

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016, 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 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2016.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning.

County Manager Lee Smith said, good morning.

Commissioner Thomas said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, welcome and please be seated. I'll ask that you be seated and remain seated until such time as our devotional leader indicate it's time to pray, and at that time if you would re-stand and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance this morning by our Vice Chair, Dr. Priscilla Thomas.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, it's with great pleasure that I welcome back to this Chamber the pastor emeritus of the St. John Baptist Church, and he nicknamed it the Mighty Fortress. I can't speak to our devotional leader's youthful indiscretions because I've only known him for 50 years, and he's only 93, but I can tell you what I've known about him for the past 50 years, and that is that he's been on the right side of history on every issue, in every situation that this community has faced. I can also tell you that he has worked with, befriended, almost everyone in the leadership hierarchy of the Civil Rights Movement. He himself was a foot soldier. I know for a fact that he was friends with the King family, and especially Daddy King as -- that's how we refer to Martin Luther King's father. I can also tell you that he was arm in arm with much of the activities that was led by W.W. Law and even Ralph Mark Gilbert during the Civil Rights struggle here. For a long, long, long time he served as Chair of the Religious Affairs Committee of the Savannah Branch NAACP. He has been someone who have tried to raise values and the conscience of everyone in this community to do the right thing, regardless of race, color or creed. And he's always been an advisor to me. Occasionally I try to pull one over him, and it's seldom if I have an opportunity. But I really don't think that there's anyone in the religious community or anyone who've pastored a church, not just in Savannah, but I suspect anywhere in America, is more admired and loved than our presenter this morning, and that's Pastor Matthew Southall Brown, Sr. And at this time I welcome him to share with us whatever comments or remarks of wisdom or guidance he wish to share, and I look forward to him leading us in prayer. Pastor Brown.

Pastor Matthew Southall Brown, Sr., said, Mr. Chairman, the only thing that I can say in response to your previous remarks, is a term of the street, wow. You blew me out of the water. And I -- I just made a note to myself that you either do my eulogy --

Chairman Scott said, Pastor, that's my line.

Commissioner Center said, we're waiting for you to do it.

Pastor Brown said, or give -- or give my family those beautiful remarks, and I want to thank you for them. Yes, I have been on the cutting edge of things in Savannah, Chatham County, the State of Georgia, and indeed in these United States and out of the United States. I got a call recently from the Netherlands, and the voice on the other end said this is Mrs. Jacobs from the Netherlands, and after she told me how she got my information, she said there is a cemetery here with 80 graves, World War II, and, of course, if you were interested you can go to the web and pull up 2,221, and that will tell you about that and about us, but I fought when Hitler made his breakthrough, and we didn't have enough troops, and at that time all units were segregated and the Commander in Chief sent orders down anybody want to join the infantry. Well, my being 17 and a half, 18 looking for excitement, I volunteered, and I cried many times and called for my momma, but I crossed the Elbe, the Rhine, and fought into Berlin. Now, some 10,000 servicemen that looked like me volunteered to close the Belgian Bulge. Only 2,221 were selected, and I was one of the ones. So if you're interested, just go to the web and plug in and ask Google about 2,221, and you will read a story that's very interesting.

Pastor Brown said, I want to preface my prayer with something I read recently about a senator who was asked to help a wounded soldier. The senator -- senator quickly replied I can't concern myself with individuals. Well, he went on to say I have become so busy with my responsibilities as a senator. My prayer is that no Commissioner or nobody who holds public office will become so involved in being a Commissioner or whatever office he or she holds, would forget the people who are responsible for them being where they are. That does happen sometimes, and I want to just open -- I said to Van Johnson, Alderman, earlier that -- he says there's plenty of rain out there, and I said to him, do you know why the devil encourages you not to come out in weather like this? And he said, no, why? I said because he knows that one burns better dry than wet. He -- he -- you will get that on your way home. Having -- having said that, let us pray.

Pastor Brown gave the invocation as follows:

Eternal God our Father, we thank you for this another day, another term of the Chatham County Commission. This is a day, oh Lord, that we have not seen, but we are going to glorify this day. And we pray my Heavenly Father that when the evening shadows fall, that we can look back over this day and be satisfied of our contributions to society. As we come now to open this 2016 session of Chatham County Commission, we ask, my Father, for your presence. For your presence, Lord, does make the difference, whatever the occasion might be. We thank you for him who heads and leads this august body. Give him strength, courage and faith to do that which is right, and what we ask of Chair Commissioner Al Scott, we ask for each person who serves on this august body, bless them my Father one by one and may they realize what they're responsibilities really are.

I pray for this cadre of fine young men and young women from Memorial Day School. So many things now happen my Father to our youth and young adults. So many mean things, and so I ask that you will cover these young people with your presence. Keep them safe, I pray, both by day and by night. And Lord, what I ask of these young men and young women who are with us today, I ask of all of our youth and children and young adults please send someone or something that would stop the rage and the craze that's happening in our community. Not far along prayer, my Father, for you know what's in our hearts and you knew what we desire for this our community. If my people who are called by my name would humble themselves, pray, turn from their ways of wickedness, I would hear from heaven, and I will heal their land. That's a condition predicated -- predicated upon something that we must do, and so my Father we lift you up today because you know all things. Make this a banner year for this body.

I pray that many things will be -- get done that will enhance the livability of the peoples of this county. Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earth. Your name is worthy, worthy to be praised, and so Lord we praise you. We praise you right now for all of your mercies, your blessings, and whatever else we thank you. In the name of Him who said, if I be lifted up from the earth, I make you a promise, I'll draw all men unto me. This we ask and this we pray in his blessed name. Let the people of the Lord say -- Amen.

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

Pastor Brown said, Amen.

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

Pastor Brown said, and praise His holy name.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Thomas said, please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott said, may I ask Members of the Commission who are so inclined, please join me in welcoming and thanking Pastor Brown for his devotional leadership here this morning.

Pastor Brown said, this has become sort of a ritual. This is -- this is my third time opening.

Chairman Scott and the Board of Commissioners presented Pastor Brown with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for his invocation and prayer.

Chairman Scott said, Dr. Thomas, I'm going to ask if you would do the honors of presenting this medallion -- putting this medallion around the Pastor's neck.

Commissioner Thomas said, I certainly --

Chairman Scott said, I know he has one medallion on --

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Chairman Scott said, but this is like the Olympics. You can have more than one gold medal.

Commissioner Thomas said, it's certainly my honor to do that. Thank you. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you so much.

Commissioner Holmes said, you deserve that.

[Applause.]

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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 (not present at roll call; arrived at 9:55)

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

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 4th District for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, at -- at this time I'd like to make a motion to excuse Dean [Kicklighter] from our meeting today. He's feeling a little under the weather.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, you -- you mean Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Kicklighter.

Commissioner Farrell said, Kicklighter. What did I say?

Chairman Scott said, you said Dean.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, Dean -- Dean Kicklighter, Commissioner from the 7th.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Dean Kicklighter. It's been moved and second. Hearing the motion that we excuse Commissioner Dean Kicklighter from the proceedings this morning, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. He's excused.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to excuse Commissioner Kicklighter from the Commission meeting. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'll recognize our Vice Chair for the purpose of introducing the members of the Youth Commissioners who are present here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, it's our pleasure to have with us this morning, and I hope I'm pronouncing the name correctly, Nisi?

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Nisi King said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, Nisi King, who is a sophomore attending Habersham School, and Corteria Roberson?

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Corteria Roberson said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, wooh, I got it right, junior attending St. Vincent's Academy. We're delighted to have you this morning, and please feel free to participate in all of the discussions today. Okay?

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Roberson said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Center said, may -- may -- may I ask a question?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, both Commissioner Farrell and I -- I have not heard of Habersham School. Where -- where is that? Tell me about that.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner King said, it's on Liberty Street right across the street from St. Vincent's Academy.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. RECOGNITION OF MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOL BLUE THUNDER FOOTBALL TEAM, WINNERS OF THE 2015 GEORGIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Chairman Scott said, this too is a returning event for us, and it's with great pleasure that I recognize Memorial Day School Blue Thunder football team, winners of the 2015 Georgia Independent School's Association AA football championship. And we have here today with us the headmaster, the coaches, and I don't want -- and all the players, and I don't want anybody to think this is an inside job because this is really an honor that these kids have earned, but the headmaster's also related to our county attorney by marriage, and he's also related to -- he's also related to a past Chairman of this County Commission, whom I'm -- was so close to over the years, and that's former Chairman, Tom Coleman. And so it's delighted to have the headmaster here. We want to do a proclamation this morning, and then hopefully we will go down and greet all the players once the coaches have had an opportunity to tell us a little bit about the players and who all is here and introduce them.

Chairman Scott read part of the following proclamation:



The County of Chatham
Georgia
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Memorial Day School has continued to prepare each of their students for diverse challenges and opportunities of higher education since 1971 developing responsible citizenship in a democratic society and rapidly changing world; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is indeed fortunate to have Memorial Day School providing quality education in a family atmosphere with caring, loving, nurturing faculty and staff, and in that spirit, we salute with pride, Memorial Day School; and

WHEREAS, for the 5th time in just the past eight years, this Commission is recognizing Coach Michael Thompson and his Blue Thunder football team for achieving the highest goal of winning the Georgia Independent School Association AA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Thunder football team have additionally earned the remarkable feat of winning back-to-back-to-back GISA AA State Championships (2013-2014-2015); and

WHEREAS, Coach Thompson is among the top 20 coaches in the State of Georgia with 75 or more wins;

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

MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOL BLUE THUNDER FOOTBALL TEAM

for winning the 2015 Georgia Independent School Association AA Football Championship and applaud its Head Coach, Michael Thompson; Assistant Coaches, Patrick Bolen, Darien Thompson, Taylor Thompson, C. J. Smith, Tracy Miller, and Sal Sanchez; Statistician Tom Bolen; Side Line Crew, Troy Thompson, and Carson Lane; Athletic Director, Mark Sussman and Head of School, Michale Quarles for their skills and leadership making it possible for the team to achieve this high honor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 15th day of January 2016.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, whoever will do us the pleasure, the headmaster, the coach, we welcome you.

Interim Headmaster Mike Harper said, Mr. Chairman, Commission, we really appreciate you guys inviting us back. Just a quick note, I'm headmaster, but I'm interim headmaster, just to -- for the record to be correct because Ms. Quarles, our head -- current headmaster had a heart attack, and she's on the -- the mends coming back. But -- but anyway, I'm -- I'm filling in, but I -- I've been the headmaster for the last three months, and -- and just kind of going in a good direction. Real quick before we get started, I do want to just recognize my brother-in-law real quick just in a quick story. It won't take but about -- if he ever sits you down and wants to talk football, and he starts telling you about his Newberry College days, it's not 100 percent correct because 50 percent of it is I was trying to bail him out because we played side by side. I played offensive guard. He played offensive tackle, so I had to bail him out of a lot of situations. So, he always thought he could talk his way through a play, but, no, back then we couldn't do that.

Mr. Harper said, with that being said, but, no, real quick I just want to share how Coach Thompson and his staff, and the athletic department at our school, we have achieved all these accomplishments through -- through a part where our coaches -- number one, our school, has zero budget for athletics. Our coaches receive zero stipends for their coaching, and with that being said, I'd like to recognize our coaching staff and our athletic director of their love, time they put into these young men. These young men do not realize what these coaches do for them behind the scenes, and I -- hi Dean -- excuse me Commissioner Kicklighter, and I -- but I wanted

to recognize these guys have become student athletes. We've got a very young group. We have an outstanding group of seniors, but at the school we are -- we're turning, and we're get -- going in the right direction. I think these young men will tell you that they don't walk the halls anymore, they don't -- they in class, they're learning. They've become student athletes.

Commissioner Thomas said, good.

Mr. Harper said, we have some young men that are being recruited, and -- but with that being said, I do want to recognize, Dean [Kicklighter], we were talking about past acquaintances, I wanted to recognize Commissioner Kicklighter, his brother, Randy, a quick story. I don't know if -- another quick story. I was the head coach at Groves High School, took over, and we were doing a conditioning drill. I don't know if you remember this. I ran them and ran them and ran them like Coach Thompson, and Randy went home and sat on, I think your dad's recliner and picked -- picked up a gallon jug of tea to hydrate, and then he got over heated, and Besse called me raising Cain. So I go to the house right after practice, I don't even know if you'll remember this, I go to the house, and he is laid back in -- had that tea jug sitting up here. I said, what are you doing? He said, well I had to have some hydration. No, you don't drink tea. But what I'm saying is, Randy, I had the opportunity to Coach Randy at Groves High School before he passed, and I just wanted to recognize that too. But -- but with that being said, we appreciate it. I hope to see you all again next year, but I want to bring our coaches up. Coach Thompson; Mr. Sussman, AD; Coach Bolen. But what I was saying, these guys get zero funds to run our program, zero stipends to coach, and if y'all know any corporations out there that could really like to sponsor some of our games and stuff, please call us. We -- we'd be glad to have them.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, hey -- hey -- hey Coach, Coach, I think my brother would appreciate it if you would now tell that he won the strongest player in the school all four years, and he was all-region, not just his pass out story there.

Mr. Harper said, well, no -- no he was -- he was a great leader. He almost -- he almost made me famous. I almost had the one and ten defense. You -- you know, I had him on the defensive line and at times, I had to put everybody in the back because that -- he -- he probably -- he was a superior athlete, and he could run sideline to sideline. I mean he -- I mean he was beating our safety's down the field, but, no, he was an outstanding young man, and we -- and back then -- and also, stand up -- this young man, his daddy played with Randy. This is Parker Singletary. So we've got connections in the community. We just need y'all's help in helping us continue our school, and I'll shut up.

Chairman Scott said, football -- football players, Mr. Headmaster, must be a lot like lawyers, they don't always tell the truth, because I've heard several football stories from Commissioner Kicklighter, and he always talk about his outstanding feats. He never mentioned --

Mr. Harper said, well, he's in that -- he's in that 50 percent --

Chairman Scott said, all he says when I -- when I ask him about his brother, all he says, well he played, and then talks about how fast he ran the 100, and how many touchdown he scored. And that's all he talks about, himself.

Commissioner Center said, 6.4 yards a carry.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, 6.6.

Chairman Scott said, I appreciate you -- I appreciate you pointing that out.

Mr. Harper said, just remember, if he gets 51 percent, you need to shut him up. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much for being here. And thank you for all that you do for these kids.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

[Applause.]

Coach Michael Thompson said, once again we're back, and I really appreciate --

Chairman Scott said, Coach, pull those mikes up a little bit.

Coach Thompson said, I'm sorry. I really appreciate the opportunity -- or we really appreciate the opportunity in coming back to -- to meet with the City Council [sic]. As a team and as a staff, we really showed a lot of courage this year, especially with the young group that we put on the field. And just -- words can't express how I feel about this team right here because this is one of my tough tasks with this group right here because we was just so young, but we was very talented. With that being said, I'm just going to get into introducing some of the players. If they don't mind I want them to come and introduce themselves 'cause I normally go one by one but starting from Zach Farrow.

Mr. Zach Farrow said, I'm Zach Farrow. I play right guard and linebacker.

Commissioner Center said, what -- what year?

Commissioner Farrell said, linebacker.

Commissioner Thomas said, speak up.

Mr. Farrow said, I'm a senior, 2016.

Mr. Atha Stathopoulos said, I'm Atha Stathopoulos. I play center and I'm the class of 2017.

Commissioner Stone said, I can't hear.

Commissioner Thomas said, I can't hear you.

Commissioner Stone said, we can't hear y'all.

Commissioner Thomas said, we can't you. Please speak up.

Commissioner Center said, like you're on the O line.

Commissioner Thomas said, like you on the football. Be aggressive.

Mr. Stathopoulos said, Atha Stathopoulos --

Chairman Scott said, he said the class of 2017. He said that. Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Stathopoulos said, thank you.

Mr. Paul Morris said, Paul Morris. I play left guard. Class of 2018.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Parker Singletary said, Parker Singletary, nose guard, left guard, class of 2016.

Commissioner Thomas said, there you go.

Mr. Noah Lloyd said, I'm Noah Lloyd. Class of 2018. I play corner back.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Deion Holliverse said, I'm Deion Holliverse. Right guard, senior class, 2016.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Rondall Newsome said, I'm Rondall Newsome, senior, cornerback.

Mr. Kawan Williams said, I'm Kawan Williams, and --

Commissioner Thomas said, there you go.

Mr. Williams said, and I'm in the class of 2000 -- 2018, and I'm just a athlete. That's it.

Mr. Shavari Williams said, Shavari Williams, 2017, running back.

Mr. Nicholas Livingston said, my name is Nicholas Livingston, class of 2017, and I play nose tackle.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Alex Doyle said, I'm Alex Doyle, class of 2016, right guard.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Parker Lane said, Parker Lane, class of 2016, center.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

Mr. Ben Kelgard said, Ben Kelgard, class of 2017, right tackle.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Marion Harris said, Marion Harris, class of 208, safety.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Deiontre Cooper said, Deiontre Cooper, class of 2017, wide receiver.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Jamario Green said, I'm Jamario Green, left tackle, class of 2018.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

Mr. Frank Smart said, my name's Frank Smart. I play running back, 2018.

Mr. Derry Pinkston said, hello, my name is Derry Pinkston, freshman, class of 2019 and middle linebacker.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Car'del Blalock said, my name is Car'del Blalock, class of 2018, wide receiver.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

Mr. Winston Wright said, my name is Winston Wright, class of 2019, just a athlete.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Delvecchio Powell said, my name is Delvecchio Powell, class of 2019, running back, strong safety.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

Mr. Brian Miller said, my name Brian Miller, class of 2017. I play defensive tackle, defensive line, offensive tackle and fullback.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

Mr. Adrian Smith said, my name's Adrian Smith, class of 2016. I play quarterback, cornerback, safety, punt return, kick return -- athlete, my bad.

Mr. Mekhi Cooper said, my name Mekhi Cooper, class 2017, I play everything basically.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Christian Smith said, my name Christian Smith, class of 2018, I play kick -- running back, linebacker, all that.

Mr. Irvin Riley said, my name is Irvin Riley, running back, class of 2016.

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

Commissioner Center said, stand back. Get a good one.

Mr. Riley said, I just wanted to let you guys know how honored we are get this privilege --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Mr. Riley said, -- to be presented in front of you guys. Last year Shavari Williams at the end of this program said, we was going to be here this year, and like he said, we were here. So thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. All right.

Coach Thompson said, as you can see I deal with a lot of character and personalities.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman.

Coach Thompson said, oh, and this is Coach Bolen, he just wanted to leave y'all with a little gift from this class State Championship.

Chairman Scott said, and we have someone on this Comimssion, who calls himself a coach, and that's Commissioner Holmes. So Coach Holmes want to ask you a question.

Coach Thompson said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, couple of question, Coach. Couple of question.

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't have a question, but I want to make a comment.

Commissioner Holmes said, show of hands from the athletes, how many of you guys came through the Boys and Girls Club program? Any of them?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right. I'll add this to my collection. Thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, well that -- that speak why you going where you going at. You came through a good program. The next thing, Coach, with your accomplishment, have you ever do any clinical work out in the community?

Coach Thompson said, well, recently, I -- well lately, I have worked numerous of youth camps. I volunteered at Savannah State a couple of times and -- and currently I was asked to do a little voluntary work this year in the ESPN combine that's coming to Savannah, Georgia.

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah. If you that successful, you have to start spreading that knowledge out and let someone else pick it up. The seniors that graduating, any offers to college?

Mr. Mark Sussman said, we have -- we have a junior that has had multiple offers. Brian Miller, stand up.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Mr. Sussman said, he already has been offered North Carolina, Wake Forest, a lot of other schools are coming forward. [Applause.]

Commissioner Holmes said, congratulation.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Coach Thompson said, and Irvin Riley and Adrian Smith are -- they in the process of receiving a scholarship from Jacksonville University. So, that's an accomplishment. And they all (inaudible). [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair has a comment or question.

Coach Thompson said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. To the coach and to all of the other members of the staff. Again, I am so excited, and we are so happy for you. It took some time to get where you are today, and that's through leadership and being steadfast, and I want to say to these young people as I say to you on other occasions, we are so proud of you, and we hope that you are proud of yourselves. I want to also remind you that the sky is the limit. I'm always reaching. I'm 81, but I'm still reaching. So don't ever give up, and I want you to be just as aggressive in the classroom as you are on the field of football. Again, thanks to each and everyone of you. You have not only just made us proud, but you have made Savannah and all that's looking in very, very proud. Continue to keep up the good work. Thank you so very much.

Chairman Scott said, 5th District --

[Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, 5th District Commissioner Shabazz has a question or comment.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. I'd like to thank you and your institution for being a great example for the young men that's in your program, and I'd just like to tell you congratulations and -- for producing such fine gentlemen there. Thank you.

Coach Thompson said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Coach -- I mean Chairman. Coach -- put me in Coach. I'm sorry. I'm here and I'm sick. So, you know.

Commissioner Center said, do we have to unexcuse him?

Chairman Scott said, Commiss -- the Commissioner from the 7th District, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Coach, I just want to congratulate you and say I think it's great if you can do some community service, but back to back to back state championships, that means that you have to dedicate an awful lot of time to the job that you're paid to do. I admire you, and in that little bit of excess you might have in between winning these state championships, that's great that you're doing what you can do, but amazing job, and all you guys, that's awesome. Enjoy those rings and it will be -- it will be special even when you're an old man like me sitting up here one day. I never got the state ring, but you know, that's still the glory days, the old -- the old running back days. So y'all just enjoy it. Good job.

Coach Thompson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you all so much.

Coach Thompson said, thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, that's amazing.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, proclamation.

Chairman Scott said, headmaster, would you hold on a minute, we haven't given you the framed copy of that proclamation that we'd love to give you.

Commissioner Center said, Adrian wants to be back on television.

Commissioner Thomas said, that is marvelous. That is so wonderful.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much, and this is a framed copy that you can put in the headmaster's office or wherever you want to put it.

Mr. Harper said, right. Right.

Chairman Scott said, and we also made individual copies for members of the team.

Mr. Harper said, right.

Chairman Scott said, again thank you so much.

Mr. Harper said, thank you so much. [Applause.]

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2. CHIEF JOSEPH LUMPKIN - UPDATE

Chairman Scott said, next on the agenda is our Chatham-Savannah, Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Chief Lumpkin will update us. [Applause.]

Chief Joseph Lumpkin said, thank you -- thank you Mr. Chair and Commissioners. Thank you all for moving me up forward. The -- as the Chair mentioned in pre that the governing body and executive board -- elective board for the International Association of Chiefs of Police have decided to meet here in Savannah, Chatham, and they'll be here through tomorrow, and it's the 40 odd people in the country -- internationally that represent the 25,000 chiefs in the free world. It is essentially all of the department directors, ATF, FBI, etcetera will also be in here to discuss policies.

Chief Lumpkin said, today we're going to provide you all with an update and again of course we'll take questions as you have them. The topics we're going to provide -- do you all have a written copy? Did they put one of these up there for you all?

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Chief Lumpkin said, it just hasn't come up on the screen yet. Okay. The topics are part one crime for the jurisdiction, also part one crime separated out by unincorporated county, violent crime reduction initiatives; technology, investigative tools; unincorporated Chatham County's new initiatives in 2016 that we plan; the community outreach; recruiting and retention. The first -- the next slide that you have before you actually shows the total jurisdiction crimes from 2016 [sic] to 2015. These are the part one crimes. We'll get to the part two crimes in a moment that Commissioner Stone asked for last time, but from a simplistic perspective, what crimes are not listed as part one are part two by definition. You -- the numbers are not good for the past -- past year. We all know that we had 21 more homicides in the year jurisdictional wide than we did the previous year. The inordinate number really is in domestic violence. The community had -- as a whole had experienced five domestic violence a year in average for the last five years or so. The -- this 2015 year we actually had 14 domestic violence homicides. Five of those we actually had five children that were killed by family members or care givers, and that's as many as we typically have romantic relations and children's death. So domestic violence is a really concern. If you go to the next pages --

Commissioner Center said, Chief -- Chief, before --

Chief Lumpkin said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, would -- would you tell the public the difference between a robbery and a burglary? You've got commercial and street robberies; commercial and residential burglaries.

Chief Lumpkin said, okay. Robbery is a crime to a person, crime to a person. Person has to be in control of the property or -- a burglary is an entering of property and an individual typically is not present. A burglary can be directed toward breaking into a home to -- in order to assault a person, would be a burglary. The -- but when the community, citizens, all of America, when they are frustrated, they always speak, I was robbed, and typically, they're speaking of their home was broken into.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chief Lumpkin said, and these definitions are set by the feds and uniform crime report, and that's the way that they collect them and they set the definitions. We break it -- as you see into commercial robbery, street robbery. The statute is the same, the legal statute, but in order to get to the root cause, it's a little difference between how they actually commit commercial robbery, a Walgreen or a CVS as opposed to a street robbery. In order to assign resources and predict what might happen, you break it to its smallest common denominator. The same with assault with a gun and without a gun. You'll see that you got an increase significantly with assault with a -- without a gun for this year. Georgia law changed so if in a domestic or other issue, if a person puts their hand around another's neck in a strangulation attempt, it becomes aggravated assault now, and that was not previous. It went under typically a different simple assault, a part two crime. So you have significantly more of those crimes appear. Behavior was probably the same out there. The reason the upgrade was trying to stop the domestic violence issues.

Chief Lumpkin said, the next chart shows you just a graph of what you have seen previously. The page five, you will get to the unincorporated Chatham County crime statistics from 2007 to 2015. As you can see, the -- we had 120 incidents of the violent crime part one, homicide, rape, robbery total. You have to go back to 2011 to have that many type crimes. Overall that's -- we -- in 2014 the number was 85 in total, 2013, the number was 72; 103 in 2012; 121, similar to where we are in 2015 back in 2011. The -- had three more homicides. All of those three were domestics. Essentially that -- the one was as you may recall a senior landlord shot a lady -- a senior female landlord shot a female in terms of rental, at Oak Forest, and then we had three domestic homicides within the county, that -- where the people had a -- a relationship and they killed. Property crimes, we had a significant increase there. The 12.5 percent, the numbers are 1717. You have to go -- really go to --back to again 2011 to see those type of numbers, although in the -- in -- surprisingly in -- in terms of the shoplifting which can drive those numbers, you had a bit of decrease, and the police really does not -- for shoplifting, whether it's positive or negative, they don't drive those numbers. The loss prevention people in Wal-Mart, Sams, or whatever, store drive those numbers.

Chief Lumpkin said, again, one of the challenges in this community that relates to our problems are -- is auto theft. People steal cars in this community in order to -- for them to be crime cars. They -- they have anonymity with the stolen vehicle and then they move from one part of the community to another committing crimes, and typically will steal another car to get back to where they were originally from. Part two crimes is on page six. Again, you can think of part two crimes as all criminal incidents that -- other than the part one. And you -- you can see from the totality of it they are very similar, actually a small reduction but it is very similar. The numbers don't look good, and I don't -- I'm not proud of them whatsoever, but we're not going to cook the books either. We're going to report what occurs, and that -- that's the only way that we can get to the root cause of what's occurring to actually know and report it as is, and then collectively we can figure out what we can do about it and stop it.

Chief Lumpkin said, page seven reports the citizen initiated calls for services, and this is unincorporated. You can -- there you can see that we had approximately a 9.67 percent increase in the calls for service from the unincorporated area in 2015. We had a very similar increase in calls for services in 2014 with a similar in 2013. I can't explain 2012 beyond explanation it has to be some bad data or lost data in there. You would -- you would not have such a statistical variation when you get through -- two or three standard deviations obviously something is wrong with it. But the -- the data system doesn't have it in it then. See the -- the unincorporated county increased for calls for service actually higher on a percentile base than the -- in the total jurisdiction. UNIT -- the undercover narcotics investigative team I believe someone had a question last time when we were here about its activities and what it had done and where it was working. It works county wide in terms of unincorporated and the -- the city, and it assists in other places when the investigation leads there. It -- 11 percent of the reports initiated from -- from them were in the unincorporated county. Ten percent of the felony arrests, six percent of the seized guns were in the unincorporated, and 13 percent of the drug arrests were in the unincorporated. You can see the types of drugs that they are -- have seized and the types of weapons. There's a picture of a display.

Chief Lumpkin said, the violent crime task force, where we put another of officers together on a periodic basis, four times last year I believe to actually go out in force and work four to seven days to try to impact people that we thought were actually committing certain crimes. You can see there are statistics in the felony arrests, 128 for 2015. They seized 26 guns, four drugs, the -- the 37 felony warrants. The -- the -- they also work wherever the crime takes them. We can break it down, but crime does not respect jurisdictional lines, city, county lines or county, state lines. We have a number of -- and I -- I guess the South Carolina people would say the same thing, they have a number of Georgia tags fleeing back across the bridge. We have a number of South Carolina tags that are subject to suspicion or people have reported problems with fleeing across the bridge, particularly between 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. issues.

Chief Lumpkin said, initiatives, the end gun violence step forward, I think y'all are familiar with that. It's the -- of course the vast majority of the homicides have been within the city, but some of those homicides and

shootings were also -- some of the shootings also were in the county area not proportionately. This initiative has to go at individuals where they are. They can live in this county or they can live in a -- one of the municipalities, etcetera. If they're linked to gangs, guns and drugs, then we have to go after them no matter where they are and try to -- what we call touch them. Arrest them for the crimes if we have the cause to arrest them. If they're in the jails, to -- with the sheriff's support, if they are a gang member and we have identified them, they are putting certain sanctions towards them in terms of checking their cots more, their commissary rights. Anything that we can do to let them know we know who you are, and if you're people are causing problems on the street, then we're going to apply all constitutional leverage towards you and anyone around you. The focus is on hot spots with a laser focus on most violent offenders, the people who are -- we think are the most violent offenders. We -- the object is to break up the groups, gangs, and reduce the gun usage in the community. The federal sector has returned to the standards of prosecution that they used in the '90s for Albany -- for Savannah and Chatham County. There -- there will be a lower threshold to get a case into the federal courts than it might be somewhere else. We're using the same standards that we used past, therefore, the US attorney's office has written -- actually complaints on individuals who have been bonded out of state charges and charged the person with the same behavior with a federal charge, if the judges have deemed those individuals as a threat to the community and have not allowed them to be released under federal charges.

Chief Lumpkin said, you can see that we've been trained, including the City Manager, the District Attorney, the Assistant County Manager, all went up to John Jay to listen at how this ought to work. We've been in -- using the weekly technical calls. We have audited five years of all homicides in this community using our people, the federal sectors, the municipalities, the sheriff's office, and the sheriff probably has the best intelligence because people have a -- a self-interest in reporting their gang affiliation when they're booked in the jail and not be housed with a rival offender. We -- we're using all that to develop what we call links. Individuals who committed the crime or we think might have committed the crime, who are his or her links? Who do they associate -- associate with? Who's their group? What's their gang? And then we're -- if they're identified as being the worst or they did a particular shooting, then we're going after the person who actually pulls the trigger, but we're going after everyone else in that link too, and puts laser focus in -- towards them. You can see some of that with -- on the video that we have produced. Also, the -- we examined all aggravated assaults from the last two years and -- in developing this database.

Chief Lumpkin said, when we call -- had a call-in on December the 15th, we told some people that -- about 15 young people that we called in, we sent -- told them they were -- they were not singled out as such, but they are our messengers. We wanted them to understand how we're going to apply the law, and we're going to apply it constitutionally. The Mayor spoke, the DA spoke, I spoke about some of the same things that's on the video, they were told, and the attorney -- US attorney was in a medical procedure at the time and was not there, but the first assistant, Jim Durrence, spoke, and he spoke of that the standards here now is one bullet, and if you're a bad actor, you can be subject to 15 years in federal prison. Depending upon your previous history --

Commissioner Holmes said, Chief?

Chief Lumpkin said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, how strong is gang recruitment here in Chatham County, Savannah?

Chief Lumpkin said, there's -- gangs have been in Chatham County for decades.

Commissioner Holmes said, is it --

Chief Lumpkin said, and it's strong -- 13, 14 percent of our -- that the correction is turning loose is gang affiliated. You figure that we got 700 to 1,000 coming back here a year, it -- we -- there's some problems there. Gangs are -- are -- when they go from here being a local gang member, when they get in corrections, when they're local gang can't provide them that support, they join the gangs that are affiliated state and national gangs, the -- the crips, the bloods, the ghost -- and we have them black, white and Latino.

Commissioner Center said, do -- do you know what draws a person to a gang? What -- what -- what is their recruitment pitch?

Chief Lumpkin said, what draws a person is the lack of a caring adult in their life. Gangs do the same -- do the same things that -- what strong families do. They appreciate the child; they reward the child; they put their arms around them, except they do it in a manner that directs the person towards criminality. What prevents gangs, and we'll -- we'll send y'all something on there from a national perspective is to interact with children at a early age and a strong, caring adult. It's best, of course, if it's family, but it doesn't have to be the family. Athletics, as Kick -- Commissioner Kicklighter talked about, a lot of kids who come out of a bad situation, find their way because they find that within the team, those caring types of things. It's the -- what Coach Holmes spoke of, the Boys and Girls Club. That particular entity is named in federal statutes as -- was able to receive federal funding by name, it's the only one, because of it's national work over the years with preventing crime and youth issues.

Commissioner Center said, so investment in these programs is beneficial for the community.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes. If -- if we have -- if you have accountability, etcetera. You know, you -- you can put money down a whale also, but if you have accountability, and you're moving, it -- it -- it costs you less to actually

prevent than to house. That's the whole issue with the juvenile reform now. The governor -- this governor said a couple years ago before juvenile reform, it cost us \$90,000 to keep a juvenile in a secure detention, that's prison. We call it secure detention in juvenile terms. The -- we can send them to Emory for about 40,000 a year. So it -- it's obviously prevention if you can build strong men -- young men and women, it's -- it prevents victimization. Every crime is a victimization. Somebody's been harmed personally or they lost property.

Commissioner Center said, Chief.

Chief Lumpkin said, the -- we made some different assignments --

Chairman Scott said, Chief, one of our Youth Commissioner has a question.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Roberson said, how much of the youth would you say is involved in gangs and gang violence? Like is there a percentage?

Chief Lumpkin said, the youth, I would just be guessing if I said, the -- I don't have a idea because conceptually I do not have a idea of the age brackets clearly in Chatham County in my mind, but I'll get you an answer if you give us our -- your -- your -- if I can look at the percentile on it, the -- I'm thinking we have 30 odd thousand in public schools. Am I in the ballpark there?

Commissioner Farrell said, 35.

Commissioner Brady said, in the public schools? About 38,000.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, 38,000.

County Manager Smith said, public schools? 38,000.

Chief Lumpkin said, so, the -- you know, it's a -- it's -- it's a function of how many youth do we have.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz has a question for you as well.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning, Chief.

Chief Lumpkin said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how does the problem with ending gun violence, how does it relate to the re-entry program with individuals coming back into the community? You know the state has this re-entry program.

Chief Lumpkin said, the -- the com -- component, I didn't finish the people who spoke. A -- a federal judge spoke, and the -- then social services people spoke.

Commissioner Shabazz said, uh-huh.

Chief Lumpkin said, what we want to send a message is stop doing what you're doing, but here are some people on this side of the table that want to help you be successful in terms of education, development of skill or GED development of skill, job training, finding jobs. It is not conflictive with people coming back as long as they don't participate in violent crime or other crime.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but you --

Chief Lumpkin said, if you -- if you -- if a individual participates in crime, then it is conflictive.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right.

Chief Lumpkin said, but the end gun violence is really focused at the violent crime, which national statistics say the shooters is -- represent about .5 percent of our population.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. So the end gun violence then has something to do with the early release program?

Chief Lumpkin said, no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, end gun -- it -- it will oppose early release. I'm opposed to anyone who is convicted of a gun violent crime or a convicted felon receive -- being paroled with a third of their sentence.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Chief Lumpkin said, they plea bargain to get where they were.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Chief Lumpkin said, and I keep -- my first six months here, I had four officers shot at, and in -- October 26th, I had two -- or four additional officers shot at and two shot. That was a person who was a convicted felon, had been arrested with a fire arm before, had been bonded out, and while he was bonded out, he has another gun, and he shoots my officers. I cannot keep you safe and this community safe, if we're going to bond -- if we're going to participate in a catch and release system with folks who are carrying guns who have already been convicted of a felony.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. The other question is, when you went over the statistics back on page, I think it was page three.

Chief Lumpkin said, three?

Commissioner Shabazz said, and I looked at the homicide rate from 2014 to 2015, and there was an increase by 21. I want to ask you, what -- what do you say is the cause for the increase of the homicide rate?

Chief Lumpkin said, what caused it, typically, in -- you can never be definitive on what causes a certain human behavior, but there are some -- there are some crime factors that the FBI nationally and criminologists represents. Now you -- you say well has -- those haven't changed over time, why do we have 21? But you can have a perfect storm also. You get a lot of people back in who are into your community, who are shooters, and they're not being arrested at a high rate or that the criminal justice system is not dealing well with them. We have -- transitness is a crime factor.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Chief Lumpkin said, a number of folks we arrested were not necessarily from this community. A number of our shooters, we arrested them from Miami to Virginia.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, the -- the gang recruitment. Gangs target Georgia in the last two years in terms of recruitment. The gangster disciples, the bloods and crips particularly, and they are in -- in competition. The roadway systems that we have, the fed site, not our roadways, but roadways in general, transitness.

Commissioner Shabazz said, uh-huh.

Chief Lumpkin said, we have 95 running north and south, and we have a state that has a higher crime rate to -- to the north of us, and a higher crime rate to the south of us.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, I think we hit a perfect storm. Now, one of the significant things is that we had -- we were down tremendously in number of officers and still don't have them on the street, and you'll see later where we were recruited a lot of them, but the -- even with that volume, 21 increases, we're going to finish the year with higher clearance rates than the national average. The murderers aren't staying on the street. We -- if we lock them up, we'll get a -- and convict them, which I believe we will, we will start -- we will start to prevent these things if the state won't turn them loose too quick.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you, Chief. One last --

Chief Lumpkin said, it's a -- it's a whole list. I'll send that to y'all, crime factors, if you want it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. One last thing I want to ask you, how can we access this new video?

Chief Lumpkin said, I could not hear the last part.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how can we access -- access this new video?

Chief Lumpkin said, the video?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chief Lumpkin said, the -- it's -- I thought it was up on your web.

Commissioner Center said, it's on the SCMPD web.

County Manager Smith said, well it's on the --

Ms. Michelle Gavin said, it's on the county government channel.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Ms. Gavin said, we gave it to Pete Nichols to air on the county government channel.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Yeah.

Ms. Gavin said, it runs continuously there --

County Manager Smith said, it runs.

Ms. Gavin said, and the city government channel. It's also available --

Chairman Scott said, it's on both channels.

Commissioner Thomas said, both channels.

Ms. Gavin said, -- on the SCMPD -- scmpd.org.

Chief Lumpkin said, yeah, you can pull it down for yourself.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, it's on our website too, I believe. So it's accessible.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and -- and -- and thank you for your service, Chief.

Chief Lumpkin said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Chief Lumpkin said, but there -- there's a -- we have mentioned some of the other crime factors like family cohesiveness. If -- the higher the family cohesiveness, the lower your crime rate is going to be, and there's a -- a number of others, not any single one causes crime, but you put a number of them together, then you have it. And the other thing I would like to point out to you, the criminal justice -- and I probably should have put it in this -- the criminal justice system is a schematic flow chart that the feds have had out there for years. The police is about 10 percent of it, prosecution another five, eight percent, the 20 -- 80 percent is downstream. The effectiveness of it, the judiciary, correction, probation, parole, they have a real impact on safety of our citizens.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm. That's correct.

Chief Lumpkin said, what page is that?

Commissioner Center said, you were last on 13.

Chief Lumpkin said, I was on 13? All right. We -- we have to work intelligence much better, and I think we're on the right road there with the Sheriff's people and our people, and we've assigned folks to do that. We promoted Captain Ashley Brown, and he's going to run the violent crime task force. It stood up once this year. You'll see it as we add additional people and get these folks out of training, 60 odd, that we'll stand that violent crime task force up to what's -- was called the UNIT. We had about 12, 13 over there, it's going to 28 to 30 people, and they'll be actually looking, day to -- every day for this type of activity, for violent criminals.

Chief Lumpkin said, we had our first call in on December the 15th. We saw some actual reporting of shots fired dropped unincorporated and county there, and, of course, we saw them spike two weeks later on -- went from about 98 -- we average 160 odd a -- a -- a month, but it -- every 28 days, but it went from like 98 or so to 368 on New Year's Eve, and you see the spikes on July 4th and those type things. July 4th is actually greater than New Year's Eve. Shot Spotters, you can see the technology, it's not jurisdictional wide. The comparison of shots fired when picked is citizen CAD call reports, we can do that for -- since we've been existed, but Shot Spotters is from about a year, and that's only in some areas of the city. We get -- we get suggestions from some county areas that we ought to have Shot Spotters. It's a very expensive tool that for the county issues and challenges, I don't see where it would be cost effective. It doesn't tell us who shot the gun, it tells us where a shot was heard from, and unless we've got a car on top of it, it does not -- it does not -- it's not that helpful.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and most shots in the unincorporated area is people hunting.

Chief Lumpkin said, yeah, many of them are, and -- and then some are gun ranges type, but typically we don't get those calls, like out behind Sams and Wal-Mart, because people know there's -- there's a gun range out there.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Chief Lumpkin said, but we do get a spike there like on July 4th too.

Commissioner Farrell said, could -- could I mention something?

Chief Lumpkin said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell from the 4th District.

Commissioner Farrell said, the -- there's a, you know, a shot gun only range behind the Wal-Mart and not that we want to encourage anybody to, on the 4th of July or New Year's Eve to shoot their gun, but it is somewhat of a tradition in -- in some people's mind. If people would use a shotgun with birdshot if they shot it up, the -- the pellets coming down would be virtually harmless. Just putting that out there. If you shoot something up in the air with a bullet, when it comes down, potentially very dangerous. Again, not encouraging anybody to do that, but if you really had to choose out at -- that you really were dead set on shooting your gun on these events, perhaps choosing a shot gun with bird shot would be a much safer alternative than putting lead bullets in the air. Just wanted to put that out there.

Chief Lumpkin said, you're -- you're correct that those larger calibers have -- returning to the ground have caused tragedies in a lot of instances. The bird shot -- and that's the reason that a lot of entities have that you can shoot varmints or that squirrels get in, but you can't do it with a .38 or a .308, that you do it with a rat shot or smaller. There's a principal there. You can see -- we also use what's called NIBIN, and NIBIN is used in unincorporated county and the other municipalities. We are actually the process for every -- anyone, and that's -- allows us the opportunity to compare the actual casing that is ejected from the weapon and/or the projectile if we recover it, and we can tell whether it -- they came from the same gun that we have been involved with before. If we have captured the gun or if we just have ballistics from different incidents. It's investigative tools. You can see it on 17 page -- I mean 15 -- 14 and 15. Our people have been, although understaffed, working about 30 percent less in forensic than is allocated for they actually have had a higher entry point than the national average and have -- Savannah -- Savannah's average has been eight percent where nationally it's only four percent in terms of what we're picking up and analyzing. And it's been helpful. We've recovered murder guns and helped other folks in other communities make murder cases, but we have not gotten to that point here in our community. And that's why we can tell also that guns move and individuals move from down in Florida through there up north of us. Some of our intelligence suggests that many of them have gone to -- some of them have gone back to revolvers because of that type of -- where they do not leave the shell case in tact.

Chief Lumpkin said, the Island precincts, you see on page 16, unincorporated Chatham where the areas that are worked in. Just last night I think it was the Wilmington Island residents were talking, and we're trying to help organize a neighborhood watch formally there. Neighborhood watches do very well when we have problems. They don't do -- they tend to not come to meetings, etcetera when problems aren't -- and it takes strong personalities to keep them running. The traffic patrols that we've done this year and the -- you can see that on page 17, and the bicycle patrol issues. You'll see an expansion of that as we get to the rookies on the street. For this coming year, I think it's jurisdictional wide, and we'll apply it to the county, particularly unincorporated county, and when I say county, I mean unincorporated county, not the other municipalities, per se, but the -- we're going to have some emphasis on domestic violence. The DA and I have agreed we're going to pay for some experts to come in here. We're going to expand our patrol school where we actually put the officers into working -- simulated domestic violence calls that they will testify with lawyers and prosecutors and have a real sense of how to do it before they actually hit the street and will have had some practical.

Chief Lumpkin said, the -- the automated license plate readers, you have them operating in the county. We are actually learning how to make those effective. For instance, there were issues with Wilmington. They thought there was -- it was a particular vehicle that we were looking for, and we do have warrants on the subject out there that -- that have been causing some problems. We -- but those -- those license plate readers can tell us whether a particular type of vehicle, if it's got the right plate on there and the picture of the vehicle, we can -- who went there and when, and we can go back from an investigative perspective and solve some of these crimes. We're working up a plan to how could -- can we control the -- the egress, ingress and know who people -- what people go on and off certain areas and not to keep the data henceforth, but a short period of time of capturing that data, if we don't have a crime in those area in x amount of time, then you delete the data, but you would have if someone said it was -- it was a Forerunner out here in my neighborhood last night doing such and such, we could find it.

Chief Lumpkin said, you're going to see an emphasis on analytics, application, intelligence-led policing more than you have, and predictive policing. But you have to have the analytics that say when did it happen, where do we need to be when? You can see the 19, the -- the hours or the -- Commissioner Stone, I believe it was your question about the mounted -- mounted patrol last time, and they did work some. They didn't work extensively in the county, but they did work some in the county area. The --

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

Chief Lumpkin said, yes. Sorry.

Commissioner Brady said, on page 18, it shows increased patrols for 2016 at the Enclave. Isn't the Enclave a gated community?

Chief Lumpkin said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, and it has a guard at the gate.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, and so --

Chief Lumpkin said, we -- but we -- we plan to increase the patrol on all those gated places.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, but -- but that was requested by the --

Chief Lumpkin said, yes --

Chairman Scott said, -- homeowner's association.

Chief Lumpkin said, request on the Landings. We plan to re -- increase - as we get more people, we can have -- put more people in those areas. We'll -- we'll bring out 30 odd officers next -- on February 15th, and a proportionate number of folks will go there.

Commissioner Brady said, and the Enclave does not have like their own little security.

Chief Lumpkin said, they have security, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, the Landing has security. Where Chief Tolbert has -- lives has security, but we plan to put -- put our people into these areas. I thought that was the message that some people wanted to see more of our people actually in areas of the unincorporated county.

Commissioner Brady said, oh, ab -- absolutely. I -- I don't disagree with that. I was just questioning the fact that it -- it's a gated community.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, and it has a guard at the -- at the front.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes.

Assistant Chief Julie Tolbert said, Chief, let me respond to her -- the -- good morning Commissioners, Chairman.

Commissioner Brady said, good morning.

Assistant Chief Tolbert said, to respond to your question, the Enclave does have a gated community, however, on the back end, it's not secured like it should be, and, therefore, we do experience criminal activity just as we do in any other neighborhood. Therefore, our officers are in fact required to go through that community and patrol. We have experienced a number of burglaries over there, so we do patrol that area very heavily, just as we would any other neighborhood. The security is only at the front end of the -- the gated community.

Commissioner Brady said, has -- has the -- do you know if the homeowner's association has discussed trying to close up the back end --

Assistant Chief Tolbert said, we just -- yes.

Commissioner Brady said, -- of that property?

Assistant Chief Tolbert said, as a matter of fact, I believe they had a meeting last night to discuss that. We just had a -- a meeting in comp stat also to discuss the neighborhood association stepping up there responsibilities to assist with the issues in the Enclave, as well as with some of the other gated communities. So, yes, they had a meeting. Apparently they are not a fully organized association to the extent of neighborhood watch, however, the officers are forming that with them as we speak, and that was a part of the meeting last night.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Chief Lumpkin said, there's a reason for all three of those. I would rather not go into it, the -- the specific reason. I'll tell either -- either one of you why that -- but it -- the bad guys watch you on -- on TV also.

Chairman Scott said, carry on, Chief.

Chief Lumpkin said, but -- but there are specific reasons for all three of those.

Commissioner Brady said, well, I -- I understand the first two, it's just I was asking in reference to it being a gated community.

Chief Lumpkin said, all right. Where was I? Number 20? Okay. Those type of activity, community outreach are throughout the jurisdiction. We did perform those in unincorporated area. One of the issues here is on 21 is the student gun pledge that we started in -- within the schools. We're going to expand it hopefully throughout the schools. You can see a portion of the student gun pledge. Many communities throughout the United States have done this since the '90s. It essentially says I will never bring a gun to school. I will never use a gun to solve a personal problem or dispute. I will use my influence with my friends to keep them from using guns to settle disputes. And we need to ingrain that at the middle school or earlier level as it moves through for we have -- we have a mind set of using guns to settle problems. It -- I think it had been a decade or so where I came from since we'd had a gun in school, and we have been using this with all middle schoolers, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders every year. Buying them t-shirts, talking to them in assemblies, and trying to get them to ingrain a gun is not what you need in your hand to settle problems.

Chairman Scott said, Chief, could -- our Youth Commissioner King.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner King said, how much youth do you think are involved in gun violence? Is there a lot or --

Chief Lumpkin said, no, it's -- it's not a lot. If you were speaking of 20 percent, no. It's very small people. The people who are actually shooting, the national statistic says .5 percent of the population. If you look at that from the total jurisdiction, I think you're talking of about 1200 or so people out of around 240,000 or so. I think that's what city -- city, unincorporated county, somewhere around 240. But they are prolific. That's the problem. They don't stop. You have to stop them. 2015 recruitment. We were on a 605 base, and that's what this is reporting on. We said we needed to hire 120 officers. I think somewhere here it will tell you that we hired 126 in the last 12 months. We're down to 27 vacancies at this -- as we speak, if no one's turned their resignation in today, and our attrition rate has fallen in the last six months to 6.8 percent from about a 17 percent. The national average is 12 typically and 14 or so in bad years. We'll have 15 additional officers that are budgeted for this upcoming year, five were budgeted for January 1st, the other ten will be staged out. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, the pay raises have had an effect? What is the feedback on that?

Chief Lumpkin said, the pay raises have had an effect. We still have some issues in compensation and compression that we're working on. Certainly they've had an affect and I think -- I think it's a combination of things that have had impact. It would not have occurred without the pay raises, and it will not stay at that lower rate unless we have plans to keep us competitive. A number of our local competitors in county and external county have -- are not sending people to mandate training. They're just hiring our people, which is a -- a good value for them when we spend \$70,000 trying to make them competent. They wait two years or three years and the person has all this experience at Metro and they go to a smaller jurisdiction and that would have taken them 10 years to get that type of experience or training. So -- and it's not Savannah-Chatham. It's all over the state with that.

Commissioner Center said, and private businesses have a way to compensate for that with non-competitive agreements. Public -- there's nothing we can do about that.

Chief Lumpkin said, right.

Commissioner Center said, maybe I'm asking the County Manager.

Chief Lumpkin said, we -- we can stay competitive. We're -- we're not going to compete with the Port. If a person is in that stage of their life, we're not going to compete with the FBI, but we ought to be able to compete with some of our surrounding jurisdictions. You see it takes us about 44 weeks to make a police officer self sufficient. Most agencies turn them out after the 11 weeks of mandate training. If you did that here, you'd have a significant liability issue in terms of, in my opinion, and most with -- because of the complexities of a large jurisdiction and with so many cultures, etcetera. You need -- they need better training than the 11 weeks. And the state says that's not the ideal training. It's only about 45, 55 percent of the knowledge, skills and abilities they need. That you need to do some more for them.

Chief Lumpkin said, I told you about the DV enhancement training, and we can get -- get a hold and get on a domestic violence with the services, but we have to provide. We also have to have citizens' help. Those five domestic violence, and three ended in -- three ended in a murder suicide. Someone I would suggest knew that people were in crisis, and those individuals weren't referred anywhere. The -- page 23, it's a GANT chart that shows you how people move through when we hire them, how July 25, 2015 hires actually come out of full training February 15th, 2016. And that shows you all the way down, when you can expect -- we can expect to have more officers. Now we also are hiring officers who have already completed their academy or may have worked here at one point, and they're on the job training would be -- would be different and shorter. They don't have to go back through a lot of what we have there.

Chief Lumpkin said, we spoke to the employment rate. We plan to have about 30 in the next academy. We'll lose -- we'll average losing what about three or four per month -- month since -- about three per month or so since July, so that means that we'll lose three to six -- it's never static. It would be great if -- but we're going to have retirements. We're going to have entries. We're going to -- medical retirements. Those type of things, so we're going to lose some people, and all attrition is not bad. The other just deals with the process on page 25, how we've gone from 20 applications to -- per month average to 104, and that was a drop from the fall applications. That might have been a Christmas experience, etcetera, but it had gone up significantly higher, and we hope for it to get back to it. It may have been the Sheriff's recruitment, also, that -- he's recruiting too.

Chief Lumpkin said, we -- we've done it with digital recruiting. We've done it -- the people we are looking for, the marketers tell us, and the people from the Chamber of Commerce, the marketers, are going to be from 20 odd to 30 odd years of age. That's the base how -- people we higher. We higher people up in the 50s that pass the test, but the majority of them are going to come from the 22 to 35 range. So the marketing is focused on that group of men and women in college, military and otherwise to get them, and they communicate more digitally than most of us. As you pointed out Commissioner Center, the compensation benefits survey helped, and the reduction in attrition, it relates to that time period, down to the 6.8 percent. We think the leadership and management training that many people have received, the LPO leadership, the Georgia Public Safety Training Supervision and Management, the Peace Officer Association of Georgia training that -- leaders without titles type training, that everyone is a leader. Their job is to influence the environment, the crime, the people, and do it in a positive manner within the mission, vision and values of the governments, and you have to start them off as patrol officers as leaders.

Chief Lumpkin said, the -- the car there has those license plate readers. You probably -- probably all have seen them on cars moving around and the video cameras, we're perfecting that. We still have a ways to go with them, and -- but we have to be perfect. Video helps you. 99.9 percent of the time, the officer's going to be right, so just get it on video in my opinion. When they are not right, we'll say it and move on. We'll clean it up. We've had some critical incidents that we caught on video that obviously show that we were -- the officers were proper including where in the end two officers were shot. But we've had some other where the Chief said I wish they had had the video on, so we changed the policy to get it when you interact with citizens, turn it on. We're hoping the state legislature will give us some help and don't make us continue to keep that type of video.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, questions.

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

Commissioner Holmes said, Chief, I really, really enjoyed that information.

Chief Lumpkin said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you for what you're doing and what you have done. In the '60s and '70 there was a PALS program that the police department once had. It was ran by a gentleman by the name of Lucius Levette. He was an officer. Did a magnificent job of getting in the community working with our youth. You mentioned how important that is to keep these youngsters from being attracted by the gang members. Are you planning on putting the PALS program back in?

Chief Lumpkin said, yes. It was Police Athletic League then. It's going to be Police Activity League for it will be broader than athletics.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, we could not do that while we're so short of people. If I can get to full staff, we can do it. I remember your -- your PAL program down here. I brought a team down here in the early '70s. I was the coach, and we beat you.

Commissioner Holmes said, son of a gun. I knew you would throw that out. But I'm looking forward to seeing that back on the --

Chief Lumpkin said, it's -- it's coming back, but, you know, community safety has to be first as we try to bridge, and we -- we've had meetings with kids. We've gone to the high school, we've talked. In fact, we -- we -- and the precincts are doing that, but it's not formal as the PAL. It will -- it will come.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Thanks.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. You all do an amazing job, and we are all grateful for that, but I have a concern, and maybe you can help me with it. I'm going to try to be brief. An incident occurred where a couple that -- I don't want to mention any names, had a neighbor that was throwing rocks through their window because she was mentally unstable. She had this on video. The police came; they did a great job, but I was told there was nothing that they could do for this couple. Eventually they boarded up their windows. My concern is that

this escalated a few weeks later to where the person who was mentally unstable came after them with a shovel, did significant damage to vehicles, both neighbors on both sides, threatened one. She is now in jail, but why did it have to get to this point, and what programs do we have in place to deal with situations like this? And the -- the real concern I have now is when this individual gets out, any type of retaliation against both of these neighbors.

Chief Lumpkin said, first, given the circumstances that you have explained, it's something that we could have done initially, and we -- we need to check that. We'll get your -- get the specifics where we can go back and read and find out what actually occurred and why we didn't do certain things. If a person -- if they have video and you have testimony, there are certain things that we can actually do and apply. If the person -- if it's a mental health consumer and we have the threshold for asking for a involuntary commitment for examination, we can do that. It shouldn't have to wait until --

Commissioner Stone said, that's my concern --

Chief Lumpkin said, -- the property --

Commissioner Stone said, -- is -- is the danger --

Chief Lumpkin said, we'll -- we'll review and see why it was not done, and when citizens think the -- things have not been done that the police should have done, the first call really ought to be immediately let -- let me see your supervisor, or there's a sergeant or lieutenant that ought to straighten it out. If they can't straighten it out at the sergeant, lieutenant level or -- or the precinct commander, then call my office, and we'll get into it. But we can't continue to have sergeants and lieutenants who aren't doing what they ought to do, but the citizen have to give them the opportunity to come over and say I'm not satisfied with this. Is there something else you can do?

Commissioner Stone said, I just don't want anybody to get hurt.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes. Mental -- and then we can -- there are some opportunities, and I should have brought that chart for the judiciary to actually put conditions on folks if they're in jail, and they -- and they go through the process where they just can't do certain things.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I -- I will await your response, but I was just concerned as to why this individual could not be picked up and why the neighbors had to ultimately board up their windows.

Chief Lumpkin said, Chief -- Chief Tolbert is going to get the name from you, and then we'll run it down.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell from the 4th District.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. Enjoyed the presentation and -- and the -- the level of detail. Public safety being probably the highest thing on people's minds in this county. One of the things that intrigued me was that you mentioned that the -- the police department and the district attorney's office were a small percentage of the public safety equation and that detention and -- and -- and bonding and probation and this different things were -- were a large part of it. In that essence, I was thinking that maybe we should at some point in the near future hear from the Sheriff's department to hear what that component is doing in addition to the police and the -- and the district attorneys to do what we can do to keep the bad guys out of circulation.

Chief Lumpkin said, now, I was including him within the policing part of it. I'm talking about people beyond detention local.

Commissioner Farrell said, well seeing how's we have, what, 1500 guests at any given day, I think we have a pretty large detention program going on right here in Chatham County.

Chief Lumpkin said, but my suggestion was that the power really is with -- at that bonding and he does not determine bonds per se. The -- that's a judicial function. That's where I was going --

Chairman Scott said, judges and -- judges and the DA.

Chief Lumpkin said, pardon?

Chairman Scott said, judge and the DA.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's correct.

Chief Lumpkin said, yeah. The DA can object, but the -- and the -- the way I understand it, the DA can't determine the bond.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chief Lumpkin said, it's just -- it's a judge -- judicial function, and I included the sheriff within the policing part of it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. Thank you.

Chief Lumpkin said, but the -- I didn't have him down stream.

Chairman Scott said, okay. All right. I got Commissioner Brady from the 6th District.

Commissioner Brady said, this is a wonderful report. It gives us a lot of information, but the most concerning thing for me is that we went from -- total jurisdiction we went from 32 homicides in 2014 to 53. Do you know how many of those 53 homicides have been solved?

Chief Lumpkin said, it's around 70 percent. It's higher than the national average. I can look up it. It's higher than the norm even with the great increase in volume.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and while you're looking that up --

Chief Lumpkin said, go ahead.

Commissioner Brady said, while you're looking that up, a huge concern of mine is the crime that is in the downtown area, and especially around City Market and those squares, and have y'all increased patrols in those areas because, I mean five people to get shot in Ell -- I think it was Ellis Square. Four were shot in a -- in a garage downtown, and I won't even come downtown anymore. The only reason I come downtown is to come to a Chatham County Commission meeting. I stay on the southside, and I -- I mean I live on the southside and I stay there. But, I mean, there's fear in the community about the crime in downtown Savannah because I -- I hear a lot about folks who used to -- to go downtown, you know, to the restaurants and stuff and now they don't because they're concerned about -- about the homicide rates and -- and every day you open the newspaper you're seeing where somebody else has been shot. Now that's not specific to --

Chief Lumpkin said, we -- we had a homicide downtown, and it was a resident of the southside where I used to live, but the issue with that was that the shooter, the perpetrator was going to kill that individual no matter where he or she saw him -- he saw him. It was a vindictive, retaliatory shooting. It -- we had 17 people within two blocks of that shooting on a normal Friday, Saturday night. So -- so we captured him at -- but his -- because of a prior incident, he was going to shoot and kill if he could kill that person. We closed the club last week, I think it was last week. I lose track of my time where those individuals that came out that was shooting in the -- in the garage and on the street. We're still working on some issues about that Ellis Square, but there are a significant number of uniforms and plain clothes assigned to the downtown area, particularly at Ellis Square and the hospitality areas there. Each -- when the crowds are there. I'm not going to tell you exactly what hours and days they are down there.

Commissioner Brady said, well it's very concerning to -- to go from 32 homicides to 53.

Chief Lumpkin said, the -- the -- as I said earlier, one of the real big issues there -- it is disturbing to have any homicide, really a problem with it. The issue -- big issue there out of the norm was we had ten more domestics than the community normally had. The disputes between acquaintances were nine this past year, they were 10 last -- in 2014. Retaliatories went up where we can show a relation -- people had a retaliatory -- one of them I just spoke of from three to five. Drug related homicides, and we are -- indicted you might have read a couple of weeks ago, folks were three homicides where they went in and killed some people, but that was a drug-related homicide. The argument escalation was -- accounted for one, gang retribution accounted for one. Unfortunately, you know, we worked some prostitution, other issues down south, 204 and 95 area and all. Two of our homicides were related to prostitution in this community. Road rage was one -- no that was the previous year, excuse me. The -- we have five unknown and five justified, including the one that the police involved. Well the DA hasn't classified any yet, but I classify it as such for reporting purposes based on the videos. The -- we -- five of those were just -- justified, the arrests have been made in, what, 25 now. The -- there's a search thing that's called exceptionally cleared. Three homicides were exceptionally cleared because the perpetrator shot and killed the victim domestically and then shot and killed himself. Those are cleared. There's a couple other in those type areas where the perpetrator is now dead, and you clear it if you can't -- if you can prove that he or she did it but you can prosecute him because he's dead.

Commissioner Brady said, gotcha. I appreciate it. Thank you much -- so much for your answer.

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair has a question.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you so much -- thank you so very much you and -- and staff and all the policemen and everybody that gives themselves to public safety and etcetera. You do a tremendous job under the circumstances. But what I want to continue to say out there to the citizens of Chatham County is this is not a police problem. It starts in the home. It starts in the home. Most of our parents, they don't know where their children are. Most children are raising themselves and so forth and so on, so they're engaged in all of these

adverse activities. We have some parents who are engaged as well, so it's a whole lot of stuff that's going on, but we've got to take a positive attitude --

Commissioner Shabazz said, turn your mike on.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- and try to do the best job that we possibly can.

Commissioner Shabazz said, turn your mike on.

County Manager Smith said, microphone.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh, I'm sorry. We've got to take a positive attitude and do the best job possible. Here again I want to go back to make sure that what I said a minute ago that parents have to become more active. You see something, you say something. And the other thing is that make sure that your child or your children are in your homes at night. I see too many teenagers walking the street, 10:00, 11:00 o'clock, 12:00 o'clock at night. What are they doing out? That's how they get involved in stuff, and they become involved with gangs and so forth and so on. If you live in my house, I'm going to know where you are, and if you don't want to abide by the rules and regulations then I have somewhere else to put you. You still won't be out there, you know, dealing with what you need to be dealing with. We just need to be going back to the old time whatever, parents, and the other thing is that crime is everywhere, everywhere in Chatham County. So it's going to take everybody to be a part of the solution. So my plea today is to all of the citizens of Chatham County. Let's make a difference in our cities and our counties and also, let's help make a difference in the lives of our children. We're losing too many of them.

Chief Lumpkin said, family -- family conditions, cohesiveness or Boys and Girls Club and some caring adult --

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Chief Lumpkin said, -- some courts wrapping their arms around kids can make a significant difference. It's not just a governmental problem, but the effective strength of law enforcement is our responsibility.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Chief Lumpkin said, the paramount duty of government according to our constitution -- Georgia constitution is public safety, and we can get there.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes we can.

Chief Lumpkin said, we can get the numbers up, we can get -- we can assign them appropriately. We have to also change the citizens' attitudes towards police, which you spoke to. If you see something, say something. We got to get rid of this snitch issue.

Commissioner Thomas said, yep.

Chief Lumpkin said, there -- there's not snitching, it's civic responsibility, collective safety, and we have to start teaching young folks that -- and early on where they grow up with it as a value as opposed to -- one thing I didn't mention that's going to help us all is the federal commitment to help Savannah, Chatham. The US attorney -- not only US attorney but the attorney general has committed resources for Savannah, Chatham County, and the -- don't want to go in to what they are, but you'll see them. Yeah. But to have the attorney -- US attorney willing and we'll have in meetings to write a complaint when he thinks somebody shouldn't be on the street as opposed to waiting for an indictment. We can -- we can pick people up on complaints when the US attorney signs them, and the -- and the judge agrees. So if -- our intelligence is going to get significantly better than it was 12 months ago. It's better today than it was, but it's going to get significantly better now, and our intelligence capacity, human intelligence and our application of the principles of predictive policing is going to get significantly better. We're going to be efficient, and we're going to have higher arrest rates than the nation and hopefully Georgia, and it's not that many of them -- the bad ones.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much, Chief.

Commissioner Center said, may I make one comment?

Chief Lumpkin said, thank you all.

Commissioner Center said, I just -- I just want to thank him.

Chairman Scott said, we have one -- one last comment from the Commissioner from the --

Commissioner Center said, and thank you, and I know this has gone --

Chairman Scott said, --3rd District --

Commissioner Center said, this has gone very long --

Chairman Scott said, -- Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, -- and I appreciate it, Mr. Chairman, and it is a long report, but you notice everybody paid attention. I just want to again reiterate my personal confidence in you. The -- the -- the breath of fresh air you have brought the community, not only -- in your personal demeanor and how you're handling this police department. You're not cooking the books or hiding numbers. I -- I think you have brought a lot of confidence to the community, and I appreciate you and all the people that work with you for that.

Chief Lumpkin said, I appreciate that, but it's the men and women who are in those patrol cars that are really critical people here. We're going to provide, along with the elected bodies, the leadership that -- and the management, but thank the men and women who are actually out there servicing the cars and the staff who put this together, Assistant Chief, and Mrs. Gavin, and -- she put this together. Those guys in the street are our heros. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, and thank you for all you do. And the entire force. Thank you.

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3. RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL KAIGLER FOR RECEIVING THE ICMA CREDENTIALLED MANAGER STATUS.

Chairman Scott said, next I'll recognize the County Manager for a acknowledgment.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. Just real quick, 'cause I -- I know we've gone long today, but I also want to thank the -- the Chief for the information. He and Assistant Chief Tolbert, we see each other on a weekly basis, and I -- I agree with Commissioner Center, it's -- it's very enlightening to be able to talk about this on really a daily basis about crime and how we make our -- our community safer.

County Manager Smith said, I want to just real quick ask Assistant County Manager Michael Kaigler to come forward. He hates that I'm doing this, but I'm going to do it anyway. As part of our directive from the Chair and from this Board, we have developed work plans for every single employee, and all of our team members in doing that, particularly with our management team. Michael's been a member of ICMA for how many years?

Assistant County Manager Michael Kaigler said, about five years.

County Manager Smith said, about five years, and after that five years, you have the ability to as we -- he and I had talked about in his work plan, becoming a credentialed manager. Now in Manager's lives, it's like getting your CPA. Michael has enrolled in that, has begun that, so he's kind of reached that. He'll be going through a 360 and will now be entitled as a credentialed manager in the United States and North America. I've been in now I think 20 years, as -- as a credentialed manager, and Michael is doing that now. It's a commitment of 40 hours a year of continuing education. It is a huge commitment, and I just wanted to personally applaud him for doing that and taking that direction. It's important to me and my team to have that kind of support and that kind of dedication, so I just wanted to say personally, thank you. He hates that I'm doing this, but it's important. [Applause.] Michael.

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, Mr. Chair, I -- I'd like to personally thank Lee for his commitment to staff. He's been a big supporter of employee development, employee training, and I think with that commitment, we're going to see a change and a -- and a -- for the better in all our county employees, so I'd like to publicly thank him.

County Manager Smith said, thanks, Mike.

Assistant County Manager Kaigler said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, thanks.

[Applause.]

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4. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS.

County Manager Smith said, all right, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I'll get this right.

Chairman Scott said, next I'll -- I'll recognize the County Manager for the presentation of service awards.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. This is something we're doing different. In the past we've had them on an annual basis where we have recognized the anniversary of our team members. Of the 17 that are recipients, 14 are here today. We're now going to once a month, which will be the second meeting of the month, to

recognize. We wanted to bring our team members to a higher level, not just have a luncheon, you know, recognize, shake their hand, but we wanted to be able -- I want the community to see what we have and the commitment and dedication that you have from your team members, and I wanted that to be recognized on television and with our local media. That's important to me; it's important to our team. But it's a new initiative to do this. We're going to ask if the -- Carolyn Smalls is going to take my seat, she's kind of going to lead and call the names. I'm going to ask the Board to step down and line up here facing out, I'll be on the end and giving the gifts to the employees at the end, and then when we come back and be seated, we would ask for comments from the Board, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, everything you said was fine till the last part.

County Manager Smith said, okay. What? Comments?

Chairman Scott said, you can't ask the Board to do anything.

County Manager Smith said, well I will say, you ask them. You ask them. I'm going to ask Carolyn -- we'll have the team members if you'll come up and shake hands with the Board and you'll receive your gift here and to be seated again as the Chair said, then he'll decide whether or not there are comments at the end. Carolyn.

Ms. Carolyn Smalls, Human Resources Director said, Mr. Chairman, Board Members, County Manager, Lee Smith, I am pleased to present to you the January 2016 service award recipients. With 25 years of service, Ms. Patricia H. Morelli, Superior Court Administration [Applause.]. With 25 years of service, Ms. Gloria D. Youmans, Superior Court Administration [Applause.]. With 25 years of service, Ms. Terri L. Knapp, Department of Public Works and Park Services [Applause.]. With 20 years of service, Mr. Samuel B. Perry, Facilities Maintenance [Applause.]. With 15 years of service, Ms. Ramona Hill, Human Resources Department [Applause.]. With 15 years of service, the Honorable Lisa G. Colbert was here earlier. We still would like to recognize her, but she had to leave. With 15 years of service, Ms. Sherron C. Davis, State Court Clerk's Office [Applause.]. With ten years of service, Mr. Nathaniel E. Panther, Engineering [Applause.]. With ten years of service, Mr. Alexander Williams Department of Public Works and Park Services [Applause.]. With ten years of service, Ms. Georgia B. Kennedy, Tax Commissioner [Applause.]. Five years of service, Ms. Sherry Moss, Detention Center [Applause.]. Five years of service, Franklin R. Rollins, Sheriff's Office [Applause.]. Five years of service Shannelle L. Kent, Tax Commissioner [Applause.]. And there's one more, 15 years of service, Commissioner Dean Kicklighter, County Commissioner [Applause.]. Congratulations to all.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

County Manager Smith said, we -- let's see will the 20 years -- on photos the -- we were going to do a couple photos right quick with the Board. 25 years -- say the 20 and 25, if they could come up and line up in front of the Board. We'll get them worked out. If you'll just line right up in front of the Board, we'll just work it out. It will all work out. This is all new. Great. Thank y'all very much, and thank the employees for your patience today, but I think the employees and the team members got to hear some things that you don't get to hear every day. So, anyway, appreciate you coming, and I appreciate everything you do for everybody. Mr. Chairman. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, is there any of the Board members who want to be recognized for comments?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I do, please.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just -- I want to congratulate everybody, and I think I made it kind of clear to most everyone, but I wasn't shaking your hands 'cause I'm under the weather and I didn't want to pass that on.

County Manager Smith said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, sorry, if it may have appeared rude, but -- but it was actually very kind to not do that to you.

County Manager Smith said, and we have antibacterial if you need it.

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

Commissioner Brady said, I would like to congratulate all of y'all for your work for this county as long as you've been here. Sometimes things can get difficult and just to stay in a position as long as many of you have, I congratulate you and God speed to you.

Chairman Scott said, anyone else?

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair, Priscilla Thomas from the 8th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I too --

County Manager Smith said, microphone.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- would like to congratulate --

County Manager Smith said, microphone.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- each and every one of you and --

Commissioner Shabazz said, microphone.

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't know what's going on with me today with his mike. Again, I would like to congratulate each and every one of you. You make us very, very proud. You are the engine that really makes us go. So keep up the good work and thank you very, very much.

Chairman Scott said, let me just acknowledge that we have our Tax Commissioner in the room, Commissioner Powers, Danny Powers. Thank you so much for being here. We honored a couple of his employees and really appreciate it. And let me just say thanks to --

Tax Commissioner Danny Powers said, (inaudible).

Chairman Scott said, -- yes -- and let me just say thanks to all of you who work for Chatham County, and you are the face of the government, and we appreciate everything that you do, and we appreciate the manner in which you represent us. Thank you so much for being here.

County Manager Smith said, thank you. Thanks.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank y'all.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. We thank HR for putting all this together too. Thank you. Thank y'all.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

[Applause.]

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5. PRESENTATION ON GATEWAY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DR. MARK JOHNSON.

Chairman Scott said, next we will have a presentation from Gateway Behavioral Health and really we also want to introduce to you the Chief Executive Officer of Gateway in the person of Dr. Mark Johnson, who is fairly new on the job and it's a pleasure to see you again and thank you so much for being here.

Dr. Mark Johnson said, thank you very much, Chairman Scott, Commissioners. Ladies and gentlemen, it's a great pleasure to be here. It's a great pleasure to be here on the day that so many different parts of what it takes to produce a healthy community and healthy lives for our children and our adults are -- are really being reviewed and talked about. What I plan to give you is just a brief, high level overview about Gateway Behavioral Health, which is a Community Service Board and won't delve into many of the details of what all we're doing in Chatham County. I would like to recognize a couple people that came with me this morning. We have José Lopez. José is with the Department of Behavior Health Developmental Disabilities. José is our regional service coordinator for District 5. District 5 covers the four CSBs. So basically sort of from Waycross and Statesboro, the -- the -- 100 miles of the coast and -- and include Gateway. And then Mr. David Crews, who I believe you all know. David Crews is the gentleman Commissioner Berry appointed who got to retire again in November 15th when I was appointed November 16th but was appointed as the CEO for Gateway, righted the ship, has it on the right course, and so it's a delight to follow in David's footsteps. Then with me also today is Wendy Hughes, our chief financial officer who's come up from our administrative offices down in Brunswick. Of course we have an administrative office up here in Savannah now as part of righting the ship. Chris Williams is our clinic manager for Savannah Counseling out on 70th Street. Lawanda Fuller is the coordinator there. Thank you Lawanda. Rufus [Johnson] is with developmental -- he's a director for developmental disabilities throughout CSB region, which stretches from the -- the Florida line to the South Carolina line. And then I'm going to get your name wrong probably Teneka, Teneka Gerido (phonetic).

Ms. Teneka Gerido said, that's correct.

Dr. Johnson said, good. Thank you. Teneka is the manager for our adolescent clubhouse. We have a substance addiction clubhouse out on Derenne, and Teneka is the director of that. So it's really great to have them here with us today.

Dr. Johnson said, now how do I control the slides?

County Manager Smith said, I think he put the control right there.

Dr. Johnson said, right there. Okay. I've got it. What is a -- a community service board? And this is very high level. I apologize for those of you for whom this is old hat. It is Georgia's Public Safety Net established by the legislature in the early 90s for behavioral health, that includes substance addiction and developmental disability services. Basically for people that are uninsured and under insured. There are 26 community service boards state wide. Gateway serves Chatham County, as well as seven other coastal counties and is a key partner with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The -- it's critical access and routine crisis services for mental health, for addictive diseases and for developmental disabilities. Typically I -- as I said, we serve the low income population, but a CSB is free to serve anyone, but that is our target and designated population.

Dr. Johnson said, partnerships are key. The needs of this part of the community cannot be met by any one agency alone. As we've explored this morning, you've been talking with -- with regard to what law enforcement can do and what judges need to do. The -- the -- the vision of Gateway and -- and for the department is easy access to quality services for the people that need them. It's that simple. The mission is to provide recovery. Word in a moment about how we define recovery -- provide recovery to individuals with mental illness, addictive diseases and developmental disabilities. Won't linger on the definition of recovery today but it's a very important one. There's lots of content here. This is not stopping taking medicine, this is not never needing a hospital, this is not needing to be in counseling. This is individuals improving their health and wellness from wherever they are, moving forward with their health and wellness, living self-directed lives, that is not being told how to live but taking executive leadership in their own lives with assistance and then striving to reach their full potential, and so that really does apply to everybody regardless of whether you got a diagnosis or not. You might say that what the department has applied to Gateway in the past two and a half years has been a recovery model for it is an organization to improve it's health and wellness, be -- become the master of it's own fate, and strive to reach it's full potential and take it's place in service.

Dr. Johnson said, our geography as I've said is eight counties. 37 percent of the people currently being served by Gateway live in Chatham County. Again, just some statistics. You -- I've -- I think we got these handed out about the numbers of adults, the number of youth. You can see there's clear room to increase these substance addiction services being provided. You can't tell it on face value, but there's room to -- to actually increase the mental health services as well. Here's just a breakdown of population of the counties. The breakdown by child and adolescent and then the people in treatment with us. I'll be glad to come back and answer questions later, but as I said, I want to kind of just give you a high level picture. Lots of psychiatry visits. Lots of services for developmental disability. That's our -- our number one. That's our contact service and then a -- a lot of people get treatment. Predominantly outpatient. It's not necessary, the example, Commissioner Stone, that you asked about this morning, I think was a good one with the rock throwing incident. I don't know the details of that, of course not, but it's not necessary for somebody to go all the way in to a crisis stabilization unit or into a hospital for a court to intervene and get them an evaluation, and so those are the kind of partnerships that do prove, and we are back in the county I would say to help build those and -- and -- and be of help.

Dr. Johnson said, I'm going to turn quickly to some of the facilities -- to our actual facilities. We do have Savannah Counseling on 70th Street. All kinds of activity go on there, and we could do a lot more. We could double what we do for -- in terms of care and treatment for residents of the county. This facility is maxed out when it comes to space. There's no room to do more than we do right now at that facility. The need, of course, is -- is much more than we can meet right now with -- with space. The funding is actually there from a state level for the services. We have Teneka here from the brand new clubhouse that we've got now which we're very happy with. It's a -- it's a great place for teenagers that have dealt with substance addiction and are in recovery. There's a -- you can't see it here, there's wonderful outdoor space behind this property. Wonderful meeting space, activity. On the 16th of February at midnight that morning, the operational control of the Adolescent and Child Crisis Stabilization unit that is currently out in Bloomingdale and being run by Georgia Regional Hospital will transfer to Gateway. I don't have a picture of that facility, wouldn't really want one. That's a facility that for safety reasons we need to get those children, adolescents out of as quickly as we can. In the meantime we're doing some kind of quick fixes, some blind spaces, places without cameras to make it a safer place for the moment.

Dr. Johnson said, and then throughout the community we have some very nice residential, group homes that -- that consumers with developmental disorders are living in. We also have a training center down in the -- the southern part of the county for people with developmental disabilities, and space being an issue, we have an annex where substance abuse outpatient counseling takes place with an active peer support program, and then we have intensive case management. I took out the slide that really ran through everything intensive case management did. It's a very rich program, very beneficial to people who are trying to -- to move from the hospital or from crisis stabilization back into healthy functioning. We're a valuable support system in the community, that's how the legislature designed things. It's been very -- we appreciate very much being included in the discussion about the blue print. We see many opportunities there for being of help. The department -- I shared the blue print, of course, with Two Peachtree. The department took a look and one of the handouts are just things that were quickly identifiable as these are clearly places that CSB can be of help.

Dr. Johnson said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, in the eight counties that Gateway is in, five of those counties do provide help with facilities. Some provide cash contributions for care and treatment. I believe Chatham County used to do that and -- and withdrew support when Gateway was not fulfilling it's responsibility to the citizens of the county. Gateway is re-organized. It is repurposed -- re -- not repurposed perhaps, but refocused

and ready to fulfill and has started fulfilling those responsibilities and being part of that partnership, the partnerships it takes for -- for the residents to have the care and treatment they need.

Dr. Johnson said, I know this was fast. We are certainly available for questions and further detail, but I really do appreciate your time and appreciate your dedication to the needs of the county.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Brady of the 6th District has a question.

Commissioner Brady said, in those residential areas that you showed, the houses, there's actually one not far from me, and -- how many folks stay in one of those residence?

Dr. Johnson said, we'll have to --

Commissioner Brady said, 'cause I'm guessing it's like a three-bedroom, two-bath house.

Dr. Johnson said, should be three or four.

Mr. Rufus Johnson said, four.

Dr. Johnson said, four.

County Manager Smith said, four.

Commissioner Brady said, four? Four. 'Cause there's this -- there's this little gentleman who comes out, and he walks around and then he comes back to my neighborhood, and -- and I see him out there and when I leave the house, I'm like, can I, you know, give you a ride, and he says, no, I'm waiting on a taxi. He's disabled --

Dr. Johnson said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, you know, physically disabled.

Dr. Johnson said, Rufus, come on up. Rufus is our director for that program, and it's interesting in Georgia most people or many people do live in group homes that are three or four people. There are CSBs and -- and Rufus is working on increasing that where what we have -- we have to work on host homes. Where instead of being in a home with four people, they are actually one persons living with a family. So it's -- you want to say something about that?

Mr. Johnson said, I would like to know what area you say you lived in so I know which home you're talking about.

Commissioner Brady said, it's -- it's a home on Stillwood.

Mr. Johnson said, okay.

Commissioner Brady said, I -- I -- I don't live on Stillwood, but it's around the corner from me.

Mr. Johnson said, yes. We do have one of the homes there. We have four individuals living there. Yes.

Commissioner Brady said, okay. Well, he's as sweet as he can be, but he, you know, I see him, you know, getting in a cab and all. I've tried to give him jackets and stuff. So I, you know, I don't see anybody else, that's why I was asking. He's the only one I've seen. And the only reason I know it's a Gateway facility is because I see the Gateway van.

Mr. Johnson said, yeah. One of the things that we try to do with persons with develop -- developmental disabilities is get them to use some of the common transportation that you and I may use. We may not always have to take them ourselves as an agency, but by choice, they may have a chance to call a cab or to catch rides with family friends or church -- church vans or whatnot. We are really trying to move forward in that method of like Dr. Johnson was talking about, recovery, is to allow them to make that -- decisions for themselves. Typically in group homes there's the stigma that we -- we keep them in group homes to keep them away from everybody else. That's not what we're trying to do here --

Commissioner Brady said, no.

Mr. Johnson said, -- in Chatham. We want to put them out in the community. We want to allow them to have the ability to make decision for themselves. So if you do see a cab or something pull up, it's personally -- probably by his choice that he may want to go to visit someone or we may have someone on the other end to meet him, just to get him the opportunity to have that chance to -- to catch a cab.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and I offered him a ride. I've offered him rides several times. He won't take it. Thank you.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. Good morning.

Dr. Johnson said, good morning, Commissioner.

Commissioner Shabazz said, can you tell me a little bit about the clubhouse component of Gateway?

Dr. Johnson said, I sure can. Tameka, come on up. One thing I'm making -- I'm trying to do is not misstep having moved here from 18 years in St. Louis, and, you know, there are some differences between cities and states. I must say I'm enjoying those differences right now.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Ms. Gerido said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. Good morning.

Ms. Gerido said, you just wanted me to give you a overview --

Commissioner Shabazz said, an overview.

Ms. Gerido said, -- of what the clubhouse?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Ms. Gerido said, okay. The clubhouse is a grant-funded program.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, ma'am.

Ms. Gerido said, grant funded through DBHDD, and we are -- we service the clubhouse in Savannah --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Gerido said, -- services youth 13 to 18, and we do -- we provide a -- a realm of services.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Gerido said, even though that it's a substance abuse clubhouse, we do family advocating; we help them with their homework; we help them get in school when they're out of school or expelled from school. We have a case manager who checks on them at the house, checks on them at school. We get their -- help them get their driver's license. We -- we work on the whole person, and we also work on helping the family. So we provide counseling services, substance abuse groups, life skill groups. We focus on criminal addictive thinking. Mr. Shabazz came to our back to school bash that we hosted over the summer.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, ma'am.

Ms. Gerido said, and we gave away about 250 book bags, not to only our youth, but to other youth in the community. So we do a realm of things.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am. You know I -- I -- I came to your function.

Ms. Gerido said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but I wasn't really familiar with the whole --

Ms. Gerido said, concept.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- program. I was -- I came upon an invitation.

Ms. Gerido said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but I'm glad to hear the things that you're doing, the positive things that you're doing, and I also went to a -- a luncheon that they had that Ms. Rad -- I think Ms. Rad -- Ms. -- Ms. --

Ms. Gerido said, Ms. Edwards.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Ms. Janice --

Ms. Gerido said, yes. Edwards.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Edwards, yeah, Ms. Edwards, she invited me, but a lot of times when you get invites, you don't know whole details.

Ms. Gerido said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so I wanted to let everybody know that that's a very good program, and I applaud the positive things that you all are doing, and also the idea you're reaching out to the community and involving individuals in the community.

Ms. Gerido said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I appreciate that. Thank you.

Ms. Gerido said, that's key. That's key.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Ms. Gerido said, we've -- we've been reaching out and trying to --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Ms. Gerido said, -- go in the school system and do presentations.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Right.

Ms. Gerido said, just trying to --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Ms. Gerido said, -- get help through the community too.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Ms. Gerido said, to help our youth.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. Thank you. And -- and also, Dr. --

Dr. Johnson said, Johnson.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- Johnson, I'm familiar with the Savannah Counseling also, and the gentleman by the name of -- deals with substance abuse. There's a gentleman that helps with substance -- substance abuse.

Dr. Johnson said, George Ruff.

Member of the Audience said, Bill Carruthers.

Dr. Johnson said, Bill Carruthers, right.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Mr. Bill Carruthers.

Dr. Johnson said, yes. Yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and I -- I -- I -- I applaud him and his efforts to how he's able to reach the persons that's in that program to reach them right where they are.

Dr. Johnson said, yeah, Bill really can do that, can't he?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Yes. Yes.

Dr. Johnson said, he really can.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and I thank you for that also.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions? Comments? Doctor, thank you so much.

Dr. Johnson said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, and welcome.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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[NOTE: This item was taken out of turn, after the Second Readings were heard.]

VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

1. REQUEST BOARD ELECT A CHAIRMAN PRO TEM FOR 2016.

Chairman Scott said, the five-minute break is over. We'll now move to the nomination of Pro Tem for calendar year 2016. I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you Mr. Chairman. I believe that our current Chairman Pro Tem has done an outstanding job, so I would like to make a motion --

Chairman Scott said, you've got your -- you've got your mike off.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think our current Chairman Pro Tem has done a fine job, so I'd like to make a motion to re-appoint her for one more year.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Commissioner Helen Stone, that is.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Is there any discussion or unreadiness or are there any other nominations?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I made the motion.

Chairman Scott said, is there any other nominations? Hearing none, all in favor of the nominating of Helen Stone to continue in the position of Commission Pro Tem, indicate so by voting yes, opposed no. Motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to re-appoint Commissioner Helen Stone as Commission Pro Tem for 2016. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Thomas were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: VII-1
AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Lee Smith, County Manager

ISSUE:

To elect a Chairman Pro Tem for 2016.

BACKGROUND:

The County's Enabling Act requires the action be taken during the first meeting of the Board in each new year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Concerning the election of the Chairman Pro Tem, the Enabling Act states:

At the first regular meeting in January of each year, the Board of Commissioners shall elect from its members a Chairman pro tem. In the event of the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, the Chairman pro tem shall preside at meetings of the Board of Commissioners. Such a Chairman pro tem shall not have or exercise any of the duties or authority of the Chairman except to preside at meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Elect a Chairman Pro Tem
2. Postpone election of a Chairman Pro Tem.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Compliance with the Enabling Act.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Alternative #1

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[NOTE: This item was taken out of turn prior to Item 1.]

2. POLICE MERGER COMMENTS (COMMISSIONER CENTER)

Chairman Scott said, next on the agenda, I'm going to recognize Commissioner Center for some comments on the police merger.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those of you at home and in the audience may notice that the Commissioners are wearing purple ribbons. If you remember a few months ago at our Rock 'N Roll Marathon, Metro Police Sergeant John Cain became a hero with his spontaneous and kind act of helping a runner cross the -- the finish line. That runner was a -- a cancer survivor, and John Cain helped him to the finish line at the Rock 'N Roll Marathon. A few weeks ago, Sergeant Cain was here and we formally recognized him. Very unfortunately on December 20, our 27-year Savannah-Chatham Metro police department veteran, Sergeant Cain, was diagnosed himself with pancreatic cancer. In response, the police department has asked people to wear purple ribbons, and we have several here, and they're asking everybody to make just a dollar donation. We're going to put the jar on the corner. Make a dollar donation and take a ribbon to show our support and appreciation for Sergeant Cain. His -- his act and that photo, which I've put up of this had -- went viral, and it demonstrated to the country the dedication, integrity and character of the people that SCMPD strives to hire, and it represents the best and probably 99.9 percent of the -- of the -- the type of person we have in uniform. So we ask you, if you'll put a dollar in there. That's all it is, a dollar, and take a ribbon, and also there's a www.gofundme.com/UKHTGRHC, which I think we're going to run on our television later Pete Nichols told me. Sergeant Cain I think is undergoing surgery either today or this week and then has recovery. And so we wish him the very best. We again appreciate everything he and his colleagues offer us, and we wish him God speed and -- and a healthy recovery. And if you're willing to help out, just please put a dollar in the jar and take a ribbon. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. And any of the members of the Commission who wish to put a dollar in, please do so. Commissioner Farrell and I have already, and I think Commissioner Center has already deposited ours.

Commissioner Center said, and do you want me to make my -- my merger comments now or -- go right into those?

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Wait a minute.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Also, I asked the Chair if I could make some comments about the police merger. You've read that we've got a new city administration based -- you -- you know, four new members, and you've read a lot in the paper about disagreements and whether we have a contract or don't have a contract. One of the reasons I asked to -- to make comments is that we have -- have been given workshops at the county of what it would cost us if we set up our own police department, what assets did we own and even though we've been given that at a workshop, I wanted definitive figures, so I was going to ask today, and I understand I may be able to get an answer more definitively in two weeks if we can have an actual, as best we can estimate figure, what it would actually cost us to set up our own police department, and a list of the assets we own. When we went into this merger, we put assets in the merger. What we'd have to come out, and the Chairman's informed me he would ask staff if they could do that within two weeks. So I don't --

County Manager Smith said, including the 9-1-1.

Commissioner Center said, including the 9-1-1. But give us a definitive figure so we can have these -- as best we can data.

County Manager Smith said, we can do that. Absolutely.

Commissioner Center said, also I want to update the public. I've shared this with the Chairman, the County Manager and -- and -- and the County Attorney. Since the new administration was elected, several Commissioners reached out to them and they reached out to us not only to develop a -- a congeniality and a straight -- straight communication and a closer relationship than -- than we for whatever reason have had with the previous administration on talking about this major issue to let them hear what Commissioners who did not vote for the last agreement, what their concerns were, to learn the city's concerns and see if we can move both bodies closer together. And we've actually had meetings face to face, one on one, and in groups. Never more than is limited by law, and we've -- we've had these discussions. I know that came back to me. We heard you

did this and that, but it's not true. We -- we -- we kept them as required. We've had very good meetings, and we think -- we're very confident that both sides will get one document that everybody can say this is the document if -- if we go that road rather than have some Commissioners say we don't have a contract, other Commissioners say we do have a contract. You read in the paper the Mayor says there's so much flying back and forth he doesn't know if we have a contract, and the city spokesman says there is a contract. It's better for the community.

Commissioner Center said, I know it's better for me, and let me go sideways for a moment. My comments are Tony Center's comments. I do not speak for the Commission. I do not speak for my other colleagues. These are my comments that I asked to make. It's better if we get this matter in a more calm situation and put it to rest one way or the other, and that's what we reached out to do and we've worked together, and I have very good hopes that something may work out that while it may not be perfect, it will be a compromise that everyone can work with, and I just wanted to bring everybody up to date and tell publicly what we've been doing.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

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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 (*)

None.

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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 AMENDMENT: 1) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND A) APPROPRIATE \$25,011 TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM, B) APPROPRIATE \$10,000 FROM THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM CONFISCATED FUNDS ACCOUNT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S CONFISCATED FUNDS ACCOUNT; 2) IN THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND APPROPRIATE \$206,200 NET ASSETS; 3) IN THE SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX V FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$250,000 CONTRIBUTION FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND b) INCREASE THE LITTLE NECK ROAD PROJECT \$250,000; 4) IN THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND/OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY BUDGET TRANSFER \$21,830 FROM THE OPERATING BUDGET TO SALARIES AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM; 5) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$7,000 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM ACCG; 6) ~~IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O TRANSFER \$39,500 FROM CONTINGENCY TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP; AND 7) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$39,500 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND M&O AND b) CREATE THE TRADE CENTER PROJECT AND INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$39,500.~~**

Chairman Scott said, next on the agenda we're going to move to Items for Individual Action. First is to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer: in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$25,011 to the Counter Narcotics Team (CNT), appropriate \$10,000 from the Counter Narcotics Team Confiscated Funds account to the District Attorney's Confiscated Funds account; 2) and in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$206,200 net assets; in the Special Local Option Sales Tax V Fund: increase revenues by \$250,000 contribution from Waste Management, and b) increase the Little Neck Road Project by \$250,000; and in the Risk Management Fund/Occupational Safety Budget transfer \$21,830 from the Operating Budget to Salaries as outlined in the attached memorandum; and in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures by \$7,000 for a grant award from the ACCG.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Commissioner Center 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.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the following budget amendments: 1) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund a) appropriate \$25,011 to the Counter Narcotics Team, b) appropriate \$10,000 from the Counter Narcotics Team Confiscated Funds account to the District Attorney's Confiscated Funds account; 2) in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$206,200 net assets; in the Special Local Option Sales Tax V Fund: a) increase revenues \$250,000 contribution from Waste Management, and b) increase the Little Neck Road Project \$250,000; 4) in the Risk Management Fund/Occupational Safety Budget transfer \$21,830 from the Operating Budget to Salaries as outlined in the attached memorandum; and 5) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant award from ACCG. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments: 1) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund a) appropriate \$25,011 to the Counter Narcotics Team, b) appropriate \$10,000 from the Counter Narcotics Team Confiscated Funds account to the District Attorney's Confiscated Funds account; 2) in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$206,200 net assets ; in the Special Local Option Sales Tax V Fund: a) increase revenues \$250,000 contribution from Waste Management, and b) increase the Little Neck Road Project \$250,000; 4) in the Risk Management Fund/Occupational Safety Budget transfer \$21,830 from the Operating Budget to Salaries as outlined in the attached memorandum; and 5) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant award from ACCG.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1a. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested a Confiscated Funds appropriation of \$25,011 for the purchase of office furniture, a currency scanner/counter, laptop computers and a drug evidence incinerator. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Confiscated Revenue Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1b. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested a transfer of \$10,000 from the CNT's Confiscated Funds account to the District Attorney's Confiscated Funds account to help fund the State-Wide Gang Database. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Director of Public Works and Park Services has requested a \$206,200 net assets appropriation in the Solid Waste Fund to replace retaining walls at the Chevis Road drop off center. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Solid Waste Management Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The County Engineer has requested an addition of \$250,000 to the Little Neck Road project in the SPLOST V Fund from a financial contribution from Waste Management. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Sales Tax V Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
4. The Occupational Safety Director has requested a transfer of \$21,830 from operating line items within the Occupational Safety budget to salaries. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
5. Chatham County has been awarded the Health Promotion and Wellness Grant in the amount of \$7,000 from the ACCG-GHBP Health Promotion and Wellness Program. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

The budget amendments will establish funds in the Confiscated Revenue Fund, the Solid Waste Management Fund, the Sales Tax V Fund, the Multiple Grant Fund, and the Capital Improvement (CIP) Fund. Funds are available in the General Fund M&O.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND

- A) Appropriate \$25,011 to the Counter Narcotics Team.
 B) Appropriate \$10,000 to the Counter Narcotics Team for transfer to the District Attorney's Confiscated Funds account.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND

Appropriate \$206,200 net assets.

SALES TAX V FUND

- A) Increase revenues \$250,000 contribution from Waste Management.
 B) Increase the Little Neck Road Improvement project \$250,000.

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND

- A) Transfer \$14,830 from books and reports to temporary labor in the Occupational Safety budget.
 B) Transfer \$7,000 from education and training to salaries in the Occupational Safety budget.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

Increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 from a grant award from the ACCG-GHBP Health Promotion & Wellness Program.

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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ORDER OF THE AGENDA

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, Mr. Chairman, under Chair -- Chairman's items or Commissioner Items --

Chairman Scott said, I -- I have not -- I have not gone blind, and I have not missed it. Thank you so much.

County Manager Smith said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, point of order, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I believe the Attorney was wanting to point out --

Chairman Scott said, we -- we're going to get to that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well, then -- then we need a vote to do it in a different order.

Chairman Scott said, the Chair -- the Chair -- the Chair may -- the Chair may present the agenda in any order --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the Chair --

Chairman Scott said, -- as long as it's -- items are approved.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, is -- is that the case, Mr. Attorney, or do we follow an agenda? Has everything that I've done for 16 years gone to hell all of the sudden because we have a new Chairman that runs it the way he chooses?

Chairman Scott said, no. We're following the Robert's Rules of Order.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, or do we follow rules? Mr. Attorney, I have a question on the floor for you? Is that the law?

County Attorney Hart said, I -- I -- off the top of my head, I do not know. The -- the -- I do know that the item that you have and are referring to is an item that has to be disposed of --

Chairman Scott said, today.

County Attorney Hart said, -- at the first meeting in January by this -- this Commission.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, wow.

County Attorney Hart said, so, whether you take it up --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll be glad to withdraw my name from any consideration for that --

County Attorney Hart said, -- before that or in reverse order. It's got to be disposed of today.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- if it's -- if it's -- if it's going to make you break the law, I will just withdraw my name from consideration, sir.

Chairman Scott said, we're -- we're not -- we're not breaking the law. It's that we have items on this agenda, and we have people in the audience who are here --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you're breaking 15 years of what I've known as the law here.

Chairman Scott said, -- and who are supporting it, and we will get to the agenda. The agenda does not have to be called in the order in which it's printed.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's a great dictatorship you're running here.

Chairman Scott said, all right. The motion carries.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, having said that, I'm sick, good night. I'm out of here.

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2. TRANSMITTAL OF THE 2015 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) AND RELATED DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE, SINGLE AUDIT REPORT, MANAGEMENT LETTER, AND RESPONSES TO THE SINGLE AUDIT FINDINGS & QUESTIONED COSTS.

Chairman Scott said, Item 2, the transmittal of the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and related documents including the author's [sic] communication with those charged with the governance, single audit report, management letter, and response to the single audit findings and questions and costs.

Commissioner Center said, so moved.

Chairman Scott said, we recognize --

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, no, we -- this is a presentation. We recognize Amy [Davis] for an explanation.

Ms. Amy Davis, Finance Director said, hello Chairman and Commissioners. Thank you. Thank you. We have our audit of 2015 as of June 30th, and I think you have a copy of this Power Point in front of you. Our CAFR has three main parts to it. We have an introductory section, that includes the transmittal letter, discusses history and economy and the accomplishments of the county. The financial section includes the opinion of the external auditors, management's discussion and analysis, the financial statements, the notes and other required supplementing information; and then the final section is the statistical section at the end, and it shows basic trend information, usually over ten years or more.

Ms. Davis said, the first half of the statements are -- show the government wide financial statements, which basically is a comprehensive overview of the county as a whole, and it -- it's broken down between governmental type activities, and business type activities. As noted on the bottom of the page here, we had GASB 68, which was a requirement that we disclose full liability of our pension plans this year. We ended up having liability of about \$49 million for our pension plans, and so we had to restate our balances so -- the beginning balances, and when we take that into consideration, we did have an increase in our net fund balance of 16 million. I'm sorry. Is that right? In our business type activities we had a change of 5.3 million -- I'm sorry, governmental activities, we had a change of 5.3 million. In our business type activities, we had a net decrease of 836,000.

Ms. Davis said, and looking at our tax revenue on the fourth page here, we actually had a decrease in our property taxes over all of 3.2 million. Increase in LOST and SPLOST of 1.3 million and 4.5 million, respectively, and our other taxes also decreased by 441,000.

Commissioner Farrell said, what do you attribute the -- that's pretty significant drop, 3.2 million in the property taxes.

Ms. Davis said, if you recall, we had that repurposing of the SPLOST dollars that we decreased our millage rate in the General Fund to basically accomplish a \$4 million repurposing.

Commissioner Farrell said, so that was a wash more or less?

Ms. Davis said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Ms. Davis said, okay? On the next fund -- fund -- page we see our major funds fund balances. The General Fund had an ending balance of 44.4 million. That is an increase of 5.1 million.

Commissioner Center said, our pages didn't flip.

Ms. Davis said, did I not flip? I'm sorry.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Ms. Davis said, so we had 5.1 million increase in the General Fund fund balance, and in the SSD, we had an increase of 1.2 million. And on the next page you will see kind of a breakdown of what that un -- unassigned, unrestricted category represents. We increased our reserve from two-month balance to a three-month balance, so that increased that line item from 27 million to 42 million.

Commissioner Farrell said, I -- I don't see that.

Ms. Davis said, oh, it's on the next page. Sorry. We didn't -- well, I -- I didn't put the comparison on there. I'm just saying it was 27 million, now it's 42 million.

Commissioner Farrell said, and that's in the General Fund?

Ms. Davis said, that is the General Fund. And we also increased the SSD reserve balance from two months to three months to bring that up to 7.6 million.

Commissioner Center said, so these both represent three months?

Commissioner Farrell said, three months.

Ms. Davis said, those both represent three months.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, you were pushing for four months or three months? I remember --

Chairman Scott said, three months.

Commissioner Center said, you were pushing for three months.

Chairman Scott said, to move it from two to three.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, this is all our long rang preparation to move to a AAA bond rating.

Commissioner Center said, so we -- we reached this in less than four years from when you came on, right?

County Manager Smith said, oh, we did.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Ms. Davis said, looking at our major tax revenues by fund, in the General Fund, again we had our property taxes -- were down 2.7 million and LOST and other taxes were increased. Overall, the revenues of the General Fund remained flat from the prior years. Special revenues -- service district, they also had a decrease in property tax revenues, but other taxes saw an increase. And overall, I -- we had an unqualified opinion given by KRT, our in -- external auditors, and they are here to answer any questions if y'all have any.

Commissioner Center said, may I ask you a question, Mr. Chairman? Related?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, it -- it -- it's not on this budget but related on finances is -- is what I read in the paper. I know from previous votes we have backed commitments and loans for CAT and in the past, before I came on, we backed commitments and loans for Memorial. Can some -- sometime we have a presentation -- I don't know if it's supposed to be executive sessions, to bring the Commissioners up to date on where we stand on those commitments? 'Cause we read in the paper bad things --

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- and I just want to know where we stand.

Chairman Scott said, we've got a presentation scheduled for Memorial already. I don't remember which meeting --

County Manager Smith said, we do.

Chairman Scott said, and --

County Manager Smith said, and we had -- just if I can, we had a meeting yesterday, Mr. Chair, with Gateway. A very good meeting with the staff. So we're -- I'm hoping to talk to the Chair about a February workshop for several items, including police, if we can whatever, but we can bring that too.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Yeah.

County Manager Smith said, absolutely.

Chairman Scott said, but both of those are in the works.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, we had a great meeting.

Ms. Davis said, did y'all have questions for our -- our auditors?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, two quick questions. On page eight and -- excuse me, page six and page seven, I noticed they say that these are repeat findings, and I know we've discussed them before. Is there something -- I'm speaking specifically of the decentralized county collection point and the building permits. Both of those repeats, is there anything that can be done to make these better or correct them in your eyes?

Mr. Derrick Cowart said, well, I know right now, and -- and I was talking to Brian Hart just a few minutes ago. They are starting to implement a new computer system, and I'm hopeful that controls and everything else will be set up in -- as they implement a new computer system and -- and interface all of their operations in the courts. So that would be -- that would go a long way to addressing that.

Commissioner Stone said, well I -- I certainly would like to see something towards that done because this has been going -- I -- I've seen this since I first came in office, and I was hoping that we could get to a point where we could rectify that. All right. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Anybody have any questions of the auditor? Okay. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

Transmittal of the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and related documents, including the Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance, Single Audit Report, Management Letter, and responses to the Single Audit Findings & Questioned Costs.

BACKGROUND:

The 2015 CAFR reports the County's financial position as of June 30, 2015. It has been submitted to the State of Georgia and the Government Finance Officers' Association's award program by the deadline of December 31, 2015.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- The CAFR represents the audited financial report of Chatham County prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The CAFR presents the recorded financial transactions and activities of Chatham County for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015. It includes the activities of three component units: Chatham Area Transit, Live Oak Public Libraries, and the Chatham County Health Department.
- At June 30, 2015, the main operating funds of the County were the General Fund and the Special Service District. Fund balance increased in both funds during 2015. Components of the fund balance for these funds at year end were:

**General Fund and Special Service District
As of June 30, 2015**

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>SSD</u>
Components:		
Nonspendable	\$ 501,065	\$ 39,833
Restricted	16,238	-
Unrestricted	<u>43,883,798</u>	<u>8,813,752</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 44,401,101</u>	<u>\$ 8,853,585</u>
Prior Year Fund Balance	<u>\$ 39,280,164</u>	<u>7,577,100</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ 5,120,937</u>	<u>\$ 1,276,485</u>

- Unrestricted fund balance includes three categories: committed, assigned and unassigned. Amounts shown within the Unrestricted category include:

**General Fund and Special Service District
Unrestricted Fund Balance Categories
As of June 30, 2015**

<u>Categories</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>SSD</u>
Committed:		
CEMA	\$ 143,286	\$ -
Financial Policy Reserve	42,494,522	7,621,172
Assigned:		
For Purposes of the Fund		1,192,580
Unassigned:	<u>1,245,990</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 43,883,798</u>	<u>\$ 8,813,752</u>

- The amount shown in the General Fund as Fund Balance - Committed for financial policy reserve levels of \$42.5 million equals approximately three months of operating expenditures in compliance with the fund balance policies, which requires at least two months operating expenditures.
- The amount shown in the Special Service District Fund Balance - Committed for financial policy reserve levels of \$7.6 million equals approximately three months of operating expenditures in compliance with the fund balance policies, which requires at least two months operating expenditures.
- Unassigned fund balances in the General Fund and SSD decreased \$10.1 million and \$1.5 million respectively, partially due to the reclassification into the reserve balance.

7. The CAFR includes the County's government-wide financial statements which present all activities of Chatham County on the accrual basis of accounting, including capital assets and long-term debt. Overall, the County's net position as shown on the government-wide statements totaled \$1,177,071,766, which reflects an increase over the prior year of \$8.8 million after a restatement of 2014 balances for the effects of GASB 68. This increase is due to both increased revenues and decreased expenditures in the General Fund and SSD. Total pension liability included in the net position was \$49.8 million for both governmental and business-type activities. In addition, a restatement of \$43.2 million was made to remove CAT as a blended component unit in the business-type activities. CAT is now presented as a discretely presented component unit.
8. The Management's Discussion and Analysis reviews the changes in the County's overall financial position from 2014 to 2015 (pages C-1 thru C-11), and includes a discussion of changes at both the entity-wide and major fund level. For the County as a whole at the fund level, revenues before transfers increased \$4.8 million while expenditures increased \$7.7 million. Property tax revenues decreased \$3.1 million over the prior year, primarily due to the SPLOST IV repurposing of .365 mills. LOST revenues increased \$1.36 million while SPLOST revenues increased \$3.3 million.
9. Budget comparison schedules for County funds are shown on pages E-1 thru E-6 and F-5 thru F-15.
10. Of the \$1.5 million available on the Chatham Area Transit credit line, \$1.5 million was outstanding as of June 30, 2015. This line of credit was restructured in December 2014 to reduce the County backed line of credit from \$7.7 million to \$1.5 million and created a term loan between the bank and CAT of \$5 million. The term loan balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$4 million. The agreement stipulates an annual payment of \$1 million each January until paid off. An extension of this agreement was approved at the December 18, 2015 Board meeting.
11. The independent auditor prepares a Single Audit Report as required by Government Auditing Standards and OMB Circular A-133. This report includes a Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs pertaining to fiscal year 2015 activities. Responses to the findings are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). A status report on the findings and the questioned costs for fiscal year 2014 is also included in the report.
12. The Management Letter with departmental responses and the independent Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance are also attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

No funding required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Finance Department remains committed to the timely preparation of the financial reports and to the elimination of findings related to the processes and internal controls.

ALTERNATIVES:

For information only.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

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ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Scott said, what we're trying to do on this agenda before we get to what's really a Commission procedural issue, and that is to elect a Pro Tem, we are trying to get folk, like the auditor, who's been sitting here all morning, out of here, and we also have other members of the audience who are here on zoning matters, and as soon as we dispose of those issues, we will proceed with electing the Pro Tem. Next we have --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, does that follow Robert's Rules of Order?

County Attorney Hart said, yes.

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~~3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A QUITCLAIM DEED TO REMOVE USE RESTRICTIONS ON 5000 JASMINE AVENUE, WHICH WOULD ALLOW UNION MISSION TO SELL THE PROPERTY TO SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY (BOARD OF REGENTS).~~

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Scott said, next -- next we have the Action Calendar, and we had a request that we vote on Item 7 separately. So at this time I would entertain a motion that we approve the Action Calendar in it's entirety except for Item 7.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Brady said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve the Action Calendar in its entirety with the exception of Item 7. All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. with -- the Action Calendar is approved.

Chairman Scott said, now, I recognize the Commissioner from the 1st District for the purpose of making a motion on Item 7.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just didn't know whether Ms. Hickson -- did you want to come up and say anything? This is a wonderful project, and if you could just make your comments brief, 'cause I know everybody's been here for a long time. Thank you.

Ms. Jo Hickson said, thank you for the opportunity, Commissioner Stone. Chairman and Commissioners, I want to, first of all thank you. I have been working on the Coastal Georgia Greenway project, which is a regional project in Coastal Georgia for over 20 years, and through that time the Chatham County Commission has been our lead sponsor, and I want to thank you. This is a giant step forward for implementation of the trail project, would be the state's involvement, and through working with the designated house and senate members of the study committee and the recommendations that have come forward. We have great leadership from our coastal representatives, and I also see the implementation of the trail as something for the entire State of Georgia that will become an economic boon to our tourism industry, as well as helping our citizens with health issues due to lack of access to exercising opportunities. And that's just my brief statement. The trail in particular in Chatham County links about seven significant cultural, natural and historic sites, as well as the Visitor Information Center and Amtrac. So -- and our multi-modal center. So we're making great lengths in this alternative transportation corridor. So I wanted to thank you for your past support and I hope that you will support the resolution that would be forwarded to the Georgia legislature.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Ms. Hickson said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, second? 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. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Stone moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 9 and under Item 9 Items A through O, with the exception of Item 7. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]
- b. Commissioner Stone moved to approve Item 7, approval to adopt a resolution to endorse the recommendations of the House and Senate Joint Coastal Georgia Greenway Study Committee and urge Governor Nathan Deal, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, and Speaker David Ralston to

support an appropriation of at least \$1 million or more in the next state budget to initiate the Greenway's planning and construction under the coordination of the Coastal Regional Commission. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2015, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 9, 2015 THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2016.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of December 9, 2015 through January 6, 2016, in the amount of \$17,100,406. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM THE DAYS AND TIME FOR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2016. THE BOARD TENTATIVELY ADOPTED THE CALENDAR ON DECEMBER 4, 2015.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for Board confirmation of the days and time for regular Commission meetings for 2016. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Lee Smith, County Manager

ISSUE:

To tentatively set the days and time for regular Commission meetings for 2016. The Board will be asked to confirm adoption of the calendar at the first meeting of 2016.

BACKGROUND:

The County's Enabling Act requires the action be taken during the first meeting of the Board each year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Enabling Act states:
The Board of Commissioners shall hold two regular meetings each month except as may otherwise be determined by the Board of Commissioners, as the County seat for all matters requiring action of an administrative or policy nature, and for all matters advertised or scheduled for hearing in which the public will be asked to speak for or against the items under consideration, which meetings shall be open to the public. At the first meeting of the

Board of Commissioners in January of each year, the Board of Commissioners shall set the days and the time when it will hold its regular meetings. Meeting hours for the public hearings may be changed by action of the Board of Commissioners and may be held at such hour as stated in the public notice of the date and time of such hearing. Special or additional meetings may be held as necessary upon call of the Chairman or any five members of the Board of Commissioners, provided all members of the Board of Commissioners have been notified at least 24 hours in advance of such special or additional meeting, and such notice shall specify the subject matter to be considered.

2. The Commission has met on the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the past except in January, November and December. When possible, the Board holds one meeting during the month of January. The meetings in November and December are held on the first and third Fridays to allow for the holidays. There are five Fridays in September 2016.

Changing to the first and third Fridays beginning in October will allow at least two weeks between meetings for the remainder of the year.

3. The Chamber will hold Savannah-Chatham Day in Atlanta on January 28, 2016. This will not conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule.
4. The ACCG District Day at the Capitol (formerly Capitol Connection Conference) will be February 17, 2016, in Atlanta. This will not be a conflict.
5. The NACo Legislative Conference will be February 20-24, 2016, in Washington, D.C. This will not conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule.
6. In 1998 the Board asked that in future years meetings not be scheduled on Good Friday. In 2015 Good Friday will be on March 25th. This will conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule. Since there are five Fridays in April, the Board could have three meetings in April (first, third and fifth Fridays).
7. The ACCG Annual Meeting will be April 29-May 2, 2016 in Chatham County. The first day of the Annual Meeting (April 29th) will be a conflict, but should not pose a quorum problem.
8. The NACo Annual Conference will be July 22 - 25, 2015, in Long Beach, California. This will conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule. Since there are five Fridays in July, it would work to hold the July meetings on the third and fifth Fridays.
9. The ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference will be September 28-30, 2016, location TBD. This will not be a conflict.
10. Currently the pre-meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to be followed immediately by the regular meeting, generally at 9:30 a.m.
11. A calendar showing County holidays for 2016 and tentative Commission meeting dates is attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Set meeting time to immediately follow 9:00 a.m. pre-meeting and set dates as follows:
 January 15th
 Second and fourth Fridays in February
 March 11th
 First, third and fifth Fridays in April
 Second and fourth Fridays in May and June
 Third and fifth Fridays in July
 Second and fourth Fridays in August and September
 First and third Fridays October through December
 Schedule to be confirmed at first meeting of the year, January 15, 2016.
2. Set meeting time and dates as designated by Commissioners, schedule to be confirmed at first meeting of the year, January 15, 2016.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Compliance with the Enabling Act.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative #1.

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4. REQUEST BOARD FIX AND PUBLISH THE QUALIFYING FEES FOR ELECTED OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN THE 2012 ELECTIONS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for the Board to fix and publish the qualifying fees for elected offices to be filled in the 2016 elections. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016

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

ISSUE:

Request Board approval to establish the qualifying fees for elected county officials in accordance with Georgia law for the November, 2016 elections.

BACKGROUND:

Each election year, the Board of Commissioners, as the governing authority, is required by state law to establish the qualifying fees for those persons wishing to seek election in November, 2016 for county office.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Georgia Code requires that qualifying fees of elected officials.
2. The Clerk of Superior Court, the Tax Commissioner, the Probate Judge, and the Magistrate Court judges have a minimum base salary pursuant to general law of \$91,682.66.
3. The Sheriff has a minimum base salary pursuant to general law of \$94,759.02.
4. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners earns a base salary of \$57,500 and all other Commissioners earn a base salary of \$25,000.
5. All offices pay 3 percent of the above listed amounts as the qualifying fee.
6. All other elected county official positions use the actual total gross salary of the seated official to compute the qualifying fee for the office.
7. The other county official positions being elected are the Coroner, one judge of the Recorder's Court and the three State Court Judges.
8. A chart reflecting the method of computation and qualifying fee for each office is attached.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The County Commission has a statutory duty to set the qualifying fees pursuant to law and there is no discretion in this action.

FUNDING:

No funding will be required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Ratify the qualifying fees as outlined above.
2. Do not ratify the qualifying fees as outlined above.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

Schedule A
Chatham County, Georgia
Calculation of Qualifying Fees
November 2016 Election

Elected Official	Base Salary	Actual Salary	Qualifying Fee (3%)
Clerk of Superior Court	\$ 91,682.66		\$ 2,750.48
Magistrate Court Judge	\$ 91,682.66		\$ 2,750.48
Probate Court Judge	\$ 91,682.66		\$ 2,750.48
Tax Commissioner	\$ 91,682.66		\$ 2,750.48
Sheriff	\$ 94,759.02		\$ 2,842.77
Chairman, County Commission	\$ 57,500.00		\$ 1,725.00

Members, County Commission	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 750.00
Coroner		\$ 54,545.71	\$ 1,636.37
Recorder's Court Judge		\$ 158,386.00	\$ 4,751.58
Chief Judge of State Court		\$ 183,292.53	\$ 5,498.78
Judge of State Court		\$ 178,162.53	\$ 5,344.88

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5. REQUEST BOARD AMEND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS BY CHATHAM COUNTY TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY-SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION (MPC) TO GEO-REFERENCE AND RECTIFY THE COUNTY-WIDE PARCEL BOUNDARY MAP.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of Special Purpose Sales and Use Tax Proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) to geo-reference and rectify the county-wide parcel boundary map. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Suzanne Cooler, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE:

To amend the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Special Purpose Sales and use Tax Proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) to geo-reference and rectify the County-wide parcel boundary map.

BACKGROUND:

The Board approved an agreement with the MPC on January 13, 2012 to acquire the services to correct the parcel data. Correction of the parcel boundary data requires scanning, digitizing and geo-referencing paper plats, maps as well as using available digital parcel boundaries from Chatham County's digital plat and corrected right-of-way layers. The project has proven more time consuming and extensive than originally thought.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The original agreement amount was \$500,000. Currently, approximately 70% of the line work is corrected. Correction and entry of the text (annotation) associated with each parcel has proven to be the most costly task. Only approximately 53% of the annotation is complete to date. Department of Engineering Staff will complete the remaining annotation to reduce project costs. The remaining line corrections will be completed by contract for a cost not to exceed \$150,000. MPC will continue to manage the contract.
2. The parcel boundary layer is used for property valuation for tax purposes, right-of-way acquisitions for County projects and assessing and determining flood hazard zone boundaries. The corrected parcel boundary data will be made available by the County and the MPC on SAGIS for use by the public.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To amend the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Special Purpose Sales and Use Tax Proceeds by Chatham County to the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) to geo-reference and rectify the County-wide parcel boundary map.
2. To not approve the Agreement.

FUNDING:

Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is available in th 2003-2008 SPLOST, Drainage/Flood Hazard Mapping (Fund/Dept. 3234250/Account Code 52.12003/Project 32380433).

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve amendments to intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve Alternative 1.

District: All

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**6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF BLOOMINGDALE THE RIGHTS OF WAY OWNED BY CHATHAM COUNTY FOR A PORTION OF PINE BARREN ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS OF BLOOMINGDALE.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a resolution to transfer the City of Bloomingdale the rights of way owned by Chatham County for a portion of Pine Barren adjacent to the city limits of Bloomingdale. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6

AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Suzanne Cooler, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE:

To approve a resolution to transfer to the City of Bloomingdale the rights of way owned by Chatham County for a portion of Pine Barren Road adjacent to the city limits of Bloomingdale.

BACKGROUND:

The County currently owns and maintains approximately 0.5 mile section of Pine Barren Road between portions that are maintained by the City of Bloomingdale and the City of Pooler. The City of Bloomingdale has agreed to take over ownership and maintenance responsibility of the 0.5 mile section of Pine Barren Road currently owned by Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County recently completed drainage and paving improvements on this portion of Pine Barren Road. Now that the improvements are complete, the City of Bloomingdale has agreed to take over ownership and maintenance responsibility of this portion of Pine Barren Road.
2. Attached is a resolution with Exhibit A describing the right of way limits and Exhibit B showing a map of the right of way limits being transferred to the City of Bloomingdale.
3. The County Attorney has reviewed the resolution and concurs with it as to legal form.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve a resolution to transfer to the City of Bloomingdale the rights of way owned by Chatham County for a portion of Pine Barren Road adjacent to the city limits of Bloomingdale.
2. To not approve the resolution and maintain ownership and maintenance responsibility for this portion of Pine Barren Road.

FUNDING:

No funding is required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve the transfer of rights of way of projects to the appropriate municipal jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

District: 7

Prepared by: Nathaniel Panther, P.E.

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chatham County improved certain street and road rights-of-way within the city limits of the City of Bloomingdale and

WHEREAS, Chatham County desires to transfer said street and road rights-of-way and such improvements to the City of Bloomingdale and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomingdale wishes to accept said street and road the rights-of-way that are within the city limits of the City of Bloomingdale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Chatham County does hereby grant, convey and transfer to the City of Bloomingdale and the City of Bloomingdale does hereby accept **all that certain parcel of land being a portion of the Pine Barren Road right of way described on Exhibit A and more particularly shown on Exhibit B, both of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.**

This the _____ day of _____, 2016.

CHATHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk of Commission

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED
This ____ day of _____, 2016

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGDALE,
GEORGIA

BY: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Witness

Notary Public

Witness

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE 8TH GEORGIA MILITIA DISTRICT OF CHATHAM COUNTY, BEING A PORTION OF THE 100-FT WIDE PINE BARREN ROAD RIGHT OF WAY, BEGINNING AT THE NORWESTERN CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF POOLER (ORTEGA TRACT ANNEXATION OF JANUARY 17, 2012), THENCE PROCEEDING SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 0.5 MILES, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHEASTERN CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGDALE. SAID RIGHT OF WAY IS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON EXHIBIT B ATTACHED (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

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- 7. **REQUEST BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE JOINT COASTAL GEORGIA GREENWAY STUDY COMMITTEE AND URGE GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL, LT. GOVERNOR CASEY CAGLE, AND SPEAKER DAVID RALSTON TO SUPPORT AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST ONE MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE IN THE NEXT STATE BUDGET TO INITIATE THE GREENWAY'S PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION UNDER THE COORDINATION OF THE COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to adopt a resolution to endorse the recommendations of the House and Senate Joint Coastal Georgia Greenway Study Committee and urge Governor Nathan Deal, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, and Speaker David Ralston to support an appropriation of at least \$1 million or more in the next state budget to initiate the Greenway's planning and construction under the coordination of the Coastal Regional Commission. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7

AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016



WHEREAS, the Coastal Georgia Greenway is a proposed 155 mile multi-use trail that will link Savannah to St. Mary and is the Georgia component of the larger East Coast Greenway, a proposed system of bicycle and pedestrian trails that will provide users a 2,800 mile route from Maine to Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Georgia Greenway is currently being built by public-private partnerships of local jurisdictions, bike clubs, non-profit organizations, and citizens who believe in creating an alternative transportation network through coastal Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Coastal Greenway Study Committee was created pursuant to Senate Resolution 26 in the 2015 Legislative Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, in regular meeting assembled, does here by endorse the recommendations of the House and Senate Joint Coastal Georgia Greenway Study Committee and urge Governor Nathan Deal, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, and Speaker of the House David Ralston to support an appropriation of at least one million dollars or more in the next state budget to initiate the Greenway's planning and construction under the coordination of the Coastal Regional Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Deal, Lt. Governor Cagle, Speaker of the House Ralston, Allen Burns, Executive Director, Coastal Regional Commission and Jo Hickson, Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 15th day of January 2016.

ATTEST:

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

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- 8. REQUEST FROM WALTHOUR OAKS, LLC, DEVELOPER, FOR THE COUNTY TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR WALTHOUR OAKS, ACCEPT THE OWNERS WARRANTY AGREEMENT AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEE, APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTED IMPROVEMENTS, INITIATE THE TWELVE MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD AND WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT RATE DISTRICT.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of the request from Walthour Oaks, LLC, developer, for the county to record the subdivision plat for Walthour Oaks, accept the owners' warranty agreement and financial guarantee, approve the constructed improvements, initiate the twelve month warranty period and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment rate district. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8

AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Suzanne Cooler, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE:

Request Board record the subdivision plat for Walthour Oaks, accept the Owners Warranty Agreement and financial guarantee, approve the constructed improvements, initiate the twelve month warranty period and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment rate district.

BACKGROUND:

The developer, Walthour Oaks, LLC, completed construction of Walthour Oaks per the approved construction plans and requests the County record the plat, accept the Owners Warranty Agreement, approve the constructed improvements, initiate the twelve month warranty period and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment rate district.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Walthour Oaks is a private residential subdivision located on Walthour Road. Walthour Oaks consists of 16 lots on 5.35 acres. Paving and street drainage will be maintained by the Walthour Oaks Homeowners Association. Water and sanitary sewer systems are owned and maintained by the City of Savannah.
2. Staff approved construction plans and issued a permit. The required site improvements are complete. They were inspected and found to be acceptable.
3. The developer submitted a cash bond in the amount of \$101,000 as a Maintenance Security per the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations. The Maintenance Security allows the developer to subdivide 100% of the lots before the twelve month warranty period expires.
4. The developer requested that the Board waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district. Streetlights will be provided and maintained by the Homeowners' Association. The Board waived the streetlight assessment district for previous private subdivisions.
5. An Environmental Site Assessment was conducted on the subdivision in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance. No environmentally unsafe conditions were found on the site.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board record the subdivision plat for Walthour Oaks, accept the Owners Warranty Agreement and financial guarantee, approve the constructed improvements, initiate the twelve month warranty period and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment rate district.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This action is consistent with the subdivision regulations regarding the creation of lots through plat recording.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 4

PREPARED BY: Chris Rains

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

AGENDA ITEM: X-9 A-O

AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016

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 \$234,723 construction contract with Griffin Contracting, Inc., for the Vidalia Canal Extension Drainage Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The Vidalia Canal drains approximately 200 acres within the Ogeechee Farms Subdivision area. The upper portion of the canal requires maintenance and no access road exists in this area. The project will establish a maintenance access road for routine maintenance and improve drainage.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project will include installation of storm pipes and a maintenance access roadway adjacent to the canal.
2. The project is located within existing drainage easements.
3. This project was properly advertised and eight (8) bids were received. The bid results are as follows:

	Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$ 234,723
**	Southbend Company, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 242,114
**	Savannah Preservation & Construction, LLC Savannah, GA	\$ 249,444
	B&D Clearing, Inc. Black Creek, GA	\$ 294,369
*	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. Port Wentworth, GA	\$ 294,700
	Eastern Excavating Savannah, GA	\$ 304,517
**	First City Utilities, LLC Savannah, GA	\$ 347,575
**	E&D Contracting Services Savannah, GA	\$ 635,649

* MBE firm ** WBE firm

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Drainage, Ogeechee Farms Drainage
(3234250 - 54.14021 - 32380667)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$234,723 construction contract with Griffin Contracting, Inc., for the Vidalia Canal Extension Drainage Improvement 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 _____

MARK BUCALO

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$40,000 professional engineering services contract with Chatham Engineering for development of plans and documents for the installation of monitoring systems at the tidegate structure on the Pipemakers Canal.

BACKGROUND: The Pipemakers Canal tidegate structure is located just west of the canal's junction with the Savannah River. A separate project completed in 2015 replaced the old sluice gates with sensor controls with new flow controlled flap gates. To ensure that the gates are operating correctly and identify blockages or impediments to this, a system to allow remote viewing of the gates and water level conditions on both sides of the structure is needed. This contract includes development of plans and construction documents to provide for such a system and also includes construction period services to ensure that the equipment is installed correctly and works properly.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Quality Based Selection (QBS) process was utilized to select a professional engineering consultant to design improvements at this location. Only one (1) firm submitted a proposal for the work. Staff reviewed the proposal from Chatham Engineering and determined that the firm was well qualified to complete the work associated with the project. Chatham Engineering submitted a proposal defining scope of work and fees which staff finds acceptable.
2. The negotiated scope of work will provide for assessment of conditions, development of plans and documents, construction period services, and record drawings.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) - Pipemakers Canal
(3224220 - 52.12003 - 32280210)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$40,000 professional engineering services contract with Chatham Engineering for development of plans and documents for the installation of monitoring systems at the tidegate structure on the Pipemakers Canal.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award professional engineering services contracts to the most qualified proposer who submitted a proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____

ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$185,831 Change Order No. 1 and a 28 day extension to the construction contract, for delays due to extreme tides, rain and in consideration of the additional work being requested at this time to the construction contract with E&D Contracting Services, Inc., on the McQueen's Trail Phase II Trail Repairs project. This would make the new completion date March 10, 2016.

BACKGROUND: The project consists of the installation of bulkhead and rip-rap shore protection to prevent erosion of the McQueen's Island Trail. McQueen's Trail is a popular public facility that is in danger of being washed away due to tidal and wave action along the south channel of the Savannah River. Several projects were completed at the site; however this is the first major rehabilitation that has been conducted in several years. The trail is located in an extremely exposed area and is subject to erosion from tide, storm and boat wake action. The prolonged permitting process for the project allowed additional damage to occur after the design was completed. The recent extreme high tide events have

also caused severe erosion of the already fragile trail that should be addressed while a construction crew is mobilized and on site to complete the work.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County issued the Notice to Proceed to the contractor on July 9, 2015.
2. After beginning construction, the project was impacted by several extreme high tide events that over-washed the existing trail and did extensive damage in areas that were previously identified for rehabilitation. These impacts will require additional material which exceeds the amount specified in the contract to make repairs and restore the trail to usable condition.
3. The contract for construction was awarded as a unit price contract. This Change Order represents measurements of final quantities to be installed at the unit prices listed in the contract; the Change Order also adds newly designed returns on the bulkhead ends to prevent scouring and erosion and the placement of rip-rap in front of wall sections that was not specified in the original contract. Additionally a fee for removal and disposal of waste material from certain areas of the existing trail before repair work can commence is included.
4. Contract History:

Original Contract (6/12/15)	\$444,995
Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>185,831</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$630,826

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - McQueen's Trail
(3234981 - 54.12009 - 32370427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$185,831 Change Order No. 1 and a 28 day extension to the construction contract, for delays due to extreme tides, rain and in consideration of the additional work being requested at this time to the construction contract with E&D Contracting Services, Inc., on the McQueen's Trail Phase II Trail Repairs project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$57,394 professional engineering services contract with Moffatt & Nichol for concept development and environmental permitting services associated with the CSX railroad at Pipemakers Canal Drainage Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The Pipemakers Canal Improvements at CSX railroad will increase capacity of the canal which crosses under the CSX tracks about a half mile east of State Route 307. The crossing currently consists of a wooden trestle some 15 feet wide which is very restrictive to flows. This contract includes development of a concept to relocate a section of the canal and construct a new crossing north of the existing trestle which can be coordinated with and accepted by CSX. The contract also includes environmental and geotechnical services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Quality Based Selection (QBS) process was utilized to select a professional engineering consultant to design improvements at this location. Three (3) consultants submitted proposals for the work. The proposals were reviewed and ranked by the evaluation committee according to factors ranging from the firm's qualifications and experience to the firm's understanding of the unique issues associated with this project. The consultant with the highest overall score, Moffatt & Nichol, was selected for establishing a final scope of work and negotiation of cost (see score matrix for detail on page 6).
2. The negotiated scope of work will provide for concept development, geotechnical investigation and environmental studies; a database previously developed for Chatham County will be used on the project.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) - Pipemakers Canal
(3224220 - 52.12003 - 32280210)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$57,394 professional engineering services contract with Moffatt & Nichol for concept development and environmental permitting services associated with the CSX railroad at Pipemakers Canal Drainage Improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$90,500 deductive Change Order No. 1 to the 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 no access for mechanical maintenance needed to ensure continued flow.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County issued the Notice to Proceed to the contractor on December 2, 2015.
2. An assessment of the bids determined that the cost of the 43" X 68" storm pipe and structures was excessive and that similar results could be obtained by alternate means. The pipe itself, headwalls for the pipe crossings, and a drainage structure for use on the pipe will be deleted from the contract. The total decrease associated with these items is \$258,000.
3. The replacement for the deleted pipe will be 42" diameter storm drain pipe. This action adds a new pay item to the contract. The cost associated with this item is \$130,000.
4. The pipe change requires increases in the amount of foreign borrow and riprap required on the project. The additional cost of this item is \$38,000.
5. Contract History:

Original Contract (10/23/15)	\$ 858,100
Deductive Change Order No. 1 (pending)	(90,500)
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 767,600

FUNDING: No additional funding needed.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$90,500 deductive Change Order No. 1 to the 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 approve change orders necessary for the completion of construction projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative No. 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$41,900 Change Order No. 2, and a 45 day extension of the contract time to the construction contract with McLendon Enterprises, Inc., on the Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The section of Wahlstrom Road between the CSX Railroad tracks and the Savannah River is in an area of industrial development. The drainage system which currently serves the roadway and surrounding properties is undersized and is located on private property with no easement.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County issued the Notice to Proceed to the contractor on August 3, 2015.

2. During the course of construction the contractor discovered an area of contaminated material which required excavation to install the pipe. The material cannot be disposed in the same manner as other excess soil materials due to the nature of the contamination. Disposal in an environmentally approved landfill is required, with associated higher costs. This adds a new pay item to the contract. The total additional cost is \$14,205.
3. The project requires the adjustment of certain water lines which are in conflict with the proposed pipes. These adjustments require a shutdown of the lines. The nearest available shutoff valve is located at a point which would result in loss of water services to industries who have needs for continuous flow. This requires that new valves be installed to isolate the impacted areas and allow the relocations to proceed without breaks in service. This will add new pay items to the contract. The total additional cost is \$27,695.
4. During the course of construction, progress has been slowed by rainfall, groundwater conditions due to high tides, unknown utility conflicts and the discovery of unknown buried impediments. This reduction in progress resulted in the need to extend the contract period. Staff recommends that the contract term be extended by 45 days.
5. Contract History:

Original Contract (3/13/15)	\$ 445,295
Change Order No. 1 (11/6/15)	68,820
Change Order No. 2 (pending)	<u>41,900</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 556,015

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Wahlstrom Road
(3234250 - 52.12003 - 32380627)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$41,900 Change Order No. 2, and a 45 day extension of the contract time to the construction contract with McLendon Enterprises, Inc., on the Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvement project.
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 _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$1,740 Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Montgomery Technology, Inc., for the Security System and Software preventive maintenance and repair services at the Sheriff's Complex.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. During this past fiscal year additional equipment was added and/or upgraded throughout the facility. Equipment added includes 11 cameras, one new recording/storage device and 12 recording/storage devices' hard drives were upgraded.
2. The vendor has requested a 1% increase in order to cover the increased cost of maintaining the newly added equipment.
3. Staff finds a 1% increase in current contract pricing to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$1,740 Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Montgomery Technology, Inc., for the Security System and Software preventive maintenance and repair services at the Sheriff's Complex.

2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval to change the awarded contract vendor from Evergreen Tree & Turf Care, Inc., to South Coast Logging, Inc.

BACKGROUND: On December 18, 2015, the Board approved the award of a \$97,500 not to exceed contract to Evergreen Tree and Turf Care, Inc., for the disposal of curbside yard waste for Public Works and Park Services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Once under contract, staff was notified by the owner of Evergreen Tree and Turf Care, Inc., that the contract should have been made to South Coast Logging, Inc.
2. Evergreen Tree and Turf Care, Inc., and South Coast Logging, Inc., are two (2) separate and distinct entities owned by the same individual.
3. South Coast Logging, Inc., will be the entity responsible for the processing and disposal of the curbside yard waste delivered to Savannah Inert.
4. The same pricing, terms and conditions previously approved by the Board remain the same.

FUNDING: No additional funding required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to change the awarded contract vendor from Evergreen Tree & Turf Care, Inc., to South Coast Logging, Inc.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval for a \$2,629 Change Order No. 1 with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the Public Works Maintenance Building 2, Bay 8 Addition.

BACKGROUND: The Board awarded a contract with Collins Construction Services, Inc., on October 9, 2015, for the construction of the Public Works Maintenance Building 2, Bay 8 Addition in the amount of \$292,915.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County's independent special inspections service contractor, ECS Southeast LLC found some unsuitable soil in the footings of the proposed new building. In their professional opinion, the unsuitable soil could not support the designed structure. Their recommendation is to undercut all four (4) footings 12 inches, install a filter fabric and backfill with #57 stone.
2. Since the ECS recommendation exceeds the current scope of services, Collins Construction has submitted a change order in the amount of \$2,629 to fulfill the recommendation.
3. The project Architect, Barnard Architects, has reviewed the requested change order and concurs with the amount.
4. Contract history:

Original Contract (10/9/15)	\$292,915
Change Order No.1 (pending)	\$ 2,629
Revised Contract Amount	\$295,544

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) – Public Works Building Construction
(3234980 - 53.17009 - 32360430)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval for a \$2,629 Change Order No. 1 with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the Public Works Maintenance Building 2, Bay 8 Addition.
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 _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of a \$14,794 emergency procurement for Change Order No. 1 to the contract with E&D Contracting Services, Inc. (E&D), for construction of the new County fuel station.

BACKGROUND: The new fuel site, located adjacent to the Public Works facility on Varnedoe Drive will replace the temporary fuel site currently located at Memorial Stadium. The Board awarded a contract to E&D on May 8, 2015. to perform site improvements. Clearing, grading and utility installation are underway. During permitting, the City of Savannah required changes to the site plans which resulted in the requested change order.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded the contract for construction of the new fuel site prior to permitting being completed by the City of Savannah. The site is located within the City limits and requires permitting by the City.
2. The change order includes addition to the water distribution system and additional paving and grading with associated erosion and sedimentation control and traffic control (\$14,794). It was imperative to the contract schedule that the contractor continue work. Staff requested and received emergency approval from the County Manager (see attached page 13) with the direction to request Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.
3. Contract History:

Original Contract (5/8/15)	\$554,372
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	<u>\$ 14,794</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$569,166

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Building & Relocation
(3501567 - 54.13001 - 3503135)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of a \$14,794 emergency procurement for Change Order No. 1 to the contract with E&D Contracting Services, Inc. (E&D), for construction of the new County fuel station.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to request Board confirmation of an emergency approval necessary for the completion of projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$79,757 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Abilities Unlimited to provide a Special Needs Exercise Program at the Chatham County Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center.

BACKGROUND: The County currently contracts with Abilities Unlimited to provide a special needs exercise program.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Anderson Cohen Weightlifting Facility is a 12,000 square foot facility constructed in 1996 and one of Chatham County's Olympic Legacy facilities. The facility provides the community Olympic Weightlifting opportunities. The facility has equipped locker rooms including separate showers and dry saunas. The facility has available 24 Olympic weight training stations, one competition platform, standard free weights and nautilus equipment.
2. Staff solicited proposals from vendors who can provide a special needs exercise program. A Request for Proposals was publicly advertised.
3. The County received one (1) proposal from Abilities Unlimited.
4. Abilities Unlimited provided the County with the pricing for years two (2) through five (5). The prices are as follows:

Year 2:	\$82,150
Year 3:	\$84,615
Year 4:	\$87,153
Year 5:	\$89,768
5. The staff has reviewed the proposals and fees and recommend award of a contract to Abilities Unlimited.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Weightlifting Center
(1006130 - 52.11001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$79,757 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Abilities Unlimited to provide a Special Needs Exercise Program at the Chatham County Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve service contracts for the benefit of County residents.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$206,200 construction contract to PINCO for the Chevis Road Drop-Off Center Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The Chevis Road Drop-Off Center serves the citizens of Chatham County to properly dispose of various waste items

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current walls at the Chevis Road Drop-Off Center are poor and may create a hazard for the citizens who access the drop-off center.
2. The project will consist of the replacement of concrete pads, retaining walls, drainage, installation of bumpers and railing.
3. Construction inspection services will be conducted by Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company.
4. An Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and opened December 17, 2015. Responses are as follows:

Land-Co., LLC Savannah, GA	\$139,871 (Non - Responsive)
PINCO Garden City, GA	\$206,200
* E&D Contracting, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$212,750
Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$215,475

* First City Utilities, LLC \$283,169
Savannah GA

*WBE

- The low bidder was deemed as non-responsive due to not meeting licensing requirements of the bid. The bidder acknowledged that he had not bid a project of this magnitude before.

FUNDING: Solid Waste
(5404501 - 54.12009)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval to award a \$206,200 construction contract to PINCO for the Chevis Road Drop-Off Center Improvement project.
- 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 _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval for the purchase of seven (7) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for C.N.T., from Fairway Lincoln, and authorize the disposal of nine (9) vehicles to be used as trade-ins. The total purchase cost, using the trade-ins, will be \$105,700.

BACKGROUND: C.N.T. has approved funding to replace 13 vehicles through the CIP, Police Merger. These vehicles are no longer suitable for departmental operations. The trade-ins will simplify the purchase of these vehicle.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- A standing request for "good" used vehicles is in place with local dealers and they are encouraged to let us know when they have a vehicle they feel we should consider.
- Staff checked with local car dealers that normally respond to bids and came back with this proposal. This proposal provides C.N.T. with maximum flexibility.
- The Fleet Manager and a representative from C.N.T. selected the following vehicles based on utility and value.
- The vehicles selected are:

One vehicle	\$36,200
One vehicle	\$43,200
One vehicle	\$43,700
One vehicle	\$35,900
One vehicle	\$20,786
One vehicle	\$22,000
One vehicle	\$37,500
Less Trade of nine (9) units -	
(Unit 1965 - 2012 Nissan - Vin #613860)	(\$22,000)
(Unit 1933 - 2011 Chevy - Vin #124989)	(\$22,000)
(Unit 1943 - 2012 Chevy - Vin #164064)	(\$18,800)
(Unit 1956 - 2010 Dodge - Vin #214699)	(\$13,500)
(Unit 3933 - 2010 Chevy - Vin #178786)	(\$15,000)
(Unit 3929 - 2005 Chevy - Vin #193122)	(\$ 5,786)
(Unit 3930 - 2006 Lexus - Vin #019473)	(\$ 6,000)
(Unit 3927 - 2008 Ford F250 - Vin #A76034)	(\$16,000)
(Unit 1952 - 2011 Toyota - Vin #007705)	(\$14,500)
Total Purchase Price	\$105,700

- Staff researched the trade-in value being offered by Fairway Lincoln and compared them to the Kelley Blue Book trade-in value. Fairway is offering a higher trade-in allowance.
- Staff believes the total purchase price of \$105,700 to be fair and reasonable

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Replacement
(3503222 - 54.22001 - 3503065Z)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval for the purchase of seven (7) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for C.N.T., from Fairway Lincoln, and authorize the disposal of nine (9) vehicles to be used as trade-ins. The total purchase cost, using the trade-ins, will be \$105,700.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval for the purchase of five (5) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for C.N.T., from Grainger Honda, and authorize the disposal of five (5) vehicles to be used as trade-ins. The total purchase cost, using the trade-ins, will be \$82,835.

BACKGROUND: C.N.T. has approved funding to replace 13 vehicles through the CIP, Police Merger. These vehicles are no longer suitable for departmental operations. The trade-ins will simplify the purchase of these vehicle.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A standing request for "good" used vehicles is in place with local dealers and they are encouraged to let us know when they have a vehicle they feel we should consider.
2. Staff checked with local car dealers that normally respond to bids and came back with this proposal. This proposal provides C.N.T. with maximum flexibility.
3. The Fleet Manager and a representative from C.N.T. selected the following vehicles based on utility and value.
4. The vehicles selected are:

One vehicle	\$24,490
One vehicle	\$45,098
One vehicle	\$30,898
One vehicle	\$28,274
One vehicle	\$21,975
Less Trade of five (5) units -	
(Unit 1938 - 2011 Lincoln - Vin #756565)	(\$12,000)
(Unit 1940 - 2012 Chevy - Vin #J33660)	(\$15,500)
(Unit 1947 - 2012 Lincoln - Vin #800194)	(\$11,500)
(Unit 1954 - 2012 Ford F150 - Vin #D26832)	(\$18,000)
(Unit 1972 - 2010 Mazda Vin #M50007)	(\$10,900)
Total Purchase Price	\$82,835

5. Staff researched the trade-in value being offered by Grainger Honda and compared them to the Kelley Blue Book trade-in value. Grainger is offering a higher trade-in allowance.
6. Staff believes the total purchase price of \$82,835 to be fair and reasonable

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Replacement
(3503222 - 54.22001 - 3503065Z)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval for the purchase of five (5) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for C.N.T., from Grainger Honda, and authorize the disposal of five (5) vehicles to be used as trade-ins. The total purchase cost, using the trade-ins, will be \$82,835.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to Government Tax Services, LLC, of Carrollton, Georgia for the Tax Commissioner’s Office to provide delinquent tax sale preparation services.

BACKGROUND: The contract provides Tax Sale Preparation of the delinquent real and personal property taxes. This will provide the Tax Commissioner an opportunity to identify procedural improvements which speeds and makes more efficient the sale of real and personal property when taxes become overdue.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County neither pays a fee to the contractor for his service nor does it pay any portion of delinquent taxes collected to the contractor. In accordance with State law, the contractor’s fee is added to the delinquent taxes due and, thus, are paid when the delinquent taxes are resolved, not by the County. All delinquent taxes will be paid directly to the Tax Commissioner.
2. Bids were properly advertised and received on December 17, 2015. Government Tax Services, LLC was the only vendor to submit a proposal.
3. The collection fee for Phase I production is \$26 per collection with a balance less than \$50.00 and \$65 per collection with balance greater than \$50.00.
4. The collection fee for Phase II production is \$175 per collection. This is not in addition to the Phase I charges and is for additional title work requiring up to a full 50 year search.
5. Staff believes the proposal from Government Tax Services, LLC to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: No Funding Required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to Government Tax Services, LLC, of Carrollton, Georgia for the Tax Commissioner’s Office to provide delinquent tax sale preparation services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to collect delinquent real and personal property taxes at minimum cost to the County.

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. REQUEST TO CREATE A MOTORIZED CART DISTRICT WITHIN BURNSIDE ISLAND.

Chairman Scott said, next we have a First Reader. And this is to request to create a motorized cart district within Burnside Island. We will hear more of it, but this -- the community has gotten the requisite number of signatures on the petition and asked that we move forward on this, and we’ll have a Second Reading at our next meeting.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

- 1. THE PETITIONER, PARKER MORGAN, AGENT FOR HOLY CHURCH OF GOD, INC., IS REQUESTING THE REZONING OF FOUR PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED AT 474 LITTLE NECK ROAD FROM A PUD-M-6/TC (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT - MULTI-FAMILY - SIX UNITS PER ACRE) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO AN R-A (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE) CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
MPC FILE NUMBER: Z-151-014-00090-1
[DISTRICT 5.]**

Chairman Scott said, now, we have two Second Readers, and I'll ask Marcus [Lotson], if he would come up from our staff, and this is the Petitioner, Parker Morgan, agent for the Holy Church of God, Inc., is requesting the rezoning of four parcels of land located at 474 Little Neck Road, and he wants to change it from PUD-M-6/TC, which is planned unit development, multi-family, six units per acre zoning classification to an R-A, which is residential -- residential agriculture classification. The MPC recommends approval. Marcus, would you provide --

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, -- additional details?

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir. Regarding this zoning petition, as you can see on the maps before you, this property -- or these properties are four parcels that the petitioner's requesting be rezoned along Little Neck Road between Ogeechee Road and I-95. The petitioner is requesting to rezone the properties back to the original zoning classification, which was residential agriculture. The -- the request is being made in association with an adjacent property, which is the current Holy Church of God. The petitioner's intent is to establish a master plan for that -- for those properties that are being petitioned and expand the church on these properties. This property was rezoned back in 2007 to the current multi-family classification for a residential development that never occurred with that timing obviously coinciding with the economic turn. This is -- this is a tax map showing the four parcels that in question -- that are in question. Lot 46, right above it is where the current church is. You can see here in the aerial map the parcels that are being requested, and you see the neighborhood immediately southwest of here is the Henderson golf community.

Mr. Lotson said, in review of the development pattern in the area, staff feels and the Planning Commission recommended approval for the rezoning based on the fact that the proposed use is appropriate at this location. The pro -- the proposed zoning is -- is also appropriate. The R-A classification is a common one within this area, and we are -- we are forwarding today to you a recommendation of approval.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any questions or comments? Is the petitioner here?

Mr. Lotson said, the petitioner is here, yes.

Chairman Scott said, yes. Does anyone wish to hear from the petitioner?

Commissioner Center said, does anybody oppose it?

Commissioner Shabazz said, I would like to.

Chairman Scott said, you would like to hear from the petitioner?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, we have a request that we hear from the petitioner. Is anybody in opposition here? Okay.

Mr. Parker Morgan said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission. My name is Parker Morgan. I'm an attorney that's been working with the Holy Church of God. Pastor Ryan Ralston is also here, who's the lead pastor of the church. And just to briefly kind of add on to what Marcus said -- told y'all. The church has been in this location about 20 years. It's got a 75-roughly year history in Chatham County. In association with the church, they also have an affiliated private school and a seminary that they've begun, and so the current campus is about ten acres and a couple of years ago, it was the summer of 2013, they were able to purchase this adjacent 33 and a half acres of property that, as Mr. Lotson stated had been rezoned from this class that we are seeking to the multi-family in association with a develop -- commercial development that never came to be, and so the church was able to take advantage of that opportunity to really set forth a plan to have a defined and controlled expansion in the future. The church currently has about 300 members attending Sunday services. The school is expanding and the seminary is expanding, and so this additional property that they were able to purchase really would allow them to expand in a controlled, defined way, and it's -- it's really a good size for them. Back when we went before the MPC we held a neighborhood meeting that we sent out invites to everyone that was in the required zoning, as well as the Henderson HOA and the (inaudible) -- which actually was outside of what was required to send, but we let them know anyway. It was very lightly attended,

just a couple of property owners. I also spoke verbally on the phone, the property across Little Neck is about 1,000 acres that's owned by the Keller family, and I spoke with Ben Wall on their behalf about the project, as well as Jerry Konter, who just developed a large apartment complex just down the road from us, and neither of them had any objection to the proposed rezoning, and we never heard any objection from any other party. So I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. Pastor Ralston can also answer.

Chairman Scott said, we have a question from Commissioner -- Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th District.

Mr. Morgan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good afternoon.

Mr. Morgan said, good afternoon.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'm -- I'm concerned about this because this property lies in my District, and I want to know why wasn't I involved and contacted. I -- I think what you're doing is great, you know, the church expanding. I want to be a part of it, you know. At least in the know about it. And that's why I asked for any -- the petitioners coming up -- coming forth.

Mr. Morgan said, I apologize that wasn't reached out in advance. I think we focused most of the planning around the initial MPC meeting, which because of scheduling happened in late October, I think, November, so it's kind of --

Chairman Scott said, and then -- Marcus, at that meeting, was all concerned citizens invited? Wasn't there a notice put on the property?

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir. Consistent with the county's notice --

Chairman Scott said, yes. There was a notice on the property.

Mr. Lotson said, -- procedures. There was a notice on the proper -- property, as well as mailed notice to the property owners adjacent.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what are you planning to do with this?

Mr. Morgan said, I'm going to let Pastor Ralston --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Morgan said, -- since he'll be the person actually on site just to speak more directly to it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning, Pastor.

Pastor Paul Ralston said, good afternoon. I appreciate your service to the community.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you, sir.

Pastor Ralston said, I've been there about 20 years.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Pastor Ralston said, this church was originally located on 49th Street. C.M. Butler was there for about 53 years.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Pastor Ralston said, and the church relocated in 1995, '96 at the Little Neck location and so we started a Christian school -- when I came in '96, '97, we started a Christian school on the property there, the one white-roofed building, as a Christian school about 130, 140 students, K through 12 accredited through the -- the state of Georgia, so that's continuing to grow.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir.

Pastor Ralston said, we started the teaching seminary last fall for Christian school teachers that didn't want to go to a -- to a secular university, but something more focused on going into Christian education. So we've got this -- this fall, 20, 25 students that we want to -- to put into the seminary and based on all the recommendations from the Planning Commission and everything, rezoning was the -- their suggestion as far as to make things more -- more applicable to what we want to do moving forward. So as far as meeting with Mr. Shay, Pat Shay, and his group and kind of giving us some -- some basic conceptual drawings and ideas for a -- a new sanctuary moving forward connecting it, you know, to the existing property. We have 12 acres. This is 34 acres, so it would be about 46 acres total, and so just kind of putting everything together and flow smoothly and develop in -- in a conceptual way that would be appealing to not only our constituents, but the -- the community as well.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I -- I -- I -- I applaud your efforts.

Pastor Ralston said, well, thank you, I appreciate it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and I wish you much success with this.

Pastor Ralston said, thank you. I appreciate that very, very much.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you, Pastor.

Chairman Scott said, is there any further questions of the petitioner or of staff?

Commissioner Center said, ready for a motion?

Chairman Scott said, hearing none, I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Center said, I move we approve.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

Mr. Morgan said, thank y'all.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the Petitioner, Parker Morgan, agent for the Holy Church of God, Inc.'s, request to rezone four parcels of land located at 474 Little Neck Road from PUD-M-6/TC to R-A. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XII-2~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~December 18, 2015~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1

AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The Petitioner Parker Morgan, agent for Holy Church of God, Inc., is requesting the rezoning of four parcels of land located at 474 Little Neck Road from a PUD-M-6/TC (Planned Unit Development - Multifamily - Six Units per Acre) zoning classification to an R-A (Residential Agriculture) classification. The MPC recommends approval.

File Number: Z-151014-00090-1

NOTIFICATION:

All property owners within 300 feet of the subject property were notified of the petition by mail. Zoning information signs were posted on the property and the Henderson neighborhood association was notified by the petitioner.

ISSUE:

The rezoning of four parcels of land identified as (PINs 1-1028-01-082, -036, -037 & -038) from a PUD-M-6/TC (Planned Unit Development - Multifamily - Six Units per Acre) zoning classification to an R-A (Residential-Agriculture) classification.

BACKGROUND:

The lots identified in this petition are adjacent to and owned by an existing church immediately north of the subject properties. These properties were zoned to the current PUD-M-6 classification in 2007 with the intent

of creating a residential development. The subsequent economic downturn prevented this development from happening. The County Zoning Administrator has determined that a church is a not permitted use within the PUD-M-6 zoning district. Therefore, the expansion of the church would require a rezoning. Prior to the 2007 rezoning, the site had been zoned R-A since zoning was adopted by Chatham County in 1962. There have been no zoning changes in the general area within the last 25 years with the exception of the western adjacent property which was rezoned to its current PUD-C (Planned Unit Development Community) zoning classification in 1993 (MPC File Number Z-93-10415-C).

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. **Existing Development Pattern:** The subject properties abut the westside of Little Neck Road. This portion of the westside of Little Neck Road between Ogeechee Road and Interstate 95 is substantially developed with single family residences. The east side of Little Neck Road is substantially undeveloped. The subject properties are also undeveloped.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	Church	R-A
South	Vacant Parcel	PUD-M-6
East	Little Neck Road/Vacant Parcels	R-A
West	Single Family Residential	PUD-C

2. **Transportation Network:** The subject properties abut Little Neck Road and the existing church is accessed from there. Although there is a Master Plan under development for the expansion of the church facilities, any additional access points will be reviewed by Chatham County at a later time.
3. **Public Transportation:** The subject site is served by Chatham Area Transit (CAT) route 17 Silk Hope. The nearest bus stop is at the intersection of Henderson Boulevard and Little Neck Road.
4. **Public Services and Facilities:** The property is served by the Metropolitan Police Department, City fire protection, and City water and sewer services.
5. **Land Use Element:** The Tri-Centennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designates the subject property as Residential Suburban Single Family. The proposed R-A zoning classification is consistent with the definition of this land use category. Therefore, no amendment to the Future Land Use Map will be required if the proposed rezoning is adopted.
6. **Existing PUD-M-6 Zoning District:**
 - a. **Intent of the PUD-M-6 District:** The Zoning Ordinance does not establish an intent for this district. However, the definition states that under this district, various types of residential uses shall be permitted with an overall net density not to exceed 6 units per net acre.
 - b. **Allowed Uses:** Multi-family dwellings, including townhomes, apartments, condominiums, two-family dwellings, single family semi-detached dwellings, single family detached dwellings, and some business uses under certain conditions.
 - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the PUD-M-6 district vary depending upon the type of development. For instance, single family detached residential must be developed in accordance with the R-1 (Single Family Residential) district standards. Duplexes must be developed in accordance with R-2-A (Two Family Residential) district standards.
7. **Proposed R-A Zoning District:**
 - a. **Intent of the R-A District:** According to the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of the R-A District is to “protect those rural areas within the urban expansion areas of the County for future urban development, and to protect certain rural highway roadside areas against strip development which can lead to traffic congestion, traffic hazards, and roadside blight.”
 - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the R-A district appear in the attachment.
 - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the R-A district appear in the attached table. (Table 1).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

1. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would create traffic volumes, noise level, odor, airborne particulate matter, visual blight, reduce light or increased density of development that would adversely impact the livability or quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood?
Yes _____ No X
2. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would adversely impact adjacent and nearby properties by rendering such properties less desirable and therefore, less marketable for the type of development permitted under the current zoning?
Yes _____ No X
3. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would generate a type of mix of vehicular traffic on a street or highway that is incompatible with the type of land use development along such street or highway?
Yes _____ No X
4. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate greater traffic volumes at vehicular access points and cross streets than is generated by uses permitted under the current zoning district to the detriment of maintaining acceptable or current volume capacity (V/C) ratio for the streets that provide vehicular access to the proposed zoning district and adjacent and nearby properties?
Yes _____ No X
5. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would require a greater level of public services such as drainage facilities, utilities, or safety services above that required for uses permitted under the current zoning district such that the provision of these services will create financial burden to the public?
Yes _____ No X
6. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would adversely impact the improvement or development of adjacent and nearby properties in accordance with existing zoning regulations and development controls deemed necessary to maintain the stability and livability of the surrounding neighborhood?
Yes _____ No X
7. Will the proposed zoning district permit development that is inconsistent with the comprehensive land use plan?
Yes _____ No X

ALTERNATIVES:

1. **Approve** the petitioner's request to rezone the subject properties from a PUD-M-6 (Planned Unit Development Multifamily - Six Units per Acre) zoning classification to an R-A (Residential-Agriculture) classification.
2. **Approve** an alternate zoning classification.
3. **Denial** of the petitioner's request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The requested rezoning and the uses and standards of the district are consistent with the Future Land Use designation and the development pattern of the general area. Although the proposed district is a down zoning in terms of residential housing types allowed, the district allows residential and non residential uses appropriate for the area. Reestablishing the R-A zoning district at this location should allow for the orderly development of the subject properties, and should not negatively impact any adjacent properties or the existing uses in the general vicinity.

RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL of the petitioner's request to rezone the subject properties from a PUD-M-6 (Planned Unit Development Multifamily - Six Units per Acre) zoning classification to an R-A (Residential-Agriculture) classification.

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director
Development Services

November 3, 2015

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Table 1: Comparison of Development Standards for the Existing I-H and Proposed PUD-M-36 Zoning Districts

	R-A District	PUD-M-6 District
Minimum Lot Area	6,000 square feet	(Per Dwelling Unit) One-family detached 6,000 S.R. Two-family detached 3,600 S.R. One-family detached and semi-attached 1,200 S.R. Multi-family 1,800 S.R.
Minimum Lot Width	60 feet	One-family and Two-Family detached 60 Feet One-family detached and semi-attached 18 Feet Multi-Family 100 Feet
Front Yard Setback	85 ft from the centerline on an arterial roadway but not less than 25 feet	25 Feet
Minimum Side Yard Setback	5 feet	One-family and Two-Family detached 5 Feet One-family detached and semi-attached 10 Feet Multi-Family 10 Feet
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	25 feet	25 feet
Maximum Height	36 feet	36 feet
Building Coverage	40 percent	40 Percent
Maximum Density	N/A	6 Units Per Acre



CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2015
TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:
 Parker Morgan, Agent
 Holy Church of God Inc., Petitioner
 474 Little Neck Road
 File No. Z-15104-00090-1

MPC ACTION: Approval of the petitioner's request to rezone the subject properties from a PUD-M-6 classification to an R-A classification.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the petitioner's request to rezone the subject properties from a PUD-M-6 classification to an R-A classification.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 9 + Secretary

Tanya Milton, Chairman
Joseph Welch, Treasurer
Lacy Manigault
Shedrick Coleman
Linder Suthers

James Overton, Vice Chairman
James B. Blackburn, Jr.
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FOR APPROVAL: 9

FOR DENIAL: 1

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

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- 2. THE PETITIONER, MARK CRAPPS, AGENT FOR MINTU PROPERTIES, LLC, IS REQUESTING A REZONING OF TWO PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED AT 824 AND 828 QUACCO ROAD FROM THE EXISTING R-A (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE) CLASSIFICATION TO A B-N (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDS DENIAL.
MPC FILE NUMBER: Z-150814-00070-1
[DISTRICT 7.]**

Chairman Scott said, the second item on Second Reading, Petitioner, Mark Crapps, agent for Mintu Properties, LLC, is requesting a rezoning of two parcels of land located at 820 [sic] and 828 Quacco Road from the existing R-A, residential agriculture classification to a B-N classification, neighborhood business classification. The MPC recommend denial. Marcus, would you speak to that, please?

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. This -- this item came before the Planning Commission a request to rezone the subject properties from the current residential agriculture classification to the neighborhood business classification. The petitioner's intent was to establish a convenience store at this location. This particular part of Quacco Road between Ogeechee and -- and interstate 95, most of the development, other than that at the -- at the intersection there at 17, is residential in nature. The proposed use of a convenience store -- you can see the property on this tax map, would be adjacent immediately to the entrance of the Laurelwood neighborhood, and we had a number of concerns regarding not only the proposed use but some of the other uses that are currently allowed under the neighborhood business classification and having them located so closely to residential properties.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and it borders nine homes?

Mr. Lotson said, it borders -- well you can see --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

Mr. Lotson said, -- in this aerial map. Yes -- yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, you can see it right there.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is that near the 17 and Quacco Road?

Chairman Scott said, this is in -- this is in the 7th District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I know.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah, I'm saying --

Commissioner Center said, Quacco and I-95.

Commissioner Shabazz said, where is the 17 in -- in -- in reference to this?

Mr. Lotson said, actually 17 is out of this photograph. It's --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Lotson said, it's -- yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So it's not that same area right at the intersection?

Mr. Lotson said, not -- not right at the intersection, no, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, it's further down.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, further down, yeah.

Mr. Lotson said, but -- it is further down, but there were a number of concerns that we had with the proposed use at this location, as well as the other uses that would be allowed under that zoning. During the Planning Commission meeting, there were a number of residents from the neighborhood who came out in opposition of this particular petition and the Planning Commission, based on the concerns of staff, did recommend denial.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I'll make a motion.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 7th --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, for a motion.

Chairman Scott said, -- for a question?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no. Motion, whenever.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Whenever we get through. Any -- anybody have a question of staff? Is the petitioner here?

Mr. Lotson said, I don't believe they are here today, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is Mark Crapps here?

Chairman Scott said, I asked if the petitioner was here.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, and he said, no.

Mr. Lotson said, no.

County Manager Smith said, hmm-mm.

Chairman Scott said, okay. You can -- if there's no question of staff, you can raise the screens and the lights and -- you want to be recognized for the motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, based on the recommendation of the MPC, I make a motion to deny the request.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we support the staff recommendation of denial. Any unreadiness? Any discussion? All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. The petition is denied.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to deny the request of the Petitioner, Mark Crapps, agent for Mintu Properties, LLC, is requesting a rezoning of two parcels of land located at 824 and 828 Quacco Road from the existing R-A, residential agriculture classification to a B-N classification, neighborhood business classification. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XII-2~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~December 18, 2015~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1

AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The Petitioner Mark Crapps, agent for Mintu Properties, LLC, is requesting a rezoning of two parcels of land from the existing R-A (residential agriculture) classification to a B-N (neighborhood business) classification. The MPC recommends denial of the petitioner's request. File No. Z-150814-00070-1

ISSUE:

At issue is a request to rezone two parcels of land with a combined acreage of 1.318 acres located on the northside of Quacco Road, approximately 100 feet southeast of Soling Avenue, from the existing R-A (Residential Agriculture) classification to a B-N (Neighborhood Business) classification.

BACKGROUND:

1. **Public Notice:** As required by the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, all property owners located within 300 feet of the petitioned site were sent notices of the proposed rezoning and a zoning information sign was posted on the subject site. There are no known neighborhood homeowners associations in the immediate area.
2. **Site:** The subject site consists of two separate parcels of land. The westernmost parcel is 0.702 acres in size and is vacant. The easternmost parcel is 0.616 acres in size and is presently occupied by a single family residential structure and an accessory structure. If the subject site is rezoned, both structures will be removed and both parcels will be recombined into a unified site prior to development.
3. **Zoning History:** The subject site was zoned R-A when zoning was adopted by Chatham County in 1962. There have been no other rezoning within the general area within the last 25 years.
4. **Existing Land Use Pattern:** The subject site is located within an area that consists of single family residential structures, mobile homes on individual lots, two mobile home parks, a large parcel being used as a cattle farm, and undeveloped properties.

The land uses and zoning districts surrounding the subject site include:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	Single Family Residential	R-A
South	Quacco Road Undeveloped - Cattle Farm Mobile Home Park (adjacent to cattle farm)	R-A R-M-H-1[1]
East	Single Family Residential Mobile Home Park (adjacent to single family)	R-A R-M-H-1
West	Soling Avenue (entrance into single family SD) Single Family Residential	R-A R-A

[1] R-M-H-1 -- Residential Manufactured/Mobile Home Park

5. The petitioner has indicated in the zoning petition that the purpose of the rezoning to a B-N classification is to facilitate the development of a convenience store. The subject site is adjacent to the entrance road and residential properties within established single family development, Laurel Oaks subdivision, which could be negatively impacted by the proposed rezoning. The rezoning could also be detrimental to properties within the general area. There are no other non-residential zoning districts or conforming non-residential uses on Quacco Road in unincorporated Chatham County, with the exception of the intersection of Quacco Road and Ogeechee Road (U.S. Highway 17).
6. **Existing R-A Zoning District:**
 - a. **Intent of the R-A District:** According to the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of the R-A District is to “protect those rural areas within the urban expansion areas of the County for future urban development, and to protect certain rural highway roadside areas against strip development which can lead to traffic congestion, traffic hazards and roadside blight.
 - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the R-A district appear in the attachment.
 - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the R-A district appear in the attached Table (Table 1).
7. **Proposed B-N Zoning District:**
 - a. **Intent of the B-N District:** According to the Zoning Ordinance, “the purpose of this district is to provide convenient shopping facilities consisting of convenience goods and personal services in neighborhood market areas from three thousand to five thousand people.”
 - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the B-N district appear in the attachment.
 - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the B-N district appear in the attached table. (Table 1).
8. The Chatham County-Savannah Tri-centennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designates the subject property as Suburban Single Family. Approval of the requested zoning map amendment would not be consistent with the Future Land Use Map.
9. **Public Services and Facilities:** The subject site property is served by the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, the Southside Fire Department, and Consolidated Utilities water and sanitary sewer system (the existing house is presently utilizing a private well and independent septic tank system.)
10. **Chatham Area Transit:** The property is served by the Chatham Area Transit System, route number 17 Silk Hope. The nearest bus stop is located at the terminus of the route at the entrance of the Highlands Mobile Home Park, located approximately 700 feet south of the subject site.
11. **Transportation Network:** The subject site has access on Quacco Road, a paved two-lane public street classified as a secondary arterial roadway. The Georgia Department of Transportation Traffic Count Map dated 2014 identified a daily average of 9,990 vehicle trips on Quacco Road between Ogeechee Road (U.S. Highway 17) and Interstate 95.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

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

Yes _____ No

2. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would adversely impact adjacent and nearby properties by rendering such properties less desirable and therefore, less marketable for the type of development permitted under the current zoning?

Yes No _____

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

Yes _____ No

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

Yes _____ No

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

Yes _____ No

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

Yes No _____

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

Yes No _____

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the petitioner's request to rezone the subject site from an R-A classification to a B-N classification.
2. Deny the petitioner's request.
3. Approve an alternative recommendation.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The subject site is identified as Suburban Single Family on the Chatham County-Savannah Tri-Centennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map. The proposed rezoning of the site to a B-N classification would permit uses that would not be consistent with the Future Land Use Map and would not be consistent with the residential character of Quacco Road and could be detrimental to the residential properties adjacent to and in close proximity to the subject site. The subject site is located approximately 1.9 miles from Ogeechee Road where non-residential uses, including a convenience store, are presently located and provide neighborhood services to those that live on Quacco Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

Denial of the petitioner's request to rezone the properties identified as 824 and 828 Quacco Road from an R-A (Residential Agriculture) classification to a B-N (Neighborhood Business) classification based on the previously stated findings identified in the staff report.

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director
Development Services

November 3, 2015

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Table 1: Comparison of Development Standards for the Existing R-A and Proposed B-N Zoning Districts

	R-A District	B-N District
Minimum Lot Area	6,000 square feet	N/A
Minimum Lot Width	60 feet	N/A
Front Yard Setback	85 ft from the centerline on an arterial roadway but not less than 25 feet	85 ft from the centerline on an arterial roadway but not less than 20 feet
Minimum Side Yard Setback	5 feet	0 unless located next to an R district or residential use then 10 feet is required
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	25 feet	0 unless located next to an R district or residential use then 30 feet is required
Maximum Height	36 feet	N/A
Maximum Building Coverage	40 percent	N/A
Maximum Density	N/A	N/A



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
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----- M E M O R A N D U M -----

DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2015
TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:
 Mintu Properties, LLC, Owner/Petitioner
 Mark Crapps, Agent
 824 & 828 Quacco Road
 File No. Z-15814-00070-1

MPC ACTION: Approval of the staff recommendation to **deny** the petitioner's request to rezone the properties identified as 824 and 828 Quacco Road from an R-A classification to a B-N classification.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION: **Denial** of the petitioner's request to rezone the properties identified as 824 and 828 Quacco Road from an R-A classification to a B-N classification.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 11 + Secretary

Tanya Milton, Chairman
 Joseph Welch, Treasurer
 James B. Blackburn, Jr.
 Ellis Cook
 Lacy Manigault
 Linder Suthers

James Overton, Vice Chairman
 George Woods, Secretary
 Shedrick Coleman
 Stephanie Cutter
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 Tom Woiwode

VOTING FOR MOTION

Milton

VOTING AGAINST MOTION

None

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

*Mackey

Overton
 Welch
 Woods
 Blackburn
 Coleman
 Cook
 Cutter
 Manigault
 Ragsdale
 Suthers
 Woiwode

*Smith

FOR APPROVAL: 12

FOR DENIAL: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
 Executive Director

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chairman Scott said, staff -- staff -- I have two members of the Commission ask that we take a five-minute break before we vote on the Pro Tem. Is that still the wishes?

Commissioner Center said, yes. Please.

Chairman Scott said, if we would take a five-minute break, and then we'll come back and vote on the Pro Tem, and then we have some announcements. A five-minute break. Be back here by 12:35 according to the clock on the wall, although it's a little fast.

[NOTE: The Chairman called a five-minute recess at 12:30. The meeting resumed at 12:35 whereupon the matter of the Commission Pro Tem was decided.]

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, next on the agenda under information, we -- we're really not losing him because he is still a county employee. His email address is not changing, so I guess the only thing that's really changing is his physical address. He will no longer be located in the Chatham County Courthouse, rather he will be located at the Chatham County Detention Center, and I'm in reference to Pete Nichols.

Commissioner Center said, outside the bars, right?

Chairman Scott said, and I don't know where he's out, but --

County Manager Smith said, he's -- he's back there looking at you.

Chairman Scott said, he's -- he's probably going to take turns. Some in, some out.

County Manager Smith said, he and Katherine [Neal] are running the camera, so if he could come out it would be great.

Chairman Scott said, so, I know Pete is hearing this, so Pete we invite you out for a last parting comment.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. He'll be the PIO for the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Scott said, but, he -- there was a open position, and he has applied to be the public information for Sheriff Harris, the -- the -- the old public relation officer for that agency have relocated and that's what created the vacancy, and go ahead and smile, Pete. And --

Mr. Pete Nichols said, you're loving this, aren't you?

Chairman Scott said, and I -- I just wanted to invite you out and let you make any comments, but keep in mind, then I'm going to recognize the Manager for comments, so if you talk about him, he's going to be able to counter it.

Mr. Nichols said, no. I've -- I've -- I've been here for 17 years and it really has been an extreme pleasure. I have had the wonderful opportunity to deal with all departments within the county, not only the ones that come under the purview of the County Manager --

Chairman Scott said, I understand.

Mr. Nichols said, -- but a lot of the elected and constitutional officers, and it has really been a blast. This opportunity came up when the previous PIO out at the Sheriff's department was moving and having been doing this for 17 years and -- and now having the opportunity to work for just one department, but a very big department that still has a lot of projects and a lot of good opportunity for good PR, along with regular media relations dealing with sheriff's office issues, one that is very close to home to me, because I'm only six miles away, why not? So I look forward to it. I'll be back and forth a lot. You'll still see me around. As I was addressing the Youth Commission earlier this week because I -- I always enjoyed working with them, I told them that -- that we don't have a good word for it, so I'm not going to say good-bye, but the French say, au revoir, we'll see you again.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, ah diemen.

Chairman Scott said, let me -- let me -- let me just say that I know members of the Commission, I would certainly recognize them to speak for themselves, but I -- I've really enjoyed working with you and some of them may not know but I -- I've enjoyed your sense of humor, for those who may not know that you have one.

County Manager Smith said, oh God.

Mr. Nichols said, I try to keep that a secret.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and it's all been pleasant and not only what you do in the confines of this building, but I also appreciate the fact that you're willing to go outside and show up on Saturdays and places out in the community to cover and to help them with theirs.

Mr. Nichols said, that's part of the job.

Chairman Scott said, even Summer Bonanza, the Youth Commission wherever they're at and whatever they're -- whatever they're doing. And that's what I really appreciated about your services, and I -- I've enjoyed working with you, and I look forward to continuing working with you.

Mr. Nichols said, as I do too.

Chairman Scott said, and before I get the members of the Commission, Mr. Manager.

County Manager Smith said, you know the -- the one thing I will definitely miss is I won't have a partner up here on music and film history. Just about every day we talked about film history because I'm an old black and white film buff. So we did -- and people would just stare at us, like what is wrong with these folks? But I think Pete really has for all of you set the bar over the years, and he does have a passion, I know, for some of the issues that we have, and particular as it relates to law enforcement. He's done a really good job with Gina [Bilbo], supporting them, so I think that transition is going to be -- you know we've talked a lot over the last year, so I think that will be great. We brought somebody in that he has been training. He has also -- Pete and I have been working along with the staff and Nick Batey, we're going to be doing new equipment, new cameras, digitizing, new stuff, so Pete got that going. So I want to make sure he gets credit for moving that forward. So this spring you're going to begin to see some of that happen and now with Katherine -- in fact, do you want to bring -- at some point, we'll --

Mr. Nichols said, well, she's running the -- she's running the board right now.

County Manager Smith said, -- introduce her.

Chairman Scott said, she's working.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Well, she's working. She's holding on the controls, nervous right now. But we'll introduce her, and we'll be opening the position, and ex -- really expanding, but Pete's going to be part of that. He's still part of this team of, you know, just public relations, but educating the public on what we do. So we're excited about it.

Mr. Nichols said, one of the -- one of the things I mentioned this week in some of the parting meetings that we had is in my new position, I plan on taking full advantage of the new equipment to show off all the good stuff that we do out at the Sheriff's department. The -- the County Connection news letter, I can guarantee you there will be something in there every edition from the Sheriff's Department. So it's going to be fun being in that role but still promoting the good things that we do here for Chatham County as -- as we try to make this a better community and serve our citizens.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and you'll still have to come back over here for your 20th year service award.

Mr. Nichols said, that I will do.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Brady wants to make a comment.

Commissioner Brady said, Pete, a lot of folks may not know this, but I knew you way before you started working here. I've known you for probably over 20 years.

Mr. Nichols said, yeah. Maybe even longer.

Commissioner Brady said, you've done a fabulous job. We're going to miss you, but I'm sure that you'll -- you'll rise the detention center up, and I just want to wish you good luck and congratulations, and it's nice to live only six miles from your work place. Good luck.

Mr. Nichols said, thanks.

Chairman Scott said, I've got Commissioner Center and Commissioner Stone in that order.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Pete, I want to wish you well over there. I'm going -- I'm going to -- you know I come by the building as much as I can 'cause I work and live downtown and always enjoyed seeing you when I come in. I -- you -- you've always been very attentive to anything I've asked for, and I really do appreciate it. I appreciate your humor, and I -- I know you're definitely involved, even today, you -- you helped with the purple ribbons. I appreciate that, and knowing you're with the Sheriff's office, that you'll continue to have even better year at the fright night, or whatever it's called.

Mr. Nichols said, Panic in the Pen.

Commissioner Center said, Panic in the Pen. That was absolutely fantastic.

Mr. Nichols said, I -- I tell you, as long as that building is still standing, we're going to plan on another one.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I know you're devoted to it, and it did very well, and I wish you well over there, and we'll miss seeing you visibly.

Mr. Nichols said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, Pete, good luck -- good luck. You will be very missed here, and love your golden retriever.

Mr. Nichols said, that's right.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes, better known as Coach.

Commissioner Holmes said, how you doing, Pete?

Mr. Nichols said, hi, Coach. How are you?

Commissioner Holmes said, ah, what a -- what a -- what a wonderful day.

Mr. Nichols said, I got to tell you, one of the -- one of the -- the -- the greatest projects for those that weren't here when we did it, but it was a couple of years ago, I got to work with Coach, and his predecessor that I'm very proud to say is my close friend, Joe Murray Rivers, on a video basically telling their life story, and it was wonderful.

Commissioner Holmes said, Pete, I enjoyed it, every second of it. I did not know you had that kind of passion with you, putting up with two old guys trying to go around, telling their story, but -- but -- but you were so patient, and also you were so innovative with creating and staging what we did. Your knowledge for what you does is -- is -- is unbelievable. But I will have to ask you this, you -- you moving to the sheriff department, and normally I don't go out there, 'cause I don't like prisons, but now you give me a reason to come out there, so I'm not going to miss you. I'll come out there and share some things with you --

Mr. Nichols said, please come and visit.

Commissioner Holmes said, -- and talk about you.

Mr. Nichols said, yeah.

Commissioner Holmes said, as long as the Braves still swinging and -- and throwing the ball, we'll talk about that. Thank you.

Mr. Nichols said, all the sports that we talk about, Coach. That's why they call you Coach.

Commissioner Holmes said, exactly.

Mr. Nichols said, yeah.

Commissioner Holmes said, enjoy yourself --

Mr. Nichols said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, -- and I'll be talking with you.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Pete, I've been here I guess 16 of your 17.

Mr. Nichols said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I appreciate the job you've done, but I'll -- I'll miss the friendship.

Mr. Nichols said, I will too.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's -- it's been great to be able to walk by and you're -- you've been a calming presence for me throughout the years, which, you can see earlier, sometimes I need a calming presence, and -- so I appreciate you, and I'm going to miss you.

Mr. Nichols said, well, you know, a -- again as the Chairman said, and I've told everybody else, my -- my email is still chathamcounty.org, it's just a different four-digit extension, so you'll see me around.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir, good. Good luck to you.

Mr. Nichols said, thanks.

Chairman Scott said, and Commissioner Farrell said he wasn't going to let everybody else talk and -- he wanted the last word, so --

Commissioner Farrell said, I get -- I get the last word? Man, that's -- that's a rare occasion around here for me -- for me. Pete, I will, you know, I've been popping into your office before every meeting for over 10 years, and I don't know what we talk about, but it's a little of this and that, and it's -- it's sort of like -- I feel like when I walk in that door, I'm -- I'm pulling the curtain around from the wizard who's back there manipulating the buttons and has got the secret cameras and all this stuff, so we'll miss our impromptu visits, and it will be quite an effort for me to -- to -- to go check myself in at the -- at the detention center to come see you, so I --

Mr. Nichols said, come in -- come in the front door.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah.

Mr. Nichols said, come in the front door, as the visitor, please.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. Is -- is your office close to the front, 'cause I don't know about going through all those corridors.

Mr. Nichols said, like I said, as a visitor.

Commissioner Farrell said, yes. A temporary visitor.

Mr. Nichols said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, anyway, congratulations. Hope the -- hope the move is all -- all -- all that you want it to be and more. So.

Mr. Nichols said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much, Pete.

Mr. Nichols said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, the -- the rest of the stuff in your packet is informational. Mr. Manager, you have anything you wanted to add?

County Manager Smith said, the only thing I wanted to add is I know there's an MLK breakfast, and if you through Gail --

Chairman Scott said, brunch.

County Manager Smith said, or brunch.

Chairman Scott said, Saturday.

County Manager Smith said, on Saturday morning or -- yeah, Saturday morning.

Chairman Scott said, 10:00 o'clock.

County Manager Smith said, if you're going to that, and I know of a couple of you attending.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, but also, we will have an MLK parade float. So if you -- and I think several have said, if the -- if it's not raining -- if it's raining, just go ahead and stay in bed because we're not doing the float, but we're number 10. If you want to be on the float, which the employees are decorating early, we've got volunteers Monday morning to do that, if you will come to the courthouse here at -- between 8:30 and 9:00 a van will take you there, and then when you return, bring you back. That way it's just not confusing. Okay? Monday morning.

Commissioner Center said, will you learn our location? I live probably closer to the staging area than the -- this building is. Will --

County Manager Smith said, when you see -- ask Julia --

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, she can tell you exactly where number 10 will be.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, it -- it will be fairly close to the front, though.

County Manager Smith said, it will. We're -- we're close to the front.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. So would love for you to -- to come out.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And -- and then I have just --

Commissioner Farrell said, it will only be 28 degrees Monday morning.

County Manager Smith said, well, I've said, bring your coats.

Commissioner Farrell said, so -- so bring your jackets and your head gear.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Yeah. And your --

Chairman Scott said, we only -- we only have one other announcement before we move into executive session. We do have a need for executive session on legal and litigation. It's just one short briefing that Jon's got to do for us, but before we do that, I wanted to just let you all know that the contract for the precinct, and it's what I call the -- the new Island precinct, has -- is -- has been put on the street, and we would expect to have bids back at -- in about 30 days or so.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Mr. Leon Davenport, County Engineer said, February 25th.

County Manager Smith said, February 25th.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and stay tuned, we will be contacting you in the next couple of months -- well, really pretty soon about when we're going to do the ground breaking over the next couple of months. I -- I don't want to do a ground breaking where you go shovel dirt and nothing happens, so, as soon as the contract is let, we will break ground.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, okay? So --

Commissioner Center said, are you ready for a motion?

Chairman Scott said, so -- so I just want to know for those who are driving that way, and you see the -- the lots being cleared and the sign's out there --

County Manager Smith said, we're getting started.

Chairman Scott said, it's on the way.

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: January 15, 2016

**List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$24,999
 That Do Not Require Board Approval**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Court sponsored boys and girls basketball team uniforms	Juvenile Court	Thompson Sport Shop	\$2,704	Juvenile Court Supervision
Youth soccer officials for Oct 31- Nov 8	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Soccer Association, Inc.	\$3,404	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
OSHA level II chemical spill response training	Mosquito Control	Sigma Consulting and Training, Inc.	\$2,565	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Engineering services to assist the County at the Wilmington Island Drop Off Center	Public Works and Park Services	Harbin Engineering, P.C.	\$9,975	Solid Wastes - SSD
Counter-top ice machine for staff dining room	Detention Center	Baker Distributing Company, Inc.	\$4,606	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Annual software and maintenance agreement for project management software	I.C.S.	Aimware, Inc. D/B/A Brightwork	\$3,500	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Motivational interviewing training for probation team	Juvenile Court	Community Solutions	\$3,685	General Fund/M&O - Juvenile Court
UV replacement of flow sensor, cable, seal and lamp	Aquatic Center	Leslie's Poolmart, Inc. D/B/A Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies	\$5,119	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Repairs of warning lights and clam bucket to unit#23 - Public Works Front End Loader	Fleet Operations	Low Country Machinery dba JCB of Georgia	\$4,977	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
320 tons of recycled concrete	Public Works and Park Services	ADRS Services, Inc. dba ABC Crushing	\$5,120	Solid Waste Management
Mailing of pre-bills for month of November	Tax Commissioner	Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety	\$5,818	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
85 cans of two (2) part epoxy paint to protect against vandalism and graffiti	Detention Center	Sherwin Williams	\$9,238	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Repairs of remote camera system	Public Works and Park Services	Atlas Inspection Technologies, Inc.	\$2,500	SSD - Public Works
Annual fire alarm inspection	Mosquito Control	Simplex Grinnell, LP.	\$2,726	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control

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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: January 15, 2016

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 (ROW) 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. Reeves Construction is low-bidder. Pre-construction meeting held January 14, 2015.
3. SR 307 Widening from US 17 to I-16. GDOT accepted for ownership and maintenance the section from I-16 south to Hardin Canal. Project from Hardin Canal south to US 17 is substantially complete and open to traffic. Corrective work underway. Awaiting GDOT to accept remaining portion of the project.
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. Board approved design contract with Moffatt & Nichol at their meeting November 6, 2015. Preliminary design underway.
6. SR 21 @ Pipemakers Canal. Board approved design contract with Moffatt & Nichol at their meeting December 18, 2015. Preliminary design underway.
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. No PFA required because preliminary engineering is locally funded.
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 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 awarded construction contract to Preferred Materials 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. Construction underway.
- b. Fairwind Road. Board awarded a construction contract to Sitework Construction, LLC on December 18, 2015. Preconstruction meeting scheduled for January 2016.
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 January 2016.
 - 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. Diamond Causeway at McWhorter/Green Island Roads. Preliminary design to upgrade the intersection to a roundabout underway. Public Information Open House for the project will be held early 2016.
 - e. Hill Road. Dirt road paving project. ROW plans are complete and ROW acquisition is underway. Final plans are under review.
 - 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, 2015 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 held December 3, 2015. Revised concept report will be submitted to GDOT in January 2016.
 - i. Crisp and Fisher Street Improvements. Dirt road paving project. Preliminary design by staff 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.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: January 15, 2016

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 and permitting 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. A contract has been approved and work began in December. Construction should be complete by June 2016.
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 March 2016.
10. Vidalia Road Canal Drainage Improvements. The project will improve conveyance and obtain easements for access and maintenance. Design and permitting is complete. Bids were received in December and a recommendation for contact approval is on the January 15, 2016 agenda.
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. The Board approved a construction contact in December 2015. Work will begin in January, 2016 and should be completed by July, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, I need -- I recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District for a motion.

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

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

The Board recessed at approximately 12:49 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, Brady, Kicklighter and Thomas were not present for the vote.]

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- 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR SETTLEMENT**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the settlement of two condemnations on Bay Street one in the amount of \$200,000 and the other in the amount of \$57,200. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz, Brady, Kicklighter and Thomas 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 1:15 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION