

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 9:37 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. You may be seated at this time, and I'll ask that you remain seated until such time our devotional leader has completed his message and indicate it's time to pray. At that time if you would re-stand and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by the Commissioner from the 2nd District Commissioner Holmes.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, it's with great pleasure that we have a return performance from a very bright young man who's taken up the ministry and who's devoted his life to God at a very early age. My mother used to refer to him as the boy preacher. For those of you who may not know, he started practicing his skills at age 5 and continued to practice it and continued to study until such time he was ordained as a minister of the Gospel. And, last year, October 26th, 2014, he was called to pastor a church who have been in existence for 116 years in our community, and that is the First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church on Alice Street, right off of Montgomery. And so it's with great pleasure today that I introduce to you the Reverend Andrew Osborne for our devotion this morning and to lead us in prayer. Reverend Osborne. Thank you so much for agreeing to be here.

Reverend Andre Osborne said, Mr. Chairman and to the Commission body and to this great host of onlookers, thank you for this august invitation to come and present to you this morning. I'm humbled to be here this morning, and I just want to offer a few words of inspiration and exhortation this morning from the book of Joshua the first chapter, beginning at the sixth verse, which says be strong and of good courage for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left that you may prosper wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it for then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you, be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid nor be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. And I believe here in Joshua Chapter 1, God gives Joshua great instruction as to how he is to lead through this awesome time of transition and through a time of uncertainty because their leader for nearly 40 years, Moses, is now dead and after the death of Moses, God encourages Joshua to take the helm of nearly three million people and to lead them into the place that he had already given to them.

Reverend Osborne said, what's amazing to me is God's exhortation to him because between verses six and verse nine, God three times in four verses instructs Joshua be strong and courageous. Be strong and courageous. Be strong and have courage. A good translation of that would be approach what I have given you to do without fear. Approach what I have given you to do without fear and with great certainty knowing number one that I have made a promise to you that cannot be broken. He's made a promise to the children of Israel saying I'm going to give you this land and the victory that you will have will not be because of your military prowess. It will not be because of your great intellectualism. It will be because I have spoken, and I have given you the land ahead of time. Be strong and courageous because not only do you have my promise, but you have my presence. I will be with you. I will not fail you. I will not leave you.

Reverend Osborne said, and I want to say to this great Commission this morning as God has spoken to the leadership of Israel in Joshua's day, God has spoken to the leadership of this Commission in our day. Be strong; have courage; do not fear. Scripture says that the fear of man brings a snare, and I believe that it is fear according to Joshua one that God says fear causes you -- it will cause you to stray to the left or to the right. It will cause you to walk outside of my command. It will cause you to forfeit the promises that I have made to you, and so I encourage you, even if decisions are unpopular to make the right decision. Be strong and have courage. Do not fear because there has been a promise made, and not only are there precious promises made to us, he's also given us his presence. According to Hebrews 13, he himself has said I will not leave you nor forsake you. I will be with you.

Reverend Osborne said, I want you to know that as you make Godly decisions, even if you must stand against colleagues. Even if you must stand against people to know that if you're doing what God has commanded you to do, he says I will be with you. I will not leave you nor will I forsake you. He has given us everything that we need, and I want you to know that you don't lead in your own power or in your own strength today, but you lead

with Godly resources, with what God has given you and what God has equipped you with to lead his people for such a time as this. Ephesians one and three says that he has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. You have everything that you need to succeed, and we are assured according to Joshua one that if we take courage and if we follow the plan of God, he says, if you follow my plan, then your way will be prosperous, then you will have good success. I believe that in the plan of God is prosperity for our community, and I believe in the plan of God is good success for this administration. I encourage you today, do not lead with fear. Be strong and of good courage. Take up arms. Do what is right. What has -- what has the Lord commanded of you, oh, man, to do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with thy God. I encourage you today, do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God. Do what he has commanded you to do, and be strong and of good courage. Fear not for I am with thee. I will be with you, and I will hold your hand. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. God is with you today. Govern without fear. Stand and be strong. God bless you. Let us stand for prayer.

Reverend Osborne gave the invocation as follows:

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth in the world, even from eternity past to eternity future, you are God. And we thank you not only because you are the God that created all things, we thank you because you are our God, the one that is sustaining and holding us, even right now. And we thank you for this moment in history, this moment in time that you have given us, and we thank you not only for this moment in time, but we thank you for the sacrifice of your son 2000 years ago that has given us life, life to the full and life everlasting. Thank you for that. And I thank you that your spirit is guiding these men and women. Now as they make decisions that will impact our community, would you lead them by your spirit. Would you help them to have confidence and strength knowing that you have made a promise to them that is irrevocable. For the promises of God and Jesus Christ are yes and amen, and not only have you made an irrevocable promise but you have given us your presence. You have said that you are with us and you will not leave us nor forsake us, but you will uphold us with your righteous right hand, and we thank you for being with us today, giving us confidence and strength, giving us wisdom and knowledge, Lord, so that our community is prosperous and so that this administration has great success. Would you bless and crown the Chairman with wisdom and knowledge and would you bless this entire Commission with every heavenly resource that they need in order to do what is right. In order to do what you have commissioned and commanded them to -- to do so that you are glorified in every way. We thank you 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 Holmes led all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott said, Reverend Osborne, thank you so much for leading us in that message. I hope it was heard by all the members of the Commission and everyone who's listening to this proceedings today, and I want to again just thank you for agreeing to come and share with us. We are not allowed to compensate you, but I do want to present you a certificate on behalf of all the Commissioners, a Certificate of Appreciation for your willingness to be here today.

Reverend Osborne said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, may I say a few words to the pastor?

Chairman Scott said, the Chair recognize our Vice Chair, Commissioner Priscilla Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you so very much. You have inspired me so much this morning. You have uplifted me because you have referred to at least two of my favorite passages in the Bible, Joshua and Hebrews, and like you I can see, and I'm so proud because I was brought up on those same principles, and I can see that you've had a -- had great training and to emphasize and to be able to stand there and speak to those words of encouragement means a lot to me to know that all is not lost in spite of everything that's going on in our world today. You keep on speaking, keep on sharing those words of encouragement. You have certainly filled my soul this morning. Thank you so very much.

Reverend Osborne said, thank you Commissioner.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Pastor.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott said, next we have a roll call. The Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

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

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will recognize our Vice Chair, Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, of the 8th District, for the purpose of introducing our Youth Commission who are here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. We're delighted to have two Youth Commissioners serving with us this morning. I'm not sure I'm going to get the name right, but I'm going to give it a good shot. First represent -- first representative from Savannah Arts Academy is Uchenna Chukwukere and Victoria Brown from Savannah Christian. Uchenna, if I didn't do you justice, we're just happy to have you here. Okay? Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you all.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I had to step out for a minute.

Chairman Scott said, all right. I -- I announced that you went to the restroom. You have the Commissioner from the 5th District present, is that correct?

Clerk said, yes, sir, I do.

Chairman Scott said, yes. Okay.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH YEAR OF SERVICE FOR CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING. JOHN WILLS AND SANDRA McCORD BEST WILL BE RECEIVING THE PROCLAMATION.**

Chairman Scott said, next we have a proclamation. And there's a lot of folks celebrating 50 years this year. This is a special one to the Consumer Credit Counseling, and I'll read a portion of it.

Chairman Scott read a portion of the following proclamation:



The County of Chatham
Georgia
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of the Savannah Area, Inc. is a non-profit full-service credit counseling agency that provides confidential financial guidance, financial education, housing counseling, mortgage assistance, foreclosure prevention, and credit repayment assistance; and

WHEREAS, they started in 1965 and have been working tirelessly for the community for 50 years and in that time, CCCS of Savannah has served over 177,927 people and conducted 3,962 educational workshops and within the past 50 years \$85,880,542.45 has been paid to creditors on behalf of families who were on the Debt Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, they offer counseling sessions on proper budgeting techniques, debt repayment options, credit report education, and credit score explanations, and is available for free financial literacy classes throughout the community, schools, colleges and universities, churches and companies; and

WHEREAS, CCCS of the Savannah Area, Inc. actively seeks partnerships throughout the Savannah, Beaufort, Hinesville and Statesboro communities and secures funding for educational programs through generous donations from various local foundations and banks; and

WHEREAS, CCCS of the Savannah Area, Inc. is a member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, an A+ member of the Better Business Bureau, a certified HUD Counseling Agency, accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc. And is approved by the Executive Office of the U.S. Trustees to provide certified bankruptcy counseling sessions to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, to hereby proudly recognize and congratulate:

**CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE
OF THE SAVANNAH AREA, INC.**

On their 50th Anniversary and thank them for all of the work they do throughout our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 23rd day of October 2015.

ATTEST:

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, now we have with us today accepting this award -- is John Wills -- is here and then -- an -- an almost life-long friend in Ms. Sandra McCord Best is also here to receive this proclamation, and if members of the Commission wish to join me in this presentation, please feel free to do so.

[NOTE: The Board presented the Consumer Credit Counseling Service with the Proclamation and thanked them for their service.]

Mr. John Wills said, good morning, Chairman Scott and fellow Commissioners. I -- I'd very much like to express our sincere gratitude on behalf of our agency, Board of Directors, staff and volunteers who work tirelessly for the last 50 years in our community. Hitting a 50th year milestone is just a -- a wonderful occasion, and a huge milestone for any non-profit organization, and as I stand in this room here today, I recall the numerous classes that we've offered in this very room for new county hires, and we've touched almost every corner and pocket within this community and very appreciative of this recognition today. I would also like to say that it's an honor to get up every day and to educate and counsel families in need who may be over obligated with debt, in fear of foreclosure, or who may be cost-burdened and to provide financial solutions to help those families to be empowered to manage finances on their own, and it wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for such a talented staff and a committed board of volunteers.

Mr. Wills said, and I'd like to introduce a couple of those individuals that are here with us today. And our -- our Chairperson, Dr. Sandra McCord Best, who leads us tirelessly every -- every day. We also have our vice chair, Marcia Scott, and fellow board members, Terry Lemmons and Alfreda Goldwire, and I also have another staff person, one who was able to attend with me, Katie Oglesby. But -- as we celebrate our 50th anniversary, I'd very much like to see all of you attend our luncheon which is scheduled for November the 5th. You've all received some invitations, and we look forward to your attendance. And again, thank you very much for this honor.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. We've got some comments here, and we'll start with the Commissioner from the 3rd District and our Vice Chair from the 8th District. Commissioner Holmes did you?

Commissioner Holmes said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, and the Commissioner from the 2nd District, Commissioner Holmes, in that order.

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

Members Present from Consumer Credit Counseling collectively said, good morning.

Commissioner Center said, and congratulations on the good work and I don't know all of you, but I see a good friend of mine out there, and I wonder if there's anything beneficial in this community that Alfreda Goldwire does not touch? Congratulations.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I just want to echo those sentiments as well. I know each of you except the gentleman. I haven't had the pleasure of actually working with you. However, what you have done in this community of empowering people is just unbelievable. It has made a tremendous difference. I have been following up on a lot of your clientele and so forth and so on, so that's why I'm aware of, you know, the significant differences that you have made in the community, and I just wanted to say continue to keep up the good work, and we are very proud and happy that you are here to render those services. Thank you.

Mr. Wills said, thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, let me say a special thank you to all of you all for the good work that you're doing here in the City of Savannah and Chatham County, but a special thank you to my church member, Ms. Sandra. I never thought that I would see you out of the box of St. Benedict's, but you -- you have been out of the box for quite some time. And Marcia, you've been working since I've known you on Broughton Street with the banks. And what could I see for Alfreda. You -- you've always been in the trenches working. You two gentlemen, don't feel left out. It always more ladies than mens. So congratulations to both of you all.

Members present from Consumer Counseling Credit collectively said, thank you.

Mr. Wills said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, again, John, thank you.

Mr. Wills said, thank you Chairman Scott and Commission. (Applause.)

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2. PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, "FOOD DAY" IN CHATHAM COUNTY. PAULA KREISSLER, DIRECTOR OF HEALTHY LIVING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH SAVANNAH AND YMCA OF COASTAL GEORGIA, WILL BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Scott said, next we have a -- a proclamation to declare Saturday, October 24th, as Food Day and the proclamation is:

Chairman Scott read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our citizens is of primary concern for the County of Chatham; and

WHEREAS, promoting safer, healthier diets is a critical factor in improving citizens' overall health; and

WHEREAS, supporting sustainable family farms and local agriculture benefits the local economy; and

WHEREAS, obtaining fair pay and safe conditions for food and farm workers is beneficial for both the producer and consumer so that the food we produce and consume is safe and fair for all; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to food and reducing hunger is of critical importance to aid those who live in food deserts; and

WHEREAS, reforming factory farms to protect the environment and farm animals is necessary to sustain future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, Saturday, October 24, 2015 as:

“FOOD DAY”

in the County of Chatham and I urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned for this special occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this 24th day of October, 2015.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and we have Paula Kressler, who is the director of Healthy Living and Community Development for Healthy Savannah, and the YMC [sic] of Coastal Empire will receive this proclamation. I invite members of the Commission who wish to join me.

[NOTE: Members of the Commission presented Ms. Kressler with the proclamation.]

Ms. Paula Kressler said, Honorable Chairman Scott and Honorable Commissioners, thank you so very much. You may not know this, but this is the 5th year that you have declared October 24th at Food Day in Chatham County, and the first year, 'cause this is a national movement, and the first year Chatham County was the only county that actually declared Food Day, and now that list has grown. So you have shown leadership by committing to this for five years.

Ms. Kressler said, so, tomorrow is the Savannah Food Day Fest -- Festival. We should probably call it Savannah-Chatham. It's a Daffin Park from 11:00 to 5:00, and so I want to extend a personal invitation to each one of you to come and be part of it. I'll also encourage if you have a bicycle to ride it there. They have a bike valet, like they do at many other events. Savannah Bicycle Campaign will be -- can take care of it, so that way you don't have to worry about parking and all of that. But at the festival itself, there's obviously food that supports exactly what this proclamation calls for, and vendors and exhibitors like Healthy Savannah, the Savannah-Chatham Food Policy Council, many other folks. There's going to be entertainment. There will be workshops. There will activities for kids, so it's a great family day, and it is the largest in the entire -- in all of America, and it has been for the last four years. So, we'll -- let's make it a -- a fifth one.

Ms. Kressler said, so, a couple other things I just want to mention is a connection that many of you have already made probably is that the Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition, along with the Food Policy Council and Healthy Savannah are directly aligned along -- around one of the priorities around health, and that is specifically goal number two. So you'll recognize some of these words. So goal two under the Coalition plan is to increase access to healthy food for populations that are most likely to be food insecure, such as children, those in poverty, older adults, and those that live in food deserts. One in five citizens in Chatham County are food insecure and one in four children, and this is something that we -- going back to the Reverend where we have to be strong and courageous to make that -- a difference in these -- in this area. It's very serious, and -- because we do want everyone in Chatham County, regardless of their age, their income level or their zip code or neighborhood to have a healthy choice be the easy choice. We want a culture of health right here in our community.

Ms. Kessler said, so I'm going to -- I know this -- I'm going to put a smile on my face, and a little bit of a -- maybe -- not tongue and cheek because you can show courage and be strong, I'm just going to say that Healthy Savannah is here to help but would love to see you all establish some guidelines for county meetings that bring in healthy and local food. We're here to help that. I know that at the Coastal Georgia Indicators Commission -- Coalition meetings, we're already there, and Tamala Fulton, who happens to sit on the Health

Savannah Board of Directors, she's having -- she provides healthy food for the Chatham County employees, so this is a shift that we can all make. And so at future Commission meetings, just would love to see you make a -- a -- a trend towards healthier and local food. And seriously if you need some help with guidelines, rather than, you know, having someone else take that, just say, Paula, help us out, and I can come up with something for sure and provide it to you too as a draft for adoption. I think that's it. Thanks again for your leadership, and we'll see you tomorrow at the Food Day Festival. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thanks, Paula.

Ms. Kressler said, you're welcome.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, our Pro Tem, Commissioner Stone from the 1st.

Commissioner Stone said, I just want to thank you for all that you've done to promote this and to bring awareness to healthier foods. I'm constantly worried about the number of preservatives and ingredients in foods that we eat that we're not even aware of, and the fact that you need to not only exercise your mind every day but your body. So, thank you very much for what you've done.

Ms. Kressler said, you're welcome. Thank you Commissioner Stone, appreciate your support, and you've been a big time supporter since the very beginning. Really appreciate it.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, great job.

Ms. Kressler said, thank you. Appreciate it Commissioner Thomas. All right. Thank you so much. Hope to see you tomorrow. Bye.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. [Applause.]

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3. "PANIC IN THE PEN" PROJECT.

Chairman Scott said, this next item, I have some concerns about and not much information, but you just need to look at the title and have some concerns. When you start talking about having a picnic in a pen, all sorts of things come to mind.

Commissioner Stone said, panic.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, panic.

Mr. Pete Nichols said, that's -- that's panic in the pen.

Chairman Scott said, panic in the pen. Okay -- and that's even worse. So, at this time I'm going to recognize Pete Nichols for this presentation.

Mr. Nichols said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. Yes, that's panic in the pen. Back in I believe it was late June, I was invited to join a group over at the Sheriff's Department who had this wonderful idea to take the old jail on Montgomery Street, and with the success and the popularity of the program Walking Dead, turn it into a zombie-filled, ghost-filled, goblins and all sorts of scary creatures haunted house -- haunted jail for the Halloween season. The purpose being to raise money for the Sheriff's Department Explorer -- Explorer's Troup.

Commissioner Stone said, oh.

Mr. Nichols said, and also for the Chatham County Youth Commission, and then those two organizations are going to take a portion of their proceeds and give it to the Wounded Warriors foundation. So there are three beneficiaries out of this, but as you see, we had some lovely people that are joining us, some scary clowns, some -- some zombies, some ghosts and goblins, a wonderful array -- you saw the picture of the dining room table for -- for Halloween. We will be serving finger food, by the way. And we had our first dress rehearsal last week, where we invited local media, tour groups, people in the hospitality industry to join us, and it went over very, very well. We've -- we've had just a tremendous turn out of volunteers that have helped us, but the team that has put this together, and it really is a team of the entire command staff at the Sheriff's Department, some other folks at the Sheriff's Department. I've got Gena Bilbo, the -- the PIO from the Sheriff's Department who will explain a little bit more. My counter part at Live Oak Library, Ms. Susan Lee, has become the master of make up to get everybody in their characters and everything, and I -- I -- I strongly encourage you to join us tonight, tomorrow night from 6:00 to 10:00 and then next week, during Halloween week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Halloween, again 6:00 to 10:00. Admission is \$10.00 and that will be collected by the Explorer's troupe. Parking in the County garage is \$5.00, and that will be collected by the Youth Commission, and again,

remember a portion of the proceeds that they take will be funneled towards the -- the Wounded Warriors organization. So, I'd like to -- to ask Ms. Bilbo to come up here and join me, and she can tell you a little bit more about the partners and the sponsors that we've had to put this together.

Ms. Gena Bilbo said, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Ms. Bilbo said, we have had so much community involvement, it's been really great, and the staff at the Sheriff's office, we started talking about this thing -- it was actually before June. June was when we really started planning it, but that was only because we had just finished our jail break mud challenge. We started it probably last October, and we were going to do initially a haunted forest, and, of course, we realized after the jail break mud challenge, that the area behind the jail is very wet, and it's very damp, so it probably wouldn't be good for a haunted forest, but we're always doing fundraisers for the Explorers, so this is a great idea. We've seen a lot of people make a lot of money doing these things, and, yeah, we can do that, why not. So we've had some great sponsors, The Print Shop, TSI, Creative Approach, Coca-Cola, Big Red, MTS, Johnson, Kraeuter & Dunn, Home Depot Pooler, Savannah Candy Kitchen, and Dominos have all donated from the community.

Ms. Bilbo said, we had Ryan Dunn, who is a local paranormal investigator and tour guide with Afterlife Tours, that came in and paranormally investigated the facility. The findings are very alarming. We have some great media partners, WTOC and Cumulus radio have been phenomenal and helped us promote this. And then our community partners are of course you guys. We couldn't have done this without our County Manager agreeing to let us do it, and Live Oak Library has been fantastic. Susan and I worked on make up and did, probably 60 volunteers, last week for our media open house. So it's -- it's been a lot of sponsors and a lot of help, and we really appreciate you guys letting us do it, and we hope -- when you come, just so you know, if you're a county employee, you get two bucks off. So, bring the family and come out and join us. It really is all for a great cause. Parking across the street with the Chatham County Youth Commission, and so it's -- it's all taken care of. You just come on by and see us.

Chairman Scott said, I think you've generated some questions out of fear. I recognize first the Commissioner from the 3rd.

Ms. Bilbo said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, great job. Very interesting, very exciting. Did -- did -- you said you helped with the make up, did the children -- I mean the kids do their own costumes or you did it for them or?

Ms. Bilbo said, well, what we've done, it's just like the building was sitting abandoned, we have uniforms that when people turn them back in, you know, most of the time they're not reusable, so the patches get ripped off and they get -- the uniforms get destroyed. Same thing with inmate uniforms. So we've taken all of these, we've been collecting them for months, and that's actually what we used for costumes. We even took some bright orange inmate uniforms and painted them up like clown uniforms. So in this facility, the inmates are running the facility, and there's a little skit that starts the whole thing. I don't want to give it away, but --

Commissioner Center said, you did the facial make up too?

Ms. Bilbo said, we do the facial make up for them when they get there.

Mr. Nichols said, and -- and -- and I'd also like to add that a group of students from Savannah Arts --

Ms. Bilbo said, yes and SCAD.

Mr. Nichols said, have -- last weekend were fantastic.

Ms. Bilbo said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Nichols said, when you see these -- these 10th, 11th, and 12th graders doing make up that transforms someone who -- who -- it was just a beautiful young lady into a ghostly ghoul, and -- and the way that that they're doing it and how delicate they are when they apply this stuff, and the creativity in their minds, it's phenomenal.

Commissioner Center said, it -- it has to be phenomenal because that mask that y'all put on Pete Nichols is the most horrific and scary I have ever seen.

Mr. Nichols said, I told you it was a panic.

Ms. Bilbo said, I would love to bring just a few more people from our team up. We -- we didn't all make it this morning, but Chief Harris, who, of course, is allowing us to do all this. Chief Harris and Gary Murphy and Colonel Counihan, they have all been -- you know, I'm the -- I'm kind of the person who promotes these things, but they're really the ones that put it all together. So I wanted to bring them up as well.

Chief Deputy Roy Harris said, good morning again to everybody. I'll adjust these up for inflation. We thank you for your support in this. This is a team effort as we said before involving three well-deserving entities. Our

Explorer Scout program has been something that has been very successful in the last few years. This money enables us to send them to east coast competitions where they place first, second and third in different categories in the past few years. And these things are involved in law enforcement, so this is a -- an introduction to young men and women from our local schools that may have an interest in law enforcement to see if they are going that route. The Youth Commission is another wonderful organization that takes the best of our young men and women and teaches them public service. Wounded Warriors, there's not a lot that we need to say about that. These are the men and women that went off in harm's way, and -- and we're doing what we can to support them. The people from the Sheriff's office that were involved in this worked many weekends and many nights to get this facility ready for what we're going to do for the -- the next four or five days, and it was a lot of work, believe me, a lot of work. But they are the same people that volunteer for our Scout program continually, to take them on trips, to train them, and to raise funds to be able to support this. No public money goes into that Scout program. So again, thank you for allowing us to do this, and we're just glad to be a small part of it.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further questions? If not, thank you all.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you have a Youth Commissioner.

Chairman Scott said, oh, one of our Youth Commissioner's have a --

Ms. Bilbo said, oh, okay.

Chairman Scott said, Victoria.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Victoria Brown said, I would like to say thank you for putting panic in the pen together. It's a clean, safe way for everyone in Savannah to come together and have fun, and I hope that you all come out. Thank you.

Mr. Nichols said, and I've got to tell you the -- the -- the kids that were out there last weekend for our -- our dress rehearsal did a super job, and we look forward to having you guys over the next five days.

Ms. Bilbo said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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4. PRESENTATION ON THE COUNTY'S MOBILE CITIZENS ENGAGEMENT APP, "CHATHAM COUNTY CONNECT."

Chairman Scott said, next we're going to have a presentation on our County Mobile Citizens Engagement App.

Mr. Nichols said, this one won't be as scary. This one's a lot of fun. One of the things that -- that Mr. Smith did when he first came on board was to talk about how we were going to get into the new century, the 21st century and -- and -- and take advantage of all the digital aspects we have out there, the stuff we can do on line to make the citizens contact us easier and -- and -- and to reach back to them and solve their problems easier, and coming across an organization that is known as C-Click Fix, and with the -- the -- the wonderful talent of our own -- our own web master, Andrew Cree, we have developed Chatham County's mobile app, Chatham County Connect. It's a free app. You can get it at your app store. Just type in Chatham County, that will come up. It takes a minute or two to download, and what you can do with it is report a problem to us. If you see a pot hole, if you see -- see the ditch that needs to be -- to be cleaned up, if you see trash that needs to be picked up on the side of the road, you can take a picture of it, you can send it on in with your little description, and the best thing about it is within 30 seconds, you're going to get an email reply thanking you for that report with the work order number, and it is then logged in to the app and you can follow the progress of it, and when it is closed out, when that -- when that pot hole is filled, when that drain -- when that ditch is cleared up, when that trash has been picked up, you'll know it, and it has been just a big success since we rolled it out back during July.

Mr. Nichols said, again, on the -- the page you see right here, you take a picture, the app knows your location with GPS satellite, so it -- it went -- it's already filled out in -- in the report as far as where that problem is, and you send it, and it's solved. Public Works gets these, and they have been very successful. Robert [Drewry] will tell you the advantages that they have had and the -- the success they have had with it. We're also starting to look at different departments that we can add to this, and just a couple that come to mind, Building Safety, Engineering. When -- when Animal Control comes on line as a county department. Things like that we can add into this app. So I encourage you if you haven't downloaded it yet, I know Commissioner Stone was talking about it with me at the last meeting, and I'd like to thank our media -- one of our media partners, W -- WTKS for running the interview that I did with them a long time ago, and they're still running it. To go ahead to your app store, download the app and -- and use it and encourage your friends to use -- to use it. And just make that life that much more easier for us to solve the citizens problem. Robert.

Mr. Robert Drewry, Director of Public Works and Parks Services said, good morning.

Members of the Board Collectively said, good morning.

Mr. Drewry said, this app was kicked off on August the 14th, I believe was the exact dated that we introduced it and rolled it out to the public, so we've had two months of data, so I -- I did a search and learned that since we kicked this app off in the middle of August, we received 225 requests through this mobile app. Of the 225 requests we received, now some of these are going to be inside of a municipality, and the -- the -- the person who actually made that request will get an immediate notification indicating, you know, this is either in the City of Port Wentworth, City of Pooler, City of Savannah, and they need to contact their -- their officials, but if it's in the unincorporated county, they'll get a response acknowledging that we do have the work order, and we are going to process it, And as -- as Pete had mentioned, that is almost instantaneous. But -- so we've had 225 since the middle of August, of those 225, we logged in 89 work orders. So that means 89 of those act -- we actually generated a work order out of -- out of it. So, obviously there's some advantage to getting that notification. And pot holes is the -- is the number one hit, and we got I think debris clean up is probably number two hit, but we're going to continue to move through this. We're going to track these -- these requests, and -- still got some bugs to work out, but we're working through those and -- and hopefully these numbers will get a little better. So, any questions? Thank you.

Commissioner Brady said, I have a question.

Chairman Scott said, we have the Commissioner from the 6th District with a question.

Commissioner Brady said, and this -- this is a little off track of what -- what this is about, but I've always wondered about us having a call-out system, like for meetings and stuff like that, if we have, like a neighborhood meeting.

County Manager Lee Smith said, we're looking at something -- this is different than this.

Commissioner Brady said, I know.

County Manager Smith said, but we're actually looking at this, and I think it was ICS, Nick, we've talked about, like Code Red's, those type thing, but obviously there's an expense to do it, but we have to decide at what level.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, so we're talking about that as we move into this next year, about call outs for announcements. You know, health department, you know, flu shots, all those kind of things, so, you know, we do it right now through, you know --

Commissioner Brady said, well the City of Savannah does it.

County Manager Smith said, -- CEMA does it, you know, so there's -- there's a way to do it.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. So we're looking at it.

Mr. Nichols said, and this is really just the beginning of that process, and I think it's off to a good start.

County Manager Smith said, yes. Yeah. The other thing is, is we want to track performance, and I know that's important to Public Works and all of our departments, you know, how are we performing? Are we getting the num time -- you know, things in time. So that's what we're -- we're trying to do so we can send out to the public and say are we responding appropriately?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, great job.

Chairman Scott said, one of our Youth Commission has a question here.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Uchenna Chukwukere said, this isn't really a question, but I mean, I just wanted to commend you on your work with the app. I think this will be an amazing way to address the problem that the app targets.

Mr. Nichols said, and I'll tell you that -- that will go to Andrew Cree from our ICS department, who really worked with C-Click Fix to develop this app. Did a wonderful job.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm. Internal talent.

Chairman Scott said, the Commissioner from the 3rd District has a question.

Commissioner Center said, can you tell me again very slowly how to get the app?

Mr. Nichols said, go to your app store.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Mr. Nichols said, type in Chatham County, and it should be the first one that comes up.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Mr. Nichols said, when you search for it. It's for free and just download it from there. It takes a couple minutes to download.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Mr. Nichols said, sure.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any other questions?

Commissioner Stone said, great.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, we don't have Chairman's Items.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, or Commissioner's Items.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Scott said, no tabled items 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) TRANSFER \$40,000 FROM RESTRICTED CONTINGENCY TO ENERGY EXCISE TAX, b) TRANSFER \$25,000 FROM RESTRICTED CONTINGENCY TO REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES; 2) ~~IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TRANSFER \$120,000 FROM CONTINGENCIES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET;~~ FISCAL YEAR 2016: 1) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$24,000 RENT REVENUE AND THE HENDERSON GOLF COURSE PROJECT \$24,000 b) APPROPRIATE \$2,250 FUND BALANCE TO THE AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT, c) APPROPRIATE \$167,773 TO THE DETENTION CENTER PROJECT, d) INCREASE REVENUES \$589,000 TRANSFER IN FROM SSD AND INCREASE THE POLICE VEHICLE PROJECT \$589,000; 2) IN THE SALES TAX III FUND ADJUST PROJECTS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED MEMORANDA; 3) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND: a) TRANSFER \$22,230 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUDGET, b) APPROPRIATE \$589,000 FUND BALANCE FOR TRANSFER OUT TO CIP FOR SSD 2016 POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASES; 4) IN THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND APPROPRIATE \$177,606 NET ASSETS FOR CONTRACT LABOR AND A REPLACEMENT

ROLL-OFF TRUCK; AND 5) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O TRANSFER \$25,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES BUDGET.

Chairman Scott said, we are now on Individual Action. And in the interest of fairness, I'm going to recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District after -- or right before the CNT monthly report for the purpose of making a motion to add an item to the agenda. I state that in advance so you can be expecting that. Now the --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, do you want me to make the motion now, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, not now, no. The -- the other thing is I need -- on the Items for Individual Action we agreed in the pre-meeting that we were going to table Item 2, the Special Service District, and before I move on the rest of --

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, that's Item 1 under the big paragraph 1, subparagraph 2 so they don't get confused.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, subparagraph 2.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, and at this time I'll entertain a motion to table that till our next meeting.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we table that subparagraph 2, under item 1 till the next meeting.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly second. All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

Chairman Scott said, now, the rest of the items. On -- to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer for Fiscal Year 2015: in the General Fund M&O: transfer \$40,000 from Restricted Contingency to Energy Excise Tax, transfer \$25,000 from Restricted Contingency to Reimbursement Expense; and in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: increase revenues by \$24,000 Rent Revenue and the Henderson Golf Course Project by \$24,000, b) appropriate \$2,250 Fund Balance to the Aquatic Center, c) appropriate \$167,773 fund balance to the Detention Center Project, and increase Revenues by \$589,000 Transfer In from SSD and increase the Police Vehicle Project by \$589,000; in Sales Tax III Fund adjusted projects as outlined in the attached memorandum; and 3) in the Special Service District Fund: transfer \$22,230 from Contingency to Public Works in Department Budget, b) appropriate \$589,000 Fund Balance for Transfer Out to the CIP for SSD 2016 Police Vehicle Purchase; 4) in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$177,606 Net Assets for Contract Labor and a replacement roll-out -- roll-off truck; and 5) in the General Fund M&O transfer \$25,000 from contingency to the Human Resources budget.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Chairman Scott said, do I have a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Center moved to table subparagraph 2 under Item 1, in the Special Service District Fund Transfer \$120,000 from Contingencies to the Police Department Budget. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Stone moved to approve the following budget amendments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2015: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$40,000 from Restricted Contingency to Energy Excise Tax, b) transfer \$25,000 from Restricted Contingency to Reimbursable Expenses; Fiscal Year 2016: 1) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: a) increase revenues \$24,000 Rent Revenue and the Henderson Golf Course Project \$24,000 b) appropriate \$2,250 Fund Balance to the Aquatic Center Project, c) appropriate \$167,773 to the Detention Center Project, d) increase Revenues \$589,000 Transfer in from SSD and increase the Police Vehicle Project \$589,000; 2) in the Sales Tax III Fund adjust projects as outlined in the attached memoranda; 3) in the Special Service District Fund: a) Transfer \$22,230 from Contingency to the Public Works Department Budget, b) appropriate \$589,000 Fund Balance for Transfer Out to CIP for SSD 2016 Police Vehicle Purchases; 4) in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$177,606 Net Assets for Contract Labor and a replacement roll-off truck; and 5) in the General

Fund M&O transfer \$25,000 from contingency to the Human Resources budget. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 23, 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) transfer \$40,000 from Restricted Contingency to Energy Excise Tax, b) transfer \$25,000 from Restricted Contingency to Reimbursable Expenses; Fiscal Year 2016: 1) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: a) increase revenues \$24,000 Rent Revenue and the Henderson Golf Course Project \$24,000 b) appropriate \$2,250 Fund Balance to the Aquatic Center Project, c) appropriate \$167,773 to the Detention Center Project, d) increase Revenues \$589,000 Transfer in from SSD and increase the Police Vehicle Project \$589,000; 2) in the Sales Tax III Fund adjust projects as outlined in the attached memoranda; 3) in the Special Service District Fund: a) Transfer \$22,230 from Contingency to the Public Works Department Budget, b) appropriate \$589,000 Fund Balance for Transfer Out to CIP for SSD 2016 Police Vehicle Purchases; 4) in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$177,606 Net Assets for Contract Labor and a replacement roll-off truck; and 5) in the General Fund M&O transfer \$25,000 from contingency to the Human Resources budget.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Fiscal Year 2015:

1. Adjustments and year-end entries have caused overruns in the Energy Excise Tax and Reimbursable Expenses budgets. Restricted Contingency transfers of \$40,000 and \$25,000 respectively will correct the budgets.
- ~~2. Adjustments and year-end entries have caused overruns in the Police Department budget. A \$120,000 transfer from Restricted Contingency and Fuel Contingency will correct the budget.~~

Fiscal Year 2016:

- 1a. The Public Works and Park Services Director is requesting an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund for rent revenues generated through lease payments for the Henderson Golf Course. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Capital Improvement Fund and increase the Henderson Golf Course project \$24,000 are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1b. Appropriate \$2,250 fund balance to the Aquatic Center CIP project for a change order to the contract for the new ADA bathroom.
- 1c. Funds are requested to replace a chiller in units 1-4 at the Detention Center Complex. A \$167,773 CIP fund balance appropriation will cover the unit and installation cost. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the CIP Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1d. The County is contractually obligated to purchase vehicles for the SCMPD annually. As a result a \$589,000 SSD fund balance appropriation is requested to establish funds to ensure the County's obligation is met. Correspondence and an analysis showing the impact o the pending fund balance transfers are attached.
2. The County Engineer has requested modifications in the Sales Tax III Fund. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 3a. The Public Works and Park Services Director has requested a \$22,320 Contingency transfer to cover the increased cost of contract labor. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
4. The Public Works and Park Services Director has requested a \$31,620 appropriation of net assets in the Solid Waste Management Fund to cover the increased cost of contract labor and a \$145,986 appropriation of net assets for a replacement roll-off truck. A resolution and correspondence are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
5. The Human Resources Director has requested a \$25,000 addition to the Human Resources budget to cover the cost of providing the Ken Blanchard Leadership Development program

to County leaders. A \$25,000 transfer from contingency is needed to cover additional funds needed for the contract. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O, the Special Service District Fund, and the Sales Tax III Fund. The budget amendment establishes funds in the Capital Improvement Program, Special Service District, and the Solid Waste Management Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

1. Transfer \$40,000 from Restricted Contingency to Energy Excise Tax.
2. Transfer \$25,000 from Restricted Contingency to Reimbursable Expenses.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

- ~~1. Transfer \$60,000 from Restricted Contingency to the Police Department budget.~~
- ~~2. Transfer \$60,000 from Fuel Contingency to the Police Department budget.~~

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND

1. Increase Rent Revenues \$24,000.
2. Increase the Henderson Golf Course project \$24,000.
3. Appropriate \$2,250 fund balance to the Aquatic Center project.
4. Appropriate \$167,774 fund balance to the Detention Center Project for a chiller replacement.
5. Increase Transfers in from SSD \$589,000.
6. Increase the SSD Police Vehicle Project \$589,000.

SALES TAX III FUND

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

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

1. Transfer \$22,320 from Contingency to the Public Works Department budget.
2. Appropriate \$589,000 fund balance to Transfer Out to CIP.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND

1. Appropriate \$31,620 from restricted reserves to the Solid Waste Management Fund.
2. Appropriate \$145,986 net assets for a replacement roll-off truck.

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2016

Transfer \$25,000 from contingency to the Human Resources budget.

2. Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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2. ~~REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL~~ BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE POLICE POLICY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON POLICE PAY RAISES.

Chairman Scott said, Item 2, Board consideration of the Police Policy Committee recommendation on police pay raises.

Commissioner Center said, do you need a motion?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, okay. I move that we -- I don't know if it's authorize or appropriate, the correct verb, the \$279,773.92 to support these pay raise requests through December 31, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct. Is there a second?

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. All in favor of the motion --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, discussion.

Commissioner Brady said, did he say Board consideration?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, till December '15. That give you a --

Chairman Scott said, any -- any unreadiness? I recognize the Commissioner from the 1st and the Commissioner from the 7th in that order.

Commissioner Stone said, thank --

Commissioner Stone said, and the 3rd and the 4th, in that order.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. My comments are going to be a little bit across the -- addressing this but addressing other concerns, if -- if I may?

Chairman Scott said, we'll have another motion in a few minutes about some of the other concerns.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, well, if you'd rather me wait, I'd be happy to.

Chairman Scott said, I'd rather you wait --

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, if it's general stuff.

Commissioner Stone said, well, it -- it --

Chairman Scott said, about the merger.

Commissioner Stone said, it does talk about the pay raises, but I'll be happy to wait if you would prefer.

Chairman Scott said, all right. Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll state that I will definitely support the \$279,000 pay raise request, but I just want to make it very clear for the public that in my opinion this is nothing more than a political ploy by the City of Savannah to obtain more monies from the residents of the unincorporated areas. Since we've merged in 2003, we have never once been asked to vote on salaries. We have never been asked opinions on who should be hired, who should be fired, but in the midst of the one-sided negotiations in which we seem to be doing all the negotiating, this is yet another brilliant tactical, very methodical ploy to obtain more monies. But they worded it so great that I will support this, although since 2003 this county has simply received a bill, a large, large bill and with that this county never knew the amount of employees they were paying for, they for a while didn't know how many weapons that we owned, and all of the sudden, because of this long, drawn out one-sided negotiation, we received this pay request, which just to put it quite simply, is just a farce. Officers deserve the money. I will vote for this one time fee, and I just wanted it to be very clear for the public that this is -- this is nothing more than a political ploy because this county has been paying millions of dollars every year for a fully-staffed police department, and it's no where near fully staffed, and -- but I will support it because the officers deserve it, and I can't sit down and explain to each one why I voted against. So I will support it. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Brady, and then our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas. In that order, please.

Commissioner Brady said, and this is a question for the County Manager. The Savannah Morning News reported that before the City approved the pay raises they tried to contact the county, and we refused to meet with them. Is that true?

County Manager Smith said, that is not true.

Commissioner Thomas said, hmm-mm.

Commissioner Brady said, well, I -- I -- I wish they would fix that statement because what you have is you have -- and don't get me wrong, I think the police officers need raises.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Brady said, and -- and I'm going to vote for this too, but -- but -- but I said this in the Green Room, I -- I don't appreciate being shamed or guilted or intimidated into making this decision, and that's what's happened. It -- it -- that's what I feel has happened, and -- and -- and I don't appreciate that. Not to mention the city had an opportunity to vote at their last meeting to make a counter offer involving these raises in the contract, and they didn't do it, and we have been the only governmental agency who has compromised. They haven't compromised on anything, and I'm -- I'm saying these things, but I am going to vote for these raises. And the last thing I'll say is -- is the City of Savannah wants to completely control Savannah Metro Police Department, and they want the county to stroke a check for it. So, I -- I -- I don't like the way this process has been handled from day one. The police officers do need a raise, but they should have come to us before they even voted on these raises. And I'll leave it at that.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Madam Vice Chair.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Fellow Commissioners, ladies and gentlemen, this is not a good moment in the time of the city nor the county. I am sick and tired of all the rhetoric on the part of the city, and I'm saying that because we must be a part of the plan, and while I have been in agreement for just about everything because we need to have partnerships, we need to work together to make things happen in Chatham County and the City of Savannah. It cannot be one sided. I'm going to vote for the raises for these deserving police officers, but I am still in awe that since we sent our response to the City of Savannah and correct me if I'm wrong, have we gotten a response from our recommendation that we sent to the City of Savannah for the agreement or any of that? Have we gotten a response from that?

County Manager Smith said, not on the contract that you --

Commissioner Thomas said, that I'm referring to.

County Manager Smith said, -- sent for consideration. We have not.

Commissioner Thomas said, still have not.

Chairman Scott said, we -- we did hear from the Mayor who invited me over to explain it to members of the Council, and I did do that, Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, well, I'm of the opinion --

Chairman Scott said, outside of that, there's been no other.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I'm of the opinion like my fellow colleagues. We are human beings. We were elected by the people of the City of Savannah and Chatham County. I'm not a politician, never will be one. I made that emphatically clear when I first ran for office. I am a people's person, a people mover, getting things done, working together. This is how we make progress, and I'm a little fed up, and I'm a little hurt this morning because we're not doing that, and when I say we, I'm talking about the City of Savannah not responding to us. So, today, I will vote for the raises, but I am preparing myself if we do not get a favorable response from the City of Savannah, then the county will have to do what it needs to do, is to move forward with whatever we have to do in terms of our police officers and have our own department again. I was one of the ones that really voted at the very beginning for the merger, and I really fought hard, and I understand how my fellow Commissioner here, because at that time, he says, no, no, no, I don't think this is the right thing to do, but given the fact that we must follow certain protocols, and we must try to work together, we need to put our personal feelings out of all of these decisions, and I know I'm sounding off this morning, but that is the way I feel, and I'm telling you just how I feel about the situation. So, my -- my -- my -- my request to the City of Savannah, if you're going to be for real, and if you really want a true partnership, then get on board and let's work together. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 3rd District.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And Dr. Thomas so eloquently stated my feelings. This pay request in my mind that I moved for is only through December 31, 2015. It's my understanding we have an existing agreement, I'm going to call it diminishing agreement, and we have offers, and under the existing agreement, if the -- if either party wanted to spend more money, they were supposed to go to their respective boards, the Council in the City, the Commission here, and vote on this and then go forward with it, and the city didn't follow that. They -- they went and publicly did it, released it to the papers before we even heard about it. Be that as it may, I'm convinced that hypothetically had the city followed the correct procedure, and hypothetically if we had never even started the de-merger discussions, this Board would have passed this without any question, and the police are deserving of it. So, as you find out later when we vote on the -- on the next motion to be added, that's why I moved -- I -- I -- I -- to -- to support paying this money to the -- to the fine men and women in blue of Chatham and Savannah, and it's through December 31, 2015. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, any further unreadiness or discussion? Hearing none all -- oh, Commissioner Farrell from the 4th District.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. I've stated previously that when this Commission agreed to a two-year cap of 14.155 million per year to pay our fair share of the policing services, that my research indicated that that was very overly generous to the tune of two to three million dollars in excess of the services that we were receiving and some other points. Today I fully support paying police officers what they deserve to get paid and the amount that they get to be paid. I'm in full support of every officer that wears that badge, gets up out of bed every morning and puts their life and their family on the line for the benefit of nearly 300,000 people in this county. So I'm in full support of proper payment for proper services. But this is simply another tactic from another local government trying to exceed the \$14.1 million cap that the majority of this Board adopted, and for that reason, I'm going to vote against sending more money over there. But I am definitely an advocate for the police officers, and that they get paid a proper salary, but this is above the level. Be it known that no one on this Commission or in this audience or on the staff at the newspaper has any real control over the -- what happens to this police department. That is all controlled through the City of Savannah's City Council and City Manager, and that's how the flow chart works. So what decisions are made over there or what goes, that's the final say on everything, and we're left out except constantly being asked to write a blank check, and I have to draw the line in the sand somewhere. Thank you for your time.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the \$279,773.92 to support the police pay raise requests through December 31, 2015. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Farrell being the lone no vote.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Assistant County Manager

ISSUE:
 Request Board Consideration of the Police Policy Committee's recommendation on Police Pay raises.

BACKGROUND:
 On October 14, 2015, the SCMPD Police Policy Committee voted unanimously to forward a request to the Board of Commissioners for the County's financial support of police pay raises granted by City Council.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The SCMPD Police Policy Committee voted unanimously on October 14, 2015, to forward a request to the Board of Commissioners for the County's financial support of the police pay raises granted by City Council. The requested payment to the City of Savannah is \$279,773.92. A summary of the action taken during the Policy Committee meeting is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The requested amount represents 24.27% of the total cost of the pay raises from July to December 2015. The Policy Committee is not requesting additional funds for calendar year 2016 at this time.
3. The Framework Agreement specifies a County payment of \$1,179,565 per month or \$14,154,780 annually for services provided to the County's unincorporated area by the SCMPD's shared cost centers. The SSD Fund's adopted fiscal year 2016 budget is based on the Framework numbers. Any additional appropriations for Police services such as the one recommended are not budgeted. An appropriation of Fund Balance from the SSD Fund will be required.
4. Section III (C)(5) of the Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department states that "New capital or operating cost additions that benefit both parties and have been approved by both parties will be based on an equitable cost share to be agreed upon by both parties prior to procurement or implementation. All new capital or operating costs shall be referred to the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee shall recommend approval, denial or modification to both parties for approval by both government bodies."
5. In August 2015 City Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (IGA). On September 11, 2015, the Board of Commissioners modified the IGA and returned it to the City Council for approval. City Council has not acted on the County's version of the IGA.

FUNDING:

Funding will be provided from the SSD Fund Police Department budget, pending approval of a budget transfer from SSD Fund - Fund Balance account.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board has identified public safety as one of its seven objectives in its Goals and Objectives statement.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve payment of \$279,773.92 to the City of Savannah for Police Pay raises or
2. Provide other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board Consideration.

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ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Scott said, and in the -- and in an effort of fairness, I'm going to recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District, who wants to add something to the calendar for consideration.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to amend the agenda to allow myself to add something to the agenda in this spot.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second. Okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all --

Chairman Scott said, motion carries.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, first of all, I want to thank you for allowing me to make a motion here, and I want to publicly apologize to you for the tone, as well as the content of my wording when I requested at the last meeting that you allow me to place something on the agenda. I sincerely apologize for that. At this point and because of reasons stated since 2002 that continue to occur within this -- with the police situation, I now make a motion that the county end any and all negotiations/discussions with the City of Savannah regarding a merged police department effective immediately and hereby instruct the County Manager to notify in writing the City of Savannah that the County withdrew its offer and that no more negotiations regarding a merged department will take place. In addition, this motion instructs the County Manager to immediately begin the process of hiring a fully staffed police department, acquire all the needed vehicles, weapons and everything else that's needed, and to have a goal to have all of this in place by the date that the current --

Chairman Scott said, we -- we don't need a date.

Commissioner Farrell said, that's a goal.

Commissioner Center said, it's just a goal.

Commissioner Farrell said, it's just a goal. It's not a date certain.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- have -- have a goal to have everything in place by the time that the contract -- current agreement actually expires.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'll second that.

Chairman Scott said, moved and second. Any discussion? I recognize the Commissioner from the 1st, Commissioner Stone, and then Commissioner Holmes of the 2nd. In that order, please.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, and then the Commissioner from the 4th, Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. Over the last year I've observed the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department operations and police coverage of the unincorporated areas of Chatham County with interest and frustration. Over the last few months I've sought information, asked many questions of many knowledgeable people and listened -- listened intensely for information and opinions regarding the operation of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department -- police merger. Trust me, there's been a great deal to learn, and I may never receive all the information critical to such an important issue. As you all know, there's seven municipalities in Chatham County, the majority of which have their own police departments. The City of

Savannah and the unincorporated area of Chatham County currently operate under one department known as the Savannah Metropolitan Police Department. Because of Metro's organizational structure and geographical areas of responsibility, this is a difficult and complex situation made worse by the previous chief and the resulting problems there.

Commissioner Stone said, we have one police department, the most important department supposedly run by two governmental bodies. This set up is unique and entirely distinct from other counties such as Bibb and Richmond where the cities and the counties there are entirely consolidated and have one governing body. These two elected body systems has led to problems since the merger was put into effect. My strong desire was, and I can't emphasize enough still is to keep the merger in place for -- for a number of reasons -- reasons, including maintaining a single investigative and crime solving force, keeping crime statistics lower, having fewer juris -- jurisdictional lines, and consolidation of resources, such as -- such as administration, equipment, marine and mounted patrol. On September 26, 2003 and October 16th, 2003, the Chatham County Commission and the City of Savannah originally entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement for consolidated policing. Page two of the agreement stated, quote there will be no deterioration of police services to the expanded Metropolitan Police Department jurisdiction and that the provision of the joint service under this agreement will significantly enhance the quality of police services provided in the expanded Metropolitan Police Department's jurisdiction.

Commissioner Stone said, from my observations, the emails, the phone calls that I've received over the last year or so, that is simply not the case. Prior to Chief Lumpkin's arrival, there was a deterioration at Metro, and after a few months as Chief, the Commissioners were informed that there was a severe shortage of officers. This came as a surprise to me, and I would guess maybe some of my other Commissioners. Why were we not apprised of the situation by the City of Savannah? I understand that the chief occupies a city position and functions as a city chief -- as a city bureau chief in accordance with the charter, the policies, rules and regulations of the city. These are on page five and page six. But where does that leave the folks in the unincorporated area? As the original intergovernmental agreement was set to expire, the parties negotiated, and Chatham County narrowly approved a new intergovernmental agreement on September 12th, 2015 for a limited two-year period to allow a more in-depth study of the combined forces and how to effect -- how effectively Metro is serving the citizens of the city and the unincorporated area, and what their respective financial oversight responsibilities should be. This agreement and procedural framework had previously been negotiated and approved by the City of Savannah.

Commissioner Stone said, from my viewpoint, the problem has been from the beginning of the merger, the county's lack of shared input and shared oversight with the city. Instead of being a co-equal partner as was -- as was originally intended I believe, the county has been treated like a little brother in the relationship and not a partner, and unfortunately, this trend has continued since the City of Savannah proved the most -- approved the most recent two-year agreement. The very process put into place to share input and share oversight that were negotiated and voted on upon -- voted upon have not been filed by the City of Savannah. Instead, the City unilaterally decides that it will add three new addendums, pay raises for officers, mobile data terminals, an additional unit for drugs and prostitution. I do --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner, please note you have two minutes left per our ten minutes rule.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Thank you. I do believe that my fellow Commissioners realize the need for and support officer pay increases, as do I. Law enforcement is the number one function of government. Speaking only for myself, in fact, given the information I have now, I probably would support even greater pay increases for patrol officers if doing so would attract and retain the best officers in Georgia. But again, the Commission is just being told by the city that \$279,773.92 is the -- is the current need, and this amount is sufficient.

Commissioner Stone said, I will try to wrap this up 'cause I'm -- I realize I'm getting a little lengthy, but I normally don't do this. I was elected to make an informed decision using -- using the best information at my disposal. In a recent memo to the city -- to the City Manager dated October 15th, the County Manager stated, the issue of mobile data -- mobile data terminals should have been discussed in advance to the policy committee. I am requesting a meeting with you and myself to discuss both current and potential projects or efforts that may impact the city and/or Chatham County. Clearly, ladies and gentlemen, there is a lack of communication and recognition of clear lines of authority, which unfortunately, which may doom this -- this mobile -- this noble consolidation venture. The County Manager's job is to obtain, digest, analyze, and advise his elected Commissioners. Once again, the Commissioner gets late add ons of \$373,000 that we were expected to accept on face value.

Commissioner Stone said, I'm going to skip some of this and wrap it up.

Chairman Scott said, you have 30 seconds.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. This intergovernmental agreement does not provide for cooperative -- for a cooperative process at least for the -- for the next two years. The problem is the ongoing relationship between the city and county governments and how the city adds whatever they want to add and ignores its co-partner in doing so. We are in the business of government, and so -- and no successful business partnership can ever operate in this manner. I expect more accountability for the tax payers of this community. Therefore, unless significant and meaningful changes --

Chairman Scott said, time's --

Commissioner Stone said, all right. Let me --

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 2nd.

Commissioner Stone said, may I just --

Chairman Scott said, ten minutes you've had.

Commissioner Stone said, -- add my last sentence that I cannot support the merger.

Commissioner Holmes said, if I could --

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, I can give her a -- a minute or two of mine, if you want.

Chairman Scott said, we can come back to her.

Commissioner Stone said, that's all right. I -- I think I made my point, and I'm sorry I got a little bit lengthy.

Commissioner Holmes said, let me begin with I think everybody get a little weary and tired when you was working on a project for so long and it haven't materialized to where you want to see an agreement with one side or the other side. The City of Savannah and the county is working toward trying to keep this merger together. You have never, ever heard me talk against anything that will unify people, but you're going to hear me say something today that I've never said in this setting right here, and the number one thing is, we have sent over everything the city have asked us to send, and for some reason it do not come back to us like we expect it. But I want to ask a couple of questions. Going back to what Commissioner Brady asked in honor to you and our committee. We received a memo about a month ago, and it stated in there that we supposed to meet with them and we didn't meet. And I heard Brady mention it, and I'm going back to that. Do you remember us supposed to be meeting with the city in negotiation with the merger but we didn't?

County Manager Smith said, I think, and I may have to refer to the Chair, I do think they were asking for a policy -- a policy committee, not a meeting with staff.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, and I had an objection because we had not reviewed as staff the information first and the agreement had not been signed, and I've sent that to the City Manager.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Okay. So you didn't go to that meeting, and I think from what the -- what it read, it say that they supposed to meet and talk about an issue.

County Manager Smith said, they were talking about policy committee.

Commissioner Holmes said, policy. Okay.

County Manager Smith said, but the staff had yet to meet nor be informed about any of the subject matter, and I told them until that happened I felt like we could not -- and I can't speak for the Chair, that we didn't need to have a policy committee until we had all the data.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, then we could meet.

Chairman Scott said, and also -- also note that the policy committee is chaired by the Mayor and -- and I'm the vice chair. It takes one of us to call a meeting.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Now, to -- to the Chairman. I -- I remember you going over and meeting with them. Who -- who -- who -- who been on that team with you?

Chairman Scott said, I went over to address Council.

Commissioner Holmes said, you went over to address the Council.

Chairman Scott said, they amended their agenda to allow me to address the Council.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Did you get any satisfaction from that meeting that you --

Chairman Scott said, all Council members was very positive with one exception.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. All right. Okay. September the 11th, 2015, the Board of Commissioner modified it, returned to the City Council for approval. City Council have not acted on the county version. Now, how many times did that happen, Mr. Smith? How many times did that happen Mr. Chairman, that -- that they reject what we were sending over there to them?

County Manager Smith said, over the last year with the exception of the framework, and I -- I'll refer -- defer to the Attorney, we have not had any action by City Council on the matter except for the raises and the framework.

Commissioner Holmes said, the raises and the framework. Okay.

County Manager Smith said, the framework was addressed but as -- as -- as to actual contracts that we forwarded --

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, -- there has been no --

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, -- no vote by the Board.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, and salaries were not -- when we did the framework, the salaries were not brought up until after the framework was adopted by the way.

Commissioner Holmes said, right. Mr. Jon Hart,

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, how many more days left we got on our time frame before this elapse?

County Manager Smith said, February.

Chairman Scott said, about six months.

County Attorney Hart said, yeah, five -- right at six months.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Holmes said, now, can anyone do a history for me, and you don't have to do it for me now, but I'd like to know for this body here, how much have we have given up from the original agreement versus what the city have given up, percentage wise.

Commissioner Farrell said, everything.

County Manager Smith said, we -- we've got an outline of some of the services.

Commissioner Holmes said, you -- you -- you do have that?

County Manager Smith said, and we can provide from the last agreement to this agreement, so we -- we could provide you something in the next week or two.

Commissioner Holmes said, I -- okay. I would -- I would --

Chairman Scott said, yeah. We can -- we can do a comparison between the two agreements.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, yes. We can do that. Mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, that would -- that would be excellent for me because my colleague from the 7th, I love your thought, and I love your aggressiveness, but I can't support a letter asking that this -- this -- this -- I -- I can't do that, and -- and I will be voting against that, please. Thank you, sir, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell of the 4th.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. Today I will be supporting Commissioner Kicklighter's motion. I have inherited this merger when I took office in 2005. I have patiently worked with and through this agreement for over 11 years. I have -- ten minutes is not nearly enough time for me to go through all the items that I would like to speak to on there, so I will not even attempt it. Thirteen months ago this Board unanimously shared my frustration and because renegotiation was never taken seriously by our partners, we set the clock to withdraw

from this merger with an 18-month notice given. So, in summary 13 months has gone by, and I have intimate and the understanding of what staff had wanted to make this a better agreement, and to my knowledge, virtually none of it ever made it to the framework agreement. The framework agreement was several million dollars in my opinion above the cost of services that the unincorporated residents were receiving, and now, in the last couple of weeks, what slight movement was negotiated in the 14.1 million is going to be obliterated one little chip at a time to where even that little bit of money movement, which I don't think was significant, but it was moving in the right direction, it will be right back to where we were 13 months ago, just give it a few more weeks or a couple more months, and I'm certain that will be there.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, at what point in a negotiation when you give somebody 18 months do you continue to negotiate? Our instructions to staff in September 11th of 2014 was to serve notice and prepare to set up a new police department. At what point are we serious? At what point do we mean it? I meant it September 11th 2014. I kept an open mind that there by some miracle that possibly a -- a fair merger agreement could be reached. No progress has been made in 13 months. I don't see the benefit of extending this 13 days, 13 anything. It just -- at some point a decision needs to be made to follow through with what this Board unanimously decided to do on September 11th, 2014. And today I believe is that day. Today is the day that if the majority of the -- this Board, and hopefully it will be unanimous, would be my hope, that we still speak as -- with one voice like we did September 11th of 2014 and end the negotiation phase of this because 13 months out of 18, I mean, to me, maybe three months would have been enough to figure out whether or not you had a deal and still left staff plenty of time to set up an orderly transition into standing up our historic police department.

Commissioner Farrell said, so today I'll be in favor of ending formal negotiations and rigorously starting a new police department. The folks in the unincorporated district deserve a police force that is focused on their needs and their safety. The police chief last week told us that the unincorporated crime was up 50 percent over the last year. What's it going to be if we wait another 13 months? Now, the unincorporated area, don't get me wrong, is a very safe place considered -- compared to other places, and 50 percent of a very small number of -- of crimes is still a very small number of crimes, but percentage wise it's a big jump. I firmly believe that if we have total control of our -- of our police force, that we can direct the resources in the unincorporated area to be ready to respond to whatever public safety needs that -- that are out there.

Commissioner Farrell said, I was in a conversation last night where someone said that a restaurant on Wilmington Island was robbed in broad day light at 11:30 in the morning with -- full of citizens. I asked was there an arrest made? 'Cause that's pretty bold to go into a very populated shopping center and a very populated restaurant and pull off a armed robbery. I was told it was not. Now, maybe that information is correct and maybe it's not, but if it is correct, where were the police patrolmen? Where was the pursuit? How did this happen? It just -- one more reason why I feel like that the citizens would be better served with a dedicated police department to their needs at this time. And it would uncouple this continuing antagonistic relationship on this one issue that we have with another very large local government. We work together on so many different things and work together well, let's push this one to the side and chalk it up for a good experience that didn't quite work out and move on and let's not forget that these police forces, although they may be under diff -- different con -- command and control, there's nothing that says they cannot work together and meet together and talk together to solve crimes and to back -- and to have each other's back. So, I'll yield the rest of my time to the other Commissioners, but I will be in favor of moving forward today on what we unanimously agreed to do on September 11th, of 2014, and I thank you.

Chairman Scott said, anyone else wish to --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, me, please, sir. I would like to speak.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In 2002 this body struck a agreement that they called a police merger with the City of Savannah. Police merger in name only. Never has been a police merger. It's always been controlled totally by the Manager of the City of Savannah which is the direct employee of the Mayor and Council of Sav -- the Mayor and Council of Savannah. The citizens of the unincorporated area has not had an elected representative over their police services if you will since 2000 and I believe 3, when it actually came together. Throughout that time, we've watched many police chiefs come in, hired, fired or quit or whatever. We may not even really know the details because we're just notified when things happen. That's the way that the body -- Board agreed back then. It was wrong then; it's wrong now. It's been my experience since 2002 that the City of Savannah has never set down to a true negotiation. The only way you get an agreement with the City of Savannah, which is brilliant on their part, because we constantly cave is to give in to all of their demands.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, brief history was just requested, and I'll be happy to oblige. In 2002 prior to the merger, the police department cost approximately \$4 to \$4.5 million dollars. By 2000 -- September of 2014 when the county started negotiating, the county offered \$14.1 million to the City of Savannah. That was September -- possibly August or September when they made the offer. Savannah actually countered \$15 million to that on September 16th, 2014. The Chairman -- okay, the Chairman actually -- so we -- we countered -- we actually offered lower to start with. On 10/17/2014, the Chairman's offer -- counter was 13.9 million. The City of Savannah then came back on 12/17/2014 with a \$15.9 million counter offer. They went up \$900,000 from their original -- their very own counter offer. July 2015 county staff presents Savannah with a county approved agreement that the majority here approved. It was 14.1 million at that point. August 20th, 2015, Savannah

basically does nothing but they come back wanting 14.6 to \$15 million. That's the original request from Savannah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, should this body choose to continue to be kicked and allow the 85,000 citizens to be kicked along down the road, that's exactly what they wanted in the beginning. In the beginning this body wanted to have representation for it's citizens who highly over pay for police services. That was the original goal, to have equal oversight over the police department as -- so that citizens would not have taxation without representation. Why could we move past that? Because we moved past that. We gave up on that. Threw it out the window to make it work. People cave. So, we caved on that, we've caved on every penny up to this point, and sure, I mean they -- they -- they should actually go in there and actually approve. I stated it last meeting they wouldn't approve the last one that some on here sent over to them. It's time to end the madness. We've -- we've played this game at the expense of these unincorporated area residents for far too long, and we have estimates in front of us where we as what we're elected to do, can protect those unincorporated area residents for millions less. We have options out there. Several options, and we do not have to continue any longer allowing the mistreatment of those citizens, and I just encourage everyone to stand up to them and, you know, it's nothing to be proud of if you're in an agreement and you strike an agreement but you gave everything they wanted, and if it actually comes to some type of agreement with them, that means that these unincorporated area residents are going to continue to be mistreated and treated as if -- Commissioner Stone said the little brother or -- I like to say red-headed step child, but, you know, we're in a politically correct society now so, you know, I probably shouldn't, but that's it, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, and I encourage all of you to let's straighten this mess out once and for all.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, one more -- one more comment.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Vice Chair, Thomas from the 8th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh God. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If this motion is passed, and let me say to my fellow Commissioners, you're so right in everything that you've said. I don't disagree on anything that you have said. But, it's mind boggling. But my -- my problem here is at this point, and if this is where we need to go, then we'll go there, but this is a question I want to ask. If this motion is passed today, how immediate will it be for us to get our police officers in place? Their cars, other equipments and etcetera? What time line are we talking at this point?

Chairman Scott said, we estimate 18 months, Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, eighteen months from today?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so we would have to at some point enter some type of agreement --

Commissioner Thomas said, something --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- getting the sheriff to offset or with the City of Savannah continue possibly --

Commissioner Thomas said, -- in between.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but -- but we do -- it's my understanding that we have 40 employees already on the police department as of right this second. That they're -- they're currently --

Chairman Scott said, we have -- we have no employees.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, we have 40 that's on our retirement plan and receiving all benefits through the county and is not on the City of Savannah's list.

County Attorney Hart said, but it's reimbursed.

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

County Manager Smith said, it's reimbursed.

County Attorney Hart said, it's -- it's reconciled at the end of the year.

Chairman Scott said, Dr. Thomas have the floor, and she asked a question of the Chair and the staff. Please don't interrupt. Dr. Thomas, please continue.

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah, I -- those are questions that, you know, that concerns me because we already have loop holes, and I'm concerned about further loop holes in between, you know, what we are trying to do and are we prepared or will we be prepared to protect the citizens of Chatham County in the interim? May I perhaps ask that question either to the Chairman or the Manager or the Attorney?

Chairman Scott said, yes, the staff can respond to this too, but they've always been working on some sort of blue print of what we would do to stand a department --

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah. You know --

Chairman Scott said, -- and also, a budget. So if -- if we go forth with this, we will have a workshop and -- to outline everything to the members of the Commission so they will understand what's associated with this.

Commissioner Thomas said, right. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, that would have been my -- well as I'm talking to the Attorney, we've been outlining costs because obviously it's a matter of would we have a month to month with the City of Savannah? Would we do a month to month plus something with the Sheriff's office? So we would like to have a detailed workshop because we've spent a lot of time on this to show you what the real costs are. And, you know, including phase out of the contract.

Commissioner Thomas said, right. Okay. Okay. So until, you know, I -- I feel more confident, you know, in terms that we're ready to move forward on that, that's just where I am today. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any other unreadiness or discussion? I recognize the Commissioner from the 6th District, Commissioner Brady.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and I made my comments really when we were talking about the pay raises, but I want to -- I want to repeat a couple of them because what's happened here is -- is -- is the Savannah Morning News is -- is beating up us and they're beating up the city.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Brady said, and what they're not saying is -- is that the city has not responded to anything that we have sent over there, and we have been the compromising government.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Brady said, and one of the biggest issues originally for us was we wanted to be involved in the selection and the termination of the police chief. That -- that went away --

Commissioner Farrell said, real quick.

Commissioner Brady said, oh yeah.

Commissioner Thomas said, fast.

Commissioner Brady said, that was a big deal for this Commission, and I -- I mean there's other things that they -- they have taken out of that agreement, and so basically where we're at right now is, you know, as far as I'm concerned, our final offer went over there. As far as I'm concerned. Now, of course, we just voted to -- to give them \$279,000 and some change for the pay raises, okay? So they had an opportunity to vote on that, amend the agreement that we sent over there at their last meeting, and they didn't do it. Which I'm perplexed by that. You know, so -- so, I want the -- the -- the constituents in this community to understand this is not the county that's had the issue. It's the City of Savannah, and they're not acting properly in this process, and they're dragging their feet, and I think I know why they're dragging their feet, 'cause they're going into a municipal election on November the 3rd. So, I -- I mean, you know, I'm not really politically correct all the time, probably not most of the time, but I mean the bottom line is -- is they -- they've -- they have messed up this whole process, and I am not going to be blamed for it. I refuse to be blamed for it, and I'll leave it with this. I -- my first comment, I will not be shamed or guilted or intimidated into making a decision by anyone, and I'm talking about editorials from the newspaper. I'm talking about various organizations within the City of Savannah who -- who will benefit if we stay merged. So I -- I -- the bottom line is -- is I'm going to support the motion that Commissioner Kicklighter has made. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion or unreadiness?

Commissioner Stone said, I -- I have one -- one quick comment.

Chairman Scott said, any further? I recognize Commissioner Stone from the 1st District.

Commissioner Stone said, as I stated earlier, I really wanted to see this thing work. I thought it was in the best interest of our community, but what I didn't say was that right before the City Council meeting last Thursday I contacted a couple of the -- a few of the Aldermen, left a voice mail for one, talked with another one and begged them to please take some action, and they told me they thought they would. And, you know, again, we've been sitting on this for six weeks waiting for an answer.

Commissioner Farrell said, thirteen years.

Commissioner Stone said, and they won't respond. They -- they want to keep adding things on, and I'm -- I -- I find no joy in seeing this department de-merge. I think it's -- it's going to be a great deal of effort on the part of the county. I think it's not going to be in the best interest of the city, but I don't -- I think our hands are tied

at this point. If there is lack of communication and working together, I don't know how this can in fact continue. So thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, any further comments or unreadiness? Let me just say this before we vote. I'm -- I just want to make sure that everybody understands that if we were to go stand up our own department, it's going to be a costly proposition the first year to two years. It will deplete the funds in the Special Service District that could result on this Commission being called on to raise taxes in the Special Service District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, exactly.

Chairman Scott said, and I want you to know that up front. I want to be on record telling you this so when you vote for this, please be prepared for all the other things that you may have to vote for in order to implement your decisions. And with that, all in favor of the motion please indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what is -- can you restate the motion before I vote?

Chairman Scott said, his motion is that we essentially instruct the -- the city that we're no longer going to negotiate, and we start the process of standing up on own police department.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, terminates all negotiations.

Commissioner Farrell said, we basically go back to what we said 13 months ago.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we are separating and instruct staff to start the hiring process.

Chairman Scott said, everybody voted. Everybody's happy with their vote? The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to amend the agenda. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-2 vote with Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Center, Farrell, Brady, Kicklighter and Thomas voting yes and Chairman Scott and Commissioner Shabazz voting no.
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter moved that the county end any and all negotiations/discussions with the City of Savannah regarding a merged police department effective immediately and hereby instruct the County Manager to notify in writing the City of Savannah that the County withdrew its offer and that no more negotiations regarding a merged department will take place. In addition, this motion instructs the County Manager to immediately begin the process of hiring a fully staffed police department, acquire all the needed vehicles, weapons and everything else that's needed, and to have a goal to have all of this in place by the date that the current agreement actually expires. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in a 5-4 vote with Commissioners Stone, Center, Farrell, Brady and Kicklighter voting yes and Chairman Scott and Commissioners Holmes, Shabazz and Thomas voting no.

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3. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN. CHIEF LUMPKIN WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

Chairman Scott said, next we'll invite our CNT Director, Director Ragan. I know he enjoyed -- enjoyed that, and he didn't want to make his remarks in advance of it, so, we really appreciate your patience, and now we look forward to your remarks.

CNT Director D. Everett Ragan said, thank you, sir, and I -- I do have a special presentation after the monthly report, so I'll be very brief on the monthly report. Everybody's had an opportunity to read it before. The month of September 106 investigations initiated. We closed -- closed out 42 of those investigations. Agency assists, and this is some of the things we do behind the scenes. We -- we assisted the precinct five detectives, Pooler PD, Hunter Army Airfield military intel drug training. We train some of their people. Precinct five detective -- detective vehicle search, Pembroke PD assist with interviews, Chatham County Human Resources, we -- we provided drug train -- training for employees in Human Resources, Savannah Christian High School drug presentation, and the airport PD a -- a marijuana seizure.

Director Ragan said, we seized approximately 28,560 in drugs last month, bringing us up to 577,000 and change so far for the year. Drug purchase, we purchased powder and crack primarily for this month on a case we're working. Two firearms so far for the -- in -- in the month, 99 so far for the year. Persons arrested is 205 for the year so far. This past month we arrested nine out of Savannah, one out of Guyton, Bloomingdale, Tybee Island, Richmond Hill, Darien, Fleming, Ellabell, Pembroke, and Fitzgerald, Georgia. That's where -- where their hometowns were and where these individuals were from.

Director Ragan said, we adopted two cases, one from Pooler and one from Metro and had 31 CrimeStopper complaints that we've -- we've assigned. The other -- the nice graphs and everything else on the Com Stat

report are basically activity that took place in your Districts where we had either search warrants, arrests, and/or drug complaints. The hours expended in the precincts, again, Islands and Central precinct were the two -- two leaders this year -- this month. And again, with the majority of the hours spent in the City of Savannah. The drug investigations, Metro all precincts 1831, 474 in the municipalities and 216 hours in the unincorporated area.

Director Ragan said, a couple of significant events. One the -- did a four-month investigation that came to an accumulation with the sale of methamphetamine. Search warrant executed in Richmond Hill. The agents arrested two suspects and on a later date arrested two more suspects in Chatham County. Port Wentworth police, assisted in one of the arrests that a suspect refused to come out of a residence, and there was a brief standoff. And then on 9/18, a call from Metro of a homeless camp out off McAlpin Avenue, back behind McAlpin Square. You can see the photographs. Our clandestine lab team went out, rendered -- made sure everything was safe, the chemicals and the hazardous material by-product that was left on the scene and eventually made an arrest in that area. What you can't see because it fell down, was one of my agents trying to get to, one of these guys, a homeless guy, actually built a tree house out there, so he was living off the ground. He wasn't living on the ground in a tent. He had -- he had a tree house up there to live in. It kind of fell. And then on the 21st of September, assisting Tybee Island with a methamphetamine, crystal ice seizure at Tybee. It's trafficking amounts.

Director Ragan said, and we had -- had hoped that Chief Lumpkin would be with me. He and I have -- have met recently on a couple of occasions. Julie's -- deputy chief Tolbert's here, but she had to step out for -- for a second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, let me ask a quick question.

Director Ragan said, a short --

Chairman Scott said, you have an advance question here.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, the 5th District Commissioner.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning -- good morning Commander Ragan. You mentioned something about a homeless camp that you discovered behind McAlpin Square?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Well what -- what was going on with that?

Director Ragan said, they were manufacturing methamphetamine, the old way, the one bottle meth manufacturers is what they were doing. They were making their own meth -- methamphetamine back there in the homeless camp.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Director Ragan said, and that's -- that's what created the hazardous by-product that we had to -- we had to clean up of stuff they used and put in that, so. And I might say that having our own officers -- agents trained in that and having our own equipment to do that, it saved us about \$12,000 because we would have had to wait for four hours for people to get here, and then they'd had to dispose of it, and then we'd had to transport -- they'd have to transport it to a classified landfill.

Commissioner Shabazz said, someone alerted you as to what was going on back there?

Director Ragan said, a patrol officer, precinct five patrol officers. Some of the neighbors had talked to them about it. They went and investigated and called us 'cause we're capable of the clean up.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so the person that was manufacturing the meth, were they living out there?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir. They were living there. They're homeless and were living there. And it doesn't take much, you know, Sudafed, over the counter allergy stuff, a little bit of Coleman lantern fuel, some alkaline batteries, some lye sometimes, some -- some -- just mix it all together, and they -- they developed the old one pot method of cooking methamphetamine, which has not been as popular since crystal ice has become such readily available and -- and so cheap.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, okay. A -- a while back, the County Manager asked that Chief Lumpkin and I get together. I'm cer -- sure that in your time with your constituents and I'm -- even on the city's half that there are questions sometime as to what the roll of the CNT is and what the roll of the quote unquote the UNIT is or what responsibility does the metro police have on -- on drug enforcement within the unincorporated and -- and within the city limits of Savannah. So the chief and I had met once before. We met again last Thursday, and we've come up with a -- I've come up with a presentation and with the chief in reference to an explanation of -- of --

of what the lines are, what CNT does, and what the -- their UNIT proposes to do as far as drug enforcement in Chatham County.

Director Ragan said, again, this presentation is basically on the responsibilities -- the investigating responsibilities of CNT and Metro's the UNIT, which you were briefed on that a little bit last year [sic]. The mission of the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team is dedicated to the disruption of narcotics trafficking in the Chatham County communities from mid to upper level violators and organizations. CNT is committed to dismantling of drug organizations that operate or supply illegal narcotics in our community. You may ask what is a mid to upper level? I can tell you that basically those people who are dealing with ounces are mid-levels, ounces of cocaine, those are the ones that are also supplying some of the street corners and this type of stuff, those who supply those areas, and the major suppliers are the multi-kilo dealers who are bringing in the cocaine, the pounds of heroine, and the multiple pounds of marijuana.

Director Ragan said, CNT investigative responsibilities, they investigate the mid-level dealers; conduct long- and short- term investigation; de-confliction of drug enforcement, which is something that Chief Lumpkin and I spoke at length about. It is basically when we have information coming in that it -- make sure it has come from CNT, that we're not stepping on toes, we're not putting our agents and the UNIT's people or anybody else in a position where we will arrive at the house at the same time to do two search warrants that we've both been working on. So basically, all drug information comes through us from Crime Stoppers and through our hotline. We run it, check our data base, we vet the information to see if it's something that CNT will work or it's something that the UNIT will work, and then we will farm the information out to CNT. We keep a record of it so that if we have questions about it we can check the progress of the investigations and what's being done. We provide intel support for Chatham County and surrounding areas. We conduct diversion investigations. These are our pill mills and our pharmaceutical, pharmacies, our companies and doctors. I prefer to refer to them as drug dealers with a medical license 'cause we do -- we do have some of those, simply just that want to hand out pills rather than take care of -- we're in -- we're in the process of several investigations, not only in this county but surrounding counties. The drug diversion task force is assigned to the DEA and it's the active -- most active in this region for DEA.

Commissioner Farrell said, speaking about that, I noticed that there was a -- the old Lazy Boy on Abercorn Street was -- got a big sign out there that says it's a pain clinic, but I don't see much activity over there. Do you have any comments on that location and what might be --

Director Ragan said, I do. We've -- I've -- I've -- have had that discussion with the diversion agents in reference to that location. There's -- the -- that location is still in the process of going through the proper paperwork to be a pain management clinic, so it has been visited, and it will continue to be visited to make sure they are in compliance with the DEA regulations and -- and federal and state law.

Commissioner Farrell said, are they opened or not?

Director Ragan said, not that I know of yet, but they could be without -- but there are two prominent doctors who are -- who are operating that here. They're -- they're local. It's not like we had in the past where an OB/GYN doctor from -- from Jacksonville would come to Garden City and dispense pain pills. So -- that's -- which is what we had there.

Commissioner Farrell said, so you would -- would you consider it the potential to be a legitimate business?

Director Ragan said, yes. The pain management is a legitimate prop -- is a legitimate -- there are -- it's a very honorable -- very honorable doctors who are working the field of pain management. The problems you have are those that are in the process of -- if you just want to make money and not really care about their patients, just hand out pills. So that's -- that's where the issue comes in. But there -- but there is a legitimate field for pain management, trust me, 'cause my -- my wife has to go to it and everything else, I have friends who go too, so. We handle street level drug investigations that are complete case by case basis. Now you've probably heard over the years that CNT does not do street levels, well, we sometimes -- sometimes we do. And I'll get in a couple of examples of that in a few minutes. But, yeah, sometimes we do handle street level. Conduct collaborative major case investigation organizations through wire taps and OCDEF investigations. OCDEF is an organized crime drug enforcement task force and strategy which we have a federal partner, generally the DEA and home -- it's almost always the DEA who presents a case to the US Attorney's office where we receive -- we receive federal funds to help conduct our drug investigation, and they come under a federal umbrella.

Director Ragan said, in talking with the chief, the UNIT responsibilities would be investigate the open air street level drug complaints, immediate response to complaints, conduct drug enforcement on a street level violators, reverse string -- stings where you have agents posing as drug dealers, and you attack the customer base rather than the people. That's a strategy sometimes it's frowned upon because you arrest a lot of people to go to jail that just are booked in and booked out, and then they're back out, but it does send a message, and it is important, that it does send a message that if you've got kids from the outlying areas of Chatham County who want to come down somewhere in the inner city to buy drugs, that they have to be aware that it may be a police officer being down there selling drugs, and they're arrested for conspiracy to possess a controlled substance, okay?

Director Ragan said, again the UNIT responsibilities would be -- as -- as -- and these are the chief's words, a root cause investigative initiatives, and basically I can -- the best way to explain that is that it's -- would not only

be on a street level drug mission, it's on violent crime, felons with guns, it could be on armed robberies, it could be on residential burglaries. It's kind of a unit that would in police terminology follow the dots. You've seen pin maps up where you have pin maps -- pin maps where robberies have happened and burglaries are happened, where they're concentrated, and you can take a moving unit, like the -- unit like this and move into those areas and to address those issues where they crop up. And vice operations, which they -- they've done as well, and -- and we have too some.

Director Ragan said, collaborations, we -- like I say, we de -- de-conflict our drug complaint. We'll share -- we agree to share resources to assist in drug investigations. This isn't new. For -- I know for at least the last five years that I've been director of CNT that we have made offers to all municipalities in -- including Metro, every precinct captain, that if they have an issue, an area that is giving them problems, if they will put together an ops plan -- they take ownership of it, but we will be more than happy to supply resources, equipment, funds to buy drugs and help them run an operation to address these open air markets or whatever they may have. So this has been out there. It's out there for every municipality. CN agree -- CNT agreement to handle cases that the UNIT has discovered to meet the criteria those are mid to upper level. They come up on something they find is -- fits in our category, we'll take it. And the sharing of CRI's, which is confidential reliable informants.

Director Ragan said, a couple of short-term things I want to talk about, and I -- I'll bring a couple of these up when -- one, when I was listening to the chief's presentations, there was an issue that Commissioner Brady broke up -- brought up, and -- in reference to the Varsity -- best -- best way to say it is the Varsity Shopping Center, a little strip mall out there around -- on the southside. We had already, in fact, had already completed a request from precinct 4 precinct commander and their crime suppression unit. So we assisted them in an undercover operation. Did not tying anything into the bar, but made several arrests that night of patrons selling cocaine in the parking lot and recovering cocaine. I think we made four, five, six arrests that night just outside in the parking lot of the bar. Again, it's -- it's an area that is -- is open air, but the CSU asks us to come in and help, we went and helped and took care of that. Another one --

Commissioner Brady said, in reference -- in reference to that, I'm sure they were in that bar at one time.

Director Ragan said, I can't go there right now. Second one I wanted to talk about is the Seed, which was a -- a little bar close by the administrative courthouse. Basically we had information that came in that a off-duty Metro police officer and an off-duty Georgia Southern police officer were facilitating the sale of narcotics in there. The Garden City -- the -- excuse me, the Georgia Southern police officer was actually a doorman at the door and the Metro officer hung out in there. Initiated an investigation very quietly, vetted the information, saw there was something to it, brought in our FBI partners to it, which resulted in the both of the -- resulted in the seizure of the Molly, ecstasy, resulted in the termination of the Georgia Southern officer and resulted in the former Metro officer, 'cause he's -- he resigned right after he found out we were on to it, he resigned, and he is now in federal -- federal prison. So, those were quick things that we did there.

Director Ragan said, street level assistance, they came to us -- the UNIT came to us in January, 29th, 2015 in reference to an area in the 200 block of West 39th Street. Again, high level activity middle of the block, street level, and people were -- sellers would come in, set up on the porches of a house and sell to multiple customers day in, day out. We agreed to take a look at it. We identified a supplier, we set surveillance, was able to gain access to a house in the neighborhood, so I can't show you the video, but we had multiple videos of individuals buying drugs in that block. We identified the source who was bringing the drugs into that block, wound up arresting nine people for selling drugs in that -- in that one block. So, yes, we do address street level when it comes to us in the magnitude that we can make significant end roads into it. These are some of the individuals who was charged in the -- in the 39th Street case.

Director Ragan said, I'm going to go over a couple of things of what CNT in my opinion does best and in the opinion of some of our federal partners, we do as best or if not better than -- than some of the federal people that they have been associated with in the past. A couple of -- I'm going to outline a couple of major case investigations. First one is Operation Full Circle. Now that's a name we -- was -- was given to the operation because we -- we started here, went up, had to go into South Carolina a little bit, had to come into Atlanta a little bit, then we made full circle back in to Chatham County. Again the objective was to combat drug distribute -- distribution by utilizing narcotics investigations information. Efforts, identified all members of individual groups and sources of supply. First timeline is March 2011. We start the investigation of a drug organization opening in both Georgia and South Carolina. March 2012 under cover cocaine purchases made in Chatham County, Georgia in Beaufort, Ridgeland, South Carolina. March 2012, a seizure of multiple pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop in Chatham County. This was our first group that you will see that was identified in this operation. They came over, we bought cocaine from them here. They had a stash house off the east side where their mari -- marijuana was coming in. They sold marijuana in -- out of that house. All of these individuals were indicted with an entire group, and I'll show you the -- the -- everything else coming in.

Director Ragan said, you will see where I have some names here, Kennedy here; Heyward, he was a supplier, source of supply. So was Kennedy. We tied all these individuals together in this first group, and then in May of 2012 we identified a second group of these people. Again, it got smaller. These are the multiple kilo supplier, Mr. Edwards, who was selling kilos to these individuals, who were selling ounces to street level dealers. In June 2012 we identified a third group. We identified them, we had Edwards, we were up on a wire tap. We identified him. We identified additional people he was selling, where they were living at, and we concentrated on them. July 3rd, we knew that they had gone to Atlanta, Georgia, because we were gone to Atlanta, Georgia with them,

and we knew that we could not let them get back in Chatham County and -- since this case -- case has finally come to a conclusion, we're listening on a phone conversation that's basically Edwards calling saying tell the boys to come to the house, we're coming back with a Michael Jordan. Everybody knows Michael Jordan's basketball number was 23. They had 23 kilos of cocaine in the car with them bringing them back. They were going to distribute that cocaine right at the corner -- the safe house -- their trap house was at the corner of 35th and Ogeechee Road, right in those little row house. I can't remember the exact one but that's right where they were going.

Director Ragan said, we had surveillance. We had many days and nights of agents secreted in a building over there taking photographs coming and going, so we took out 23 kilos, had \$24,520 in the car with him. We did three residential search warrants in Chatham County. We seized \$69,000 in cash. A residential search warrant in Ridgeland, cocaine, marijuana, \$5800. Residential search warrants in Chatham County, \$47,000, five pounds of marijuana, \$47,000. August 24th again search warrants in Carolina, five -- just \$500 in cash but cocaine, marijuana and guns. This area you will see on this map was where we completed and did all of our search warrants not only here, but in Atlanta. We seized a total of 23.48 kilos of cocaine, estimated street value of \$2.7 million. And you can see the cocaines and guns that were seized. Total amount of marijuana was 10.9 pounds on that case, and ten fire arms were seized. All fire arms were -- were -- were seized in the possession of convicted felons. They all had records, convicted felons. Total money -- total money seized in that one operation was \$312,769 cash that we seized. Again, this is the list of all the organizations that partnered with us, helped us, and worked with us in that operation. Just recently in August of 2015 the last person in this case, 23 people were indicted by the federal grand jury. The others were indicted by our state grand jury. Twenty-three people indicted by the federal grand jury, 23 people pled guilty, and some received upwards of 20 years in prison for this operation in federal prison. So they -- and they do their time.

Director Ragan said, next I want to talk about Operation Lazarus real quick. Operation Lazarus came to us as a disorderly house, drug complaint house that was operating on -- I hate to say it, Priscilla D. Drive in Garden City. So you know that house had special meaning to me that somebody was going to get their face knocked off by selling drugs on that street. Came in through a -- through the Garden City Police Department, the chief. The chief had had some citizens complain about it. We started to work on it. Yes it was a house, open air market house on a corner, but yet we were able to gather enough information again, start our surveillance, start our undercover buys. We had to shut down for a minute. We thought we had lost an informant, but then we were able to resurrect the investigation, which is why we named it Operation Lazarus, 'cause it was able to bring it back.

Director Ragan said, out of this investigation, at that trap house, you can see the individuals that were arrested and indicted and most of them from federal court. That was arrested on Priscilla Drive. That operation led us to another Garden City group that was also operating. These are primarily customers that we arrested and got those. It then led us to two homes on Mell Street and Golden Street. Seized items in -- in those homes. You can see those photographs. You can take a look at the weapons. We received about four ounces of cocaine, arrested in that, who was running that -- that house and -- and this is how they -- they work sometimes. 2100 block of Mell Street was the trap house. That's where they stored the dope. That's where they kept the guns. That's where they cut the dope. They would then send it out to Golden Street where the buyers would be, and they would sell crack to the buyers on Golden Street. They would not sell out of Mell Street, okay? They didn't want to have the attention brought to them, but we found them anyway. Again, got the guns there. The first two on -- on Mell Street, Antonio Hampton, he was with this organization. Again, tied back into supplying the drugs to the people in Garden City, and on there.

Director Ragan said, we then took that group again a -- another wire tape and another affidavit and more extension on wire taps. We identified another aspect of it. Antonio "Taco" Acosta and his wife, Kia Hampton, Nakia Hampton. Acosta was bringing the drugs -- having them shipped in from California. He is still in California. The day we had to hit him, hit the organization, he was due to come in that night, and we had planned on hitting it that night, but a package got intercepted, they got wind of it, and -- and I'll -- I'll tell you a little side bar in -- in just a second. They were just before opening up a company called the Divine Wellness Spa on East 66th Street. They were going to open business for massages, colonic cleansing and foot rubs and that kind of stuff. They were two days away from the grand opening, and -- when -- when we had to hit them.

Director Ragan said, September 2013 we executed search warrants throughout Chatham County. That's the day we intercepted a kilo of cocaine that they had put the wrong address on and we got -- found out about it through the postal service and Nakia -- and this is funny. Nakia goes into the post office talking on her telephone. Going in to claim the package and say, hey I got this, we got this, we're going to be good. Unfortunately, she didn't realize that it was a postal inspector behind the counter, not a regular employee. He said, ma'am, I'll need to see your name and address and everything. So she hands him her driver's license and everything else. Comes back, I'm sorry the package went out to be -- try to deliver it again, when the route man brings it back in, I'll call you and -- and you can come by and pick it up. She -- she bought it. She left. She calls him. He gets -- he gets concerned. He's in Oakland. He gets concerned. He goes to the post office there where he has an inside person at the post office there, that person calls and speaks to somebody at the post office and says, oh no, we don't have that package, the postal inspectors took control of that package. So he then calls her back, pack your stuff, leave, you've got to go. You got to get out of town now. They know who you are, and this is all -- all recorded and we all listened. It's all played -- it wasn't played in court because -- well some of it was but they -- they didn't -- they never did had to go to trial. So she says, I've got to go to the house first, he says, no, leave. She said you don't understand, I've got to go to the house first, the money's at the house. He said, well, how much of it? She says all of it's at the house. Sad for his part, sad for her part

was we already had the house under surveillance, staked out, and search warrants in hand. So, we were just waiting for her to pull up.

Commissioner Center said, how about the postal employee? Was he charged with anything that -- that tipped them?

Director Ragan said, I do not know. We turned that over to the postal employee [sic] and -- and -- I don't know if they ever charged anybody or not on that. That would -- the postal employee there was in California. The one here really just answered a question for an -- an employee in California, so don't know.

Commissioner Holmes said, y'all couldn't arrest that person for conspiracy?

Director Ragan said, probably could, but I don't know if they ever found out exactly who that person was. So.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Director Ragan said, okay? But that's -- that's out in Oakland, so we have to let some other people take care of that. Here's the number of the guns we -- some pictures of the guns. We took nine vehicles from Antonio and Nakia, and this is why he was so sad, 'cause this was in his house, 38,000 in the night stand next to him. Total of \$217,683 recovered in that house. And by the way, they were living in the Henderson Golf Club community is where they lived at. Again, they take advantage of the inner city. They sell the drugs in the inner city. They sell their drugs on the outskirts of Chatham County, but they live like I said, they live in -- this one was in Henderson. We've arrested them in Buckhead, North Buckhead in Richmond Hill, so they -- they move out but sell their poison within -- you know.

Director Ragan said, operation totals on this, oh -- oh no, what's classic that he -- he calls -- he was due to fly back in that night. We knew he was coming back. We had -- we had our contacts. We knew he was coming back, and he was -- we -- we get him on the wire calling the airlines, can I please get a refund, I'm not -- you know, on my ticket, and can I -- how -- how soon can it be placed back on my credit card because we had broke him, and that's what we do. We break them, take their assets, and put them out of business. And that's -- that's what we -- that's what has to be done. In this operation we just -- we got 20 -- excuse me 50 ounces of cocaine, 2.8 pounds of marijuana -- marijuana, Molly, ten fire arms, and the total money in the operation was \$262,037. Again, search warrants were hit, you can see all over Chatham County where we did the search warrants. Debriefing these individ -- debriefing these individuals and especially his wife, they were responsible for bringing in about 30 kilograms of cocaine into this area over a period of time, about a year's period of time.

Director Ragan said, not everything's cocaine. Not everything's crack. Fire and Ice case background's when I was -- one we went over just recently with you. Again, started investigation 2013, incorporated Chatham County, Bryan County, Effingham County, and wind up incorporating up in the Atlanta area. Extensive case with four -- we did four Title III's, and you attorneys may know the difficulty in getting a Title III affidavit through judges and all the monitoring that has to be done and all the regulations that we have to do, so. Again, there's a violent histories arm. Their favorite is ice, and each one -- they consider each other family. They had connections in Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky. Again, this brought in the ghost face gangsters. We've had a lot of publicity on them. You can see the signs they used. These are actually photographs of these group -- these group photos are actually two of the ones we indicted are in this photograph, and that -- they are -- these photographs are taken inside prison walls. So, they -- they get telephones. Here is a chart of the individuals, and there's hand signs of gangs.

Director Ragan said, here's a chart of the individuals that we eventually arrested in this case. You can see where we have to take and connect buyers, sellers, users, everybody, and they all get to naming Guadalupe Franco was one of the king pins, Regina Henry, and her husband, Chris Henry, were two. Regina was actually supplying. She was getting -- the Hispanic male supplier was in prison in Lee County, Georgia, okay? The leader of this organization in Atlanta was in prison in Wilcox County, Georgia. They would run phone conversations back and to from Lee County to Wilcox County. He would then call his wife. She would then send runners to pick up the drugs from the Hispanics in the Atlanta area, and then it would be distributed. People from Chatham County would go up and get it. Again we followed them up, we got houses. That's why we were able to hit the houses on -- in Atlanta. Make the tie in into Atlanta, and results of this case was basically about 32 ounces of meth seized. Only 23,000 in cash seized. Sidebar to that is these are meth people. They may get three ounces, they're going to use an ounce or two themselves, and then sell enough to go back and get some more. They are -- they are -- they are the users. And -- and in -- we indicted and charged 48 people, seven of them actual ghost face -- ghost face gangsters.

Director Ragan said, these types of investigations are not cheap to run. If you'll see the paid expenses for some our 2014 wire taps. Ripley wire tap, and I did not go over that because we still have people pending trial and pending cooperation and everything else, but it cost us \$6500 in supplies. Surveillance cost, which was following people over night, motel rooms was up to 37,000. CI buys -- CI pays, three grand. Title III expenses, which is wire tap expenses to pay for the phone lines, for the toll records, for everything you get from the phone companies, it was 43,000. OCDETF costs was \$81,525. This is primarily over time money spent. Now out of the OC -- out of the money spent that we budgeted for, basically on the OCDETF funds, which is the good thing about our federal partners, they refunded 50,000 back to the county. It has been refunded, so they -- even though we spend the money, they'll refund it to us when we get them on an OCDETF case. And again, total cost on this -- on Ripley's wire was \$185,254 to run this investigation. We seized -- we seized over \$330,000

I think it is in cash on that case. So we get our money back. It comes right back into the seized assets. It's already back in -- back into place. So, most times we're able to get -- we'll get our money back.

Director Ragan said, now take the Fire and Ice case I just went over with you. With the supplies, the surveillance, the CI buys, Title III expenses, the OCDETF money and what we spend in additional lines we had to have put in with -- with our pin link, we spent 103,000 on that case, but we only recouped 23,000. So we -- we didn't break even on that, but like I said, 48 people and two organizations went down on that, which is well worth the money.

Director Ragan said, our diversion investigations, again, pill mills, pharmaceuticals, and we have our task force officers assigned to the drug diversion task force. It is so lucrative that the DEA, there's only one of two or three sites in the nation, decided in our partner -- with our partnership working a task force, a diversion task force that has including -- included special -- special agents with the DEA, group supervisors with the DEA, and task force officers with municipalities, and we have been -- really, really been successful in those diversion cases. Any questions? That's just a -- just an outline of what we do and what -- how we support other agencies.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 3rd District has a question.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, thank you Director Ragan. Very informative.

Director Ragan said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and I'm making a point here more than asking. I'm looking at your significant events, and before I ask my question, all these investigations involve multiple jurisdictions.

Director Ragan said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, other governmental authorities, other police authorities.

Director Ragan said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, I've noticed on -- on page 11, your significant events, the Richmond Hill. Did -- did you act -- did CNT make the arrest in Richmond Hill?

Director Ragan said, yes. We are deputized by Bryan County Sheriff.

Commissioner Center said, all right. So that's why Bryan County.

Director Ragan said, Bryan County Sheriff graciously supports CNT with an agent at that -- and pays his salary and furnishes his vehicle and all of his equipment, and all he asks is in return is sometimes if we get something in his county, we go down there, and be able to help them, and we -- and we do that.

Commissioner Center said, right. You mentioned South Carolina, Atlanta, California. What I'm pointing out is that if the jurisdictions want to, you've had no problem crossing jurisdictional lines and dealing with other governmental authorities to fight crime, have you?

Director Ragan said, I have no problem in going anywhere. Dope dealer wants to bring drugs into Chatham County where we can go get him and -- and seek assistance from other agencies, we have no problem going and asking and doing it. You know, in Ripley's wire, the one I wasn't able to go through, we, with the DEA Atlanta -- our DEA office here, DEA Atlanta and Hide a Group in Atlanta, we executed a search warrant, picked up 80 grand inside of a house, along with five kilos of cocaine and a gun, okay? Five kilos of cocaine in Atlanta is nothing that they are really concerned about too much, okay? They'd already let this guy -- they'd already let this one guy walk once before when he had four kilos in charge. So, anybody that wants to supply a kilo or two at a time into this area is significant for us for us to go up there and with their help, we get them, but we -- what we have done is when we get them on the phone, we get them tied into the conspiracy in the Southern District. We bring them all the way back here to try them in the Southern District. So that's what we do.

Commissioner Center said, well, I thank you very much, and in also seeing the lethal power of some of these guns, I'm very thankful that none of your people have been hurt by them.

Director Ragan said, no, sir, they -- we're very -- we're very -- knock on wood, thankful for that.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair has a question.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I just want to say to Mr. Ragan --

Director Ragan said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- chief -- Director Ragan, thank you so much for a job well done, and you continue to do that each and every day. It's not an easy --

Chairman Scott said, Madam Vice Chair, pull that mike over.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- it's not an easy task of what you are -- you're doing, but what this has said to me, this in depth report that you gave us this morning, which you always do.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, tells me we've been talking about partnerships and the this and the that, but what you have just demonstrated by giving us the information about how you work with Richmond Hill and all these other places, it comes only because of a true partnership, people working together and trusting each other.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to say congratulations. Keep up the good work. You have done a tremendous job, and I really appreciate the work that all the men and women who work with you. Please relay that to them as well.

Director Ragan said, they're the ones who deserve the credit.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes, they do.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, do we have a -- do we have anything to add from the assistant chief? Are you going to --

Assistant Chief Julie Tolbert said, I would like to -- good morning Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. I would like to respond to the question raised by Commissioner Farrell regarding the restaurant robbery.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Assistant Chief Tolbert said, the only restaurant robbery on the islands that we were able to pull up was the restaurant robbery at the Jalapeno's, if that's the one that you are referencing.

Commissioner Farrell said, that -- yeah, that -- like I said, it was a conversation, so --

Assistant Chief Tolbert said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, my -- my information was sketchy, so, yeah, appreciate you.

Assistant Chief Tolbert said, okay. Certainly. So I had the dispatchers pull up the cad reference on that call, and I'll give you the information in terms of the response time from law enforcement. And we had several agencies that actually responded and assisted with that call, including Eagle 1 that went up in the air and the FBI. And so the call came in at 11:02.53 seconds. The call was entered by the dispatcher at 11:03.07 seconds. The call went out to the officer, and he responded at 11:04 saying that he was in route. He actually arrived on scene at 11:04.31 seconds. So, within a two-minute period of time of receiving the call and the officer actually responding and arriving to the call, we're talking a matter of about two minutes. The incident actually occurred very rapidly. They were in the restaurant and out the restaurant immediately. They entered through the rear. They fled by vehicle, and that's why Eagle 1 went up to assist. The officers and detectives are still investigating it, so. I wanted to make sure that you --

Commissioner Farrell said, well that -- that does sound like a pretty fast response time.

Assistant Chief Tolbert said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, it's just a shame that we weren't able to nab them.

Chairman Scott said, that's not just sounds like a fast time, that's an excellent response.

Assistant Chief Tolbert said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, exceptional response.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, sounds like the officer was in the restroom or something.

Assistant Chief Tolbert said, they -- they -- he was -- he was in the vicinity when the -- when the call came out.

Chairman Scott said, all right. Thank you.

Assistant Chief Tolbert said, mm-hmm.

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 staff's recommendation. Any Board Member may choose to pull an item from the calendar and it would be considered separately.
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Chairman Scott said, we'll move to the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Center said, do you want a motion?

Chairman Scott said, and we need a motion to approve the Action Calendar with the exception of (h) and (m).

Commissioner Center said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, so moved.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of approving the Action Calendar indicate by voting yes. Now we will entertain a motion -- that motion carries. Now we will entertain a motion on (h).

Commissioner Center said, okay. Mr. Chairman, I move that we pass item (h). I just wanted to make a comment on it.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second we pass item (h) on the Action Calendar. Any discussion? Unreadiness? Recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to comment on this one particularly as I said in the Green Room previously that I'm proud that Chatham County is showing some leadership and moving to increase wages. This is talking about liveable wages and Chatham County has a program to make sure minority and local businesses participate in our economy. We've heard a lot of talk especially in the election season on the relation between crime and poverty and a paying liveable wage. I think we've gone from seven -- maybe seven and a half dollars to 11.55 on this. This is a significant increase, and I just wanted to point out that Chatham County is working to pay everybody a liveable wage and -- and to lead the way.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, even though it's more expensive, we're -- we're doing it, and that's why I wanted to pull that and make a comment.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further unreadiness or comments?

Commissioner Holmes said, yes. I'd like to --

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 2nd District, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Drewry, would you? On that -- on that same note, how often do you contract work out? Have you increased that contracting work out or you try to do things by grants?

Mr. Drewry said, well this particular activity is contract labor doing two specific functions and it's every day.

Commissioner Holmes said, uh-huh.

Mr. Drewry said, one function is riding on the back of trash compactors picking up curb side waste, and the second function is hand ditch crews that go out every day. So this particular contract is only for those two specific items.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm. And that -- that's -- that's a substantial raise there that you want to give for that per hour?

Mr. Drewry said, yes sir. It is a --

Commissioner Holmes said, it's in order with -- okay.

Mr. Drewry said, the actual employee is getting about \$2.00 -- a little over \$2.00 an hour increase.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. I'm going to leave that alone for right now, Mr. Drewry. Thank you.

Mr. Drewry said, you're welcome.

Chairman Scott said, all right.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, no further questions. All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Motion carries. I'll now entertain a motion on (m).

Commissioner Brady said, I -- I move for approval.

Chairman Scott said, second?

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any unreadiness? I recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd.

Commissioner Center said, yes sir, Mr. Chairman. I pulled this item just so I could be consistent in my voting on this issue. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed --

Commissioner Shabazz said, I would like -- why was that pulled?

Chairman Scott said, the Commissioner wanted an opportunity to vote no on it without voting no on the entire calendar. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Brady moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 6 and under Item 6 Items A through N with the exception of (h) and (m). Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Center moved to approve item (h), request Board approval to award an annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Chatham Personnel Enterprises, Inc., dba Temporaries Unlimited Division, to provide contract labor for Public Works at a rate of \$11.55 per laborer/per hour, with a 2% increase applicable in year one (1) and a 1% increase in years two (2) through five (5) of the contract term. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- c. Commissioner Brady moved to approved item (m), request Board approval of the \$50,000 Year 5 sponsorship of the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote.

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2015, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 9, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH OCTOBER 16, 2015.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of October 1, 2015 through October 17, 2015, in the amount of \$9,018,275. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. **REQUEST BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO RENAME RUNAWAY POINT COMMUNITY PARK "REATHA MAE MCCOY COMMUNITY PARK."**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to adopt a Resolution renaming Runaway Point Community Park "Reatha Mae McCoy Community Park. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2015



WHEREAS, Retha Mae McCoy, a resident of the Marsh Bluff/Runaway Point community since March 1982, served as representative for the Marsh Bluff/Runaway Point Community for the development of a neighborhood park for people living within the immediate vicinity, and

WHEREAS, Retha Mae McCoy was present on September 6, 1996, for the request to the Board of Commissioners for approval of the Runaway Point Park master plan, extra services and to proceed with the construction document for Phase I; and

WHEREAS, she served the community throughout the four phases of the park and throughout the years of the Runaway Point Community Park, Mrs. McCoy as their representative, kept in constant contact with the Chatham County Park and Tree Services as well as all other governmental offices connected with the project to the complete development of the park; and

WHEREAS, Retha Mae McCoy served with favor and a special regard for the residents of the Marsh Bluff/Runaway Point community. The dedication ceremony of the Runaway Point Community Park was held on December 19, 1998. Mrs. McCoy also began the celebration of the National Night Out in

Savannah for the Marsh Bluff/Runaway Point community and continues to date to contact the needed officers for the upkeep and needs of the Runaway Point Community Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, IS IT RESOLVED, by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, in regular meeting assembled, that the Runaway Point Community Park be renamed the Retha Mae McCoy Community Park in recognition of her continued dedication and service to the Marsh Bluff/Runaway Point community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 23rd day of October 2015.

ATTEST:

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM STANDARDS FOR CHATHAM COUNTY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved for approval of the Emergency Medical Services Systems Standards for Chatham County. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2015

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

ISSUE:

Request Board approval of the Emergency Medical Services System Standards for Chatham County.

BACKGROUND:

The delivery of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Chatham County was governed by the State Regional Zoning Plan adopted in 1999. Prior to 2014, the State Regional Zoning plan established EMS standards for the community. As a result of the change in how the state regulates EMS standards, the state has limited its enforcement in regards to minimal service level. This has resulted in EMS standards being regulated at the local level, shifting the responsibility of establishing community standards to the County Commission.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance regulating Emergency Medical Services in Chatham County in response to the state's decision to shift this responsibility to the local community.
2. When the ordinance was drafted, it designated that the EMS Advisory Council would develop and recommend a set of standards that would govern the delivery of emergency medical services countywide subject to approve by the Board of Commissioners. Attachment I (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) contains a copy of the proposed standards.
3. The County is in the final year of the EMS contract with Southside/EMS. Staff is in the process of finalizing the RFP that is scheduled to go out in late Fall. Staff is requesting that the Board take action to adopt the new standards so that they can be incorporate in the RFP. Once adopted by the Board, these standards will become part of the RFP for EMS.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the attached proposed Emergency Medical Services system standards.
2. Do not approve the proposed EMS system standards, and return them to the Chatham County EMS Advisory Council with specific recommendations.

3. Provide staff with other direction.

FUNDING:

No funding required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Chatham County has undertaken to establish an Emergency Medical Services ordinance and minimum standards for delivery of that service to protect the public health and safety and promote the general welfare of its citizens. Approval of the proposed standards will ensure that emergency medical services meet the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS BY THE COUNTY TO THE CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE NORTH BEACH IMPROVEMENTS. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax proceeds by the County to the City of Tybee Island for the purpose of the North Beach improvements. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2015

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

ISSUE:

Request Board approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax proceeds by the County to the City of Tybee Island for the purpose of the north beach improvements.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Tybee Island submitted as part of their Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) requests, improvements to their North Beach facilities and beach. The State of Georgia covered funding needs for the beach improvements and those funds are no longer needed. Tybee Island is pursuing the improvements to the North Beach restroom and parking facilities.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The City of Tybee Island is requesting a second disbursement of funds for the subject project. The Board of Commissioners approved a previous agreement to disburse \$50,000 on January 16, 2015 for the purpose of design.
2. Design of the improvements is almost complete. The City of Tybee Island anticipates the project to be let to construction before the end of the calendar year. Funds will be disbursed to the City of Tybee for construction once a construction cost is established.
3. The City of Tybee Island will be responsible for construction management of the project.
4. The County Attorney reviewed and approved the agreement as to legal form.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds by the County to the City of Tybee Island for the purpose of the North Beach Improvements.
2. To not approve the Agreement.

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the amount of \$1,000,000 in the 2014-2020 SPLOST, Tybee Island Beach and Facility Improvements (Fund/Department 3254981/Account Code 57.30101/Project 3256079Z).

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve Intergovernmental Agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve Alternative 1.
District 4.

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM

NORTH BEACH RESTROOM AND PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS BY THE COUNTY TO THE CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF NORTH BEACH RESTROOM AND PARKING IMPROVEMENTS.

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2015, by and between the **MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND**, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), and the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, (hereafter referred to as the "County").

WHEREAS, the County is collecting SPLOST funds for the purpose of beach renourishment and other related capital outlay projects which would include North Beach Restrooms and Parking Facilities (hereinafter referred to as the "**Project**"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is entirely within the jurisdiction of the City of Tybee Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to the parties, the City and County agree as follows:

1. The County agrees to convey Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VI funds to the City when available to construct the Project.
2. The City will act as the project agent and manager for the Project.
 - a. The County will convey funds Not to Exceed \$1,000,000 from the 2014-2020 SPLOST to the City once the construction contract is awarded to a responsive contractor.
 - b. The City will be responsible for all financial oversight related to this Project. The City will be responsible for construction procurement and construction management of this project.
 - c. The City shall not co-mingle SPLOST funds with non-SPLOST funds and shall hold all SPLOST funds in a segregated account being identified to be used only for this Project. City will be responsible for improper spending of SPLOST funds.
 - d. The City will keep records of all SPLOST expenditures and County may audit such SPLOST accounts to ensure compliance with SPLOST law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and County have caused this agreement to be duly executed by their proper officers and so attested with their corporate seals affixed hereto set forth in multiple originals as of the date written above:

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Albert J. Scott, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janice E. Bocook, Clerk of Commission

THE CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Jason Buelterman, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 Edward M. Hughes
 Attorney for the City of Tybee
 Island, Georgia

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6. 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:

- a. Commissioner Brady moved for approval to award bids as follows with the exception of items (h) and (m): (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.) Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Center moved to approve item (h), request Board approval to award an annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Chatham Personnel Enterprises, Inc., dba Temporaries Unlimited Division, to provide contract labor for Public Works at a rate of \$11.55 per laborer/per hour, with a 2% increase applicable in year one (1) and a 1% increase in years two (2) through five (5) of the contract term. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- c. Commissioner Brady moved to approved item (m), request Board approval of the \$50,000 Year 5 sponsorship of the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote.

AGENDA ITEM: X-6 A-N**AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2015****TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER****FROM: LINDA CRAMER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER****SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS****ITEM A**

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$18,468 sole source to Jerry Pate Turf for new controllers and hydraulic converters for the irrigation system at Henderson Golf Course.

BACKGROUND: Henderson Golf Course is a County owned public golf course. The golf course is managed by a private management group.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The existing control system is an OSMAC model. Any upgrades to the system requires staying with the same model.
2. Pate Turf is the authorized regional distributor of the OSMAC Control System, which is the existing control system at Henderson Golf Course.
3. This equipment is necessary to ensure that the irrigation system is in proper working order to ensure the greens and fairways are maintained in pristine condition.
4. Staff believes that the cost from Jerry Pate Turf is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Parks & Recreation (Pending Board Approval of Budget Amendment)
 (3506100 - 54.12009 - 3503096Z)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$18,468 sole source to Jerry Pate Turf for new controllers and hydraulic converters for the irrigation system at Henderson Golf Course.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide necessary equipment to maintain daily operations at County facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract, subject to renewals agreeable by both parties, based on sport official rate to the Coastal Football Officials Association for the 2015 football season for Parks and Recreation.

BACKGROUND: The Coastal Football Officials Association is used by all local football leagues and municipalities in Chatham County. Chatham County Public Works and Park Services has utilized the Coastal Football Officials Association to supply officials for previous youth football seasons.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Coastal Football Officials Association will furnish Georgia High School Association registered officials.
2. Services to be provided are as follows: two (2) officials per game for players 6 and 8 under at a cost of \$40 per official for a total of \$80 per game; three (3) officials per game for players 10 and 12 under at a cost of \$45 per official for a total of \$135 per game.
3. The contract will be in place for the 2015 football season.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Park Services
(1006100 - 52.11001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract, subject to renewals agreeable by both parties, based on sport official rate to the Coastal Football Officials Association for the 2015 football season for Parks and Recreation.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to pay for services necessary for County recreation programs.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

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. 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

*MBE

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 not to exceed \$199,700 sole source professional engineering services contract with Hussey Gay Bell (HGB) for design of the Hutchinson Island River Walk Extension, Slip One.

BACKGROUND: The Hutchinson Island River Walk Extension, Slip One project was listed in the 1998-2003 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Funding was established to supplement Georgia Department of Transportation Funds allocated to the construction of the project. An Individual Permit was approved by the United States Army Corps of Engineers that expires on December 31, 2016.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The original scope of work for the project provided for engineering services to design a river walk that stabilized the perimeter of Slip One on the east side of the Westin. This included lighting, water and interpretive signage for the walkway. Delays in obtaining the permit for construction and lack of economic support resulted in the GDOT programming the original funds to other needs.
2. New funding for construction is being considered by the State of Georgia. The original design was completed in June, 2003 and requires significant modification due to changes in topography and the inclusion of other features. Further, staff is considering modifications to the original design that could reduce the construction costs.
3. A development group is looking to add commercial amenities to the east side of Slip One. A marina is planned adjacent to the development. The development group will place in the County's name financial assurance that reimburses the County for design funds spent on the project if residual construction funding cannot be established. Funding is reserved in the 1998-2003 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) account. The County Attorney concurs with the financial instrument reserved by the development group.
4. State law allows contracting with the original professional engineering consulting firm used for previous studies and plans without further competitive process when those existing studies and plan can be used.
5. Staff solicited a proposal from HGB and find that the level of service is in accordance with anticipated needs and that the cost represents fair compensation for the work provided.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hutchinson Island River Walk Extension Slip One
(3224985 - 52.12003 - 32260383)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a not to exceed \$199,700 sole source professional engineering services contract with Hussey Gay Bell (HGB) for design of the Hutchinson Island River Walk Extension, Slip One.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award sole source design contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$42,482 total purchase of three (3) solar powered, portable, and changeable message board signs from K & K Systems, Inc.

BACKGROUND: The message board signs can be deployed as a traffic control device to inform drivers in advance of County construction projects and during emergencies.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The message board signs are portable, solar powered, and can be accessed remotely with a laptop or desktop computer with an internet connection.
2. The message boards include five (5) years of free cellular data service and a five (5) year bumper to bumper warranty. After five (5) years, the County will need to pay for a cellular data plan for each sign to continue to access remotely.
3. The project was properly advertised and five (5) bids were received and opened October 7, 2015. The bids are as follows:

K & K Systems, Inc. Tupelo, MS	\$42,482
Protection Services, Inc. Lemoyne, PA	\$44,985
TranSafe, Inc. Lawrenceville, GA	\$45,600
Middle Georgia Signs Cochran, GA	\$51,750
Osburn Associates, Inc. Logan, OH	\$54,834

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - County Vehicles
(3234985 - 54.22001 - 32360630)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$42,482 total purchase of three (3) solar powered, portable, and changeable message board signs from K & K Systems, Inc.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$858,100 construction contract with Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc., for the Louis Mills Branch Canal Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND: The Louis Mills Branch Canal runs between Veterans Parkway on the north and the Red Gate Canal on the south in western Chatham County. The canal has undersized culverts and has no access for mechanical maintenance needed to ensure continued flow.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project is located in drainage easements and right-of-way between the junction of Louis Mills Branch Canal with Red Gate Canal and the Louis Mills Branch crossing of Marshall Avenue.
2. The project will construct new or supplemental storm drainage pipes to increase capacity in the system for flows from surrounding properties. The project will also clear vegetation around the channel and construct an access road to provide for mechanical maintenance activities.
3. The project was properly advertised and five bids were received and opened August 25, 2015. The bid results are as follow:

*	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. Pt. Wentworth, GA	\$ 858,100
	McLendon Enterprises, Inc. Vidalia, GA	\$ 944,101
**	Potter Construction, LLC Guyton, GA	\$ 999,890
	JHC Corporation Palmetto, GA	\$1,118,980
**	E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$1,764,000

* MBE firm ** WBE firm

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Louis Mills/Red Gate/Rahn Dairy Canal
(3224250 - 52.12003 - 32280377)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$858,100 construction contract with Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc., for the Louis Mills Branch Canal Improvements Project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$2,250 Change Order No. 1 to the contract with CNB Construction, LLC, for the construction of the ADA Changing Room Addition at the Aquatic Center, to supply a new grinder pump.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Commissioners approved a contract for a new ADA Family Bathroom at the Aquatic Center July 17, 2015. The new ADA Bathroom plans were drawn based off of the as built's for the original drawings. The plumbing depths of the existing plumbing are not low enough to install the required sewer lines which will require a grinder pump.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Plans for the new bathroom were drawn based on the existing plumbing plans.
2. Upon demolition, the contractor found that the plumbing pipes were not at the correct depth.
3. The contractor and architect revised the plans to call for a grinder pump to be installed. The engineer has reviewed the cost and believes that it is an accurate reflection of the work to be completed.
4. Work cannot be completed until the grinder pump is installed.
5. Contract history:

Original Contract (7-17-15)	\$47,800
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	<u>2,250</u>
Revised contract amount	\$50,050

FUNDING: CIP – Aquatic Center (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
(3506124 - 54.13001 - 35036010)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$2,250 Change Order No. 1 to the contract with CNB Construction, LLC, for the construction of the ADA Changing Room Addition at the Aquatic Center, to supply a new grinder pump.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Chatham Personnel Enterprises, Inc., dba Temporaries Unlimited Division, to provide contract labor for Public Works at a rate of \$11.55 per laborer/per hour, with a 2% increase applicable in year one (1) and a 1% increase in years two (2) through five (5) of the contract term.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The contractor will be required to provide approximately 29 laborers per day during the work week. Contract laborers will be utilized as funding allows.
2. Bids were properly advertised and opened July 7, 2015. After receipt of bids, the vendors who responded were asked to submit a contract labor cost based on a “living wage” of \$9.10 per laborer per hour. The responses are as follows:

Vendor	County Cost
Chatham Personnel Enterprises, Inc. dba Temporaries Unlimited Division Savannah, GA	\$11.55 per laborer/per hour (2% increase in year 2 and 1% increase in years 3-5)
Staffing Companies, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$12.10 per laborer/per hour (1% increase in years 2-5)
Hibrid Staffing College Park, GA	\$12.69 per laborer/per hour (1.5% increase in years 2-5)

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract, with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Chatham Personnel Enterprises, Inc., dba Temporaries Unlimited Division, to provide contract labor for Public Works at a rate of \$11.55 per laborer/per hour, with a 2% increase applicable in year one (1) and a 1% increase in years two (2) through five (5) of the contract term.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$19,516 purchase of one (1) 2016 Ford Escape from J.C. Lewis Ford for Chatham County Occupational Safety Director.

BACKGROUND: The purchase of this vehicle will be an addition for the new Occupational Safety Director position.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A Request for Bid was publicly advertised and opened on October 1, 2015. Responses are as follows:

O.C Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc. Hardeeville, S.C.	\$19,516
J. C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$19,796
AutoNation Ford Marietta, GA	\$20,224

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. J.C. Lewis Ford was offered the opportunity to match the non-local bid submitted by O.C. Welch of Hardeeville, SC and they agreed.
3. Staff believes the pricing of \$19,516 for a 2016 Ford Escape to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Risk Management Fund - Occupational Safety
(6251555 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$19,516 purchase of one (1) 2016 Ford Escape from J.C. Lewis Ford for Chatham County Occupational Safety Director.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to recognize change in labor rates of \$63.30 per hour regular time and \$74.00 per hour overtime and add the Millwright position to the annual contract for inspection/preventive maintenance and routine repairs of the Sam Varnedoe Drawbridge with Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc., for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: On May 9, 2014, the Board approved a not to exceed \$50,000 annual contract to Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc., for inspection/preventive maintenance and routine repairs of the Sam Varnedoe Drawbridge.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Sam Varnedoe Bridge serves as a major thoroughfare to motorists on the road as well as vessels who travel through the Coastal Waterways.
2. Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc., utilizes union labor to perform the maintenance and routine repairs.
3. The Contractor has requested an increase of 5.5% current regular time rate and 5.7 % overtime rate charged for routine repairs to reflect a rate increase in union labor wages.

4. Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc., has provided sufficient documentation that reflects wage increases for union labor.
5. Millwrights are necessary for certain mechanical and alignment repairs of the drawbridge. This position is specialized and will be \$65.00 per hour regular time and \$75.00 per hour overtime.
6. Staff supports the requested change of the regular time rate from \$60 to \$63.30 per hour and the overtime rate from \$70 to \$74 per hour and the additional Millwright position.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Bridges
(1004230 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to recognize change in labor rates of \$63.30 per hour regular time and \$74.00 per hour overtime and add the Millwright position to the annual contract for inspection/preventive maintenance and routine repairs of the Sam Varnedoe Drawbridge with Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc., for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to issue Change Orders to essential service contracts to recognize changes in union wages.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$145,986 purchase of one (1) replacement 2016 International roll-off truck from Roberts Truck Center, Garden City, GA., for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The truck will replace Unit 204 (1999 Sterling) VIN #990105 that is old and beyond economical repair.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. 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. Roll-off trucks aid in transporting the disposed waste from the drop-off centers to the landfill for proper disposal.
2. Bids were properly advertised, a pre-bid conducted and bids were opened on October 6, 2015. Bid responses are as follow:

Roberts Truck Center Garden City, GA	\$145,986
MHC Kenworth Mableton, GA	\$156,855
Peach State Freightliner Norcross, GA	\$166,119
Transpro Equipment Sales Albany, GA	\$171,217

3. Staff believes the pricing of \$145,986 for a 2016 International roll-off truck to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Solid Waste - Restricted (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
(5404510 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$145,986 purchase of one (1) replacement 2016 International roll-off truck from Roberts Truck Center, Garden City, GA., for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$605,498 construction contract to Preferred Materials, Inc., for the Second Let Resurfacing Project for 2015 which includes the resurfacing of nine (9) County Roads and various miscellaneous improvements.

BACKGROUND: The project involves milling, paving, striping, signing, addition of audible pedestrian buttons at the intersection of Penn Waller and Johnny Mercer Boulevard and replacement and/or installation of curb and gutter at various locations. The roads were selected based on ratings produced by Engineering Staff using the County Pavement Condition Evaluation System (COPACES). Partial funding for this project comes from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project was properly advertised and two (2) bids were received and opened October 20, 2015. The bids are as follows:

Preferred Materials, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$605,498
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Carroll & Carroll, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$943,748
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2. Staff believes the bid from Preferred Materials, Inc., is fair and reasonable.
3. The contractor will have 60 days to complete resurfacing of the roads after the notice to proceed is issued.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Unincorporated County Roads
(3244220 - 54.14001 - 32456767)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$605,498 construction contract to Preferred Materials, Inc., for the Second Let Resurfacing Project for 2015 which includes the resurfacing of nine (9) County Roads and various miscellaneous improvements.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$50,000 Year 5 sponsorship of the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon.

BACKGROUND: With Visit Savannah, City of Savannah and other community sponsors, Chatham County helped to sponsor the inaugural Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon. The national event has attracted more than 24,000 participants plus guest in the past.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The economic impact in 2011 was estimated to include direct spending of approximately \$18 million with over 21,000 hotel room nights. The 2012 event was impacted by Hurricane Sandy, but still had over 16,000 participants with an estimated direct spend of \$12-\$15 million. There were over 18,000 participants in the 2013 event, and over 17,000 in 2014.
2. For 2015, the race is expected to have an estimated 20,000 participants. Currently, pre-registrations are pacing about 20% ahead of last year's numbers.
3. The FY2016 budget includes \$50,000 as sponsorship for Year 5.

FUNDING: Special Appropriations
(1009975 - 57.30001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of the \$50,000 Year 5 sponsorship of the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon.
- 2. Provide staff other direction

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$167,773 purchase and installation of a replacement chiller at the Detention Center. This project includes a direct purchase in the amount of \$114,498 from Trane U.S., Inc., Savannah, Georgia, and installation service in the amount of \$53,275 by Boaen Mechanical of Savannah, Georgia.

BACKGROUND: The current chillers that provide cooling for the facility were installed in 2005. During the recent expansion/renovation project, the 1100 ton capacity of the chillers was determined to be necessary to handle the needs of the facility. One (1) of the chillers has now become inoperable. This has decreased the capacity of the system to 700 tons and is insufficient to service the facility.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Replacing a unit of this type is a lengthy process. Construction of the replacement unit takes approximately three (3) months. Removing the existing unit and installing the new one (1) is projected to take an additional month. Beginning this process now, we expect to have the new unit in place before April. If not done in a timely manner, the spring/summer heat could become too stressful on the existing capacity of the system and cause further damage.
- 2. Trane is the recommended manufacturer because the Detention Center has standardized on Trane equipment. We are able to make this purchase directly through the manufacturer, thus eliminating approximately 25% in dealer markups. The manufacturer has informed us the technology used in chillers has now changed and we could annually see cost savings of approximately \$25,000. These combined savings may allow the County to break even on this purchase within a maximum of six (6) years.
- 3. Boaen Mechanical is recommended for the installation because they are a certified Trane installer and provide maintenance under contract for all of the Detention Center's chillers.

FUNDING: CIP - Contingency (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
(3503326 - 54.13011 - 35030170)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$167,773 purchase and installation of a replacement chiller at the Detention Center. This project includes a direct purchase in the amount of \$114,498 from Trane U.S., Inc., Savannah, Georgia, and installation service in the amount of \$53,275 by Boaen Mechanical of Savannah, Georgia.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for critical safety issues that affect inmates and/or staff.

RECOMMENDATION: 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.

1. **THE PETITIONER HAROLD B. YELLIN, AGENT FOR JOHNNY MERCER PROPERTIES, IS REQUESTING TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 444 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD FROM A PIP/TC (PLANNED INSTITUTIONAL PROFESSIONAL/TOWN CENTER OVERLAY) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO A P-B-N/TC (PLANNED NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS/TOWN CENTER OVERLY) CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. FILE NO. Z-150902-000074-1 [DISTRICT 4.]**

Chairman Scott said, First Readers. Our able staff. We have the Petitioner Harold B. Yellin, agent for Johnny Mercer Properties, is requesting rezoning the property at 444 Johnny Mercer Boulevard from a classification to a B -- P-B-N/TC (Planned Neighborhood Business/Town Center Overly) classification. The MPC recommended approval. At this time I'll have Marcus [Lotson] to give you a little further explanation.

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. As this is a First Reader, I'll be brief, and the Petitioner is not present today. However, this request is to rezone an existing shopping center on Johnny Mercer Boulevard. It's immediately across from the Kroger Shopping Center if you're familiar with that. The Center itself is not changing but the petitioner is requesting this change in order to facilitate the ability to bring in different retail tenants for the existing center that could not be brought in under the current zoning.

Chairman Scott said, all right. This is a First Reader. We'll take it up second, but in the First Reader, anybody have any questions of Marcus? Of Staff? Hearing none, thank you so much.

Mr. Lotson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we'll have further discussion at our next meeting.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Chairman Scott said, there are no Second Readers.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M&O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SEE ATTACHED).**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

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2. **LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (See Attached.)**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2
AGENDA DATE: October 23, 2015

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Pallet of brooms for street sweeper	Public Works and Park Services	Environmental Products of Florida	\$2,651	SSD - Public Works
Excavator repair parts to include cleat track, bushings and shafts	Mosquito Control	Wilco Manufacturing, LLC	\$4,350	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Installation of aluminum awning at Voter's Registration	Facilities Maintenance	Coastal Aluminum Builders, LLC	\$6,845	CIP - Building Maintenance
Repairs to generator at Causton Bluff Bridge	Public Works and Park Services	Cummins Power South, LLC	\$2,988	General Fund/M&O - Bridges
Youth soccer officials for September 19-27	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Soccer Association, Inc.	\$3,978	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
300 tons of recycled crushed concrete base	Public Works and Park Services	ABC Crushing	\$4,800	SSD - Public Works
Stock sign blanks and tape for sign shop	Public Works and Park Services	Vulcan, Inc.	\$6,894	CIP - Public Works
Second floor work associated with moving Law Clerk	Victim Witness	Collins Construction Services, Inc.	\$6,030	Victim Witness
360 tons of graded aggregate base stone	Public Works and Park Services	Aggregates USA, LLC	\$7,920	SSD - Public Works
60 inch quick cut lawn mower for Park Services	Fleet Operations	Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc.	\$8,900	SSD - Public Works
Savannah Morning News for 2016 microfilm	Administrative Services	Proquest Information and Learning	\$3,087	General Fund/M&O - Administrative Services
Repair emission problems to unit #252 - Public Works and Park Services vac truck	Fleet Operations	Roberts Trading Company, LLP	\$3,081	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Repair gateway module to unit #210 - Public Works and Park Services trash compactor	Fleet Operations	Roberts Trading Company, LLP	\$2,771	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Repair to rack lifts of walk in bakery oven	Detention Center	Hobart Corp.	\$5,640	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center

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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: OCTOBER 23, 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. GDOT soliciting bids for a construction contract with October 2015 letting.
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. Construction is substantially complete for road resurfacing 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.
 - III. County soliciting bids for road resurfacing for 3.1 miles of roadway including Crossover Lane, Golden Isles Way, Hampshire Road, Off Shore Road, Old Dock Road, Olde Town Road, Penn Waller Road, Riverside Drive and Teakwood Drive.
 - b. East White Hawthorne Drive. Construction underway to install cul-de-sac.
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, database preparation underway and concept development underway.
 - c. Skidaway Road. Project will provide improvements along Skidaway Road from Montgomery Cross Road to Ferguson Avenue. ROW plans are complete and ROW acquisition is underway.
 - d. Hill Road. Dirt road paving project. ROW plans are under review and final design is underway. Relocation of City of Savannah waterline delaying acquisition and construction.
 - e. Fairwind Road. Final plans to pave Fairwind Road complete. Review for LDA permit underway.
 - f. Bradley Point Sidewalk Improvements. Concept development complete. 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 for 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.
 - h. Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase 2-A. Revised concept development underway. Public Information Open House to be held December 3, 2015 at Jenkins H.S. from 4 to 7 p.m.
 - 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: OCTOBER 23, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Ashley Road Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve a drainage system from the Ashley Road cul-de-sac. Design work is underway.
2. Gateway-Henderson Drainage Improvements. The project will improve portions of the drainage system in the northeast quadrant of I-95 and SR 204. The project includes construction of maintenance access and drainage improvements. Design work is underway.
3. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work, permitting, and acquisitions are underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road.
4. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the canal. Design of improvements along the Marshall Branch Canal is underway and includes construction of maintenance access and culvert replacements. All permits have been received and property acquisition is nearing completion. Bids have been received and a recommendation for contract approval is on the agenda for October 23.
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 complete and the project will be out to bid soon.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts: All

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4. COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE -- POWERPOINT TO BE PRESENTED AT MEETING.

Chairman Scott said, and also we're going to recognize the County Manager before we entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for some information.

County Manager Smith said, okay. Real quick Mr. Chairman, we just wanted to give you an update on a few things that are going on in -- in the county, and I've given everyone a paper copy. For October, just general information I'm going to go over real quick, just some updates on the jail health RFQ, legislation, new initiatives, the budget process, workshops, some Board opportunities and calendar, Board communication and Channel 16 and streaming. And some of these are really things that Board members have asked about in the last couple months, and these are initiatives we began working on starting July 1st. The first one is the jail health request for qualifications. You'll see right now we have our present health contract with Corizon that ends February of 2016. Based on our estimates to get the -- this next few items done, we may have to extend to a month to month contract, but that will be known probably when we get into November. Receive the qualifications October 27th and review by staff. Once we review the RFQ's, we'll develop basically an RFP short list and have invitees to then submit the RFP. The -- once we get the RFP by mid-December 2015, we'll do a qualification of those, do a review, based on budget, and then complete -- we look to come to the Board sometime probably the latter part of January to look at the contract. So we may have to do a month to month, but we are looking at that now. We are in contact, I would say just about daily with Corizon on certain issues as it relates to the contract.

County Manager Smith said, I do want to make mention one of the major issues that we're looking at within the contract is mental health because we've had psychiatrists in and out and providers in and out. In fact we had a meeting, the Chair, myself, Commissioner Stone, with Commissioner Berry with mental health with the State of Georgia, and we had that meeting earlier this -- I believe Monday, and -- actually I've talked to Gateway about potentially contracting for that service. That was an interesting conversation in that they're going to maintain that director's position for at least five years to provide stability. So we're feeling a lot better about that situation, but we'll keep you updated on this jail health contract. This is a big deal for us.

County Manager Smith said, next on legislation, first ACCG 2015-16 amended county platform. I've given you a copy of that. That's the bulk of this document, so you've got that in electronic and hard copy. So if you would look at some of those items. There are a couple that may -- we may want to look at to make sure that we're in line with the ACCG. Also, on some county legislation you'll notice E-911 fees. We talked about that when AT&T was here two weeks ago. Destruction of firearms or guns, and that seems to be spreading across the state to give if not a -- a -- a state law, at least to give us options as counties to destroy the weapons and not put them back on the street. Also, we're -- we need to look at a process by which we can verify income in indigent defense, and we'll be talking to you more about that because we are changing that process to go to a panel of lawyers, and we'll be talking to you more about that over the next 30 days.

Commissioner Center said, so we'll have other items, but I wanted you to look at the ACCG's, but also, as we get into a briefing, we're looking to -- with the Chairman's help and staff, to look at either breakfast, lunch or dinner based on our legislator's schedule, and based on when they can meet. We will do that early December, but we would really like to have, you know, for the Chair, myself, if you've got thoughts on legislation as you sit on other Boards like CAT and some of these other things, we need to know about those, so that we can provide and put our prior -- bring it to you in November for you to prioritize our legislative agenda as a county, as a community. So we'll be setting that date and getting back with you, but it's important we do that before we get into the session.

Commissioner Brady said, I -- I have a question.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, did you forward the email that I sent you in reference to Tybee putting on that meet and greet November the 1st?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, there's a meet and greet November the 1st, and most of the legislators are going to be there.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Brady said, and all of us are invited to go.

Commissioner Center said, would you send it to me again, please?

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Yes. We sent it out, but I know it was behind two or three other copies of stuff.

Commissioner Brady said, Barry said he talked to you. Barry Brown.

County Manager Smith said, so I know Frances is listening right now, so we'll make sure she does that. Hello Frances. Send that.

Commissioner Farrell said, I missed the first part, the one at Tybee?

Commissioner Brady said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, Pete listening too?

Commissioner Thomas said, at Tybee?

Commissioner Brady said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, the email in reference to -- I know I received it. I don't know if everybody else did, but the Manager can resend it.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, we'll resend it, 'cause it was -- it was in an envelope, but we'll make sure you have it if you don't.

Chairman Scott said, there's a meet and greet at Tybee.

Commissioner Brady said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Stone said, just a reminder on this amended county flat, -- platform, we have the dinner for ACCG --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, -- next week. It's -- I mean this coming week.

County Manager Smith said, next Wednesday -- next Wednesday evening, I believe.

Commissioner Stone said, I think it's Tuesday.

County Manager Smith said, Tuesday or Wednesday I believe.

Clerk said, it's Tuesday.

Commissioner Stone said, the 27th.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, Tuesday evening in Darien.

Commissioner Stone said, in Darien.

County Manager Smith said, so we've got, I think Linda, Michael and myself. I know Commissioner Stone, anyone else that wants to go, we would love to load up and let's go.

Commissioner Stone said, please, y'all. This is important.

County Manager Smith said, so if you're interested, okay. Just let us know, 'cause we were going to try to ride together.

Commissioner Farrell said, is that the same place it was last year?

Commissioner Stone said, it's --

Commissioner Farrell said, right off the interstate?

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Right off of 95. Yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, Skipper's, I think is what it's called.

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, okay. All right. Okay. I wanted to mention this one, you know, we have, in looking at how we operate in Mosquito Control, which I'm proud to say, you know, Mosquito Control is the top program in North America. I mean, we -- we know that based on our performance and based on our ability to -- with adulticides, and we really -- when you look at making -- I know when we were interviewing for the director's position, it was tough for them to come up with -- you asked the question, how would you improve the program? Well, it's kind of like steering a -- a -- a cruise liner or a large cargo ship, by small degrees you turn. And with this, one of the things that we have looked at, we began to look at our overtime, which was pretty extensive, so we're looking to actually reclassifying our current mosquito control operator position to pilot/mechanic, in short, a third pilot position we'll add because we're doing a lot of over time. The other thing is it's a safety issue for personnel. When you start working a lot of hours and you're flying, we've got to be very cognizant of that, and I appreciate the staff, Jeff Heusel bringing this up. Basically it's going to allow the chief pilot to concentrate on supervisory aspects of the job and still enable us to keep the over time budget as low as possible. The two pilot/mechanic positions will perform the bulk of the evening missions, while on a four-day, ten-hour schedule, and that's -- that's going to help us. We do know we're going to have an increase in the actual overtime, but we think in making these changes we'll actually be able to balance that budget with no additional dollars, you know, with other line items. So we feel comfortable about that. Our big issue there was safety and having somebody that could supervise and in particular right now with -- with Scott [Yekel]. He's doing a fantastic job and Jeff [Heusel]. So we wanted to let you know we were doing that. That was a big concern for us.

County Manager Smith said, next, something a little different. This December will be our last employee recognition luncheon. We would like to involve the Board more. HR has made a recommendation -- we did a benefit survey and asked, you know, employees, how do you -- you know, about being recognized. I mean this is Team Chatham, we want to recognize. Well, what I'm asking is as a new initiatives for 2016 is that we actually bring, on the second meeting of each month, on the anniversary dates -- what happens is if you had a five-year anniversary, ten-year anniversary, you don't get recognized till the end of the year. Well, we feel like the luncheon's not enough. What we wanted to do is we'll give them a certificate and a gift, which we do, but we want to bring them here. We think it's important that the Commissioners interact with those employees and recognize them for longevity, but for the job they're doing. So if -- if it -- you know, we will -- we're looking at how we do this. You would present them with a pin or a certificate, but we would like to do that for photo opportunities, but also to let them know -- we want the community to know that they've committed. So we want to do that, and we're looking to start that initiative January.

Commissioner Thomas said, wonderful.

County Manager Smith said, so let you know we're going to be doing that, and I appreciate HR bringing that -- that initiative to us. Something else on budget, new process. We've started earlier. A lot of budgets start in January. We actually started in September. I tell everyone budget starts July 1st when you start a new budget, and analyzing what you're doing. Right now capital improvement projects we're re-classifying. The bulk of our CIP program is maintenance. Maintenance is not CIP. That is not a capital improvement. That is an operating item. So we are shifting to the operating budget and figuring out how we do that. As part of that process with capital, we began this week the study that you authorized, and that is to do a full facilities analysis of every building that Chatham County owns or occupies. So we're doing that. It will be complete. We'll be bringing you a master plan of our facilities from parking lots to roofing. We've never done that, and that's why we're so far behind on our capital. So we're going to be bringing that to you.

County Manager Smith said, next we did start position reviews. In a zero based budget situation, it's not about -- a matter of just new positions. It's a matter of do you need the people you have? Are they productive? What are they giving back? So we are doing that analysis, but you'll see by the winter of 2016, we'll actually have our capital and our personnel issues prepared for budget, and then we'll look at other operational issues. That will enable us to come to the Board quicker and -- and involve you more in the process. And then I mentioned in that last piece there thr third year of zero-based budgeting. As denoted in the budget message, we predicted revenues over expend -- expenditures due to tax base growth, and also strides to reduce expenditures, and when you get to audit this year, you will see that reflected, that we are in a positive stance, which that was a goal of the Chair and of this Board.

County Manager Smith said, next there have been requests and the past couple weeks, we are in conversation with ACCG and the Carl Vinson Institute. We gave them several dates yesterday where they will actually come in and talk to us about Robert's Rules, the Enabling Act, County Charter in early November. So we're going to set up a time to do that. I will also say as part of the discussions that you had today on police, I've already sent a text and an email to some staff to look at literally within a few business days we need to go ahead and hold a workshop with you on the police costs and on phase in of the police -- setting up the police department. So I'm looking to do that quickly, next week. So we -- we need to move on that pretty fast based on your actions today. But, ACCG and I've talked with Dave Willis.

Commissioner Stone said, Wills.

County Manager Smith said, Wills and their general counsel, so we'll be involving the County Attorney and coming to you because basically you would have policies that you would set up a Board as to how you operate. So they're going to come to you, go over the -- all of these issues, and then the Board can decide kind of where you go. Also, I mentioned earlier legislative review. Legislators in December. The recreation master plan's

going to be coming to you in December to early January. The County blue print, draft presentation in December. We had another meeting this week which was excellent on setting up our action steps and who's responsible. So we're going to be meeting with our staff as to who is responsible and how we'll carry it out built into our budget this year.

County Manager Smith said, then, what we're wanting to do January, February with the Board is recommendations of the County Mission Statement, Vision, Goals and Action Steps to incorporate within our budget because I'll need that direction to be able to set up the budget for this year going forward. But we need your input on that, and it should be a driver.

County Manager Smith said, next on Board information, Communications, we are asking for -- first of all we present information, paper documents couriered daily to Board members, as well as forwarding electronic documents. We've got a recommendation on the courier piece. We know we can save a great deal of money in moving to electronic format. Paper documents, if requested can be done. The service would be reduced to once a week on Tuesdays, is what we're asking. We would bring you a package or a report, and on the day that you get your agenda, you'd get that as well as the report. But what -- I've already done the analysis and looking at what we would save, we could actually put everyone on the Board, if you choose, and if this Board sees fit to go in this direction, with a tablet, iPad, laptop, some -- we can do that very easily where all the documents would be there, even your reports on a daily basis versus getting that package would be in a box every single day for you. And we're wanting to do that so it's very timely for you. You get what you need. So we are really -- I -- I'm not asking for you to consider that today, but think about it. Let me know over the next couple weeks your thoughts on that, but we're just trying to be more concise about how we get information out to you.

County Manager Smith said, next, some of you are going to be -- we're thrilled about the agenda management software. We placed in the budget -- Janice [Bocook], Frances [Rasmussen], a number of folks are working on this right now. This is going to allow for electronic signatures for staff. It's going to be much safer, reduce costs, reduce obviously paper and things, but instant delivery of agendas, archive all the -- all the agendas, and the minutes from chosen points to present date will be scanned. We will have to set a time. We have the opportunity to go back to 1917 where they will all be there and be able to research based on words. Yeah, Jon, you've got to do it.

Commissioner Brady said, you're going to have to -- y'all are going to have to train him.

Commissioner Farrell said, is your head spinning? 1917.

County Attorney Hart said, that's okay. I'll do it for the agenda. If we have to go look at something five years ago, it's hard to find.

County Manager Smith said, just -- just get Jackie [Roberts] to do it. But, here's the thing. They'll be scanned, they'll be searchable, posted on line for staff and public use, and I'm going to talk about something in the next slide that I think is even more exciting. Presently staff are evaluating proposals. We've got two or three proposers right now, and we'll be coming to you in short order with approval of the Board to implement the schedule this coming spring. So we're excited about that. We need to catch up to 2015.

County Manager Smith said, next, another one that you brought up is Channel 16 and streaming. As part of this agenda process, now this was -- while I was in Seattle recently with Mike Kaigler at our ICMA conference, we saw really the -- it's a similar process but on the west coast, and as part of this agenda system -- currently we can only live stream our meetings internally, and this new system will not only allow us to live stream externally but the video is then time coded. So let's say today when you talked about the police merger, instead of having to look at the whole meeting, you can look at the agenda, click on the item, it goes right to the video, time dated stamped where you were to see just that item.

Commissioner Center said, when you say live stream, that means watching over your computer?

County Manager Smith said, that's right.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, so you'll have live stream, but it will also be on a server where you can look at it an any time, okay?

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, so that's going to be part of this package. The advantage of the time code will allow viewers to go back, watch a particular segment without having to scan through the whole meeting. So we think that will be a great thing. Channel 16 upgrades. We authorized this year in the budget, we're currently interviewing a new A/V tech position because Pete [Nichols] has a lot of responsibilities and cannot carry those out by himself, so what we're doing is -- is bringing a new A/V tech position. It should be filled shortly. They're -- I think they got a short list now. The first priority will be the upgrades to Channel 16. We have a 1998 system. If it fails, it's going to go dark, and we will not be able to -- we can't fix it. So it's been duct taped enough, so we're going new. The upgrades to 16 include an overall digital transfer from the current analog system currently being used, new display system that will allow video clips to be played within the graphic displays, and crawlers

on the bottom of the channel. So we can give like emergency reports, as you said, like a meeting tonight. It will be crawling across the screen. People will see that.

Commissioner Brady said, I was talking about phone -- like robo calls.

County Manager Smith said, oh -- oh yeah, well, we can do that, but also this is another method by which we can get stuff out. So we're going to have that as well.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, yeah, no robo calls.

County Manager Smith said, and also on Channel 16, we're going to put in a -- our ability --

Chairman Scott said, we're not doing robo calls now.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, huh-uh. No way.

County Manager Smith said, I know -- I know what she meant. We -- we are also -- no, we're not going to do that. We don't plan on doing that.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. -- Mr. County Manager?

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, let me again point out --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, you know, we have a university here in town that has people -- they give credit, SCAD does.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Center said, if you get an intern, we won't have to pay them and they'll get school credit whoever --

County Manager Smith said, well, we use interns.

Commissioner Center said, for their expertise. Okay.

County Manager Smith said, we use interns, but with this, the one thing we're going to be is putting in a tri-caster. I've used these in the past on television stations that I've managed or owned as county government and we're going to put in a tri-caster that will allow us to actually do green screen, and we'll be able to set up and do interviews just like you're in a news station. We can choose from hundreds of different back drops. If we're talking about solid waste, it will have a solid waste backdrop, but it -- it will look very professional, and we're looking to upgrade because we need to do more to get our story out, and that's going to be part of that -- that process. So, you know, we're -- we're excited about getting that done.

County Manager Smith said, last -- questions about anything we've talked about? But just wanted to update you 'cause I know some of you have asked about this. Public access is huge. Yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I like Tony's concept of integrating some of the very -- integrating some of the talent from our local downtown college to help us with -- with these items.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm. Graphic design is in most of our local colleges, and even in high schools.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

County Manager Smith said, and I'm going to tell you, if you want good, fast production --

Commissioner Thomas said, go to them.

County Manager Smith said, -- get somebody from 17 to 21.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, they can -- I mean they produce, they've got good ideas, but we need to ask them what are they looking for? What's going to excite them about what we put out? Because we know our stuff is -- is good, but it's very static, and we -- we've got to catch up.

Commissioner Farrell said, and -- and that's what I'm saying if we can integrate some of our local students at the -- especially at the college level --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- I think we'll get a more vibrant product.

County Manager Smith said, we will. Well, now you'll have the tools by which they can work with to do it. We didn't even have that before.

Commissioner Farrell said, right. The second thing was on the -- I want to go back for just a minute --

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- to the -- adding the position of a third pilot --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- on the Mosquito Control.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Farrell said, is that because we're fighting more mosquitos or running more missions like Chief Tolbert talked about a minute ago?

County Manager Smith said, there -- well, we're -- we're doing that too, that's part of it. But, you know, now, with the City of Savannah, we actually bill them for time for Metro, so we do that and send a bill out, and we receive payment from the City of Savannah for air time and we did not before.

Commissioner Farrell said, well -- well --

Chairman Scott said, but you also have strict standards for pilot hours.

County Manager Smith said, oh yes. Yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, well one -- one point I --

County Manager Smith said, and we were meet -- we were really rubbing the line on those standards, which made Scott [Yekel] and Jeff [Heusel] very nervous. Another thing is -- is just like I've said the -- the pilots being tired, we -- we've got to do a better job.

Commissioner Farrell said, well, just as something to think about, in other communities --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- in the agricultural communities there are people that professionally fly --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- and spray crops.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Farrell said, and there's very little difference between crop -- spraying crops for -- with different insecticides and herbicides --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- than there is from what we're doing in this urban environment. So, just as a thought, as you go forward, I'm sure there's -- there's some agricultural near by, if we needed to prop up during heavy mosquito problem times --

County Manager Smith said, it's there. We've got the ability to contract.

Commissioner Farrell said, then -- then, you know, you might not have to necessarily add a -- another -- another employee.

County Manager Smith said, well, I will tell you the employee --

Commissioner Farrell said, just -- just --

County Manager Smith said, we're actually just reclassifying because the employee is already there. We're just reclassifying and upgrading.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, but he's already got his ability to fly, and so he's already in house. It's just a matter of upgrading the salary to reclassify.

Commissioner Farrell said, but, yeah, so my concern was that if you build an operation for maximum use --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- and there's -- we've had years where hundreds of thousands of dollars have come back to the general budget because we were blessed to not have a enormous mosquito invasion that year, and I'm sure the pilots were, you know, having less air time also.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, that, you know, if we have a -- a -- a good force, and then we have a force multiplier when the opportunity or when the need arises for -- for extra spraying just a thought to -- to put out there.

County Manager Smith said, sure. Okay. Thank you.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, thank you. We need a motion for a special session for --

Commissioner Center said, executive session?

Chairman Scott said, legal, property and personnel.

County Attorney Hart said, litigation.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we recess -- okay? Did you call me? I move that we recess to executive session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. We're heading for executive session.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

The Board recessed at approximately 12:34 p.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 Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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2. LOUISE WILLIAMS CONDEMNATION SETTLEMENT

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the settlement of the Louise Williams Condemnation claim for \$44,500. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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**2. APPOINTMENTS
SOUTHEAST GEORGIA EMS COUNCIL (REGION IX EMS COUNCIL)**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to appoint David Johnson to the Southeast Georgia EMS Council, Region IX EMS Council. His term is set to expire in June 2018. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to appoint Carl Gilyard to the Board of the Department of Family and Children's Services. His term is set to expire June 30, 2018. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter were 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 1:01 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION