney is currently reviewing it, and once he reviewed it and -- and -- we will send it out to members of the Commission early next week, and then on the 3rd of September when we have a scheduled workshop, staff will review the merger agreement in its entirety with Members of the Commission and then after we have that review on the 3rd of September, we will vote on it at the subsequent meeting following that -- that review on the 3rd. And I just wanted to make that clear since I know there was a lot of interest in when we would take that up. Any questions about that?

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ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - HURRICANE ERIKA

County Manager Smith said, also, Mr. Chairman, today, over the last few days, we have been having meetings. We had a conference call at 8:15 this morning. I've -- I've asked if you would give me just two or three minutes to ask our CEMA director, Dennis Jones, if he would come up and give us an update. We're going to be working through the weekend watching the storm. We have a conference call again I think this afternoon and at noon tomorrow. So could he come up and give you just a real brief on where we are?

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Well, I was -- I was going to call on him --

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- but would you -- would you also before we go there --

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, -- or -- would you mention just a little something about the tabletop before I bring Dennis up?

County Manager Smith said, yes. And Dennis is coming on board and shifting his emphasis as director. With the support of the Chair and all his staff and all the county staff, we had a tabletop exercise, and if Dennis wants to mention it briefly, I'm going to tell you, I was so impressed by it. Everybody -- this is mainly county departments, and some -- I know the police department, a number of others, but we have -- in working together are planning three events this year. I know with -- when I work with my executive team, we talk with each other, and I started out as an emergency management planner, so I love this stuff, but we've got professionals here that do it every day, but do you as a Board know what your role is? Do I know what my role is? And I will tell you, there's a lot of new departments, a lot of new people, and Dennis and I talked about it, and the Chair, and said, people don't know what their roles are. We've got to establish -- re-establish that, and when, you know, when the wind's blowing and the water's rising, the people will come together, but you've got to know what your resources are, how do we get our people in and out, and that table top was excellent this week. So I applaud CEMA for putting that together. We had volunteers from South Carolina and Georgia, from Atlanta that came and helped facilitate. We walked away with questions, which was part of the exercise. Where are the holes? We poked holes in our own plans. So we have another exercise coming up in January?

Mr. Dennis Jones, CEMA Director said, January.

County Manager Smith said, in January, so I was impressed this morning and yesterday with our conference call, but I want to applaud CEMA for doing that. You know, we're going to be working together over the -- and I'll mention that at the workshop about some of the staffing changes. We're looking forward to a stronger partnership with CEMA. It's not just about hurricanes. This is about mass disaster of any sort, and -- so anyway, I'm real excited about it. Appreciate what Dennis is doing and all of his staff and I was -- I was real pleased. Jon [Hart] even looked at one of the things we talked about was when you have Hugo or a Katrina, and a community gets wiped out, and you have no tax base, how do you run your government with no money? You go to FEMA and you have to borrow it. Louisiana, a lot of cities in --in this country have had to do that, but you need to know how to go through that process. It can happen. So we're trying to look at all the issues, and I appreciate -- I mean folks like Jon, everybody was there and poked holes in the plan. And I think we walked away with our exercise in January will be even better. We'll be bringing all the municipalities in and all of our partners.

Commissioner Thomas said, great.

County Manager Smith said, so, any way, Mr. Chairman, it was -- I appreciate them doing that. It was great.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's wonderful.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And at this time I'm going to invite Dennis [Jones] up to just kind of give us an update.

County Manager Smith said, on Erika.

Mr. Jones said, Erika, Tropical Storm Erika.

Chairman Scott said, Dennis, are you going to put it on the screen so the public can see it?

Mr. Jones said, no, sir. I'm sorry. I don't have that available. That's all I have are the handouts. This is the latest and greatest information.

Chairman Scott said, well you -- you can -- you can actually show --

Mr. Jones said, right here? I don't know how to use that thing.

Chairman Scott said, well, you're going to get some assistance.

Commissioner Thomas said, we'll help you.

Commissioner Farrell said, technical assistance.

Mr. Jones said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Mr. Jones said, while he's getting this set up, I'll -- I'll tell you a little bit more about the exercise we had, and Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to come here and brief you on Tropical Storm Erika and also give you some more information about the exercise we had on Tuesday. We had right at 93 County Team members there from all different departments. We were able to operate through three different modules, and in the first module we talked about what does the departments need in order to

communicate with their staff members. The second module we talked about how do they evacuate their department if they needed to, and in the third module we talked about okay, well, now that you're evacuated, and you're set up somewhere else, how do you continue your operation? So, again, the exercise was designed to find the holes, to find the gaps, and we found quite a bit of those. We have a punch list that's several pages long already. We're still compiling all of the information, and we'll produce an after action report for the Commission and the County Manager probably by the end of September. So it was a very good exercise. Again, we're planning the next one for January, and we're planning the third one sometime in May or June.

Mr. Jones said, regarding Erika, as he's pulling the information up on the screen, we do have Tropical Storm Erika. It's been in existence now for about four days. It started out as a tropical wave that came off the coast of Africa, and it developed into a tropical storm about two days ago. We've been watching the storm for -- for that entire time, and recently it has become an impact or a potential impact for Chatham County. We actually started looking at advancing to another operating condition yesterday because the storm was approximately 120 hours or five days away, and part of our operating procedure requires us to go to another operating condition just so we can make sure that everyone is aware that the storm is there and start sharing information with our emergency management partners, as well as county departments.

Chairman Scott said, excuse me a second, Dennis.

Mr. Jones said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, would you just tilt it just so -- just straighten it a little bit on the -- if you'd pull that lower right-hand corner around just a hair. Yeah. That's good. That's good.

Mr. Jones said, all right. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Jones said, this information that you have in front of you today is from the 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. update. This is Tropical Storm Ericka. It is currently forecast to go up the center of Florida. This is quite a bit of a change from yesterday. Yesterday it --

Chairman Scott said, it's -- it's -- it's really -- it's really shifted west since yesterday.

Mr. Jones said, it has.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mr. Jones said, right. Yesterday it was actually paralleling the east coast of Florida and actually coming right up and headed straight for Chatham County. Overnight it did shift a little bit further to the west. I do want to caution the public, caution the Commission, caution -- caution county staff that that track is going to change. There's a lot of uncertainty with this storm. The reason for the uncertainty is it's encountering a lot of upper level windshear and also as it goes over the Dominican Republic there's some uncertainty as to how that storm's going to react with the land, as well as that upper level shear. They do intend to have a better idea about what the storm is going to do probably sometime late tomorrow, but the track that you see here is -- is certainly going to change. It's been changing every advisory that comes out. Our next one will be 11:00 o'clock, and chances are it's going to change again.

Chairman Scott said, Dennis, don't you have a -- a Twitter and a Facebook connection with CEMA?

Mr. Jones said, yes, sir, we do.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and I'm -- I'm just saying that because the public can also look at the latest information on it if you would go to that -- and give them -- give them the address and all, but it's just CEMA.

Mr. Jones said, it's Chathamema.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mr. Jones said, both our Facebook handle as well as our twittle -- Twitter handle is Chathamema, and you can get updates directly to your phone. All you have to do is send a text message to 40404 with the words, follow Chathamema, and that Twitter account is the most -- the best way to get real time information. We send information about emergencies that are happening within the community, about significant traffic interruptions throughout the community, and also Tropical Storm Erika and the conditions associated with that. That's also linked to our Facebook account, Chathamema, you can follow us through there, and any information that we send out through Twitter is generally expanded on in -- in the Facebook account, and we also have a mass email account as well that people can sign up for.

Mr. Jones said, going back to Tropical Storm Erika, the -- the focus that needs to be applied is actually on the error cone. That's the outer cone that you see that's circling the -- the forecast track. That error cone is what is causing us to continue to operate as -- as if that storm were coming here. You'll notice that Chatham County is still within that error cone, and because of that that causes us to treat this storm as if it were coming here.

The error cone indicates that that storm could be anywhere within that area at any given time along that forecast track. So as I mentioned, there's a lot of uncertainty associated with that storm. If you flip to page number 3, these are what's called spaghetti models. This is a culmination of all the models that are associated with this storm, and Mr. Manager, from this morning, this has already changed. From the briefing this morning, it didn't have anything over Chatham County. Right before we came up here, we -- we checked to see if there was an update, and obviously there was, so this is the latest information and again this is going to change. We have some systems that take it into the -- into the -- the Gulf of Mexico; we have some that keep it offshore, but a majority of them now have it coming up Florida and over the top of us. So, again, this is updated about every six hours, so the next update should come out about 11:00 a.m., and we'll see what it says for us at that time.

Chairman Scott said, but if it -- if it makes as much shift west as it has in the last 24 hours, it's going to be in the panhandle of Florida and Alabama.

Mr. Jones said, it will. The size of the storm is still relatively large.

Chairman Scott said, and really in -- in Thomasville, Georgia.

Mr. Jones said, right.

Chairman Scott said, in that area.

Mr. Jones said, we will still get something from it, whether it --

Chairman Scott said, we'll get rain and wind.

Mr. Jones said, wind and rain. Also, that -- if it moves further to the west, that quadrant, that forward moving quadrant, is -- is actually the quadrant that's most susceptible for tornadoes. So it could also have a significant tornado threat as well.

Chairman Scott said, and beach erosion.

Mr. Jones said, and beach erosion, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can I ask question?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Dennis, I just sent the text and got something back, it says, already on Twitter reply yes to sign in. Do you have to have Twitter for it to message you back?

Mr. Jones said, the foundation is Twitter, but you don't have to have Twitter. You already have a Twitter account, so all you have to do is -- is -- is type on Chathamema and it will start coming to your phone.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, and it will come to you like a text.

Mr. Jones said, like a text message.

Commissioner Brady said, I don't have a Twitter.

Mr. Jones said, you don't have to.

County Manager Smith said, you don't have to.

Chairman Scott said, you don't have to.

County Manager Smith said, it will come to you through that like a text.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, and you'll get all the updates. That's great. That's fantastic.

Mr. Jones said, we just use that as the medium. Yeah. It's -- it's the --

Chairman Scott said, you'll get a text instead of --

Mr. Jones said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's -- I mean --

Commissioner Brady said, yeah, 'cause I don't want to get hooked on anything else.

Mr. Jones said, no. You won't.

Commissioner Brady said, I have enough things coming to my phone.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter was looking forward to you being on Twitter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm on Twitter, but, yeah.

Commissioner Brady said, well, I'm --- I'm not on Twitter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but I don't Tweet.

Mr. Jones said, one final thing I'd like to show you, if we can pull up the next slide in the handout. And Mr. Manager, this too has changed since we met this morning. This shows you the level of uncertainty associated with this storm. This is a model intensity product, and what they're -- what this displays here is there's actually three models that are predicting this storm to go to a category 3. This morning there were four models that had it going to a category 4, so it's already changed, and most of the others have it staying at a tropical storm. Yesterday there were six models that had it going to a category 4 storm, so they -- again, a lot of uncertainty associated with this storm until it gets passed the windshear. We'll know a little bit better as to what the storm's going to do once it gets passed the Dominican Republic, probably tomorrow afternoon. The National Weather Service will have a little bit more confidence in what they -- what they're presenting. The other documents I have for you, we don't need to display those, they're just some notes on the meetings that we've already had with county staff to give you an idea about the level of preparedness for Team Chatham, and also a level of activities that the CEMA staff have taken on yesterday coordinating with public officials, also with Team Chatham, as well as Emergency Management partners at the State and the local level. All right.

County Manager Smith said, I think we have a -- are we doing a noon?

Mr. Jones said, we're doing a noon command policy group.

County Manager Smith said, a noon today command policy group.

Mr. Jones said, yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, so, yeah.

Mr. Jones said, yes, sir. Be happy to answer any questions.

Commissioner Shabazz said, at what point will we -- oh --

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Commissioner Shabazz said, at what point will we be notified to -- if we have to evacuate?

Mr. Jones said, based on this particular guidance, we're looking at a 20-hour evacuation clearance time if it were to come here, and that clearance decision point would be Monday morning. That's for the general population evacuation. If we do have to issue evacuation orders, we want to get special populations and unique populations out in advance of the general population, so if we had to do that, that would come sometime Sunday. So in advance of that, we would start talking about mobilizing county assets for protection sometime late Saturday or early Sunday if we had to go that route.

Chairman Scott said, staff will be monitoring it all weekend, and --

County Manager Smith said, yes. We'll be doing conference calls tomorrow and Sunday.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah. Yeah. I have a follow-up question.

Chairman Scott said, go ahead. And then -- Commissioner Shabazz and then Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Shabazz said, in which direction will we be evacuating?

Commissioner Thomas said, that's what I want to know.

Mr. Jones said, we'd evacuate west.

Commissioner Thomas said, west.

Commissioner Shabazz said, west.

Mr. Jones said, west. Yeah. What we do is -- is for the evacuation process, we -- we get away from the water. That's the significant threat for us is the water, the storm surge and the rain associated with that. Obviously, with a severe thunderstorm, just a regular thunderstorm there's a lot of flooding here, so we want to get people out of the flooded areas. A lot of the -- the homes that are built within Chatham County are built to a 120 mile an hour winds, so for a low-grade tropical storm or a low grade category 1, the wind is -- is obviously a threat, but it's not a safety -- well it is a safety issue, it's not -- it -- it's not the primary threat for why we evacuate. We evacuate because of the storm surge, because even with a category 1 storm surge, we've got about 50 percent of the county that has some type of storm surge encroachment.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady then our Vice Chair --

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, -- Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Brady said, this is probably directed at both of y'all, County Manager and -- and you, sir. Has -- have y'all gone out and tested those arms that are on the highway --

County Manager Smith said, you talking about -- GDOT -- GDOT does that.

Commissioner Brady said, -- 'cause we haven't used them since 1999.

Chairman Scott said, DO -- DO -- DOT tests them every -- before the -- every year before the hurricane season.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Mr. Jones said, that's correct, and they did it in April.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. Because I -- I mean, we haven't used them in --

County Manager Smith said, yeah. In fact, I think back in March or April --

Commissioner Brady said, never used them, have we?

County Manager Smith said, Clayton [Scott] and I met with GDOT, actually went over that, what do you call it, the counter --

Mr. Jones said, the counter -- contraflow.

County Manager Smith said, contraflow.

Mr. Jones said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, and we talked about that, you know, the pluses and minuses, getting west, how it worked, the timing of it. So, yeah, they've tested it, and I feel confident they've -- they've got it under control.

Commissioner Brady said, I mean hopefully we won't even be in that position.

County Manager Smith said, oh, I know.

Commissioner Brady said, but when we had to evacuate --

County Manager Smith said, plan for the worst, hope for the best.

County Manager Smith said, -- in '99 for Floyd, that's the only time -- I've lived here my whole life, the only time I evacuated, and it was a nightmare.

Commissioner Thomas said, it was.

County Manager Smith said, it was. Yeah.

Commissioner Brady said, it took me four hours to get to Metter.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Brady said, I had dogs, birds. Any -- all my belongings that I cared about in my car, two cars. It was horrible. So I hope we're going to be more organized this time because it just like kind of like blew --

Mr. Jones said, right.

Commissioner Brady said, -- right past us.

County Manager Smith said, well that's why we had those meetings with GDOT and how we time it.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, and just like that 20-hour, you do those special populations first, and then you start moving out --

Commissioner Brady said, like the Tybee, the island areas and that kind of stuff.

County Manager Smith said, that's right. Yes.

Commissioner Brady said, gotcha.

Mr. Jones said, and we had a conference with GDOT yesterday.

Chairman Scott said, also, special population is also nursing homes.

Commissioner Brady said, nursing homes and elderly. Mm-hmm.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Chairman Scott said, other facilities such as that.

Commissioner Brady said, emergency facilities, hospitals.

Chairman Scott said, we got --

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, -- Commissioner Thomas and then Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. My fellow Commissioner, Mrs. Brady, has just touched upon the GDOT -- I mean the DOT thing because it was a nightmare on I-16 in particular, trying to get to -- I think one of the places that we were supposed to go to, like Swainsboro or somewhere, that school there, but people were just sitting there for like five to six hours or more.

Mr. Jones said, yeah.

Commissioner Thomas said, couldn't get anywhere. So, I -- I think that would be wonderful, and you're already starting that process.

Mr. Jones said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, and the earlier we can get this information out, you know, to the citizenry, I think the better process we will have in the event that we do have to evacuate.

Mr. Jones said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you so much.

Mr. Jones said, you're welcome.

Commissioner Thomas said, I appreciate all that you're doing.

Mr. Jones said, you're welcome. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Dennis, before you leave, give them --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can I ask that --

Chairman Scott said, yes, go ahead.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we've got a question from Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Dennis, back in '99, I was Mayor in Garden City, and they gave us -- CEMA gave us, like I guess, most of the elected people, as far as the Mayors and Council Members and all, some type of laminated sheet that we could put in our windows --

Mr. Jones said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- that showed that we were -- I don't -- I don't remember if it said emergency personnel, but it gave us the ability to -- to drive to try to get back to certain, you know, --

Mr. Jones said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- get back to the areas. Do y'all have something that -- that y'all can get out to us before we get in that kind of emergency situation, and we could keep in the glove compartment?

Mr. Jones said, absolutely. We have re-entry permits. That's what you're referring to.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

Mr. Jones said, and they're actually good through the end of this year, and we're starting a new program with the state and other -- other coastal communities --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Mr. Jones said, -- to re-initiate those for another five years.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Mr. Jones said, but for this year, I could certainly get you -- get you passes --

Commissioner Thomas said, that would be great.

Mr. Jones said, -- for the remainder of this year.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, all right.

Mr. Jones said, certainly.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, but -- but also, when you were Mayor, it -- the list came from really the Mayor --

Mr. Jones said, right.

Chairman Scott said, -- as he identified the emergency people that he would need in his city, and so, the -- the passes are not just given out on request.

Mr. Jones said, no, they're not. No. It has to come from an official government source, whether they're a contractor for that government --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Mr. Jones said, -- or whether they're a critical workforce member of the government.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. And we've been doing that. As staff, we actually are finishing up today, 'cause we have a lot of new staff, and if they are noted as critical staff, we now have all the information, we're going to give them the passes to be able to get back in advance. So that's what we've been working on the past three or four days. So.

Commissioner Thomas said, good.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, good. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh no.

Chairman Scott said, you don't have anything else?

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have a follow-up.

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is it mandatory that everyone leave? Or do they -- do you have staff here?

Mr. Jones said, we have different evacuation orders. We have a voluntary, and then we have a recommended. If we do issue a mandatory, we can't force anybody to leave.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Mr. Jones said, we can say, we really need you to get out. There's not going to be any services when the wind starts blowing. You need to be aware of that, but we can't forcibly enter into a private property and -- and -- and take people out and make them go.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

Commissioner Shabazz said, no, I mean, will there be anybody here, not -- not -- not -- not the residents. I'm saying, say for instance, law enforcement?

Mr. Jones said, right.

Commissioner Shabazz said, will there be a command post or something -- someone to remain here?

Chairman Scott said, oh yeah.

Mr. Jones said, yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, oh yes. Yes. We have --

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right.

Mr. Jones said, we have critical -- we have critical workforce shelters that are established in Chatham County for a category 1 or 2 storm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Jones said, for a significant storm, category 3 or higher, we have arrangements with Georgia Southern to house our critical workforce there.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, so you'll have the staff, law enforcement, everyone will be here, including the municipalities, so, you know, but, as -- and I think it's the thing people forget, when you stay, we used to hand out the cards to people out on the islands in the outer banks that decided to stay. My parents will always stay. They never leave. But we gave them the cards that said, please hang this on the door that you stayed because when we have to come look for bodies, we want to be able to identify you were here. Because we -- it happens. So if people change -- you can't call 9-1-1 --

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

County Manager Smith said, -- when the storm's blowing.

Mr. Jones said, right.

Commissioner Thomas said, wait till the last minute.

County Manager Smith said, you're on your own, and you're on your own for two or three days.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, if you -- yes, if you have a mandatory evacuation, and if you elect to stay, then you -- you stay at your own risk.

County Manager Smith said, exactly.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, and people need to understand that. It's very serious.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and if that little flyer's still hanging on the door, there's a good chance you're not dead.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct.

Commissioner Farrell said, so I better -- I better glue it to it.

County Manager Smith said, they're waving going I'm here.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what about in -- what about in terms of securing of properties and stuff like that?

Mr. Jones said, well law enforcement will be here. They will address any looting that is occurring immediately after the wind stops blowing, but during the wind, during the -- the threat of a -- of a hurricane, they're going to be sheltered, so they're -- there are not going to be any public safety on the streets at the time until it's okay for them to -- to get out into the community and start doing policing and -- and fire fighting services and search and rescue.

Chairman Scott said, the -- the -- the other -- the other big threat here, even and -- and Dennis mentioned the fact of the wind, but with the tree canopy in a place like Savannah and Chatham County, our problem is going to be that you're going to be without power for days, because --

Commissioner Thomas said, yep.

County Manager Smith said, or weeks.

Chairman Scott said, -- everything is above ground here and mingled in through the trees, and you can expect -- you can expect the limbs to take -- to take the lines down.

Mr. Jones said, even with a thunderstorm we have power outages -- significant power outages.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mr. Jones said, so -- so with a tropical storm or hurricane that comes here, there's going to be quite a bit of power disruptions throughout the community.

Chairman Scott said, and all the -- all the media networks, including radio and everything else, will broadcast any alerts that's issued, so it -- it -- you'll have mass communication. So it just won't be relying on Twitter or Facebook. But, for one more time, give them the email address and the -- and the Twitter account for those who out there may be looking.

Mr. Jones said, both Twitter and Facebook, it's Chathamema, as one word. You can follow Chathamema on Facebook. Send 40404, follow Chathamema, and you'll be signed up for the text messaging feature that comes along with that. All right?

Chairman Scott said, all right.

Mr. Jones said, good. Thank you, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Dennis.

Chairman Scott said, thanks, Dennis.

Commissioner Thomas said, great job. Thank you. That's good information.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, at this time, it will be necessary to have an executive session, and I recognize Commissioner Farrell for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I'd like to make a motion that we recess to executive session --

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- for personnel, real estate and litigation.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. We are now in executive session. I will say that we will not have any appointments or anything because we're missing two members of the Commission. And -- so there won't be any votes on appointments or anything after the executive session. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to recess to executive session for the purpose of litigation, real estate and personnel. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Center were not present.]

The Board recessed at approximately 10:28 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 Brady moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Center were not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION