

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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 9:29 a.m. on Friday, September 25, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. Please be seated. I'll ask that you be seated and remain seated until such time that Pastor Fowler has completed his message to us this morning, and when he indicates it's time to pray, at that time I'll ask that you re-stand and remain standing as we are led in the Pledge of Allegiance by our Commission Pro Tem, Commissioner Stone from the 1st District.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, it's a pleasure to introduce to some and to just re-acquaint others with the fact that Pastor Fowler was originally from Tennessee and who has served as pastor of the Bull Street Baptist Church for a number of years. It's one of the oldest, more prominent churches in the -- in the city, and it's a pleasure to have him here with us. For a little background on Pastor Fowler, for those of you who may not be familiar with his background, he's a graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. And he started out as a business person in a family-owned business, and -- and then he was called by God to pursue a higher calling, and so he went back to school to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he graduated from. And then he served at various pastoral assignments before being called to the Bull Street Baptist Church in 2008. And it's a pleasure to welcome him here and to hear from him this morning, and at this time, I introduce Pastor Calvin Fowler of the Bull Street Baptist Church to lead us in our devotion.

Pastor Calvin Fowler said, good morning and thank you so much for your kind invitation. It's an honor to be here with you this morning. I bring you greetings from Bull Street Baptist Church. We are excited that next year we'll be celebrating 125 years here in Savannah. So, we pray that we've been a blessing to our city, and we would continue for many, many years to be a -- a blessing to the citizens of Chatham County and our great City of Savannah. I was invited to bring you a word of encouragement from the scriptures, and I would like to do that. There's an old saying that says we are either coming out of a storm in our lives or we're getting ready to go into a storm, or we are in the middle of a storm right now. I'd like to bring you good news that there's one who has all power and authority over the storm in our lives. To -- to share this with you I'd like to take you back 3,000 years to the greatest king of Israel who said this in the Psalms. In Psalm 65, he speaks of the God of our salvation who is the hope of all of the ends of the earth, and he says this, that he is the one who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe of his signs. In Psalm 89, the scripture says, oh Lord, God of hosts, who is mighty as you -- who is mighty as you are, oh Lord, with your faithfulness all around you, you rule the raging of the sea. When it's waves rise, you still them. In Psalm 107, the Psalmist writes that he commanded and raised the stormy wind which lifted up the waves of the sea. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waves were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Pastor Fowler said, now let me take you forward 1,000 years from then to the Sea of Galilee, and we read in Mark, Chapter 4, a familiar account to many, but I hope with the background now, it will come alive to you even more. On that day when evening had come, Jesus said to them, let us go across to the other side. And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat just as he was and other boats were with him. And a great wind storm arose and the waves were breaking into the boat so that the boat was already filling, but he was in the stern asleep on the cushion, and they woke him and said to him, teacher, do you not care that we are perishing? And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, peace be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm, and he said to them, why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith? And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, who then is this that even the wind and the sea obey him? Jesus takes his disciples into the storm. It says that he led them across to go to the other side. The storm was coming, and he knew this. But he led them into the storm to show them that he is Lord over the storm, that he had the power and the authority to say peace be still. And the one who hushed the wind and the waves 2,000 years ago, is the one who can still the storms in every single one of our lives. This is the one who says to all of us, come to me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. He's the same one that said I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live even though he dies. Would you pray with me?

Pastor Fowler gave the invocation as follows:

You are the Lord. You alone. You made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their hosts. The earth and all that is in it. The seas and all that is in them, and you preserve all of them and the host of

heaven worships you. And Lord I pray this morning that you would give wisdom and knowledge and discernment to this Commission, that they would lead well; that they would make sure policies that would be -- that would benefit all of the people. That you would give them even a sense of your presence as representatives of a government body here in this county, in this city, that is acting in a God-ordained role. And I pray that you would bless them and that you would keep them and that you would make your face to shine upon them and be gracious to them, and that you would lift up your countenance upon them and give them peace. And I pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

Pastor Fowler said, thank you, sir. Thank you. Thank you, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman, may -- Mr. Chairman, may I have --

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, Pastor, I just want to say thank you for those kind words of wisdom. It really touched my soul, and it also reminded me of those same words that I was taught as I was coming up as well. It gives me strength. It gives me confidence. Thank you so very much for relating those kind words to us today. Thank you so very much.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

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

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, I'll recognize our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas, of the 8th District, for the purpose of introducing the officers of the Youth Commissioners --

Commissioner Thomas said, thank --

Chairman Scott said, in attendance today, as well as other comments.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, serving with us today from the Chatham County Youth Commission are Lindsey Mitchell, Vice-Chairman, Windsor Forest High School; Shakayla Bush, executive member, Groves High School; and Isis Howard, executive member of Islands High School. Welcome, ladies, and we're delighted to have you with us today, and please feel free to participate in all of the discussions. Okay?

Commissioner Thomas said, in addition, Mr. Chairman, I would like to acknowledge that on last evening I, along with Mr. Van Johnson, and the Chairman of the Chatham County Youth Commission, was in attendance at the Ty -- Tybee Council meeting where they installed 40 young people, 40 young people into the Tybee Youth Council, which they have replicated the Chatham County Youth Commission, as well as the Summer Bonanza program. We're just so delighted that this has taken place in a partnership, and I'd like to thank Mr. Van Johnson for his gracious assistance to the Council in this regard, and we look forward to working with them in the future as well. Thank you so very much.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, yes. I want to congratulate Tybee and their Youth Commission and also congratulate our Vice Chairman, because I believe this whole idea was yours to begin with and now it's being copied around the nation. Kudos to you. Congratulations.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, job well done.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY'S NEW OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY DIRECTOR, NATHAN BENSON.

Chairman Scott said, now for the purpose of introduction, I recognize the County Manager, Lee Smith, for the purpose of an introduction of our safety director.

County Manager Lee Smith said, yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's with great pleasure and honor this morning that I introduce Nathan Benson, our new occupational safety director. I'd ask him, if he would to come up. We're going to introduce a couple other folks in -- in just a second. Since I began, I guess, 15, 16 months ago, one of the things that we recognized in and amongst our team is a lack of really a concentration on safety from workers' compensation, also looking at modified duty, but making sure that our employees are safe. Looking at days out of work, that there's an extreme cost to the county when people are hurt, injured or out, unable to work. That's a massive cost. Our workers' compensation, I said in the budget, that our work comp I felt was out of control, and so we began a search to look for a professional safety director that has had the experience, has started safety program in another private organization and we interviewed a number of people. Did a nationwide search, and found Nathan Benson, and we came as a team together to form with Nathan, Leigh Herald, James Aberson, and Greg Scott, as our new occupational safety team, and they will be making some changes. So I would like to introduce Nathan at this time and see if he has any words of wisdom other than keeping us safe.

Mr. Nathan Benson said, thank you. I want to first of all thank the leadership for moving forward with a safety department. It's absolutely critical to keeping our employees safe, and it's part of being responsible stewards to our tax payers. So, I would like to thank you for that. With that I'd like to introduce my staff. As our driver training officer is Ms. Leigh Herald; ADA Coordinator is Mr. James Aberson; and our Risk Manager is Mr. Greg Scott. So, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, a number of these folks have been here for some years, so they're very experienced in knowing our departments. Public -- I know in Public Works, they've had a safety program, but in many of our areas, we've not had that opportunity, so we've set a lot of expectations for Nathan. He hit the ground running the first day and has been out in departments looking at what we can do to improve and putting together our policies and our procedures, and we're excited about that keep not only just our employees but our citizens safer as they are -- as they are in our buildings and on our facilities. So we're excited about that.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager, Commissioner Shabazz of the 5th District have a question, and then Commissioner Holmes of the 2nd.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning, Manager.

County Manager Smith said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you said we conducted a nationwide search for this director.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, where is -- where is he from?

County Manager Smith said, he's from Tennessee.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, he comes from a company out of Tennessee.

Commissioner Shabazz said, who did the search?

County Manager Smith said, we did that I think through HR. Carolyn Smalls and her department did that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, and we advertised in, not just through our regular systems, but we also looked at -- there are list serv's and there are avenues by which you can advertise in a field, just like managers, safety directors, or public works. You can actually go into certain magazines and certain -- and actually go out and advertise in those areas.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and what's the salary for this position?

County Manager Smith said, Carolyn? Salary for this position?

Ms. Carolyn Smalls, Human Resources Director said, the salary for this position is \$97,000.

County Manager Smith said, 97,000 approximately. I thought it was just under 100,000.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Mr. Manager.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, congratulations to all of you. Glad to have you on board. But the other gentlemen that's seated. Is he a part of the --

Mr. Benson said, no, sir. He's here with the -- as part of the agenda. He's part of the insurance representative.

County Manager Smith said, insurance representative.

Commissioner Holmes said, so, team of how many?

County Manager Smith said, four.

Mr. Benson said, we have four total, including myself.

Commissioner Holmes said, team of four. Mr. Manager?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, how many -- how -- how -- how much -- have we been -- has this been a major concern of ours over the years?

Chairman Scott said, what's -- what's been concerning is our workman comp.

County Manager Smith said, work comp, modified duty, lack of ability to put people back to work in a timely fashion. There are times that we'll have people that -- and -- and not a lot, but when it happens, and I will tell you, we've had instances where people have been out on workman's comp for not days or months but years, and that's -- that's uncalled for. We need to get controls on that now, and we've been doing that this year, but

I needed someone, and when I talk about return on investment, return on investment is -- is keeping people from being injured to start with, and also being able to have plans in place whereby when people are injured, how do you deal with that person? Were they negligent? Were we negligent? And that's important to -- when we come to you and talk about workers' comp cases, how we deal with that. We need to make sure we did everything we could do to protect a citizen or one of our employees, and that's what our plans are, and that's what Nathan will do. And when we looked at his experience in the company he was with before, and, like I said, we looked at government, but we went out and looked at private because private look at the bottom line, and we need to do the same thing in trying to reduce our costs, but keeping people back at work. We -- we've really had a very poor light duty or modified duty program in getting people back to work, and that's part of what Greg and some others are going to be helping us do.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Holmes said, welcome.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions? Thank you.

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2. PRESENTATION OF \$10,000 DONATION TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY WELLNESS PROGRAM BY ED WILSON AND EDDIE WILSON OF COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE.

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'm going to ask Tamala Fulton, who is with us, who is our wellness director, and she works under the supervision of Ms. Carolyn Smalls, to introduce the next item on our agenda which is a presentation and a donation to the Chatham County Wellness Program by Ed Wilson and Ed Wilson of Colonial Life Insurance.

Ms. Tamala Fulton said, good morning Mr. Chairman, Board of Commissioners. I'm Tamala Fulton, the Wellness Coordinator with Chatham County.

Chairman Scott said, pull the mikes up just a little, ma'am. Thank you.

Ms. Fulton said, good morning everyone. As I said, I'm Tamala Fulton. I'm the Wellness Coordinator for Chatham County and this morning we have with us Mr. Ed -- Eddie Wilson from Colonial Life Insurance. Colonial Life has been a partner with Chatham County since around 1990 -- '91

Mr. Eddie Wilson said, '91.

Ms. Fulton said, 1991, and for the past four years, most recently, they've made generous donations to the County's wellness program. So I'm going to turn this over to Eddie Wilson with Colonial at this time.

Mr. Eddie Wilson said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, it's -- it's an honor to be here again today. It's quite a pleasure to be able to help the County with its wellness program. Under Ms. Smalls, Mindy Ramsey, and Tamala [Fulton], they've done a tremendous job over the last several years as you well know. I was excited listening to the introduction of Mr. Benson, and I think that you will find that will be a great team formed between Mr. Benson and his team and -- and Ms. Ramsey and Tamala. The -- the health of the employees, their wellness, will tie into their mental wellness as well, and that will do nothing but make your employees safer as they do their job for the citizens of this county. Over the last few years, some of the specific programs that Tamala has worked on have been putting scales in various departments, weight loss challenges, perhaps more importantly, programs for diabetes management and education, and -- and we just hope that this contribution of \$10,000 can help further those to help continue to reduce the bottom line on your expenses in your medical plan. Thank you for having us.

Commissioner Thomas said, very good. Thank you.

Ms. Fulton said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. [Applause.]

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3. PROCLAMATION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS DAY, SEPTEMBER 25 2015. JEFF HARRIS WILL RECEIVE THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Scott said, the next item we have on the agenda is a proclamation for First Responders, and this is First Responders Day, and I'm going to read a little of the proclamation and then I'm going to invite Mr. Jeff Harris up to receive it, and also members of the Commission who wish to join me in -- at the podium to present this proclamation.

Chairman Scott read part of the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, the brave men and women serving as first responders in emergency situations are vital to the well-being of Chatham County's citizens and communities and we applaud their commitment to continued training, skill enhancement, and inter-agency coordination; and

WHEREAS, trained in urgent medical care and other emergency procedures, first responders, including police, paramedics, firefighters, 911 dispatchers, search and rescue teams, organizations in the public safety sector and volunteers stand ready to provide immediate assistance in time of need; and

WHEREAS, these courageous individuals answer the call to help in varied situations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, often putting themselves in harm's way to save lives and uphold the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim Friday, September 25, 2015 as:

FIRST RESPONDERS DAY

in Chatham County and urge all citizens to show their appreciation for all the men and women who protect and serve Chatham County as first responders. We salute each of you for your dedication in keeping our community safe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 25th day of September 2015.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and Jeff [Harris], if you would come up, and Members of the Commission who wish to join me. We'd like to present this to you and just say thank you in person, and we'd also like to afford you an opportunity to any comments you wish to make, and we really on behalf of all the Commissioners, and they'll have an opportunity to express for themselves in just a few minutes, but we really appreciate all -- all the first responders do in keeping us safe in Chatham County and reacting to various and dangerous situations in our community. Thank you so much.

Mr. Jeff Harris said, thank you so much. Thank you so much, Mr .Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, appreciate it. The mike is yours.

Mr. Harris said, well, we just wanted as a -- as a law firm we work with first responders on a -- on a daily basis, and they're out there 24 hours a day, every day of the year protecting us and looking after our families and our lives, and -- and we just wanted to take this opportunity to remember them and to invite them all -- we're having a gathering at the park for them all day where we're going to cook barbeque and -- and have a raffle, and, you know, just spend some time making sure that they realize how much we appreciate them, and that's really what this event is about, and we appreciate the Commission's support in that. So thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Any member of the Commission wish to make any comments?

Commissioner Thomas said, I too would like to just take this opportunity to say thank you for all that each of you do every day for the citizens of Chatham County. We cannot take what you do lightly because really, I mean, it's a tedious, you know, journey, and, therefore, I want to make sure that you understand from my perspective that I really, really appreciate all that you and all of the others do for us. Thank you so very much.

Commissioner Center said, Jeff, I -- I know as a practicing lawyer, your reputation as a lawyer. Are y'all going to do the cooking?

Mr. Harris said, no. No. We -- we would not do that to them.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you very much for all you do for us.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, please sir, can I --

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- ask -- I know we have some outstanding first responders in the audience. If y'all would, just go ahead and kind of stand up real quick.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh yeah. By all means. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, are -- any members of the first responders who are present, do you wish to say anything?

Mr. Wayne Noha said, we just thank you for your continued support. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, Ms. Howard.

Youth Commissioner Isis Howard said, I just wanted to let you guys know that --

Commissioner Shabazz said, lift your mike up.

Youth Commissioner Howard said, I just wanted to let you know that I'm thankful for what you do for Chatham County. You guys are an inspiration for me. So keep doing what you do.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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4. RECOGNITION OF ATHLETES WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE 2015 YOUTH PAN-AMERICAN WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MEXICO. THE YOUTH TRAIN AT OUR WEIGHTLIFTING CENTER AND OUR LOCAL COACHES WERE CHOSEN TO COACH THE EIGHT U.S. LIFTERS, FOUR OF WHICH ARE FROM HERE. THEY WON MULTIPLE MEDALS REPRESENTING THE USA!

Chairman Scott said, the next item on the agenda, I'm going to recognize the Commissioner from the 4th District to talk about and to introduce our guests who are here today.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, apparently, this past weekend was a -- a very exciting time for the youth weight lifters in our community. They not only got to go out of town to compete in the sport that they love, but they got to leave the country and travel down to Mexico. I -- I -- I can't pronounce the name of the city they went to, so I won't attempt it today, but apparently they -- they represented the United States of America and -- and did it exceptionally well, and I -- I think I speak on behalf of -- of the -- my fellow Commissioners in that I believe it's important that we recognize whenever youth are doing something very positive and very rewarding in our community that they need to be held up and the spotlight be put on them as inspiration to all the other youth of what great things can be accomplished at such young ages. So at -- at this point, I'd like to ask the -- the coaches from the U.S.A. Pan American weightlifting championship team to please come up to the podium, introduce yourself, and go ahead and give us the -- the details about all the great things that were accomplished in Mexico. So, Mr. Cohen, if you could --

Chairman Scott said, and -- and also if you would, introduce any of the participants that you have here.

Mr. Michael Cohen said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, because we'd really like to applaud them and have the audience see who they are.

Mr. Cohen said, yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, my name is Michael Cohen. I'm the head coach of Team Savannah. I was fortunate enough to be selected as the head coach for the United States team that competed in San Luis Potosi -- got it right -- San Luis Potosi in Mexico. I didn't know where it was either. We were very fortunate, the United States selected eight men to represent our country, four of those were from our program. The entire coaching staff was also from our program. Myself and Mr. Jones, Ray Jones, who is not here today. In fact, he is on his way to Utah for another competition with another group of our athletes, so we send them out all the time.

Mr. Cohen said, I'd like to introduce the athletes. The competition was the Youth Pan Am Championships, 17 and under. The top athletes in this hemisphere and fortunately, or unfortunately, for the United States, the top athletes -- athletes in this hemisphere are the best in the world. So the -- the eight men that we sent, we won 13 medals, 11 of them were scored by the four that came from this community.

Commissioner Thomas said, wow.

Mr. Cohen said, and I'd like to introduce you to those athletes now. Guys, come on. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, beautiful. Wonderful.

Mr. Cohen said, there's one that's not here today, Mr. Harrison Marcus scored three silver medals. Harrison is 15 years old -- remember this is 17 and under. Very few 15 years olds compete in this competition. In fact, the only 15 year olds were the ones that the United States sent. We'll go with this young man right here. I know a little bit about him, this is William Cohen. He's my middle son. William lifted -- yeah. William's 15 years old. He's a freshman at Benedictine Military School. He is a -- a 69 kilo class. He won three bronze -- two bronze medals at this competition. His first medals internationally. We were very excited about that -- that particular thing. He had to compete in a very tough class, and he was the first one to score medals for the men's team.

Commissioner Thomas said, great. All right. [Applause.]

Mr. Cohen said, let me introduce you to C.J. Cummings. C.J. Cummings like Mikey [sic] and Marcus is 15 years old. C.J. was the winner of the 69 kilo class. C.J. is a multi-international athlete who has competed several times all over the world. He's on track for 2016 and will be part of our 2020 delegation. C.J. set the Pan American record and attempted a world record in this particular competition. A little bit soft on it, so we're going to get it next time. C.J. was also voted the best lifter of the entire competition. This is a formula that's put out that all athletes are able to compete in, and he was able to -- to beat all of the other athletes. So this is C.J. Cummings. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Cohen said, there are weight classes, and the smallest weight class for men is 50 and the biggest weight class is what they call 94 plus. Mikey, my oldest son, Michael Cohen, who is a senior at Benedictine Military School. Mikey competed in the 94 kilo class, and in the 94 kilo class, Mikey was under some tough competitions and was able to come out with two silver and one bronze medal. He also attempted a Pan American record, fell a little short --

Master Michael Cohen said, two gold.

Mr. Cohen said, two gold. I'm sorry. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, maybe we need to hear from the athletes.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right. All right. All right.

Mr. Cohen said, you know, it's something to coach an athlete. I've coached athletes all over the world, including the Olympics, and I've had athletes win medals, including the Olympics, but when you coach your own, it's a whole different ball game, and it's -- it's -- the -- the rise of emotions, and sometimes it gets foggy. I'm sorry. Mikey won the -- the gold medals for us in the -- in the last competition, the last lifters of that competition, and it was an exciting moment, because Mikey had won medals at the youth world championships, which was Lima, Peru, just five months ago, and he came back for a place in the top nine at the junior world, which is in Poland, so Mikey's traveled all over the world this year. And this will be the last competition because unfortunately, Mikey is 17. This is his last meet at this level. He will now move on to the senior level of our sport. So the -- the -- we had a -- a great competition. We were very excited about the results, and, of course, the athletes back home that didn't make the trip are fighting now because they know they've got a shot at it. Unfortunately, three of the men that represented the United States in this competition are only 15, which means they will go back two more times.

Commissioner Thomas said, wow.

Mr. Cohen said, so there's a lot of depth coming up and a lot of competition, which competition leads to better results. That's what we're looking for. And on top of all that, they're out of school again, which tells you their academics is fantastic.

Commissioner Thomas said, very good.

Mr. Cohen said, you have to maintain high academics -- academics. If I'm going to get you out of classes, get you out of school, to go all over the world representing our community, you've got to have that, and these young men do that.

Commissioner Thomas said, great.

Mr. Cohen said, they have superior grades. So, thank you very much for -- for having us here. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, we -- Michael, before -- before we -- there are members of the Commission that would like to make some comments, but would any of the athletes like to say anything?

Mr. Cohen said, you were -- you were the team captain, you've got to get up and say something.

Commissioner Center said, no, he doesn't.

Master Cohen said, hello.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, all right.

Mr. Cohen said, they lift very well. They don't talk very well. I'm working on that.

Chairman Scott said, all right. And I'm -- I'm going to recognize Commissioner Center from the 3rd and Commissioner Kicklighter from the 7th in that order.

Commissioner Center said, Michael --

Chairman Scott said, and then our Vice Chair.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. You may not remember me, Michael, but when I was 11 years old, my mom took me to Cohen's gym for weight lifting, and I think the real Mr. Cohen, the one beaming, I'd like you to recognize him, 'cause that was my coach. You were just a tiny person at the time, but I'd like to recognize the real Mr. Cohen.

[NOTE: Mr. Howard Cohen stood for recognition.]

Commissioner Center said, you know, even then, I -- I think that Charles Anderson was the world's greatest weight lifter from South Georgia.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Paul -- Paul Anderson.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Cohen --

Commissioner Farrell said, Paul Anderson.

Commissioner Center said, Paul Anderson. Mr. Cohen had that reputation. I mean, many times, this guy's doing weightlifting, what is this? And look what you have produced. I mean, I -- I just think you deserve great recognition. Thank you. [Applause.]

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I want to echo off of that about Michael himself. I believe -- I believe you were slated to go to the Olympics and slated to do very well when America decided to pull out because it was in Russia or something like that.

Mr. Cohen said, that is right. Yes. The '80 Olympics.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah. So he is on his own just a treasure for the area as far as Olympic athletes, Olympic caliber. He would have -- he would have done very well there. Can you put into pounds, because I think people will realize how amazing your kids, all three of them right there. Like your oldest son, because he competed in the heaviest category, what was the actual pounds of that weight limit?

Mr. Cohen said, Mikey weighed 207 pounds -- although we didn't weigh there because he dropped weight. All the athletes that went over there unfortunately lost a lot of weight. And the food was excellent. It was good.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

Mr. Cohen said, but it just, you know, different environment. These are kids. They're not used to international travel. Mikey lifted in a class where he -- he did a snatch overhead in one motion with -- close to 300 pounds, and he attempted the American record -- or the Pan American record which was 405 pounds.

Commissioner Thomas said, wow.

Mr. Cohen said, so he clean and jerked enough to win, which was 375, something like that. But --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, unbelievable.

Mr. Cohen said, yeah. So he --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, he was competing against kids that probably weight 250 --

Mr. Cohen said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, 275, 3 -- I mean, just huge kids.

Mr. Cohen said, whatever. Whatever, doesn't matter. Doesn't matter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's absolutely amazing. And can you go ahead and give the stats --

Mr. Cohen said, sure. Sure.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- for the other two.

Mr. Cohen said, Will -- Will lifted in the 69 kilo class, and he --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, put that in pounds for me.

Mr. Cohen said, yeah. Yeah. He weighs about 170 -- 151 pounds, and he did a snatch of 250 and a clean and jerk of 303. And then C.J. lifted in the same weight class, and C.J. did a snatch of 300 pounds and did a clean and jerk of 368 pounds.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, amazing.

Mr. Cohen said, yeah, it's -- it's -- it's -- it's, you know, everyone there said the same thing. [Applause.] And again, you're competing for the most part, like I said, the -- the only 15 year-olds there were the ones that we brought, and of those 15 year olds, Harrison won the -- the silver medals. Harrison was in the 77 kilo class. You see they're stair steps. I got 69, 69, 77 and then -- and then Mikey 94. So we've got them all different sizes coming up, and Harrison did a snatch of 297 and a clean and jerk -- he missed the jerk with 375, which would have won the gold medal. So we -- we -- we in pretty good shape going down the road.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to state that I know throughout the years I've complained about budget items at the gym, but I want you to know I think you're -- you are an amazing -- the best coach. You produce the best athletes in the United States, and --

Mr. Cohen said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- I appreciate everything you do.

Mr. Cohen said, thank you very much. I appreciate that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

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

Mr. Cohen said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Congratulations.

Mr. Cohen said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'd like to thank you and -- what's the gentleman sitting here?

Commissioner Thomas said, that's his father.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the father?

Mr. Cohen said, my father, Howard.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's his father.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. I thank you all for your leadership and also being an excellent example for the young men.

Mr. Cohen said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, can you give me the young men's name again?

Mr. Cohen said, the young men? Certainly. This is William Cohen.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Cohen said, this is C.J. Cummings.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Cohen said, and this is Michael Cohen, not a junior. He's his own man.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay.

Mr. Cohen said, and then the young man who is not here is -- is Harrison Marcus.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. What does C.J. -- what does C.J. stand for?

Master C.J. Cummings said, Clarence Cummings, Jr.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I can't hear you.

Master Cummings said, Clarence Cummings, Jr.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Clarence Cummings, Jr.

Mr. Cohen said, his father -- his father is over there.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Thank you. I was just about to ask him who was the young man sitting over there. Yes. Let's give him a hand, too. [Applause.]

Mr. Cohen said, the upshot of the story is -- is that C.J.'s got an older brother that's the same age as Mikey, also in the 77 kilo class, who made this team and decided that he was going to continue his football career, so he resigned from this competition just so he could continue to compete for the football team and -- and -- at his town.

Commissioner Shabazz said, where do you all train and practice at?

Mr. Cohen said, we -- we train at the Anderson Cohen Weightlifting Center here in Savannah. So -- it's the largest Olympic training center in the United States.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Cohen said, this is where -- you actually have people travel all over the country to come here to train. And so these athletes train here. I mean, it's a -- it's a -- the staff there is designed to work with everybody, and this is just one little tiny, small piece of the -- of the program and the -- the staff there are all certified at the elite level. You know, you got a lot of people working out now, lifting weights and what not. In this particular facility, you have to have a level five coaching certificate, which is the highest. That means it's Olympic level. And basically what it boils down to is the kids in this community do not have to travel outside the community to find coaches. You know, I've got a good friend of mine who's -- who's got a young girl that's just -- in gymnastics, who's a very good gymnast, and they are going to have to make a tough decision at the end of this year. Do they stay in town and -- and stop training because they don't have a coach that can take them to the next level, or do they travel to another city, actually New Jersey, so they can continue. And in this community if the sport you choose is this, then you don't have to leave anywhere. You're right here. You have the best coaches here. Not just myself but the -- the best coaches.

Commissioner Shabazz said, once again, I congratulate you, and I'm very proud of your accomplishments.

Mr. Cohen said, thank you very much.

Mr. James Aberson said, tell them about Ability Works.

Mr. Cohen said, hmm?

Mr. Aberson said, about Ability Works.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner --

Mr. Cohen said, I'm sorry?

Mr. Aberson said, Ability Works.

Mr. Cohen said, oh. The -- the -- the -- again, following up on your -- your question, sir. We have a lot of different divisions, a lot of different divisions, and one of the divisions we have is -- is special needs. We have a huge special needs program, in fact, it's not only recognized locally but internationally. When the United States Paralympic team wanted to select a strength conditioning coordinator to handle all of their men's and women's Olympic basketball team, wheelchair basketball team, they came to Savannah, Georgia. So we were selected to basically head up that program to help them. So the athletes in the community, both abled and disabled have some of the top coaches in the country. So it's -- it's not just athletes, it's across the board. That's just one -- one aspect of it.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner Stone of the 1st District.

Mr. Cohen said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Cohen, or I guess I should say Mr. Cohens. We are so fortunate to have you in this community and all that you've done, and -- and I just want to congratulate you, and I know that there are times that it must be trying in taking these young men all over the country, but y'all keep it up. You're -- you're providing a name for our community, and we appreciate it.

Mr. Cohen said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And our Vice Chair from the 8th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, Mr. Cohen, I don't know if you remember me but from years and years ago, with your father, I used to go over to the Cohen's Center with several of the kids, and you worked with those young people. I am ecstatic over the fact that you and your father have done so much, not only for Savannah and Chatham County, but you have become world wide. And I want to say to these athletes, you are under the best training that one can get through Mr. Cohen and others. And you have demonstrated that you do not have to leave Savannah in order to achieve whatever you need to achieve. You are great examples for young people, and I want you to know that I will be calling upon you to bring these young people at another time to meet with our young people to -- hopefully to be able to challenge them because there are too many things going on in our city and our county with young people today. It's getting worse. So hopefully, maybe, if they can see these young people who have demonstrated that they can make it above Savannah, Georgia and become world class athletes and academically, I am very happy that you have stressed that, because that's very important. The two go hand in hand.

Mr. Cohen said, absolutely.

Commissioner Thomas said, and when you said, C.J., I thought about my grandson. I said, oh, C.J., oh. But, anyway, just congratulation. I am just so excited and thank you so very much, and I wish you the best.

Mr. Cohen said, thank you. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Mr. Cohen said, thank you very much, Mr. Commissioner.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Now we have comments from the Youth Commissioners, Mr. Cohen before you leave.

Commissioner Thomas said, go ahead.

Chairman Scott said, Ms. Bush or Ms. Mitchell.

Youth Commissioner Lindsey Mitchell said, Ms. Mitchell.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Youth Commissioner Mitchell said, I would like to thank the youth trained for all of your hard work and also on your wins because your dedication is very inspiring for youth like us throughout the community.

Mr. Cohen said, thank you.

Youth Commissioner Shakayla Bush said, good morning. I want to say to the lifters, I admire your dedication, and I believe that as youth it's great to showcase the drive for what you do, and it's a great trait to have at this age. It's very tough, and I'm sure this won't be the last time I see your face or hear your name. Congratulations.

Mr. Cohen said, thank you very much. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, that's wonderful.

Chairman Scott said, and Commissioner Farrell thank you for extending the invitation.

Commissioner Farrell said, glad to have them.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, always want to promote great accomplishments from our citizens, especially our -- our young ones.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

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

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, or Commissioner 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 nothing that's been tabled that we need to consider.

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IX. ITEMS FOR *INDIVIDUAL* ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: (A) INCREASE REVENUES \$7,360,000 BASED ON CURRENT REVENUE BUDGET VARIANCES, (B) INCREASE EXPENDITURES UP TO \$2,300,000 TRANSFER OUT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND, (C) INCREASE EXPENDITURES UP TO \$2,300,000 TRANSFER OUT TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, (D) INCREASE EXPENDITURES UP TO \$2,300,000 TRANSFER OUT TO THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND, (E) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$415,000 ENERGY EXCISE TAX, (F) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$45,000 PROBATE COURT FILING FEES, (G-O) TRANSFER \$417,600 FROM RESTRICTED CONTINGENCY TO THE EXPENDITURE BUDGETS LISTED IN ATTACHMENT 1, 2) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND: (A) INCREASE REVENUES \$2,406,600 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND M&O, (B) INCREASE THE CIP CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT \$2,300,000 FOR FUTURE CAPITAL NEEDS, AND (C) INCREASE TAX COMMISSIONER BILLING PROJECT \$106,600, 3) IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND: A) INCREASE REVENUES \$2,300,000 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND M&O, AND B) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$2,300,000 TO RETIRE THE 2011 UNION MISSION BONDS, 4) IN THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND: A) INCREASE REVENUES**

\$2,300,000 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND M&O, AND B) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$2,300,000 FOR CLAIMS, 5) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND: A) TRANSFER \$59,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO RECORDER'S COURT, B) TRANSFER \$16,200 FROM CONTINGENCY TO FELL STREET PUMP MAINTENANCE, 6) IN THE HOTEL MOTEL FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$330,000 FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED, FISCAL YEAR 2016: 1) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND BUDGET: A) APPROPRIATE \$54,930 FUND BALANCE TO THE CNT BUDGET, B) APPROPRIATE \$25,000 FUND BALANCE TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S BUDGET, 2) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$72,027 FOR CONTINUATION OF THE VICTIMS WITNESS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT, 3) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O TRANSFER A POSITION AND \$44,320 ASSOCIATED FUNDING FROM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES, AND 4) IN THE SALES TAX IV FUND TRANSFER \$2,000,000 FROM THE PIPEMAKERS CANAL PROJECT TO THE DIVERSION CENTER PROJECT.

Chairman Scott said, so we're on the Items for Individual Action. And the first item is a number of year end budget transfers that I will outline and then entertain a motion. To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer from fiscal year 2015: in the General Fund M&O: increase revenues by \$7,360,000 based on the current revenue budget variance, increase expenditures to 2,300,000 Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund, increase expenditures up to 2,300,000 Transfer Out to the Debt Service Fund, increase expenditures up to 2,300,000 Transfer Out to the Risk Management Fund, and increase expenditures by 415,000 Energy Excise Tax, increase expenditures by 45,000 Probate Court Filing Fees, transfer \$417,600 from Restricted Contingency to the expenditure budget list in Attachment 1, 2) and in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: increase revenues by \$2,406,600 Transfer In from the General Fund M&O, and increase the CIP contingency account by 2,300,000 for future capital needs, and increase Tax Commissioner's Billing project \$106,600, and in the Debt Service Fund: increase revenues by 2,300,000 Transfer In from General Fund M&O, and b) increase expenditures by 2,300,000 to retire the 2011 Union Mission bonds, and in the Risk Management Fund: increase revenues by 2,300,000 and Transfer In from the General Fund M&O, and b) increase expenditures by 2,300,000 for claims, and in the Special Service District Fund: transfer 59,000 from contingency to Recorder's Court, b) transfer \$16,200 from contingency to the Fell Street Ramp [sic] Pump Maintenance, and 6) in the Hotel Motel Fund increase revenues and expenditures by \$330,000 for additional funds collected, Fiscal Year 2016: and in the Confiscated Revenue Fund budget: appropriate \$54,930 fund balance to the CNT budget, appropriate 25,000 fund balance to the District Attorney's budget, and in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues, expenditures by \$72,027 for continuation of the Victim Witness Act Grant, and in the General Fund M&O transfer a position and \$44,320 associated funding from the Administrative Services to Information and Communication Services, and in the Sales Tax IV fund transfer 2,000,000 from the Pipemakers Canal project to the Diversion Center. Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion or unreadiness? I recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before the vote, I just want to state for the record, that staff has stated that although we are transferring \$2 million from Pipemakers Canal with this vote, the monies is still available to complete all planned improvements on Pipemakers Canal.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and that's it.

Chairman Scott said, that is correct. Any further unreadiness or discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it's not working.

Chairman Scott said, please indicate that the Commissioner from the 5th District voted yes.

Clerk said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, the motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the following budget amendments and transfers for fiscal year 2015: 1) in the General Fund M&O: (a) increase revenues \$7,360,000 based on current revenue budget variances, (b) increase expenditures up to \$2,300,000 Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, (c) increase expenditures up to \$2,300,000 Transfer Out to the Debt Service Fund, (d) increase expenditures up to \$2,300,000 Transfer Out to the Risk Management Fund, (e) increase expenditures \$415,000 Energy Excise Tax, (f) increase expenditures \$45,000 Probate Court Filing Fees, (g-o) transfer \$417,600 from Restricted Contingency to the expenditure budgets listed in Attachment 1, 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: (a) increase revenues \$2,406,600 Transfer In from General Fund M&O, (b) increase the CIP contingency account \$2,300,000 for future capital needs, and (c) increase Tax Commissioner Billing project \$106,600, 3) in the Debt Service Fund: a) increase revenues \$2,300,000 Transfer In from General Fund M&O, and b) increase expenditures \$2,300,000 to retire the 2011 Union Mission bonds, 4) in the Risk Management Fund: a) increase revenues \$2,300,000 Transfer In from General Fund M&O, and b) increase expenditures \$2,300,000 for claims, 5) in the Special Service District Fund: a) transfer \$59,000 from contingency to Recorder's Court, b) transfer \$16,200 from contingency to Fell Street Pump Maintenance, 6) in the Hotel Motel Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$330,000 for additional funds collected, Fiscal Year 2016: 1) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund budget: a) appropriate \$54,930 fund balance to the CNT budget, b) appropriate \$25,000 fund balance to the District Attorney's budget, 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$72,027 for continuation of the Victims Witness of Crime ACT (VOCA) Grant, 3) in the General Fund M&O transfer a position and \$44,320 associated funding from Administrative Services to Information and Communication Services, and 4) in the Sales Tax IV fund transfer \$2,000,000 from the Pipemakers Canal project to the Diversion Center project. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers for fiscal year 2015: 1) in the General Fund M&O: (a) increase revenues \$7,360,000 based on current revenue budget variances, (b) increase expenditures up to \$2,300,000 Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, (c) increase expenditures up to \$2,300,000 Transfer Out to the Debt Service Fund, (d) increase expenditures up to \$2,300,000 Transfer Out to the Risk Management Fund, (e) increase expenditures \$415,000 Energy Excise Tax, (f) increase expenditures \$45,000 Probate Court Filing Fees, (g-o) transfer \$417,600 from Restricted Contingency to the expenditure budgets listed in Attachment 1, 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: (a) increase revenues \$2,406,600 Transfer In from General Fund M&O, (b) increase the CIP contingency account \$2,300,000 for future capital needs, and (c) increase Tax Commissioner Billing project \$106,600, 3) in the Debt Service Fund: a) increase revenues \$2,300,000 Transfer In from General Fund M&O, and b) increase expenditures \$2,300,000 to retire the 2011 Union Mission bonds, 4) in the Risk Management Fund: a) increase revenues \$2,300,000 Transfer In from General Fund M&O, and b) increase expenditures \$2,300,000 for claims, 5) in the Special Service District Fund: a) transfer \$59,000 from contingency to Recorder's Court, b) transfer \$16,200 from contingency to Fell Street Pump Maintenance, 6) in the Hotel Motel Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$330,000 for additional funds collected, Fiscal Year 2016: 1) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund budget: a) appropriate \$54,930 fund balance to the CNT budget, b) appropriate \$25,000 fund balance to the District Attorney's budget, 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$72,027 for continuation of the Victims Witness of Crime ACT (VOCA) Grant, 3) in the General Fund M&O transfer a position and \$44,320 associated funding from Administrative Services to Information and Communication Services, and 4) in the Sales Tax IV fund transfer \$2,000,000 from the Pipemakers Canal project to the Diversion Center project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Fiscal Year 2015:

1a-d. The Chatham County Financial policies provide for the use of unreserved fund balance as funding source for one-time expenses such as debt service, capital improvements or other such items. Based on current revenue budget variances \$6.9 million is available for one-time expenses. These funds are being transferred to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the Debt Service, and the Risk Management Funds. A resolution to amend the General Fund M&O is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

- 1e. A portion of the Energy Excise Tax is distributed to the municipalities. Collections have exceeded budget. Revenues and expenditures are being increased by \$415,000 to account for the additional revenue received.
- 1f. A portion of the filing fees collected in Probate Court are remitted to the state. Collections in FY2015 exceeded budget. Revenues and expenditures are being increased by \$45,000 to account for the additional revenue received.
- 1g-o. The CAT Teleride expanded services, Fleet Management, Fuel Management, Administrative Services, Court Expenditures, Transfer Out to Child Support Recovery and HazMat expenditures have exceeded the budget. An additional \$106,600 is needed for the Tax Commissioner Billing project in CIP. The requested action uses funds from poll-workers restricted contingency to offset the shortfall. The transfers are detailed in Attachment I
- 2a-b. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund is being amended to increase revenues and expenditures \$2.3 million for future capital needs and \$106,600 for the Tax Commissioner Billing project. A resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 3a-b. The Debt Service Fund is being amended to increase revenues and expenditures \$2.3 million to retire the 2011 Union Mission bonds. A resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 4a-b. The Risk Management Fund is being amended to increase revenues and expenditures \$2.3 million for claims. A resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 5a. Indigent Defense expenditures in Recorder's Court exceeded budget. A \$59,000 contingency transfer is needed.
- 5b. The check to pay FY2014 expenditures for the Fell Street Pump Maintenance was not cashed before it expired. The check was voided and a replacement check was issued in FY2015. This resulted in having the payments for FY2014 and FY2015 showing in the same year. A contingency transfer of \$16,200 will bring the budget in line with expenditures.
6. Collections in the Hotel Motel Fund exceeded expectations. The \$330,00 budget amendment accounts for the additional revenue and disbursements.

Fiscal Year 2016:

- 1a. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested an appropriation of 54,930 confiscated funds for the purchase of eight Respiratory Protective Equipment Systems (RPE) and supplies. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1b. The District Attorney has requested an appropriation of \$25,000 for a gang data base. A staff report and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The District Attorney has received approval for continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund for the \$72,027 grant awarded are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The Information and Communications Services (ICS) Director has requested a transfer of a Clerical Assistant III position from Administrative Services to ICS. A transfer of \$4,320 will adjust the departmental budgets for the transfer.
4. The County Engineer has requested a \$2,000,000 transfer from the Pipemakers Canal project to the Diversion Center project. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

The budget amendment establishes funds in the General M&O, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the Debt Service, the Risk Management, the Confiscated Revenue, and the Multiple Grant Funds. Funds are available in the General M&O and Sales Tax IV fund for the contingency, project and departmental transfers.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

- a) Increase revenues \$7,360,000.
- b) Increase expenditures \$2,300,000 Transfer Out to CIP.
- c) Increase expenditures \$2,300,000 Transfer Out to Debt Service Fund.
- d) Increase expenditures \$2,300,000 Transfer Out to Risk Management Fund.
- e) Increase expenditures \$415,000 Energy Excise Tax.
- f) Increase expenditures \$45,000 Probate Court Filing Fees.
- g) Reduce expenditures \$417,600 Poll Workers Restricted Contingency.
- h) Increase expenditures \$174,900 CAT Teleride.
- l) Increase expenditures \$89,500 Fleet Management.
- j) Increase expenditures \$100 Fuel Management.
- k) Increase expenditures \$4,250 Administrative Services.
- l) Increase expenditures \$14,500 Court Expenditures.
- m) Increase expenditures \$18,210 Transfer Out to Child Support Recovery.
- n) Increase expenditures \$9,540 Haz Mat Expenditures.
- o) Increase expenditures \$106,600 Transfer Out to CIP.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FY2015

- a) Increase revenues \$2,406,600 Transfer In from General Fund M&O.
- b) Increase contingency \$2,300,000.
- c) Increase the Tax Commissioner Billing project \$106,600.

DEBT SERVICE FUND FY2015

- a) Increase revenues \$2,300,000 Transfer In from General Fund M&O.
- b) Increase expenditures \$2,300,000 to retire the 2011 Union Mission bonds.

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND FY2015

- a) Increase revenues \$2,300,000 Transfer In from General Fund M&O.
- b) Increase expenditures \$2,300,000 for claims.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND FY2015

- a) Transfer \$59,000 from contingency to Recorder's Court.
- b) Transfer \$16,200 from contingency to Fell Street Pump Maintenance.

HOTEL/MOTEL FUND FY2015

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$330,000 for additional funds collected.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND FY2016

- a) Appropriate \$54,930 fund balance to the CNT budget.
- b) Appropriate \$25,000 fund balance to the District Attorney's budget.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FY2016

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$72,027 for continuation of the Victims Witness of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant.

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2016

- a) Transfer a position and \$4,320 associated funding from Administrative Services to Information and Communication Services.

SALES TAX IV FUND FY2016

- a) Transfer \$2,000,000 from the Pipemakers Canal project to the Diversion Center project.

- 2. Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

Attachment 1.**General Fund M&O FY2015**

Current Budget	\$168,182,795
Amendments:	
Revenue:	\$168,182,795
(a) Increase revenue	<u>7,360,000</u>

Amended Revenue	<u>\$175,542,795</u>
Expenditures:	\$168,182,795
(b) Transfer Out to CIP	2,300,000
(c) Transfer Out to Debt Service	2,300,000
(d) Transfer Out to Risk Management	2,300,000
(e) Energy Excise Tax	415,000
(f) Probate Court Filing Fees	45,000
(g) Restricted Contingency	(417,600)
(h) CAT Teleride	174,900
(l) Fleet Management	89,500
(j) Fuel Management	100
(k) Administrative Services	4,250
(l) Court Expenditures	14,500
(m) Transfer Out to Child Support Recovery	18,200
(n) HazMat	9,540
(o) Transfer Out to CIP	106,600
Amended Expenditures	<u>\$175,542,795</u>

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2. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Scott said, next we have our CNT Director, and we'll have our monthly report by Director Ragan.

CNT Director D. Everett Ragan said, good morning Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board. The August 2015 monthly report, during the month we initiated 78 cases. The total number that we -- of investigations that we cleared were 23. We assisted the District Attorney's office with a homicide investigation with their investigators that took up about 16 hours. For the drugs seized was a little over \$6,000. Again, for the month, well, it looks like miscellaneous pills and heroin was again in second place for the type of drugs we seized for the month. The total value -- the total drugs seized year to date were right at \$577,000. And drugs purchased, again, we purchased methamphetamine, almost \$6,000 worth and miscellaneous pills and ecstasy, and those are continuing cases that we're -- we're working on. Those are probable cause buys. So far year to date we recovered 97 guns and the total number of persons so far is 184.

Director Ragan said, geographic locations of individuals arrested are Savannah, Garden City, Bloomingdale, Pooler, Richmond Hill, and Hardeeville, South Carolina. Drug complaints, we had official or project log complaints as we call them, two; 19 hot line or call in complaints; two intel complaints from outside agencies; and 27 Crime Stoppers. The next four pages are basically your weekly stats of information and action taken in each of your -- your Districts. So if you have complaints or questions from constituents, then you'll be able to look and see if we have taken action in that area.

Director Ragan said, hours expended in each precinct, again, Islands and the Central precinct are the two hardest areas that we're -- we're spending most of our time in, and, of course, City of Savannah, dominates as far as the municipalities go. Again, there's really nothing out of the ordinary on those. The number of hours worked by the zone, almost 1800 hours in Metro and all the precincts, municipalities 466 hours, and 298 hours in the unincorporated areas. Administrative hours were 640 hours; case administration, pharmaceutical diversions, 480 hours; intelligence, 480; out of county with our task force operations had 142 hours with those and 256 hours in training.

Director Ragan said, one of our significant -- one of the significant events for the -- for the month, and as I've told you with the repeated increase of heroin on the rise, we made two -- a couple -- two good heroin cases recently. One where we recovered over four ounces of heroin, and remember it only takes four grams of heroin to charge somebody with trafficking in heroin. Where it takes 28 grams of cocaine to charge trafficking, it only takes four grams of heroin to charge traffic -- trafficking. This particular individual, we had him on the radar. We made a couple of purchases. He liked guns. He wanted to get into guns. We set up a sting operation with ATF agents. We provided some fancy looking guns. Worked out a swap with him, guns for heroin, and we set him up in a motel room, and the time he walked out the motel room, SWAT team was able to arrest him. We had the guns fixed. Nobody was in danger with those guns, but, we were able to do a real quick arrest on him simply because he was so a -- eager to purchase weapons. And again, he had a criminal history of aggravated assault and armed robbery in -- in past convictions.

Director Ragan said, I've spoken before in reference to some trends we have of -- of some other things that we do and agencies we work with, and again, we're -- we're talking -- this time we're talking about marijuana coming from jurisdictions. This particular time I want to speak a little bit in reference to marijuana coming from a state where it is legal. We're seeing more and more marijuana coming in from Colorado. They're seeing more and more marijuana being shipped from Colorado to other states. So I just want to take a quick minute -- minute and show what we have done in reference to some of these trends. Now we've been seeing it for a while. Back on May 7th, 2013, Metro and CNT conducted an investigation involving having two pounds of marijuana mailed

to him from California. He attempted to pick the marijuana up at the McAlpin Square post office. He didn't have the proper ID. We had the area surrounded. He snatched the package from the postal worker at the front desk, took off running. He was arrested shortly -- shortly thereafter behind McAlpin Square.

Director Ragan said, again, working with postal inspectors, suspected -- in November 2013, suspected activity on Broughton Street, a business called Elev8ed. It was located at 404 West Broughton Street. Thirteen pounds of marijuana, 12 firearms, to include assault rifles, ballistic vests and multiple rounds of ammunition. Suspect was arrested for trafficking marijuana and on weapons charges. Not only did we search the business but most of the guns -- he had some of the guns in the business. Most of the guns came from his home where he was living right around the area of 37th and MLK, where he was living. 14 Oct -- well, February 26, 2014, again with the postal inspector's office, had a suspected postal employee who was again involved. This investigation -- this employee was taking packages that had come in that did not have a real address on -- on the package, but he knew where they needed to go. Had surveillance on him; had surveillance on the address that it was supposed to go to, which was a vacant lot. We watched the employee as he delivered the packages to two individuals waiting in a car. The employee was arrested and then both suspects were arrested after a short chase. And again, several pounds of marijuana were confiscated in that package.

Director Ragan said, again, April 14, postal service. Search warrant was executed in Woodhouse Lane, which is southside. Agents seized over six pounds of marijuana and arrested two suspects. On 5/8/14, conducted an investigation of the postal inspector's office -- with the postal inspector's office a search warrant, 1616 New Castle Street. Again, two suspects arrested and a pound and a half of marijuana. 5/30/14 conducted another investigation, 1405 East Park Avenue. Again, marijuana being mailed to a non-existent -- from a non-existent residence in California. Over two pounds of marijuana seized. 2/25/15 conducted a joint investigation again with the postal inspectors. Marijuana was being sent to the Circle K store, 8900 White Bluff Road. Seized almost two pounds of marijuana and arrested the regional manager -- manager for Circle K for possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute. On March 3rd, 2015, again, 1200 block of East 40th Street, intercepted marijuana and marijuana oil. Found eight pounds of high grade marijuana. So, not only do we enforce what we have on our streets, but again, we're getting suppliers coming in and out of town, and by any way they are coming up with delivering the stuff, we've tried to intercept and are being successful in doing that.

Chairman Scott said, we -- we have some questions from you from Commissioner Stone of the 1st, Commissioner Center of the 3rd, Commissioner Shabazz of the 5th, and our Vice Chair of the 8th, in that order.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page one, Commander Ragan, what is synthetic? There's synthetic and then synthetic marijuana. What -- what is that?

Director Ragan said, yeah, your -- your synthetics are also your -- your bath salts, your spice, your flakka. That type -- type of stuff that's coming in.

Commissioner Stone said, but what is synthetic marijuana?

Director Ragan said, it's flakka. It's spice. That's what synthetic marijuana is.

Commissioner Stone said, oh. So it has nothing to do really with marijuana.

Director Ragan said, it has nothing to do with really marijuana. They do -- they do spray it with chemicals, but it really has nothing to do with marijuana.

Commissioner Stone said, just curious. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, it's dry -- it looks like a dried weed, but they spray a bunch of chemicals on it and dry it out, and that's what comes in the little foil packs that you get at your 7-11s, and your stores, and through the mail. And -- but it's not marijuana. It's carnivanor (phonetic).

Commissioner Stone said, you can buy it at the store?

Director Ragan said, ma'am?

Commissioner Stone said, you can buy it at the store?

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, so --

Director Ragan said, until we catch you.

Commissioner Stone said, or you catch who's selling it.

Director Ragan said, or we catch you selling it. Yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Center said, not the personal you.

Director Ragan said, not the personal you, no.

Commissioner Stone said, I just -- no, I'm just curious as to know that -- I didn't realize that this stuff was in stores.

Director Ragan said, oh, yes, ma'am. It's -- one of the presentations I did a couple of months ago outlined the new flakka that's coming in up through Florida. It's actually produced in China and Indonesia. There are multiple companies that produce it over there. If it's sold in those countries, those individuals who are producing it face the death penalty. But the Chinese government has no problem with them exporting it over here or exporting it to other countries for them to use. But it comes in the little -- the little foil packets. You can see it sometimes advertised as a potpourri or anything like that. It's got a label on it that says it is not for human consumption, but people buy it and smoke it, and that is what it's used for, and it is a very, very bad drug.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you very much. Good morning.

Director Ragan said, good morning, sir.

Commissioner Center said, I look forward to your monthly reports.

Director Ragan said, well, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, I have a couple of questions. Would you go back to that first page that showed the guns and the marijuana?

Director Ragan said, on the Power Point?

Commissioner Center said, like four slides back from -- there.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Now, before I ask a question about that, I -- I want to ask a different -- different question. I read in the paper today about federal indictments on inmates with cell phones trafficking drugs. Were you part of -- of -- of that?

Director Ragan said, I didn't see the article, but we have been in part -- and we do have some indictments coming with that, yes.

Commissioner Center said, right. Because you had showed -- you made a great presentation to us several months ago or two months ago.

Director Ragan said, yes, we did. That basically with the ghost face gangsters that were using -- actually, the Hispanic male who was providing the contacts out of Atlanta was incarcerated in a -- in a state prison. The ghost face gangster who was providing the distribution aspect of it was incarcerated in a state prison, and they both had access to cell phones that we currently have now.

Commissioner Center said, all right. So next month, we'll hear your report about the indictments that are pending.

Director Ragan said, yeah. I'll have to check on that, but, yeah, those indictments are pending.

Commissioner Center said, and I have no math problems today.

Director Ragan said, oh very good. I thank you.

Commissioner Center said, but I'm looking at this, and, of course, we have a little different opinion on marijuana. Some states now have legalized marijuana. These guns that are confiscated, we have to sell those and allow those to go back on the street, don't we? Under --

Director Ragan said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, the marijuana we destroy?

Director Ragan said, yes. We burn the marijuana.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Director Ragan said, good morning, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, my concern is the -- how do you know about them distributing the marijuana through the postal service?

Director Ragan said, through investigation by us, the postal inspector, and some other means that I -- I really don't want to go into here.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Right.

Director Ragan said, because I can't give all our secrets.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Right. So you have intelligence on that?

Director Ragan said, yes, we do.

Chairman Scott said, our vice --

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, anything else?

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's it. That's it.

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, just want to say thank you again to you and your staff for doing a great job. I know it's a hard, hard job, and there's a lot of stuff that's going on out there each and every day. The -- you -- you mentioned something about these weapons are able to be placed back out, you know, for use in the community. How is that?

Director Ragan said, basically, under Georgia State law, a county agency when -- or even -- even city agencies -- county agencies or city agencies, when they are awarded guns through the court that we have seized, okay? Then we have to auction those guns. They have to be sold. We can no longer use them to trade in. We can no longer destroy those guns. They have to be sold at -- on a bidding process that we work through the purchasing department. They handle -- handle all of it. We bundle the guns, purchasing puts them out on a -- on a website and individuals who have a federal fire arms license, who are able to buy and sell weapons, get on those guns and they -- they take them.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh, so that's the way that they're --

Director Ragan said, that's the way that works. And the money that is received from that, and I think it's probably close to 20,000 if not more by now, that that money goes back into the general fund of the county. The general -- to the county. It's -- it's not being able to use for law enforcement purposes. It goes back to the county fund.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. And one last thing, I -- I think you mentioned, one business.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, what happens to that business?

Director Ragan said, well he --

Commissioner Thomas said, are they -- are they able to continue in business or --

Director Ragan said, not him.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- or what?

Director Ragan said, he's out of business. He's -- he can't -- he's not running it from jail.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. That's what I wanted to know.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, because I mean it doesn't make sense for them to be allowed to continue in business because they're going to continue to do the same thing.

Director Ragan said, and I would say that the -- the management of Circle K were very helpful in the individual who was managing that.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Director Ragan said, of course he was fired immediately.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Director Ragan said, and they opened up the business for us for anything that we needed as far as record wise and anything else coming in there. So.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, and they were 100 percent supportive. A little side -- a little quick side bar to the individual on Broughton Street. His wife, you know, you have postal -- postal service hires temporary employees or part-time employees to deliver these packages, and she had applied, and she had put in to deliver in the downtown area, so they had hopes that she would be the one who would be able to pick up the packages and -- and deliver, and she had already had her application in, but we were able to nip that in the bud too. So.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Very good. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, I -- I would like to say, Mr. Chairman --

Chairman Scott said, we have -- we have another question. Commissioner Holmes of the 2nd District.

Commissioner Holmes said, Director Ragan.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, you -- you -- you -- you kind of explained to me just now about the guns. That's what I wanted to ask you about. And it is mandatory that you take these guns. You have to resell them.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, state law?

Chairman Scott said, state law.

Director Ragan said, state law.

Commissioner Holmes said, now, when did that law pass? Do you have --

Director Ragan said, 2012, I believe. We -- we received an opinion from the County Attorney. We -- we were trying to fight it and circumvent it, but he slapped my hands and said, no, we -- we have to do it.

Commissioner Holmes said, so -- so -- with all the foolishness and guns in the public, you can't do anything to ask the state rep to change that law? So when we confiscate guns like this, we need to dismantle them and get them out of circulation period. I don't care where they been sold at.

Director Ragan said, I -- I -- I agree with you 100 percent.

Commissioner Holmes said, but what --

Director Ragan said, if it's not something that we can put back in service for ourself, to save the county money on some -- some of these type of weapons that we can use -- are the same type of weapon -- some of the weapons that we seize are the some of the same type of weapons that we use or that we have in our arsenal. If we can't put them back in that, destruction, I would think would be best.

Commissioner Holmes said, have you talked to our local state representative?

Director Ragan said, I have not. No, sir.

Chairman Scott said, we --

Commissioner Holmes said, can you begin dialoging about that? Because that -- that -- that need to be changed.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, there ain't no doubt about it.

Chairman Scott said, we will have a meeting with our state legislators in early December, and it -- and that's something that you could put on your agenda that's -- to discuss with them.

County Manager Smith said, that's what we were just talking about the law. If it's even the possibility of asking them to give counties options to say if it's something we feel strongly about, to say, we want them dismantled and destroyed.

Commissioner Holmes said, that was my next question. Can we --

Commissioner Thomas said, I agree.

County Manager Smith said, that's what we're going to talk to the Attorney about and see what we can do in this meeting we have in December with the legislators. Could that be altered to do that?

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Ragan.

Chairman Scott said, anyone else? Now, we have a follow-up question from Commissioner Shabazz of the 5th District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Chairman, this -- this question is for yourself. With your years in the legislature and the senate and -- what would you think would be the best way to approach this in terms of getting this law changed?

Chairman Scott said, well, we need to ask the -- the members of our delegation if they would sponsor or co-sponsor the legislation to change the law. This was obviously a lobbyist attempt by the people who are running these various gun shows throughout the state to really -- to get cheap inventory to resell at the gun shows. And -- and that's all it's about. It's a money-making proposition for those people who run the gun shows in disregard of whether or not these guns end back up into hands of felons. Because you can go to a gun show if you don't have a criminal history that shows up immediately on a computer background check, you're allowed to purchase guns and then you in turn can sell them to whomever you want because you're not a licensed gun dealer or anything else, and you're not under those same restrictions. And so that's what happens. So a lot of these guns, besides the fact that people own guns and have them in their homes, and their homes are broken into and the guns are stolen. And those too are sold on the street. And so that's really the main source of -- of firearms. Criminals with extensive backgrounds can't go to a legitimate gun shop and purchase a gun because those folk are really scrutinized pretty heavily in terms of background checks for people who purchase them. But --

Director Ragan said, and -- but -- a quick side bar on these guns. These are not guns that we actually always just seize and have in evidence. With these guns, we take them to a Superior Court judge in a civil forfeiture action to be able to seize them, and the judge issues a civil order for us that they're now -- they're now -- they're now seized. They're now our weapons, but then state law puts the handcuffs on us and says, hey, you've got to sell them and -- with a county agency, as CNT is the money goes back into the -- to the county fund. If it's a city police agency, a municipality, then the money that is made from the sale of these weapons go back to the law enforcement agency into their confiscated funds. So.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Director Ragan said, that's how it's set up.

Chairman Scott said, but we do need to chat with the -- if we feel that strongly about it --

Director Ragan said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, -- when we have our meeting in early December. Yeah. Anything else of Director Ragan?

Commissioner Center said, thank you. Thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, if not, thank you for your presentation.

Director Ragan said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

[NOTE: CNT monthly Report filed in Clerk of Commission's meeting file.]

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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 staffs recommendation. Any Board Member may choose to pull an item from the calendar and it would be considered separately.

Chairman Scott said, next is the Action Calendar, and I'm going to recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, I understand that Item 7 on the Action Calendar has to be removed because it wasn't advertised --

County Manager Smith said, it was not properly advertised.

Commissioner Center said, -- properly advertised. So I move that we take that off of this calendar.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And is that motion -- is that we approve the Action Calendar with the exception of --

Commissioner Center said, yes. I'll do that. I'll move we approve the Action Calendar with the exception of Number 7.

Commissioner Farrell said, I accept that as the second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Motion carries. Hold on a second before we close the voting. Approving the Action Calendar. The Action Calendar is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 10 and under Item 10 Items A through Q with the exception of Item 7. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2015, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 2015.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of September 3, 2015 through September 16, 2015, in the amount of \$11,735,481. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- 3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF**

THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT TO CONTINUE TO FUND A FULL-TIME BILINGUAL VICTIM ADVOCATE FOR SPANISH SPEAKING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES IN CHATHAM COUNTY. ALSO TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON ANY NECESSARY AWARD DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THIS GRANT. GRANT REQUIRES A 20% MATCH OF \$18,007 PROVIDED BY IN-KIND VOLUNTEER HOURS (BUDGETED IN VWAP). NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY ARE REQUIRED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the application to the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act Grant to continue to fund a full-time bilingual victim advocate for Spanish speaking victims and witnesses in Chatham County. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Cheryl W. Rogers, Victim-Witness Program, Director

ISSUE:

To request Board approve the application to the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the **continuation** of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant to continue to fund a full-time bilingual victim advocate for Spanish speaking victims and witnesses in Chatham County. Also to authorize the Chairman's signature on any necessary award documents pertaining to this Grant.

BACKGROUND:

In prior years, the Commission has approved this grant funding.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The competitive grant for **\$72,027** would include salary and benefits for Bilingual Advocate and will fund a small percentage of our Administrative Assistant II salary.
2. The grant requires a 20% match of **\$18,007** which is already in place through the Victim-Witness Assistance Program with volunteer hours and VWAP Director's salary as in-kind match only. No VOCA funds contribute to Director's salary. **No additional funds from the County are required.**
3. The continuation VOCA grant will run October 1, 2015 thru September 30, 2016. The grant award is the same as last year and is a continuation grant. VWAP has received this grant since 2011.
4. Spanish speaking victims continue to be under served in Chatham County and this Grant has allowed us to make great strides in serving our Hispanic population.
5. Chatham County continues to see a steady increase in the Hispanic population and this trend is reflected in the growing numbers of Hispanics who have contact with the criminal justice system.
6. The Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department, the municipal police departments, the Office of the District Attorney, and Latin American Service Organization all report a continued reluctance of many Hispanic victims and witnesses to cooperate with criminal justice agencies. This lack of cooperation is often due to limited English language skills and a lack of support to maneuver the unfamiliar and intimidating legal system. We are making strides to make outreach to our Spanish speaking victims and witnesses through our bilingual Victim Advocate and have seen success in the ability to prosecute these crime involving Spanish speaking persons.

FUNDING:

1. No additional County funds are required. A 20% match of \$18,007 is currently available through the Victim-Witness Assistance Program as in-kind match by Director's salary and volunteer hours.
2. The VOCA Grant has been available since 1986 so it has a proven history of providing services to crime victims throughout the nation. Chatham County VWAP has received this grant since 2011.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the application for the continuation VOCA Grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
2. That the Board not approve the application for the continuation VOCA Grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board of Commissioners has been the recipient of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds for the past five years and in prior years as well. The continuation of this grant requires no additional funds from Chatham County and the personnel position ends if no additional funds are secured from grant sources.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

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4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT (FUNDRAISING GALA AND LIVE AUCTION) AT 14 COTESWORTH PLACE. PETITIONER: MELISSA BAILEY FOR SAVANNAH PHILHARMONIC. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 10, 2015. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event at 14 Cotesworth Place on October 10, 2015. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverage for a special event in Chatham County on October 10, 2015.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Savannah Philharmonic**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Melissa Bailey** has filed a Special Event Application for a fundraising gala and live auction at 14 Cotesworth Place, Savannah, GA. The application has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor) at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant permit to allow the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the requested special event at 14 Cotesworth Place.
2. Deny permit.
3. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative #1.

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- 5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE (WINE) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AT ISLE OF HOPE MARINA, 50 BLUFF DRIVE. PETITIONER: CHARLES WALLER FOR ISLE OF HOPE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, INC. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 24-25, 2015. [DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of a permit to dispense alcoholic beverage for a special event at Isle of Hope Marina October 24-25, 2015. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Isle of Hope Historical Association, Inc.**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Charles Waller**, has filed a Special Event Application for an event on October 24-25, 2015 at the Isle of Hope Marina, 50 Bluff Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31406. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages (wine) at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative #1.

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- 6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE (BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR) FOR A SPECIAL EVENT (FUNDRAISER) AT THE MACKAY HOUSE, 190 RED GATE FARM TRAIL. PETITIONER: DAWN M. QUATTLEBAUM FOR THE HABERSHAM SCHOOL. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 15, 2015. [DISTRICT 5.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of a permit to dispense alcoholic beverage for a special event at the Mackey House, 190 Red Gate Farm Trail on October 15, 2015. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

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

ISSUE:

Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages for a special event in Chatham County on October 15, 2015.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **The Habersham School**, a non-profit organization, through applicant **Dawn M. Quattlebaum**, has filed a Special Event Application for a fundraiser at The Mackey House, 190 Red Gate Farm Trail, Savannah, Georgia 31405. The applicant has the intent to dispense alcoholic beverages at the event.
2. Section 16-134(4) of the Chatham County Business/Occupational Tax Ordinance requires approval of the County Commissioners to issue a temporary permit to dispense alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.
3. The ordinance grants the Board of Commissioners discretion to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a special event.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative #1.

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~~7. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2015.
 PETITIONER: ERNEST F. MACKEY, JR., D/B/A THE MACKEY HOUSE,
 LOCATED AT 190 RED GATE FARM TRAIL.
 [DISTRICT 5.]~~

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Item Removed.

~~**AGENDA ITEM: X-7**
AGENDA DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015~~

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

~~**ISSUE:**~~

~~Request for new beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2015. Petitioner: **Ernest F. Mackey, Jr., d/b/a The Mackey House**, located at **190 Red Gate Farm Trail, Savannah, Georgia 31405.**~~

~~**BACKGROUND:**~~

~~Mr. Mackey requests approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing social club. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County~~

~~Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.~~

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- ~~1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.~~
- ~~2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.~~
- ~~3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage.~~
- ~~4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.~~

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 5

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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**8. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF A BEER RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2015.
PETITIONER: PILAR GUTIERREZ DE ALVARADO, D/B/A LA TAPATIA,
LOCATED AT 5548 OGEECHEE ROAD, SUITE I.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval for a transfer of a beer retail license for 2015. The Petitioner is Pilar Gutierrez de Alvarado, d/b/a La Tapatia, located at 5548 Ogeechee Road, Suite I. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of a beer retail license for 2015. Petitioner: **Pilar Gutierrez de Alvarado d/b/a La Tapatia** located at **5548 Ogeechee Road, Suite I, Savannah, Georgia 31405.**

BACKGROUND:

Ms. Santibanez requests approval for transfer of a beer retail license in connection with the existing grocery store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Yuridia M. Santibanez to Pilar Gutierrez de Alvarado.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 7

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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9. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2015. PETITIONER: SUREN S. PATEL, D/B/A WHITE MARSH BEVERAGE CENTER, LOCATED AT 4700-J US HIGHWAY 80 EAST. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of a transfer of a beer, wine and liquor retail license for 2015. The Petitioner is Suren S. Patel, d/b/a White Marsh Beverage Center, located at 4700-J US Highway 80 East. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-9

AGENDA DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer for beer, wine and liquor retail license for 2015. Petitioner: **Suren S. Patel, d/b/a White Marsh Beverage Center**, located at **4700-J US Highway 80 East, Savannah, Georgia 31410**.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Patel requests approval for transfer of a beer retail license in connection with an existing package store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Clarence W. West to Suren S. Patel.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 7

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD BIDS AS FOLLOWS: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted;

however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

AGENDA ITEM: X-10 A-Q
AGENDA DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 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 to award an annual professional service contract/agreement for services, to Evidence Based Associates, LLC (EBA). EBA will manage and provide oversight for evidence-based programming for youth referred by the Chatham County Juvenile Court. This initiative will be funded entirely through a \$742,162 grant awarded to Chatham County by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) through the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program.

BACKGROUND: The Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) awarded Chatham County a grant in the amount of \$742,162 as part of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program. This award is provided to continue programming to the youth and families of Chatham County. The goals of the program include reducing felony commitments to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Short-Term Program (STP) sentences, reducing annual secure detention admissions, and reducing recidivism.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The contract is a continuation of a previous contract with Evidence Based Associates, LLC (EBA) to oversee and monitor these programs in Chatham County. Grant Funds have been awarded from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to fund this program. This is the second year of funding and it is anticipated that additional funding will be available through additional grant dollars to continue the program in subsequent years.
2. The Juvenile Court Administrator, in consultation with the Juvenile Court Judges, negotiated with Evidence Based Associates (EBA) LLC, to establish, oversee, and monitor Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART) programs for identified youth and families in Chatham County.
3. Evidence Based Associates (EBA), LLC quoted the Juvenile Court Administrator a cost of \$53.07 per client per day for Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and \$43.59 per client per day for Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART), based on a total number of 168 clients for the grant period. This daily rate includes all of the costs associated with the establishment and oversight of these programs and outcome reporting as well as the provision of services to individual clients.
4. Staff believes the quote of \$53.07 for FFT per client per day and \$43.59 for ART per client per day to be fair and reasonable.
5. The Chatham County Juvenile Court will receive \$742,162 in grant funding for FY 2016 from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council CJCC. \$742,162 from the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

FUNDING: Georgia Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program: \$742,162
(2502600 - 52.39001 - 25020882)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual professional service contract/agreement for services, to Evidence Based Associates, LLC (EBA). EBA will manage and provide oversight for evidence-based programming for youth referred by the Chatham County Juvenile Court. This initiative will be funded entirely through a \$742,162 grant awarded to Chatham County by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) through the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to fund court initiatives that increase the level of services provided to youth and families in Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$3,500 Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with E & D Contracting Services, Inc., for the traffic signal equipment upgrades at the intersection of Johnny Mercer Boulevard and Whitemarsh Island Road.

BACKGROUND: The existing traffic signal equipment is outdated and needs to be replaced to meet current GDOT standards.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded the project to E & D Contracting Services, Inc., at their meeting on June 26, 2015.
2. Change Order No. 1 will allow installation of an additional Type 3 pullbox and replace the existing signal cable to Phase 8 with new 7 conductor cable.
3. This change order will not increase the contract time.
4. Contract History:

Original Contract (6/6/15)	\$ 77,620
Change Order 1 (Pending)	\$ 3,500
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 81,120

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Roads
(3244220 - 52.12003 - 32457137)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$3,500 Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with E & D Contracting Services, Inc., for the traffic signal equipment upgrades at the intersection of Johnny Mercer Boulevard and Whitemarsh Island Road.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM C

~~**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$30,673 purchase of one (1) 2016 Ford E350 Transit Wagon Van from Roberts Truck Center for Victim-Witness Assistance Program.~~

~~**BACKGROUND:** The purchase of this vehicle will be from the Minority Youth Violence Prevention Grant.~~

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

- ~~1. A Invitation To Bid was publicly advertised and opened on Sept 2, 2015. Bid responses are as follows:~~

O.C Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc. Hardeeville, S.C.	\$30,673/each
Roberts Truck Center Garden City, GA	\$30,944/each
* Alan Vigil Ford Morrow, GA	\$31,193/each
J. C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$31,285/each

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2. ~~On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a local preference policy which, when a non-local firm submits the lowest bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm to match the non-local bid. If the local firm agrees to match the lowest bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. Roberts Truck Center was offered the opportunity to match the non-local bid submitted by O.C. Welch of Hardeeville, South Carolina, and they agreed.~~

3. ~~Staff believes the pricing of \$30,673 for a 2016 Ford E350 Transit Wagon Van to be fair and reasonable.~~

~~**FUNDING:** Multiple Grant Fund - Victim Witness Assistance
(2502210 - 54.25001 - 2502076)~~

~~**ALTERNATIVES:**~~

1. ~~Board approval of a \$30,673 purchase of one (1) 2016 Ford E350 Transit Wagon Van from Roberts Truck Center for Victim-Witness Assistance Program.~~

2. ~~Provide staff other direction.~~

~~**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary vehicles for the using departments.~~

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

_____~~BUDGET APPROVAL~~_____
_____~~RUSHEDA ADESHINA~~_____

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$54,930 purchase of Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) systems from Argus Group Holdings, LLC, for CNT.

BACKGROUND: The Board approved at their September 25, 2015 meeting, the use of confiscated funds for the purchase of respiratory protective equipment systems to be worn by the agents.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The CNT Clandestine Lab Response Team worked with Savannah Fire and Emergency Services (SFES) HazMat team and conducted a training and evaluation of several RPE systems.
2. Staff concluded that the Avon ST53 SCBA Twin Port Specialist kit met or exceeded the performance and quality of all other systems that were evaluated.
3. An Invitation to Bid was publicly advertised and opened on September 3, 2015. Bid responses are as follows:

Argus Group Holdings, LLC Norcross, GA	\$54,930
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SRT Supply, Inc. St. Petersburg, FL	\$59,311
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4. The RPE system is worn by agents conducting investigations of active clandestine labs and is effective in HazMat situations.

5. Staff believes the total cost of \$54,930 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CNT - Confiscated Funds
(2103222 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$54,930 purchase of Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) systems from Argus Group Holdings, LLC, for CNT.

2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award purchases to the lowest bidder who meets specifications.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$25,450 purchase of two (2) ESXI Servers from Dell Marketing, L.P., from the State of Georgia contract, for the Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: The two (2) servers being replaced are approximately eight (8) years old and the manufacturer no longer provides support for the units. These replacement servers are used to host the virtual infrastructure of the Detention Center and their replacement is paramount to ensure availability of the infrastructure.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The State of Georgia awarded this contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
2. The servers come with a three (3) year standard warranty, on site support and mission critical four (4) hour dispatch technical support.
3. Staff believes the cost of \$25,450 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326-54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$25,450 purchase of two (2) ESXI Servers from Dell Marketing, L.P., from the State of Georgia contract, for the Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential hardware to run needed software applications used throughout the county.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of \$841,680 purchase of thirty (30) 2016 Chevrolet Caprice Police vehicles from Dan Vaden Chevrolet for Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD).

BACKGROUND: SCMPD has approved funding to replace vehicles through the police merger agreement. The purchase of these vehicles will replace older ones that are beyond economical repair.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. An Invitation To Bid was publicly advertised and opened on August 20, 2015. Bid responses are as follows:

Hardy Chevrolet Dallas, GA	\$28,056/ea
Dan Vaden Chevrolet Savannah, GA	\$28,865/ea

2. On March 27, 1998, the Board approved a local preference policy which, when a non-local firm submits the lowest bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm to match the non-local bid. If the local firm agrees to match the lowest bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. Dan Vaden Chevrolet was offered the opportunity to match the non-local bid submitted by Hardy Chevrolet of Dallas, Georgia and they agreed.
3. Staff believes the total pricing of \$841,680 for thirty (30) 2016 Chevrolet Caprices to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of \$841,680 purchase of thirty (30) 2016 Chevrolet Caprice Police vehicles from Dan Vaden Chevrolet for Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD).
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____

CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$34,464 annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Imagann Cleaning Service, Inc., to provide janitorial services to the Chatham County Juvenile Court.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. An Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and publicly opened on July 21, 2015. Bid responses are as follows:

*	Clarks Cleaning, LLC Savannah, GA	\$19,745
*	Imagann Cleaning Service, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$34,464
*	CKC Enterprises Savannah, GA	\$36,456
*	Randall Green Professional Cleaning Savannah, GA	\$37,200
	Forum Cleaning Savannah, GA	\$42,400
*	Wright For U Services, LLC North Charleston, S.C.	\$42,523
*	Right Solutions Janitorial Savannah, GA	\$45,750
	Goodwill of the Coastal Empire, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$53,176

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2. The evaluation of the bid from Clarks Cleaning, LLC, determined their bid to be too low and staff believes they will not be able to provide the level of services stated in the bid specifications for this bid price.
3. Staff believes the next low bid submitted by Imagann Cleaning Service, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance
(1001565 - 52.21301)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$34,464 annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Imagann Cleaning Service, Inc., to provide janitorial services to the Chatham County Juvenile Court.
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 H

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$40,000 annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to USI Insurance Services, LLC., to provide insurance agent/broker services.

BACKGROUND: The County has historically contracted the services of an insurance agent/broker to approach prospective insurance markets in order to place coverage, at the lowest possible cost, for the commercial assets portion of the County's risk management program.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued, publically advertised and, five (5) firms attended the pre-proposal conference.
2. Two (2) firms responded to the RFP. The technical proposals were scored by an evaluation committee which consisted of the Risk Manager, Finance Director, Financial Services Manager, and Purchasing and Contracting.
3. Proposal results are as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Points</u>
USI Insurance Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	92.07
Seacrest Partners, Inc. Savannah, GA	83.00

4. Please refer to the matrix provided on page 11, for scoring details of the technical proposals and fees. The evaluation committee did not deem it necessary to conduct firm interviews.

FUNDING: Insurance and Surety Bond Premium Account
(6259922 - 52.11001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$40,000 annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to USI Insurance Services, LLC., to provide insurance agent/broker services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award annual contracts to firms which rank the highest in a competitive sealed proposal procurement process.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$21,735 sole source repair on a 2015 Freightliner roll-off truck from Freightliner of Savannah for Public Works and Park Services - Solid Waste Division.

BACKGROUND: Roll-off trucks are used in transporting the disposed waste from the drop-off centers to the landfill for proper disposal. The County currently has three (3) drop-off centers that provide a place where Chatham County citizens can dispose of waste generated at their personal residence.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The repair is due to the unit suffering a catastrophic engine failure due to water ingestion into the air intake system & cross contaminating the engine lubricating oil.
2. The original vendor who delivered the equipment was Freightliner of Savannah. They are the only local known dealer for this equipment. Staff obtain pricing from Freightliner for the required repairs.
3. Staff believes the repair cost of \$21,735 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
(1001567 - 52.22100)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$21,735 sole source repair on a 2015 Freightliner roll-off truck from Freightliner of Savannah for Public Works and Park Services - Solid Waste Division.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board Policy to repair equipment necessary for departmental operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$40,685 annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to The Ken Blanchard Companies for professional services to provide a leadership development program for senior level management staff.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County is seeking a reputable leadership development firm to provide off-the-shelf or semi-customized leadership development training to its senior level management staff. The anticipated audience will be Directors who serve as Department Heads, Assistant Directors reporting to Department Heads, or other appropriate high level management staff. The purpose of the leadership development program is to equip managers with the competencies needed to effectively lead and manage others. The program will teach leaders to effectively use their natural leadership styles as well as to adapt their style to manage the developmental level and work styles of those they supervise.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a reputable firm to provide a leadership development training program to its senior level management staff. A total of seven (7) companies submitted proposals. The proposals were scored by the evaluation committee selected for this project.

2. Proposal results are as follows:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Points</u>
The Ken Blanchard Companies Escondido, CA	85.75
The Advisory Alliance Savannah, GA	75.50
Dale Carnegie of Georgia Atlanta, GA	73.75
Lizann Roberts Consulting Savannah, GA	72.25
JJA Consultants, Inc. Fairfax, VA	72.00
N. Georgia Center for Educational Excellence Dalton, GA	70.75
Campbell HRS Savannah, GA	57.00

3. Please refer to the matrix provided on page 15, for scoring details of the technical proposals. The evaluation committee did not deem it necessary to conduct firm interviews. Following the scoring of the proposals, staff negotiated the final scope of services and fee with the highest scoring firm, The Ken Blanchard Companies.
4. The Ken Blanchard Companies delivers an experiential, multi-faceted learning approach designed to teach managers how to utilize their management style to effectively lead others. The program includes 360° assessments, leadership activities, classroom instruction, online reinforcement, and practical exercises to enhance the learning experience.

5. The program will provide professional development for a cohort of 15 senior level managers over a period of approximately six (6) months.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Human Resources
(1001540 - 52.37001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$40,685 annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to The Ken Blanchard Companies for professional services to provide a leadership development program for senior level management staff.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts to companies which rank the highest in a competitive sealed proposal procurement process.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract to U.S. Prisoner Transport with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to facilitate the long distance transport of inmates for the Chatham County Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: The Detention Center has assembled an in-house transport team to handle the various transport needs of the inmates within a limited distance of the facility. For those long distance transports of inmates that may cross state lines, it is more cost effective to use a transport company.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Purchasing and Contracting advertised the solicitation of bids and held a pre-bid meeting.
2. One (1) of the two (2) vendors that submitted bids failed to submit their bid using the appropriate bid form. Because of this discrepancy, their bid is not comparable and therefore non-responsive.
3. An Invitation to Bid was publicly advertised and opened on August 6, 2015. Bid responses are as follows:

U.S. Prisoner Transport Melbourne, FL	\$.80 per mile
U.S. Corrections Charlotte, NC	Non-responsive
4. Bidders supplied unit pricing per mile, minimum per trip and additional services required as needed.
5. Staff reviewed the bids and believes the bid from U.S. Prisoner Transport to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 52.35002)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract to U.S. Prisoner Transport with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to facilitate the long distance transport of inmates for the Chatham County Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Montgomery Technology, Inc., for the purchase of replacement parts as needed for repair of the security system at the Sheriff's Complex.

BACKGROUND: During FY 2014/2015 a contract was awarded to MTS for the preventive maintenance and repairs of the security system at the Sheriff's Complex that was installed during the expansion of the facility. The security system controls the flow of employees and inmates. There are 400+ card readers, 600+ cameras, cell door control panels, fence alarms and 1,400 access points integrated into the system. It is essential to the operation of the facility that a contract is in place for preventive maintenance and timely replacement and repairs as necessary.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The vendor has agreed to supply the necessary parts at an approximate 20% discount per item. The vendor has supplied a price list for those replacement parts that may be needed to repair the security system (see attached pages 18-22).
2. These parts will be ordered only on an as-needed basis.
3. The staff finds a discount of 20% to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Montgomery Technology, Inc., for the purchase of replacement parts as needed for repair of the security system at the Sheriff's Complex.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders for repair and maintenance of necessary security equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award professional service agreements to water aerobics instructors at the Chatham County Aquatic Center.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Aquatic Center offers water aerobic classes to the public. Classes are offered during the morning and evening hours to accommodate the patrons of the facility. Staff is recommending a formal professional service agreement be adopted for each water aerobics instructor.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The professional service agreement will be adopted for each instructor at the Aquatic Center to include the scope of services for the instructor.
2. The agreement will include the per class rate for each instructor as follows:

Kimberly Oetting	\$28.00
Susan Koide	\$23.00
Theresa Palmer	\$25.00
Carol Gore	\$23.00
Susan Gore	\$23.00
Tanya Blasé	\$25.00

3. The professional service agreements are in accordance with industry standards.
4. Staff is recommending the agreement to follow guidelines set forth by Human Resources in securing services.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O – Aquatic Center
(1006124 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award professional service agreements to water aerobics instructors at the Chatham County Aquatic Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to grant funding to procure services and enter agreements in order to provide services to the public.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board declaration as unserviceable surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material older vehicles which cannot be economically repaired. The listed items attached can no longer be beneficially or advantageously used by County.

BACKGROUND: Fleet Management and the various departments to whom the vehicles and equipment were assigned are in agreement that the identified items are unserviceable and should be disposed.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The attached list, on page 25, are the vehicles to be disposed of at the auction or as scrap material.
2. These items will be disposed of as appropriate for condition, value and circumstance. By far, the most common method will be public auction, as prescribed by the Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual. Some items, however, without a reasonable resale value, will be sold as scrap.
3. The date, time and location at which these vehicles will be auctioned will be publicly advertised to give citizens an opportunity to bid on these vehicles and equipment.

FUNDING: N/A- Revenue Producing

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board declaration as unserviceable surplus and approval to sell at public auction or to dispose as scrap material older vehicles which cannot be economically repaired. The listed items can no longer be beneficially or advantageously used by the County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$20,758 purchase for the hardware and software upgrade for the fingerprinting system from Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc., at the Sheriff's Complex.

BACKGROUND: Electronic fingerprint machines have been in use at the Sheriff's Complex for many years. The technology used within the existing machines has become outdated and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. It has become necessary to update this technology.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. By the end of 2015, a mandate by the State of Georgia will go into effect for full palm prints of sex offenders in the sex offender registry.
2. The equipment upgrades in this purchase will enable the Sheriff's Office to be in compliance with the mandate.
3. Staff believes the cost of \$20,758 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326-54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$20,758 purchase for the hardware and software upgrade for the fingerprinting system from Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc., at the Sheriff's Complex.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide mandatory equipment in order to stay in compliance with State mandates.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$13,013 purchase of Cisco network switch equipment from Centrics IT for the I.C.S. Department.

BACKGROUND: The entire County network operates on a Cisco Network and this equipment is essential to ensure functioning network operations. This equipment is part of the J. Tom Coleman courthouse renovation project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Request for Quotes were properly advertised and the responses are as follows:

Centrics IT Norcross, GA	\$13,013
Advantec, Inc. Milpitas, CA	\$13,325
IT Bargain Center Holmdel, NJ	\$13,875
Server Supply Westbury, NY	\$15,500

2. Staff believes the total cost of \$13,013 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - J. Tom Coleman Courthouse Renovation
(3244980 - 54.13001 - 32460427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$13,013 purchase of Cisco network switch equipment from Centrics IT for the I.C.S. Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential hardware needed to run necessary equipment used throughout the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$164,000 professional services contract with Sequoia Consulting Group to conduct an operational review of Chatham County's Facilities Management and Operations Division and to develop an on-going capital facility maintenance and replacement plan.

BACKGROUND: On August 22, 2014, the Board approved an "as needed" contract with Sequoia Consulting Group for Consulting Services to Evaluate Efficiency of Various County Departments (Management Efficiency). This contract has been renewed annually up to August 22, 2016.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The contract with Sequoia Consulting Group is an "as needed" contract. It is the intent of staff to add certain County Departments to be evaluated through the duration of this contract as directed by the Chatham County Commission.
2. County Manager Lee Smith has requested the services of Chatham County's retained management consultant to develop and conduct an operational review of the County's Facilities Management and Operations Division and to develop an on-going capital facility maintenance and replacement plan.
3. Staff supplied a request for services and fee proposal to Sequoia Consulting Group regarding this project. Sequoia Consulting Group has submitted their work plan for the performance of this operational review and development of a capital facility maintenance and replacement plan. The proposal and work plan from Sequoia Consulting Group is attached.
4. The fee for this project is not-to-exceed \$164,000 which includes all project expenses, including travel. The fee is based on an estimate of 1156 hours of professional service.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - County Commissioners
(1001110 - 52.11001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the not-to-exceed \$164,000 professional services contract with Sequoia Consulting Group for an operational review of the County's Facilities Management and Operations Division and the development of an on-going capital facility maintenance and replacement plan.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve additional work to "as needed" professional services contracts.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

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, there are no First Readers.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **PRESENT THE 2015 CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

Chairman Scott said, we do have a Second Reader. And this is present the 2015 County Revenue Ordinance for adoption by the Board of Commission. This is the second time. It will be adopted. Mr. Manager, does anybody want to discuss this from staff?

County Manager Smith said, I don't think we have any comments on it.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman? I would just say that -- I -- I assume this is publicized somewhere? I mean I had no idea in reading through this that there are that many laws on the books. I mean things that I didn't even think about.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, so I would encourage everybody to take a look at this list. It's pretty comprehensive.

County Manager Smith said, it is.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. And we -- we actually approve this every year.

County Manager Smith said, yes. It's an annual event.

Chairman Scott said, so it's a -- it's annually.

Commissioner Stone said, right. I -- I know that, but I just in -- in reading through it, some of the stuff will surprise you I think.

County Manager Smith said, that's part of the process. Yes.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, a lot of it has to do to the fact we have so much -- we're enforcing so much state regulation. And then we obviously have the court system that we're responsible for.

County Manager Smith said, that's the biggest part.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I'll entertain a motion at this time.

Commissioner Center said, where is it? I'll move it.

Chairman Scott said, been moved. Is there a second?

Commissioner Center said, I move that we -- that we adopt it.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we adopt the 2015 Chatham County Revenue Ordinance. All in favor -- any unreadiness or discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to adopt the 2015 Chatham County Revenue Ordinance. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~
AGENDA DATE: ~~SEPTEMBER 11, 2015~~
AGENDA ITEM: XII-1
AGENDA DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy J. Davis, Finance Director
 Alisa Fish, Assistant Finance Director

ISSUE:

Present the 2015 Chatham County Revenue Ordinance for adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

The County's fiscal 2016 budget was adopted June 26, 2015. The Chatham County Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees resulting from the budget process, to update child care center and detective agency business certificate requirements, remove URESA fees and revise Sheriff fees & parking citation fees and update fees for State, Records and Superior Courts.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees that were incorporated in the County's Fiscal 2016 adopted budget. These changes included are Animal Control fees, false alarm fees, alcoholic license fees, land disturbance fees. See attachment I (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's Meeting File.)

2. Article CC has been updated to reflect changes in business tax certificate requirements for child day care centers and detective agencies. See attachment II (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's Meeting File.)
3. Article Q has been amended to revise parking citation fees. See attachment III (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's Meeting File.)
4. Article O has been amended to eliminate Child Support URESA fees due to state law changes and to revise Sheriff off duty fees. See attachment IV (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's Meeting File.)
5. An updated State, Recorders and Superior Court fees schedule is included in the Ordinance. See Appendix A, E, D and Article J (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's Meeting File.)
6. The Revenue Ordinance has also been forwarded to the County Attorney for review.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

In accordance with adopted financial policies, the Finance Department will submit an updated Revenue Ordinance Annually. Amendments to the Ordinance may be submitted throughout the year.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Present the Revenue Ordinance for a first reading September 11, 2015 and a second reading on September 25, 2015.
2. Provide the Finance Department with other guidance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

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PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, may I ask you something. When we talked in the Green Room earlier, and we went over the Action -- Individual -- the agenda item, Item 1, and I was asked if the County Manager would explain to the public what he explained to us in the Green Room about how we had extra revenues or were in this because of the economy and budget cuts and zero-based budgeting. Just so the public would understand, and I -- I forgot to ask that earlier. Could he take a moment and let him explain that?

Chairman Scott said, yeah. It's -- it's two-fold, and we'll recognize the Manager for it, but part of it is our zero-based budgeting where we're bringing money back in the house that used to lie within departments for their discretionary use, that we no longer practice that. The other is that they provide some very conservative estimates on budget for the purpose of making certain that we didn't go over, and then second it's trying to build -- or get to our three-month reserve. And Mr. Manager, at this time, if you want to talk about it in detail.

County Manager Smith said, yes. Yes, sir. Thank you. First of all, some of these items are closing out the previous fiscal year, but as the Chairman stated, zero-based budgeting is something that was introduced a year or so ago -- two years ago. But as we -- this last year in putting the budget together, it was my recommendation, along with the executive team to eliminate these contingencies in departments, because zero-based budgeting is very specific. Also, as the Chairman said, you look at our revenues. If we thought there was going to be growth of -- or the state -- 'cause a lot of times the state departments will come out with an estimate and say, you're going to have growth of 1.75. Well, if we felt they were being a little liberal with that, we'd back it off and say, you know, one and a quarter or something that we felt comfortable with. So, some of this is that growth, and a lot of it has been cuts within the budget itself.

County Manager Smith said, and as the -- the Chairman said, we had set a goal to get to a -- we have a 60-day reserve, to get to a 90-day reserve, and we're doing this to begin building our ability as -- as an agency to go to a triple A rating. I -- I -- I will tell you, we have some hurdles we have to cross. Some of that is -- is once now and we have this vote today, took us to the 90 days, which is terrific. We needed to be there based on industry standards for counties. We needed to be at 90 days. We now have reached that. I will tell you, I have a major concern about capital. We have not funded capital on an annual basis. We have funded it as the year would end we would see what we had and then fund it. I will tell you, the rating agencies look -- look at that as not planning. That is not how you manage. If you're a business you look at all of your future, look at what your capital's going to be.

County Manager Smith said, you've already -- earlier adopted for us to begin a study where we're doing a life cycle of every building and every facility in this county. Jerrell [McRell] and Mike Kaigler and different ones have worked really hard over this past year for me to take a look at our roof systems, our buildings, chillers, boilers,

vehicles. We don't have a capital plan that says over the next 20 years, what do you need to spend money on? My goal is, and I met with Diane McNabb earlier this week, is when we come to you in January or February we're going to come to you with a five, 10, 15 plus year plan of capital to say in these fiscal years, here are the costs, but also, not only this is how you're going to fund it, this is potential revenue sources. Just like in -- what is sustainable? Will you have to borrow money? Is it SPLOST? One of the real large missing pieces has been in the past, and we will not in this plan have this in the future, is that we had not been planning for operational costs. You would have a project come up, let's say SPLOST project. You build a building and then you say, flip the lights on. Who's paying the light bill? Well, we want to be able to anticipate future years of what your operational budget's going to be in cooperation with the capital budget. That is very comprehensive, and this year you're going to have that plan.

County Manager Smith said, and so it's taken us this last year or so to get there, but now with Diane's help, we're going to do that. And I will tell you that should place us in the next three years in a very good position to look at getting re-rated and going to triple A. We do know we have some hurdles as far as household median income. I'm hoping this '15 kind of injection of -- of looking at some of the population issues, census information, that we're going to be able to see that that's gone slight -- gone up slightly because the economy is picking up. So I would say in the next two to three years, we could possibly look at being re-rated, or at least our making that attempt. So, we're excited about it.

County Manager Smith said, but the items you see here today, I know questions came up about taxes. What we want to be able to do is -- is look at how we put reserves in place by percentage and by plan. We want to be able to say within our capital plan or within your financial policies, that x per -- in the -- in the past, I have said, the county, every year, will put aside x percent for debt and -- and capital. And then what you do is if you have any room left over, let's say you've paid off certain things, you start building a fund. It's like paying your car off. Well, then you begin building cash reserves, so when the car comes up next, you pay cash for it. You don't have to borrow money. You don't have to depend on SPLOST. So we're looking at how we -- how we do -- do that. Right now we have, what? A double A rating, which is terrific. That is in the -- in -- in industry standards as far as county government, city governments are.

County Manager Smith said, one of the things that I've talked to Diane McNabb about and she presented to you a few months ago, is I want to be able to compare Chatham County to like counties, not in just Georgia, but across the United States. That is not hard to do with the new GASB rules and the -- and the CAFR. So we're going to be able to show you per capita ratios on debt, on operational spending, on capital, and those type things will put you in place for being able to look at the future. I mean, you've got projects like the -- the new courthouse. That's a \$65 million project. We don't have \$65 million. How are we going to fund it? How are we going to operate it? That's an additional building. We've got to have a plan. We know we've got roads, things in the future. How are we going to do it? We've got to have a ten plus year plan to prove to tax payers how we're spending their money, and let's show it and prove it and actually do it.

County Manager Smith said, I will say to you this year on SPLOST, you'll see some things here on SPLOST, and I appreciate Commissioner Kicklighter bringing up about Pipemakers. Those projects will continue, are not being injured in any way by this change. It's basically just an accounting. But we're putting a lot of feet on projects on SPLOST that have been -- not really delayed but held up. We're spending money. We're getting things engineered. This next -- the next six months, you're seeing dirt turned. And you'd asked us to do that, and we're doing that. So, today, was a really good step, and we're -- I think you'll be real pleased in January, when we start coming to you with future plans.

Chairman Scott said, and it's -- it's all our goals for this county to be among the best counties and we're not just in Georgia, but one of the best counties in terms of management, fiscal responsibility, budgeting policies in the United States. That's our ultimate goal.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. We'll get there. We're going to do it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, there will be -- there's a number of items here for informational purpose.

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: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015****List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$9,999
That Do Not Require Board Approval**

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Engineering services to evaluate Frank Downing Pier for repairs	Public Works and Park Services	EMC Engineering Services, Inc.	\$9,800	CIP - Recreation Department
Out-of-state prisoner transport	Detention Center	U.S. Prisoner Transport	\$4,062	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Annual software maintenance to cover 62 mobile devices using the County's network	I.C.S.	Zones, Inc.	\$4,685	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
400 gallons of herbicides and chemicals	Public Works and Park Services	Helena Chemical Company	\$7,600	SSD-Public Works
Stock posts and hardware for sign shop	Public Works and Park Services	Vulcan, Inc.	\$9,056	SSD-Public Works
Mailing of pre-bills for month of September	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$6,974	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Estimated disposal of yard waste during absence of Duratex grinder	Public Works and Park Services	Evergreen Tree & Turf Care, Inc.	\$6,000	Solid Waste
Emergency repair to stabilize Truman V. ramp	Engineering	B & D Clearing, Inc.	\$5,100	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Roads
Non-contract passenger vehicle tires	Fleet Operations	S O S Radial Tire Service	\$2,901	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Cost allocation planning services	Finance	Maximus Consulting Services, Inc.	\$9,975	General Fund/M&O - Audit Contract
Annual software maintenance renewal of firewall box to protect County email	I.C.S.	Zones, Inc.	\$4,748	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
16,000 dog tags and 6,000 cat tags	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Ketchum Manufacturing Company, Inc.	\$3,320	•General Fund/M&O - Building Safety & Regulatory Services •Animal Tags •SSD - Building Safety & Regulatory Services •Building Safety & Regulatory Services
Annual software maintenance on fuel usage and work orders for Fleet Operations	I.C.S.	CCG Systems, Inc.	\$7,589	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
License to cover CNT, CEMA and Human Resources mobile devices using the County's network	I.C.S.	Zones, Inc.	\$3,724	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •General Fund/M&O - CNT •General Fund/M&O - Reimbursable Expenses •Occupational Safety

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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: SEPTEMBER 25, 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.
 - I. 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.

- II. 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.
- b. Construction underway for the East White Hawthorne Drive Cul-d-sac Project.
- 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.
 - 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. 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.
 - g. 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.
 - h. 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.
 - i. Crisp and Fisher Street Improvements. Dirt road paving project. Preliminary design is underway.
 - j. Garrard Avenue Improvements. Project will provide improvements along Garrard and Lane Avenue from Chatham Parkway to Gamble Road. Preliminary design by staff underway. Design includes pavement widening to provide two 12-ft travel lanes and drainage improvements.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 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. Bids were received but were above the available fund limits. The plans were revised and the project will be re-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 and State Route 21 crossings 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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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, there will be necessary to have an executive session. There will be no appointments made at the executive session, but we do need to talk about real estate and legal.

County Attorney Hart said, and litigation.

Chairman Scott said, and I'll entertain a motion at this time.

Commissioner Center said, I move we recess to executive session to discuss litigation and real estate.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we go to executive session to discuss litigation and real estate. Any discussion or unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of us going to executive session, vote yes, opposed no. Motion carries. We'll move to executive session.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

The Board recessed at approximately 10:53 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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- 2. VARIOUS ISSUES**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the County Attorney to negotiate with Pooler regarding the sale of a piece of real estate; moved to represent Sheriff Al St. Lawrence and Deputy Bacon in an upcoming litigation; and moved to settle the Theodore Holmes case for \$40,000. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present for the vote.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION