

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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 9:33 a.m. on Friday, February 12, 2016.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

County Manager Lee Smith said, good morning.

Members of the Commission collectively said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, again, good morning and welcome and at this time you may be seated.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, our scheduled devotional leader has not made it here yet, but we have a -- a real treat for you and -- and we have a -- and I would assume some of you may not know this, but -- some of you may know this, but we have with us Pastor Brian Reese, and I'm going to ask him to come up. And -- and -- and I hope she -- she doesn't mind this, but Brian is the -- mother is the Clerk of Council, and for those of you may not know, they're both ordained ministers, and I decided to put Brian on the spot and invite him up to say a few words and to lead us in prayer. I will ask the audience to remain seated until such time when Reverend Reese indicate it's time to pray. Would you stand at that time and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th District. At this time it's a pleasure to welcome and to put on the spot, Reverend Brian Reese.

Reverend Brian Reese said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I really appreciate the opportunity, and -- and I really am honored and blessed to be here. Thank you so much for -- for allowing me to -- to pray over the -- our elected officials and leaders today. I -- I see my -- my -- my classmate Dean Kicklighter up there. We played high school football together. One of the toughest players I ever hit right there. He played football for Benedictine with me. So I -- I just want to go ahead and go on and pray. I don't want to prolong it very long, but I -- I just want to -- if -- if you -- if you would stand with me very quickly.

Reverend Reese gave the invocation as follows:

Father, in the name of our Lord and our Savior, Jesus, we thank you for the opportunity, Lord, Father God, to come before you right now, and Father God, enter into your presence. We ask, Father God, that you anoint our leaders and officials, Father God, to make decisions, Father God, that benefit our city and our county. Father, we thank you, Father God, that you've given the decisions, Father God, that are best for the people within Chatham County, God that help us to grow and expand and, Father God, help our economy to grow. And God we thank you right now in the name of Jesus for doing all that you can to direct -- to direct them in whatever area you need to direct them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

Reverend Reese said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call 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
Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

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

Not Present: Lori L. Brady, District Six

Commissioner Center said, Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, at this time I recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I received a text from Commissioner Brady that her -- her mother-in-law is ill, and she's tending to her this morning, and I move that we excuse her.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Hearing the motion, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Commissioner Brady is excused.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to excuse Commissioner Brady 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 will recognize our Vice Chair for the purpose of introducing our Youth Commission members who are here today. Commissioner Priscilla Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce to you our Youth Commissioners in attendance today. They are Trinity Mason, a senior attending Islands High School; and Bryanna Pacheco, she's a junior from Savannah Arts Academy. We want to welcome these young ladies to our Commission meeting today and want you to know that you have the same rights as the County Commissioners to ask any questions and to participate, okay? Thank you.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Bryanna Pacheco said, thank you.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Trinity Mason said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, and thank you all for being here.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. ZIKA VIRUS UPDATE (FIX)

Chairman Scott said, next we have a -- a proclamation and a special presentation on the Zika virus report.

County Manager Smith said, I will ask Jeff Heusel if he will come up and introduce our -- our guest this morning. Jeff, if -- if you could. We had a pretty major event this past week. If you could just mention -- we had a lot of people here.

Mr. Jeff Heusel, Mosquito Control Director said, yes. We were hosting the 82nd Annual American Mosquito Control Association meeting here at the Trade Center. It went off very successfully. We had about 950 attendees and it was quite a bit of media attention to it. But it -- it was very -- very successful.

County Manager Smith said, good.

Mr. Heusel said, and I'd like to introduce Robert Thornton, he's the district epidemiologist, and I'll let him continue.

Mr. Robert Thornton said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Members of the Commission collectively said, good morning.

Mr. Thornton said, I was asked to inform the Commission about what we know with Zika and what we're currently doing, and I've asked Jeff to be on standby so that he can answer any questions you might have about the actual mosquito vector, but as you probably have all heard, Zika is a virus that's spread mainly through the bite of infected mosquitos. It's not the first time that we've had Zika. When I say, we, in the world. It has been noted in other locations across the world, most notably recently in Brazil. Again, like I said, Zika is primarily transmitted through the bite of mosquitos, certain mosquitos, Aedes and albopictus, and these are the same mosquitos that transmit other mosquito-born illnesses, such as chikungunya and dengue. When the infected mosquitos bite humans though they can -- I'm sorry, when the infected mosquitos bite humans, they can infect the humans, but then also, the mosquitos can feed on an infected human and transmit it to other humans, which is a little different than West Nile, that you've probably heard about.

Mr. Thornton said, the biggest -- the biggest risk at this time that we -- we know is the risks that are associated to pregnant mothers. Other persons may get sick. Less than 20 percent of people who get infected will actually show symptoms. Rarely people have to go to the hospital, and rarely will people actually die. However, there are, you know, some risks that CDC is working on now to actually determine whether there's a -- a -- a -- a true association between the -- the infection and unborn children. The most common symptoms are things like rash, fever, joint pain, conjunctivitis. These symptoms will begin anywhere from two days to -- to a week after you're -- you're bitten by an infected mosquito. The illness itself lasts about a week. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital, as I've mentioned, and rarely do they die. There is no vaccine to treat Zika infections or prevent Zika infections. So basically it is supportive care at this time.

Mr. Thornton said, our risk locally at this point would be folks who travel to areas where Zika is being transmitted and coming back to our area or to the United States for that matter. What we're doing now is surveillance and we're -- we're studying the people who, if they come back, I -- I don't mean study people, but we're -- we -- we investigate persons who come back from affected areas if they show symptoms, and we test them, and also, asymptomatic pregnant women that -- we -- we will test asymptomatic pregnant women who have traveled to an area where there is Zika transmission. So what -- what are we doing? First and foremost we will facilitate the testing of those individuals who meet the criteria through the Georgia Public Health lab and the CDC. We will counsel the patients to make sure that they understand that we want them to protect themselves from future mosquito bites for 10 to 14 days after their symptoms resolve. So in other words, we don't want them to expose themselves to allow mosquitos to feed on them and therefore transmit it to other persons. We are also working with the healthcare community, providing guidance and information. In fact, information went out to all licensed healthcare providers recently about the disease itself, the symptoms, and how to get -- how to get testing or arrange for testing.

Mr. Thornton said, also, we've posted some information on our website to -- you know, the information is changing constantly, so we try to update that information and -- and put it out on our website and social media, and, of course, like I said earlier, our -- our biggest task is to -- to monitor and identify potential cases and deal with those as they arise. So at this time I'll be glad to answer any questions.

Chairman Scott said, I got Commissioner Center of the 3rd District and Commissioner Shabazz of the 5th District in that order.

Commissioner Center said, thank you very much and if I understand, you said that the symptoms last about a week, so that the serious or most serious threat is to the unborn child?

Mr. Thornton said, that's correct.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Mr. Thornton said, or possible and -- and I say possible because there -- there's a lot of unknowns at this point, but possible sexual transmission from a male to a female who may be pregnant or getting pregnant. So, yes,

but the -- the -- we call it a viremia whenever the person's symptomatic, the virus load is going to be highest at that time when they're symptomatic.

Commissioner Center said, right, but -- but as I understand it, if an adult for some reason in Chatham County gets bit by the Zika virus, they look for a very uncomfortable week, but after the week, it should go away.

Mr. Thornton said, absolutely. Yes.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning, sir.

Mr. Thornton said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what are -- what are some of those areas -- I have three questions.

Mr. Thornton said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, quick questions, yeah. What are some of the areas where this virus is located, and how can it be transmitted other than sexual, and where -- where did it come from?

Mr. Thornton said, it arose in Africa.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Thornton said, and currently there are areas of South America, the Caribbean, and South Pacific that -- where there's transmission that occurs. And, you know, one -- one thing of note, we'll probably hear a lot more about Zika because the Olympics are going to be held in South America, in Brazil, I believe. So -- so that's where we currently have circulation of the virus, and your second question was how -- other ways of getting it other than sexually -- mainly through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay, but once the person becomes infected, how can that person transmit it to another person?

Mr. Thornton said, it would have to have the vector involved. It -- more than likely -- there's a lot of unknowns at this point. There have been some questions and -- about donated blood -- blood donations, but at this time I don't think there's enough information to say yes it definitely occurs through those routes, but we do know through a vector, which is a in -- infected mosquito bite -- a mosquito bite itself.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and you said there was -- there are no symptoms or there are some?

Mr. Thornton said, there are symptoms.

Commissioner Shabazz said, symptoms, okay.

Mr. Thornton said, rash, headache, body aches, joint pain, feeling really crummy.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Mr. Thornton said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, are there any other questions? Our two Youth Commissioners have questions.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Bryanna Pacheco said, okay, so you have said that the people who are traveling and like -- I'm sorry, you have said that you would test out the people to, you know, for -- how would you know if someone would have the symptoms, like, when that person is traveling? Like how exactly would you test that -- for that?

Mr. Thornton said, first -- first and foremost there's a travel advisory, which means that hopefully before people leave the country, they are -- oftentimes they are counseled by their physician or the healthcare provider or they check the CDC website or the airport has -- oftentimes has information on where you might be traveling. So if you know that there's Zika virus circulating in a particular country, first and foremost, if you're pregnant, you probably shouldn't go. However, if you have to go, then the next line of defense is protect yourself from a mosquito bite, which would mean to cover yourself up with clothing and to wear an appropriate mosquito repellent containing a chemical called Deet. So, if you go over and you come back and you develop symptoms, again, 80 percent of the people that -- that actually get Zika are not going to have symptoms, so the 20 percent would possibly show up to a physician's office and say, hey, I've been to -- I've been to Brazil, or I've been to a country -- you know, a nice, tropical island, and I've got a headache, and I've got a rash, etcetera, and that would actually precipitate us testing for Zika virus. Now, you heard me say that you can be asymptomatic and tested, but that's only for pregnant women. So if you're pregnant and you're being followed by a physician,

hopefully, women, they are, then the doctor says, you know, have you been -- have you traveled out of the country recently, and they say I went -- I went to Brazil, then even if she -- that female does not have symptoms, she'll be tested for Zika virus. Does that help? Does that answer?

Youth Commissioner Pacheco said, yes, sir. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Ms. Mason.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Trinity Mason said, has there been any cases of the Zika virus in Savannah within the past five to ten years?

Mr. Thornton said, no. No. There's only been one travel -- what we call travel-associated, which means she didn't get it from here in Georgia. She got it from going to another country, and she returned and was sick when -- after she returned. And there's been one case in the last several years that we have confirmed.

Youth Commissioner Mason said, thank you.

Mr. Thornton said, we've got several people being tested across Georgia because as you know people travel every -- you know, they travel -- it's a little different than it used to be. A long time ago people didn't get -- they didn't travel very far, but now we have airplanes and we jump on airplanes, and people are connected.

Youth Commissioner Mason said, my next question is, if the Zika virus were to come to Savannah, how badly would it affect, like in general, if it were to spread?

Mr. Thornton said, well, if it were to spread there -- as Commissioner Center pointed out, the most -- again, most people will not get sick. Those 20 percent that do have symptoms, they'll have a horrible week. The -- the biggest threat that we think right now, at least right now, and we're still studying this because it's -- it's really developing as -- as we speak, would be to presumably unborn children, pregnant women who are carrying children. What happens is a condition, we think, called microcephaly, which is some abnormality with the brain and -- and head, which is -- can be lethal and cause significant birth defects. That's the -- that would be the largest issue. I think we would respond very -- would have a robust response because we're lucky in Chatham County to have a -- a very robust mosquito control program. So we would respond and make sure that we are taking care of the mosquitos.

Youth Commissioner Mason said, thank you.

Mr. Thornton said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, doctor, I was -- I was at that conference for a few hours on Monday, and in talking to one of the panelists, he suggests that this mosquito does not travel over great distance and that -- that there was -- that this mosquito in the early days was also responsible for yellow fever. Is that --

Mr. Thornton said, this is the mosquito expert.

Mr. Heusel said, actually the -- the mosquito that we have here that we're somewhat concerned about is a mosquito that was imported in 1986 to this area. It's called *Aedes albopictus*. It's what everybody knows as the tiger mosquito. At this point there hasn't been a lot of indication that that mosquito is capable of successfully transmitting the disease throughout -- well, in -- in the areas where it's occurring right now. The main vector that's -- that's transmitting the disease in -- in the Americas right now is *Aedes* -- I'm sorry *Aedes aegypti*, which is the old yellow fever mosquito.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mr. Heusel said, when the tiger mosquito was introduced in this area, within the space of about six years, we no longer found the *Aedes aegypti*. We've found, like one or two specimens of it over the years and the last time was 2012. So, we're fairly confident that we don't have the *Aedes aegypti* here, and particularly not in any kind of numbers to -- for us to be that concerned about it. But, again, anytime you introduce a new disease into an area, you -- you really don't know what's going to happen. There have been other areas of the country, I'm sorry, other areas in the world where *Aedes albopictus* has had some involvement with Zika virus, but as far as I know down in Brazil, South America and Central America, they haven't seen that, so.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, may I add something?

Chairman Scott said, we have a follow-up question from Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, I just wanted to add this information for the public. It's no mistake or accident that this convention came to Chatham County, that we have a world-renowned mosquito control program here as -- as one of the functions that the county at large is provide and -- and fund this mosquito control program and people do come from around the world. We -- we live in a low-lying area with lots of water, lots of heat, where the mosquitos thrive and people do come from around the world to study how Chatham County controls mosquitos and very confident in the program we have and -- and that's why I said that it's no mistake that that convention came to this area.

County Manager Lee Smith said, correct.

Mr. Heusel said, if -- if I might add, too, you -- you had asked the question about how far they fly? You are correct, only about 300 -- two to 300 feet from where they normally -- where they hatch out. So if you have an issue with this type of mosquito, it's going to be a very localized thing, which means if -- if we did have a travel-related case coming to Chatham County, we could very quickly determine if there's a -- if there are any of those mosquitos around that area. We can knock them out, knock the results out and make sure that there's no others that get into that area. So we've got a very good plan in place in case something like that happens, but, like I said, it's -- right now it doesn't seem probable because of the mosquito that we have here. But we're keeping our eyes open. And -- and -- one last thing, I'm sorry, I'm on my soap box now. One of the biggest things that would help us in trying to control this mosquito and Zika virus if it ever occurs is getting the public involved. All it takes is people to dump out the water around their houses. Any little thing, the potted -- the dish underneath potted plants, anything -- think like a mosquito and it doesn't take -- it doesn't take any -- any water at all hardly to -- for those mosquitos to breed. We've found them in bottle caps, so just asking the public for help here.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, so if you -- if you have any water containers, and it's been a rainy spell, you need to empty it.

Mr. Heusel said, sure.

Chairman Scott said, any pots, pans, anything around the house. Yeah.

Mr. Heusel said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter has a question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Just want to let you know that around the new mall in Pooler, the mosquitos are absolutely horrendous, and it's an outdoor mall, so it would be great if y'all could get rid of the mosquitos out in that area because they're -- they are just terrible, and I -- I've reported it a couple times, and -- I actually walked through the other day after a night that it was freezing, absolute -- dropped below freezing, and still got bit the next day, and so --

Mr. Heusel said, I'll have somebody check that out.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if y'all can take care of that it would be a big help.

Mr. Heusel said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, also, when we went out and surveyed, those were the hardwood marshes, and that area will be one of the most severe, so, therefore, it's more intense, but you can only do so much and spray so much. So they're looking at that. I also will say, I talked to the Chairman yesterday and gave Mr. Kaigler and myself advice, the Corps of Engineers helps fund through an appropriation on the dredge site, and Jeff has put a executive summary together, and Michael Kaigler and I are going to Washington, D.C. in two weeks to talk to our Congressional delegation staff about getting -- I don't want an appropriation, we want a contract with the Corps that ensures that the dollars come. 'Cause appropriations can go away. So we're going to be doing that in two Mondays from now. So, we'll be up there, and, of course, you're going to hear me mention this, I hope this is going to get us the money. So

Commissioner Kicklighter said, do we have mosquito trucks anymore at all?

Mr. Heusel said, yes, sir, we do. We still have four.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. 'Cause I thought the problem was that you couldn't fly around the mall because of the airport there, but --

County Manager Smith said, hmm-mm. Hmm-mm.

Mr. Heusel said, no, sir.

County Manager Smith said, we fly. We fly.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- I've never seen a truck out there, but that don't mean they're --

Mr. Heusel said, we -- we can get permission. We have a very good working relationship with the airport --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. All right.

Mr. Heusel said, -- and we -- if we need to do treatments around that area, we can certainly do it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, y'all need to do treatments in that area. I'm telling you.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, you -- you just have to schedule it. One of the problems in that area may be the fact that you have a very large retention pond. When they drained that swamp, if you would, they -- they actually have a retention pond, and that's probably where they're breeding.

County Manager Smith said, it's holding water.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, oh, yeah. It's full of water.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. It holds at least a foot all the time.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Yeah. Any further questions? Thank you so much.

Mr. Thornton said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, thank you for coming.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

1. STEPPING UP INITIATIVE RESOLUTION (COMMISSIONER STONE)

Chairman Scott said, next under Commissioner Item, we have a -- a -- a Resolution on an issue that's been of extreme concern to Commissioner Stone for a number of years, and at this time I'm going to recognize her for the purpose of reading a Resolution, and I think it will be self-explanatory, but having to deal with mental health issues within our retention [sic] center.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you for putting this on the agenda, and when I finish reading the resolution, there are a couple of people that will say a couple of words, our Sheriff, and Mr. Carruthers who's in the audience. This is -- and -- and this Commission, thank goodness, has recognized the problem of the number of -- the increasing number of people in our detention center that suffer from mental illnesses, and now the -- the National Association of Counties has recognized this as well, and this Resolution is in keeping with an initiative that they are sponsoring and in addition to that, I am very thrilled that our County Manager has taken a lead on this effort as well, and he'll elaborate on that at a -- in his report at a later time. So I'll go ahead and read this Resolution and then ask the two gentlemen to come forward.



Commissioner Stone read the proclamation as follows:

STEPPING UP TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN JAILS

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year;

WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general public;

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders;

WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and, upon release, are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders;

WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs;

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families;

WHEREAS, Chatham County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways;

WHEREAS, Chatham County is working on a strategic plan which involves initiatives for mental health treatment;

WHEREAS, through Stepping Up, the National Association of Counties, The Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private, and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT I, ALBERT J. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN ON BEHALF OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in my state and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees, and residents to participate in Stepping Up. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through Stepping Up to:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;
- Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use the baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels;
- Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community;
- Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity; while considering identified barriers;
- Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan; and
- Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes.

This _____ day of February, 2016.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janice E. Bocook, Clerk

Commissioner Stone said, so this is signed by our Chairman, and Mr. Carruthers, if you would like to come forward and say a few words, and then I think our Sheriff is going to say a couple words.

Mr. Bill Carruthers said, I know you guys already knew all that stuff about the mosquitos, so, -- 'cause I got a couple tiger mosquitos myself. I want -- I just want to thank you guys, man. I -- I mean sincerely, I want to thank you guys for doing this. This is extremely important. I want to say this, my name is Bill. I'm a person in long-term recovery. I've lived here for 30 years, and for 25 of those years, I was in total dysfunction, and that was 50 years of my life that I was here, in this community, and it cost a few million dollars to keep my recycling. And

for the last eight years, I've been in long-term recovery. That was as a result of Savannah Impact, Union Mission, Recovery Place, Savannah Counseling. That was as a result of your efforts, and this is the thing that I think Stepping Up is doing, and this is what I know that you're doing, because today I'm on the front line. I run a mental health peer program and a substance abuse program, and I'm serious about it because I know how serious it is, and I know that you guys know how serious it is. I know that you are making steps and moves, and I know that all -- the people out here, they don't really get it sometimes because they can't really see it. It's a big picture, but I can see it, and I can feel it.

Mr. Carruthers said, because it was inside those jails that those programs that I went to, you know, Chaplain Hand's program and those other programs. At that time I didn't realize what it was doing. Today it's monumental in my life. Today it lets me know that programs change belief systems if we believe in the programs that we're putting out there, and we've got to believe. This is a believer's thing. So I just wanted to thank you.

I know that on the 23rd of March, you guys are putting on a mental health symposium. That's what this whole thing is about. We have resources in the city that really work, but they've been working individually. What's happening now that I can see and feel is that we're coming together. NAMI is creating a consumer council that's going to be a peer workforce of people just like myself that are committed to this because it was us, and you guys saved me, man. I mean that. You guys, your efforts, these things, these programs, these systems, this -- we got an incredible, robust CIT program that really works, that -- and I've - I've had an opportunity to travel all across the country, and when I go to where I'm going, and you guys look at me on Youtube or look at me on the different things. Google Bill Carruthers recovery in Savannah, and you'll see when I go there, I tell them about you. I tell them about what's happening here because it really is happening here, and -- and you guys come up there to 3 Oglethorpe Professional Boulevard, you'll see that we're really doing recovery, and the only reason that's happening is because of your efforts. And I'm greatly appreciative.

Mr. Carruthers said, I'll be at your symposium and on the 22nd of April, we're putting on another symposium, Gateway -- Gateway Behavioral and the consumer council, because what's happening is we need to bring the community together and get -- let them understand that we are doing something to change things, that things are changing, and I know on the big scale they may not be able to see it, but one starfish at a time. I -- I appreciate you guys, 'cause I'm a starfish. You saved me. Thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, Sheriff Harris.

Sheriff Roy Harris said, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Sheriff Harris said, I can't top that. What a testimony.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Sheriff Harris said, I -- I've seen this time and time again in this county because of our mental health courts, veterans mental health court and other things. So I can tell you the Chatham County Sheriff's office is firmly behind any great program that will reduce the number of people in our facility with mental health issues. Currently we have about 300; 80 to 90 of those are on heavy psychiatric drugs. Dealing with this population is a constant problem. As the resolution says, jails in this country have become a dumping ground for mental health people. We are not geared, nor should they be there because that is not where they are going to get help. Now our people are trained in CIT, which is a wonderful program, and that's to de-escalate situations that they may run into both on the street and in the jail. But we simply need to do more. We need some type of diversion to keep these folks from coming to the jail where they don't need to be, where they can immediately start receiving treatment. Last year we changed our booking reports and our practices there to better address folks with mental health problems immediately when they come into the jail so we can get them the help they need before there is some type of reaction or outburst. So this is continual, and I certainly appreciate this.

Sheriff Harris said, and getting to -- off that subject, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask your permission for about two minutes to talk about the critical incident we had this week.

Chairman Scott said, please.

Sheriff Harris said, a lot of people in this room need to be thanked for what happened when our officers were assaulted earlier this week. We were a few inches from an officer being killed. When I said that, the suspect, knowing police officers were at the door, fired blindly through the wall where he thought the officers would be standing. A few inches either way, we would have lost an officer. A .30-30 rifle will defeat any level vest that we can carry under a uniform. At the same time, when the first responding unit, a Pooler police car, pulls in, the suspect puts a round through the windshield, barely missing that officer. This goes back to what we tell our folks every day, you may be out serving something such as a civil paper that you think is very non-threatening but that person you're approaching does not know what you're doing there. Merely wearing that uniform makes you a target in the environment we're living in, and that was almost the tragedy.

Sheriff Harris said, the people I want to thank is our County Manager, who was on duty that night supporting us, particularly CEMA, was back and forth on the phone with Dennis. They sent the command post out. That was a great benefit for us to have that vehicle there so that the incident command staff could gather. We had the Mosquito Control helicopters, and they just left, certainly want to thank them. A lot of people don't realize those are dual mode helicopters. They have camera systems on them that will aid us in whatever we're doing. They stayed on scene the entire time. We had Southside Fire Department, Pooler Fire Department, and police officers from all around this area, including federal agencies, FBI, United States Marshals, and all of these people responded.

Sheriff Harris said, initially when I arrived on the scene as any scene like that is, it was a lot of confusion. So we were trying to get our deputies, who were very lightly armored, very lightly armed out of the wood line where they'd set up a perimeter and the U.S. Marshals special operations group volunteered to go in those woods and set up to maintain that perimeter until Metro SWAT could come. As soon as I heard the call on the radio, I -- I advised dispatch to call Metro SWAT and dispatchers and they came. I mean, not dispatchers, negotiators. These negotiators did a fantastic job. The public may not realize but most critical situations with barricaded gunmen and folks with hostages are resolved peacefully because of negotiators. They can talk the people out without any further injury or loss of life and that is their mission and that is also SWAT's mission. And this time through the cooperation of -- of Chief Lumpkin, Chief Revenue and -- and CEMA, our County Manager, we had a totally meshed team there of -- of about 12 different agencies working together to resolve this, and I just wanted to again publicly thank everybody for that. Yes, sir?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center --

Commissioner Center said, did this --

Chairman Scott said, and our Vice Chair --

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, -- have a question in that order.

Commissioner Center said, congratulations to all agencies involved. Did this incident happen within Pooler city limits? Within unincorporated areas? Where -- where?

Sheriff Harris said, it was Pooler city limits. At -- at -- at first I didn't exactly know that it was. It was off Quacco Road, down a dead end road, and then a little dirt road up to the subject's house.

Chairman Scott said, down Connell.

Sheriff Harris said, it -- sir?

Chairman Scott said, it's Connell.

Sheriff Harris said, yes, sir. It was actually in the city limits of Pooler.

Chairman Scott said, name of the street. Yeah.

Sheriff Harris said, they are the unit that worked the crime scene following. Once the -- the initial situation was resolved, then you've got hours of crime scene work to complete our thing so the District Attorney can take this to court.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and I asked 'cause you mentioned that Savannah-Chatham Metro responded also within Pooler.

Sheriff Harris said, I requested them to respond. I immediately asked for them as soon as I heard the officer down, and they said the gunman had gone back into the house. I told our folks to back off, form a very loose perimeter where they had protection, and that we would get SWAT there. That is a job for specialized teams, and Metro has one of the best in -- in the state. So I called that call, and then I called Chief Revenue, who was in Atlanta and said this is what I'm doing. I don't want to step on any toes, and he said -- he said, Sheriff, it's your scene, you do what you need to do, whatever you need from my people, they will do it. Chief Lumpkin said the same thing. So I'm very appreciative of that -- all of that cooperation, and that -- that means a lot to me personally and to our agency.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and I'm sure to every Commissioner up here. Thank you.

Sheriff Harris said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too want to -- want to say thank you for all the quick work --

County Manager Smith said, is your microphone on?

Commissioner Thomas said, -- that was done to help save the -- it could have been a more detrimental situation than -- than what it was. I sort of watched it a little bit on -- on -- on TV, but I want to commend you and -- and -- and everyone involved. It shows that where we have cooperation and togetherness, we can achieve so much more. There are so many tense moments now in our communities, and we all have to be very alert and -- but I think the bottom line that you have just stated that it's going to -- what will really make us successful is that working together. It doesn't matter -- at that time of moment when there is a need for that cooperation to come together, that we're all there as one. And I think that is the significant part of it. But most of all, thank you for your swiftness and also to all of the people that were involved in that situation.

Commissioner Thomas said, and to the gentleman, Mr. Bill, I think you said,

Mr. Carruthers said, Carruthers, yes, ma'am. Carruthers.

Commissioner Thomas said, you are a treasure. Thank you so much. You know, I felt so good sitting up here listening to you knowing that we are really moving in the right direction, and with your help now, and you have your hands on the pulse of the situation, you can really reach back into the community and help those who really do not understand where we are trying to go and what we are trying to do. Thank you so much, and I hope that the community is listening and anything that I can do to help facilitate, I'm certainly -- will be there for you. Thank you.

Sheriff Harris said, a -- again, before I go, thank you Commissioner Stone. I -- know -- and -- and the County Manager have been in meetings about trying to alleviate the mental health problem. We appreciate all the diligent work both of you are doing on that. This is very critical to us at our detention center. So thank all of you for hearing me today.

Chairman Scott said, thank you Sheriff, and I will also say this was a fine example of law enforcement working together --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, and that they -- there are really no boundaries when it comes to policing.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

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RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Chairman Scott said, this is not an agenda item, but if there's no objections, I'm going to recognize our Commissioner from the 4th District. He has a guest in the audience who does a lot of volunteer work for Chatham County, and he just wanted to acknowledge his presence.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Out on the islands, there's a -- a very old, paved trail that was instituted by the 4th District Commissioner who later became Chairman, Robert McCorkle, many, many years ago, and it's been in existence, and as most things over time, it -- it's gotten a little old and a little tired and a little overgrown, but there are some citizens on the island, one of which is here today that I'd like to recognize, Mr. Allen Clark, who spends several hours each day trimming limbs, cleaning up and taking care of the trail as -- as his contribution to the community and to the betterment of the islands and he -- I would like to recognize him, and if he would like to speak today, that would be fine, or -- or not, but -- but he's here to ask the Commission that we evaluate the surface condition of the Robert McCorkle bike trail and take steps that are necessary to smooth it out, to see to it that it's in good, workable condition. So.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Allen, just stand up so we -- folk can know who you are, if you -- [Applause.]

Mr. Allen Clark said, I would like to say a few words.

Chairman Scott said, if -- if you like, come on down. I -- I will afford you an opportunity to say a few words.

Commissioner Farrell said, if you'll step up to the mikes and pull them down, that way you can be heard throughout the county. If you want to pull those mikes down a little bit, Mr. Allen.

Chairman Scott said, there you go. That's good.

Mr. Clark said, the -- when I first came here and this partakes of what the gentleman was talking about the -- the mosquito -- the rubbish and I could never stand rubbish. We were never allowed to have any. Maybe because that was -- we were -- we were so poor, but the county is full of rubbish all over the place. If I go to -- from my abode to the Bank of America, I pick up at least two bags full of rubbish that I get from the grocery store, every day. Every day I go down that, and -- and now to the virus that the gentleman was speaking of. There is rubbish all over it. There is bottles, bottle caps, and we -- we pick up all of those, but where -- where

in the county they don't get picked up? On the highway. Because of a -- a medical condition I can't drive -- or couldn't drive a car. So I got a tricycle and I ride the tricycle to my work, to the grocery store, to the bank and I pick up rubbish, and a friend of mine rides the tricycle for recreation, and we can go 11 miles down to Oatland. That's the furthest we can go that -- that has a trail. And there's rubbish on the highway. There's those bottle caps that the gentleman talked about.

Mr. Clark said, and yesterday going up to the beginning of the trail, which is up near Bull River Bridge, when I first started to attack the trail, other than picking up the rubbish, then I started at the beginning and you couldn't even see the bicycle signs. We need some more bicycle signs. There's a lot of things that we need there, and I don't want to take your time up, but they -- the rubbish, the -- the rubbish is a big problem, and there's a lot of bottle caps. Yesterday there was a county rubbish truck picking up rubbish right where -- near where I was working, and I didn't see this, but I spot rubbish wherever it is, and when I came back -- the gentlemen were having breakfast -- dinner and waiting to pick up a -- a citizen's rubbish barrel, and when I walked back, there's another bottle. Where did it come from? My first thought was they were having their lunch in the vehicle and tossed the bottle out. And that's what we got a mentality here. There is no signs, dump no rubbish. There is no penalty and maybe the town -- the city could get more revenue if they charged a penalty, and the opposition that I've had against that, well, who's going to see it? Well, now we have cameras. If you look at -- in -- in Maine, they put cameras everywhere. They -- when they're growing pot or -- or other infractions, and you could get revenue from that.

Mr. Clark said, the -- the -- the condition of the trail is as Mr. Farrell has said, is terrible, and it's dangerous in spots. If people don't watch it, there's some spots where the roots going under the trail have pushed the trail up that high, and it's hard for bicycles, hard for tricycles, it's hard for older people, and if you're on a bicycle or tricycle, you can go on the grass in many places, it -- the -- you -- it's impassible, and we'd like some -- Mr. Burgess would like some funds to fix a principle part of it.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Mr. Clark, the County Manager, who is Mr. Lee Smith, sitting right here, and he's made some notes, and he will have somebody come out and inspect the trail.

Mr. Clark said, very --

County Manager Smith said, yeah. It's going to be -- when we meet in our workshop, they will go over the master plan of parks. That is in there, and we're going to be talking about what we need as a -- as a group to fix certain parks, the time frame to do those things. But, I, you know, I'll just make sure, you know, that it's a priority, but also, I'd be -- on this illegal dumping thing, the County Attorney and I were talking, and I would think the DA would think the same thing, we got to be able to see them, know who they are and identify them. We have been putting out cameras at times, like the hunting cameras in areas, to try and catch people where they dump particularly, but to get a license plate or something, so that we can prosecute. So we've started those type of actions, but --

Chairman Scott said, yeah. And there -- there is an ordinance now and a fine.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, there's perhaps not enough signs, and we'll follow up on it --

County Manager Smith said, we are.

Chairman Scott said, and I just want to thank you for -- for what you do to assist us and all the time that you spend volunteering. Thank you so much, and I appreciate you being here today.

Mr. Clark said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

[Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Scott said, we don't have any Tabled items or anything for reconsideration.

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IX. ITEMS FOR *INDIVIDUAL ACTION*

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TRANSFER \$5,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES DEPARTMENT; 2) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$5,000, b) INCREASE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S CONFISCATED FUND ACCOUNT \$5,000, c) APPROPRIATE \$5,450 TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S CONFISCATED FUND ACCOUNT; 3) IN THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND APPROPRIATE \$160,000 NET ASSETS; 4) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$299,369 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL; AND 5) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O TRANSFER \$6,000 FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT REGULAR EMPLOYEES ACCOUNT TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES ACCOUNT.**

Chairman Scott said, so we're now on the Individual Action list. The first item is to request the approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$5,000 from Contingency to the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department; and in the Confiscated Revenue Fund: increase Revenues by \$5,000, increase the District Attorney's Confiscated Fund Account by \$5,000, and appropriate \$5,450 to the District Attorney Confiscated Fund Account; and in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$160,000 in -- of Net Assets; in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures by \$299,369 for a grant award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and in the General Fund M&O transfer \$6,000 from the Finance Department Regular Employees Account to the Human Resources Department Temporary Employee Account. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Center said, I move that we approve that request.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve the request that was just outlined. Is there any unreadiness? Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the Special Service District Fund Transfer \$5,000 from Contingency to the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department; 2) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund: a) increase Revenues \$5,000, b) increase the District Attorney's Confiscated Fund Account \$5,000, c) appropriate \$5,450 to the District Attorney's Confiscated Fund Account; 3) in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$160,000 Net Assets; 4) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase Revenues and Expenditures \$299,369 for a Grant Award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and 5) in the General Fund M&O transfer \$6,000 from the Finance Department Regular Employees Account to the Human Resources Department Temporary Employees Account. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget and transfers: 1) in the Special Service District Fund Transfer \$5,000 from Contingency to the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department; 2) in the

Confiscated Revenue Fund: a) increase Revenues \$5,000, b) increase the District Attorney's Confiscated Fund Account \$5,000, c) appropriate \$5,450 to the District Attorney's Confiscated Fund Account; 3) in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$160,000 Net Assets; 4) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase Revenues and Expenditures \$299,369 for a Grant Award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and 5) in the General Fund M&O transfer \$6,000 from the Finance Department Regular Employees Account to the Human Resources Department Temporary Employees Account.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Director has requested funds for abatement activity. A \$5,000 transfer from Special Service District Contingency will provide the funding. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 2a-b. The District Attorney's office received a \$5,000 check from the Sheriff's Department to help fund the gang database. 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).
- 2c. The District Attorney has requested a Confiscated Funds appropriation of \$5,450 to provide domestic violence training to law enforcement. 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).
3. The Public Works and Park Services Director has requested a \$160,000 net assets appropriation in the Solid Waste Fund to meet an Environmental Protection Division mandate. 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).
4. The Chatham County Sheriff's Department has received a \$299,369 grant award for the Chatham County's K9 unit. 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).
5. The Human Resources Director has requested a \$6,000 transfer from the Finance Department budget to the Human Resources Department budget for a temporary employee to work on HR personnel file scanning. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the Special Service District Fund and the General Fund M&O. The budget amendment will establish funds in the Confiscated Revenue, the Solid Waste Management, and the Multiple Grant Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

Transfer \$5,000 from Contingency to the Building Safety and Regulatory Services department.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND

- A) Increase revenues \$5,000.
- B) Increase the District Attorney's Confiscated Funds account \$5,000.
- C) Appropriate \$5,450 to the District Attorney's Confiscated Funds account.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND

Appropriate \$160,000 net assets.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

Increase revenues and expenditures \$299,369 for a grant award for the K9 unit.

GENERAL FUND M&O

Transfer \$6,000 from the Finance Department to Regular Employees account to the Human Resources Department Temporary Employees account.

2. Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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2. TRANSMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT.

Chairman Scott said, the second item is the transmittal of the fiscal year 2016 second quarter financial report. And at this time I'll recognize our Finance Director, Amy Davis, for this report.

Ms. Amy Davis, Finance Director said, thank you, Chairman, Commissioners. This is our second quarter ending December 31st, 2015, and so far it's looking very good. In our General Fund, we had revenues of 94.4 million and expenditures of 81.1 million, for a net income of 13.4 million. Special Services District 19.2 million and 15.8

in expenditures for a net of 3.4 million. On the next page we have our special revenue funds. All looks as normal as possible here. We did have a capital outlay in our E911 fund, that is why you see that decrease in our fund balance and, of course, our Multiple Grund -- Grant Fund, those are typically reimbursement grants, so we have to spend the money before we get it back. Same with Child Support Fund. That is reimbursed from the state.

Ms. Davis said, Capital Projects Fund, we have been expending money a lot for our capital projects, including some of our parks and recreations departments and various projects in our CIP fund. The SPLOST VI fund down there, those are primarily distributions to the city. We have not actually gotten a lot of our projects started in that fund. Our enterprise funds on the next page, our Water/Sewer, is -- we are doing a lot of improvements on our sewer system right now preparing for the sale and Solid Waste, we have collected all of our fees in the fall, so we have a -- a nice million dollars in there. We did -- we did end this last year with a positive balance in there, so that -- that fund seems to be turning around. Parking Garage, was minus 15,000 and Building Safety is turning a positive income now.

Ms. Davis said, looking at SPLOST VI, year to -- I mean life to date for SPLOST VI, we have collected 83.4 million, and we have collected 571,000 in our TAVT, our title ad valorem taxes.

Commissioner Stone said, may -- may I ask a question that Mr. Chairman?

Ms. Davis said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, may I ask a question?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone from the 1st has a question for you.

Ms. Davis said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, why -- why is the state's allocation of this lower than in the past?

Ms. Davis said, it was always intended that they would adjust that rate --

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Ms. Davis said, -- to make sure that we did not lose money. In effect we have actually gained --

Commissioner Stone said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Davis said, -- revenues from that tax, and so they have backed off the percentage they're sending to us in order to maintain a level income flow.

Commissioner Stone said, so --

Ms. Davis said, if it -- if it were in the future that it showed that we were -- we were receiving less than the 2,000 -- or '12 balance --

Commissioner Stone said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Davis said, they would increase that.

Chairman Scott said, the legislation said the gains would go to the state.

Ms. Davis said, right.

Chairman Scott said, in -- in essence.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. All right.

Commissioner Center said, can I follow up on that?

Commissioner Stone said, yeah. I'm -- I'm done. I mean I was just curious as to why --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center from the 3rd.

Commissioner Stone said, -- it was lower than in times past.

Commissioner Center said, the TAVT is the auto motor vehicle tax?

County Manager Smith said, right.

Ms. Davis said, it is the title ad valorem tax.

Commissioner Center said, right. And the legislature changed the method a year ago, and then -- we're -- we're operating under that now?

Ms. Davis said, yes. So this --

Commissioner Center said, but --

Chairman Scott said, this is our second year.

Ms. Davis said, since May of 2013.

Commissioner Center said, right. But the county is receiving more under the new method than we did under the previous method?

Ms. Davis said, right now. I mean eventually our -- our property -- I mean our vehicle tax -- taxes will go away, and it will only be the TAVT. So it's I mean I think it was always meant we would have that bump, and then it would level out, so it will probably stay pretty close to the same for the rest of the --

Commissioner Center said, that's what I was saying, and as Commissioner Stone asked, the -- the state -- and what I'm hearing, tell me if I'm wrong, the state has said, we will try to make sure you receive the same level -- you received more -- as before, but any extra is going to stay with the state.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Ms. Davis said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, and that's why they reduced it because they calculated there was extra.

Ms. Davis said, correct. It was about a 12.8 percent decrease.

Commissioner Center said, we haven't -- we haven't been hurt by it yet.

County Attorney Hart said, the real question is -- the real question is, you know, what's your tax going to do as the future value of vehicles continue to increase. You don't get that natural bump.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Mm-hmm.

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

Ms. Davis said, in our Internal Services funds, this is kind of a highlight I suppose because both of these funds are doing very well. I -- I should say they are doing better than they have in years past. In our health insurance fund, our claims are down 800,000 from the same time last year, and I just give a little kudos to our HR department. They've done a very good job renegotiating some contracts, which have saved us money, as well as switching to a POS plan, which provides more alternatives and lower costs. We also have an increased utilization in our well -- wellness clinic, which has saved money. In our Risk Management fund, our claims are down about 300,000 from last year at this same time, and again, I'd like to give kudos to our new occupational safety director. For the first time I had -- heard him say the other day that we actually have lower than 100 claims being managed at one time. It's been a long time since we've had that few claims.

County Manager Smith said, probably been the first time in like 12 years --

Ms. Davis said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, -- that its been that low.

Ms. Davis said, so even in his first four months here he's made a difference.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Ms. Davis said, so. And our next slide just shows you the details of our health insurance claims. Last year at this time -- or not at this time -- last year's average claims was 1.4 million per month and this year they're down 1.3. And that's all I have. Do y'all have any questions?

Commissioner Thomas said, that's good.

County Manager Smith said, thanks, Amy.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

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

ISSUE:

To present the Fiscal Year 2016 Second Quarter Financial Report dated December 31, 2015, to the Board for information.

BACKGROUND:

Financial reporting conveys information concerning the position and activities of the County to its citizens and other interested parties. Interim financial reports generally are prepared for use by professional government managers and board members. Such reports monitor levels of year-to-date operations and determine compliance with budgetary limitations.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Second Quarter Report covers the County's funds and activities, presenting budget-to-actual comparisons. Adopted and amended fund budgets are shown, as well as variance data. Comparative prior year numbers are presented on the General Fund and Special Service District Summary reports.
2. The amended budgets shown herein represent budget transfers approved through December 31, 2015. In some cases, subsequent adjustments have occurred. Year-to-date expenditure and project balances are presented. Open purchase orders and outstanding contractual obligations are not included in the year-to-date expenditure amounts.
3. Notable items include the following:

General Fund M&O

- The General Fund received revenues of \$94.46 million through December 31, 2015 and expended \$81.04 million. This represented 55.6% and 47.3% of budgeted amounts respectively. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$13.4 million. Cash balances in the fund were positive at the end of the quarter.
- General property tax collections were \$76.9 million or 57% of annual budget. Sales and use taxes were \$8.3 million or 54.7% of budget. Included in that total, personal property taxes exceed the annual budget \$613,742 for a total collection of \$17,613,742.
- As of the end of the second quarter, total TAVT collected was \$2.6 million, which was 56% of budget. However, as of January 1, 2016, the state has reduced the allocation to the County from 46.5% to 40.55%. This represents a 12.8% decrease. Annualized through the end of this fiscal year would equate to almost \$700,000 less in collections than what we would have received if the rate had not been reduced. Forecasts show we will still meet annual budget amounts.
- Expenditure variances significantly over the 50% mid-year budget for the following departments and function categories are explained below:
 - No departments were significantly over budget.
 - Transfers to other funds were made in total in the first quarter.
 - Debt service payments have been made in accordance with the debt payment schedule.

Special Service District (SSD)

- Through December 31, 2015, the SSD Fund had received revenues of \$19.3 million, 63.21% of budgeted amounts. Expenditures of \$15.87 million were recorded or 51.03% of budgeted amounts. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$3.4 million, and the fund's

cash balances were positive.

- General property tax collections were \$12.3 million or 59.59% of budgeted revenues.
- As of the end of the second quarter, TAVT collected was \$281,320, which was 80.38% of budget. As with the General Fund, as of January 1, 2016, the state has reduced the allocation to the County from 46.5% to 40.55%. This represents a 12.8% decrease. Annualized through the end of this fiscal year would equate to almost \$71,000 less in collections than what we would have received if the rate had not been reduced. Forecasts show we will still exceed budgeted amounts.
- Intangible taxes received were \$3,641,651, which exceeds annual budget by \$201,651.
- Expenditure variances significantly over the 50% mid-year budget for the following departments and function categories are explained below:
 - No departments were over budget.

Water and Sewer Fund

- Operating revenues were \$660,994 and expenses were \$1,119,631 for net deficit of \$458,637. The fund uses cycle billing which delays the recording of revenue.

Solid Waste Management Fund

- Revenues at December 31, 2015 were \$2.9 million and expenses were \$1.9 million for net income of \$1 million. TAVT revenues accounted for \$294,486 of total revenue and transfers from other funds accounted for \$1.1 million of the total.

Building Safety & Regulatory Services Fund

- Revenues were \$864,558 and expenditures were \$673,264 or 65.9% and 51.3% respectively. Permit and fee revenues were \$353,914 or 64.3% of budget.

Risk Management Fund

- Claims of \$1.33 million were incurred in the second quarter, including \$139,069 in judgments, \$1.13 million in workers' compensation and \$57,505 in unemployment claims.
- Total expenditures in the fund were \$2.1 million, which represents 54.38% of budget.

Health Insurance Fund

- Year to date claims totaled \$8 million with an average monthly amount of \$1.3 million. This is down from the average monthly amount in FY 2015 of \$1.47 million.

Capital Projects Fund

- \$7.6 million in capital project expenditures were incurred the first half of the year.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Interim financial reports provide revenue and budgetary oversight by comparing actual receipts or expenditures against budgeted amounts.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only

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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).

Chairman Scott said, item 3 on Items for Individual Action is an item that we did not consider at our last meeting. We took it off, and this is to request the Board approval of a quitclaim to remove the use restrictions on 5000 Jasmine Avenue, which would allow Union Mission to sell the property to Savannah State University/Board of Regents. We at the last meeting was concerned that the homeowners' association was not aware of this and had not met and had not approved it. Since then, we have had a meeting of the homeowners' association and they have approved it -- or had no objections to it. Approval would not be the correct word, but had no objections to it. And so at this time I will entertain a motion for approval.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we approve the quitclaim deed.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second it.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any unreadiness? Any discussion?

Commissioner Stone said, I just have a question, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, we have a question, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, and this is for Savannah State to put offices or resident -- I mean what --

County Attorney Hart said, it's my understanding they are going to put administrative offices in.

County Manager Smith said, that's my understanding.

Commissioner Holmes said, administrative office.

Commissioner Stone said, well, under the current zoning, it's R-1. Is that going to be allowed or is -- are they going to have to --

County Attorney Hart said, well, they'll have to go --

Commissioner Stone said, but wouldn't they have to come --

County Attorney Hart said, they would probably have to do a -- a -- a re -- a rezone --

Commissioner Stone said, a rezoning?

Chairman Scott said, yeah. But --

County Attorney Hart said, -- but it's not -- you know, I don't think it's objectionable to the neighborhood, and it's a use --

Chairman Scott said, but that's not the issue before us today. But, that --

Commissioner Stone said, I understand but I just noticed that -- in other words, we're approving a commercial entity in a residential area.

County Manager Smith said, it's going to be contingent upon that -- that change.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I mean I'm just -- I'm just asking the question.

County Manager Smith said, it would have to be, you know.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, that's -- that's another hurdle, but that's not what we're doing today.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. They've got to cross that.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, okay?

Commissioner Stone said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions or unreadiness?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, is this location the one over here by the -- by the bridge?

County Attorney Hart said, no. It's -- it's over there where the old German Country Club used to be. Down the street from it on the left-hand side.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. So this is not the one that the county put like millions in SPLOST --

Chairman Scott said, no.

County Attorney Hart said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, the county's -- bought it for 400. Sold it to Union Mission for 400. They ended up netting out.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, Union Mission actually paid off the -- the bond portion on that with the health department's rent.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, and so now they're -- they're -- they've used it and don't have a need for it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and they're -- they're selling -- selling it and disposing of it to a very limited market of buyers.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just wanted to make sure it wasn't the nice --

Chairman Scott said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- huge building over there.

Commissioner Thomas said, no.

Commissioner Center said, can I respond to Dean, also?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, you may respond if you have -- in the form of an unreadiness.

Commissioner Center said, yeah, I do. This is in District 3, and this is -- I went to the neighborhood meeting -- association. I asked if I could meet with them too. Patrick Monahan, former assistant county manager, was there and they voted unanimously -- they -- they live around it and right next to it, and they're happy with this.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I don't have a problem.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just wanted to make sure it wasn't the new facility the county put millions in. That was all.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the quitclaim to remove the use restrictions on 5000 Jasmine Avenue, which would allow Union Mission to sell the property to Savannah State University/Board of Regents. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

To approve a quitclaim to remove use restrictions on 5000 Jasmine Avenue, which would allow Union Mission to sell the property to Savannah State University (Board of Regents).

BACKGROUND:

In January 2006, Chatham County sold 5000 Jasmine Avenue to Union Mission through the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless for the Magdalene House (home for single mothers with children). Union Mission's Board of Directors has moved the Magdalene House to a mid-town location, which makes the property surplus, and Savannah State University (Board of Regents) has optioned to acquire the property for administrative offices. (See attached Union Mission request, Exhibit "A" (attached to the

original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file); SAGIS photo and Board of Assessors Information, Exhibit "B" (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file); and County deed with restrictions, Exhibit "C" (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.)

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A quitclaim deed is attached to remove specific deed restrictions held by Chatham County on 5000 Jasmine Avenue. The restrictions limit property use by the preference of the neighborhood, the Mulberry Hill Neighborhood Association. The homeowner's association has met and agreed to concur with the removal of the use restrictions, since SSU would place the property back into productive use not inconsistent with the neighborhood and maintain the property to a higher level. (County Quitclaim deed release, Exhibit "D" attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.)
2. The Homeless Authority has already recorded a quitclaim to return the property back to Union Mission.
3. Attached as Exhibit "E" (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) is the quitclaim deed by the Neighborhood Association.
4. Attached as Exhibit "F" (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) is the option for the purchase of Improved Real Property between Union Mission, Inc., and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Georgia law provides the Board with policy approval for any property transactions of property owned, including encumbrances such as deed restrictions, held by Chatham County.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the recording of the quitclaim to remove the deed restrictions held by Chatham County on 5000 Jasmine Avenue, which would enable Union Mission to sell the property to Savannah State University.
2. That the Board not approve the quitclaim.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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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 item is the Action Calendar. No one has indicated a desire to pull anything off to be voted on separately, so at this time I would entertain a motion for approval of the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve the Action Calendar in its entirety. Any discussion? Any unreadiness? Any questions? Hearing none all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 21 and under Item 21 Items A through M. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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

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- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2016, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2016, as mailed. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 7, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 3, 2016.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of January 7, 2016 through February 3, 2016, in the amount of \$15,654,623. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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- 3. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAVANNAH TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICES TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY FUEL SITE ON VARNEDOE DRIVE. [DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for Board authorization for the Chairman to execute an agreement with the City of Savannah to the Chatham County Fuel Site on Varnedoe Drive. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

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

ISSUE:

To authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement with the City of Savannah to provide water services to the Chatham County Fuel Site on Varnedoe Drive.

BACKGROUND:

The fuel site is currently under construction on Varnedoe Drive. The City of Savannah requires a written agreement to extend water services to the site.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County must extend a water main to the fuel site. The City of Savannah agrees to maintain the portion of the water main located on Varnedoe Drive and provide the water services.
2. The agreement was reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to legal form.

FUNDING:

No funds are required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement with the City of Savannah to provide water services to the Chatham County Fuel Site on Varnedoe Drive.
2. To not Authorize the Agreement with the City of Savannah.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve easements.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve Alternative No 1.
District 1

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4. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A NEW TRANSMISSION LINE ON CHATHAM COUNTY PROPERTY (PIN 2-0645-01-002) LOCATED ON THE HARMON CANAL.
[DISTRICT 5.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved the Board to authorize the Chairman to execute an easement with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new transmission line on Chatham County property located on the Harmon Canal. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

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

ISSUE:

To authorize the Chairman to execute an Easement with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new transmission line on Chatham County property (PIN 2-0645-01-002) located on the Harmon Canal.

BACKGROUND:

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County owns the parcel (PIN 2-0645-01-002) located on the Harmon Canal. The parcel is the common area for Abercorn Executive Park. Chatham County received the property through tax default. Georgia Power will compensate the County approximately \$5,300 for the easements.
2. Georgia Power will construct the new transmission line to serve the area surrounding Memorial Stadium.
3. The easement was reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to legal form.

FUNDING:

No funds are required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To authorize the Chairman to execute an Easement with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new transmission line on Chatham County property (PIN 2-0645-01-002) located on the Harmon Canal.
2. To not authorize the Easement with Georgia Power.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve easements.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve Alternative No. 1.
District 5

Prepared by Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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- 5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO RATIFY ITS ACTION AT THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2015, WHICH THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED APPROXIMATELY \$1,764 FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY DRUG COURT, WHICH WAS VOTED UPON WITHOUT A MOTION ACTUALLY BEING MADE.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to ratify its action at the meeting of December 18, 2015, which the Commission discussed approximately \$1,764 for the Chatham County Drug Court, which was voted upon without a motion actually being made. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

Request Board approval to ratify its action at the meeting on December 18, 2015, which the Commission discussed approximately \$1,764 for the Chatham County Drug Court, which was voted upon without a motion actually being made.

BACKGROUND:

At the meeting of December 18, 2015, there was a request for \$1,764 for the Drug Court which was discussed and an actual vote taken, but apparently no motion was made.

The Clerk of Commission caught this issue in the process of preparing the minutes.

The vote of approval on the non-motion was 9-0 in favor of the motion. The action taken merely ratifies the previous action taken by having an actual motion.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On December 18, 2015, there was a request for \$1,764 for the Drug Court, which was discussed and an actual vote taken, but apparently no motion was made.
2. The vote of approval on the non-motion was 9-0 in favor of the motion. The action taken merely ratifies the previous action taken by having an actual motion.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The County Commission has an interest in keeping with having their motions and actions in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. This report is to ratify the previous action taken.

No funding will be required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Ratify the approval of \$1,764 for Drug Court.
2. Do not ratify the approval of \$1,764 for Drug Court.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

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- 6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW) IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSES TO SEXUAL ASSAULT,**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND A FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER INCLUDING A DIRECTOR POSITION AND OPERATING COSTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$150,000 PER YEAR DURING THE LIFE OF THE THREE-YEAR GRANT. NO COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE GRANT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women improving criminal justice responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking grant program to fund a Family Justice Center, including a director position and operating costs for a total of \$150,000 per year during the life of the three-year grant. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Meg Heap, District Attorney

ISSUE:

To request approval to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program to fund a Family Justice Center, including a Director position and operating costs for a total of \$150,000 per year during the life of the three-year grant.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The D.A.'s Office is applying for a \$450,000 grant to include a director position, including benefits and operating costs for the center.
2. The grant requires **no** match. **No funds from the County are required to meet the grant requirement.**
3. The grant will run October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2019.

FUNDING:

No additional County Funds are required for the grant requirement.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the District Attorney's office to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program.
2. That the Board not approve the District Attorney's office to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

No funds from Chatham County are required for the grant requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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7. **REQUEST COMMISSION ACCEPTANCE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF A NON-MATCHING GRANT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (BYRNE GRANT) AND GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for acceptance for the continuation of a non-matching grant through the Office of

the Governor, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and Georgia Department of Public Safety. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7**AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016**

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Roy Harris, Sheriff

ISSUE:

Request Commission acceptance for the continuation of a non-matching grant through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (Byrne Grant) and Georgia Department of Public Safety.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County has been the recipient of the Byrne Grant in various amounts since 1997. Chatham County's K9 unit has been selected again to receive funding. This funding will make a positive impact on our current FY 2015/2016 budget and on our upcoming FY 2016/2017 budget.

As a requirement of the grant, \$52,829.85 of the award is withheld before funds are transferred to Chatham County to cover a portion of the salary for the GSP Captain assigned to the unit; thereby, reducing the funds transferred to \$299,369.15.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The K9 unit has been awarded \$352,199 for the period 1/1/16 thru 12/31/16.
2. \$52,829.85 will be withheld to cover the GSP Captain's salary.
3. Board of Commission's approval is requested as is standard County Policy.

FUNDING:

No matching funds are required from Chatham County Sheriff's Office for the receipt of this grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is consistent with Board Policy to approve grants that will enhance the capabilities of a law enforcement grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board acceptance and approval of the Byrne Grant award.
2. Board deny acceptance of the Byrne Grant award.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval of Alternative #1

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8. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING AND SUNDAY SALES LICENCE FOR 2016. PETITIONER: CHRISTINA MONAS D/B/A BISTRO 346, LOCATED AT 346-B JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD, 31410. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales licence for 2016 for petitioner Christina Monas, d/b/a Bistro 346, located at 346-B Johnny Mercer Boulevard. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8**AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016**

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

ISSUE:

Request for new beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2016. Petitioner: Christina Monas, d/b/a Bistro 346 located at 346-B Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31410.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Monas requests approval for a new beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. Petitioner also declares that they meet the standards for Sunday Sales under the Chatham County Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the application and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Inspector inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.
5. Provisional license was issued on January 15, 2016 with the intention of approving the Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales license at the Board of Commissioners meeting on February 12, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval. District 4

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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**9. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENCE FOR 2016.
PETITIONER: MICHAEL JOHN CERROTTI, D/B/A FOOD LION #2682, LOCATED
AT 1040 KING GEORGE BOULEVARD, 31419.
[DISTRICT 6]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a transfer of a beer and wine retail license 2016 for petitioner Michael John Cerrotti, d/b/a Food Lion, #2682, located at 1040 King George Boulevard. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-9
AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2016. Petitioner: Michael John Cerrotti, d/b/a Food Lion #2682, located at 1040 King George Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31419.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Cerrotti requests approval for a transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with an existing grocery store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Christopher E. Nagy to Michael John Cerrotti.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval. District 6

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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10. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING AND SUNDAY SALES LICENCE FOR 2016. PETITIONER: CUAUHEMOC ORTIZ, D/B/A TEQUILA'S TOWN MEXICAN TAQUERIA & BAR, LOCATED AT 7360 SKIDAWAY ROAD, SUITE G1-G2, 31410. [DISTRICT 3.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a new beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales licence for 2016 for petitioner Cuauhtemoc Ortiz, d/b/a Tequila's Town Mexican Taqueria & Bar. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-10

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for new beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2016. Petitioner: Cuauhtemoc Ortiz, d/b/a Tequila's Town Mexican Taqueria & Bar located at 7360 Skidaway Road, Suite G1-G2, Savannah, Georgia 31410.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Ortiz requests approval for a new beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. Petitioner also declares that they meet the standards for Sunday Sales under the Chatham County Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval.
District 3

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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- 11. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR RETAIL LICENCE FOR 2016.
PETITIONER: JITENDRA PATEL, D/B/A ISLAND SPIRIT, LOCATED AT 444
JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD, SUITE N, 31410.
[DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a new beer, wine and liquor retail licence for 2016 for petitioner Jitendra Patel, d/b/a Island Spirit. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-11

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for new beer, wine, liquor retail license for 2016. Petitioner: Jitendra Patel, d/b/a Island Spirit, located at 444 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Suite N, Savannah, Georgia 31410.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Patel requests approval for a new beer, wine, liquor retail license in connection with a new package shop.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval.
District 4

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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- 12. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE POURING LICENCE FOR 2016.
PETITIONER: MINA PATEL, D/B/A COMFORT SUITES GATEWAY, LOCATED
AT 596 AL HENDERSON BOULEVARD, 31419.
[DISTRICT 5.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a new beer, wine and liquor retail licence for 2016 for petitioner Mina Patel, d/b/a Comfort Suites Gateway. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-12
AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

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

ISSUE:

Request for new beer and wine pouring license for 2016. Petitioner: Mina Patel, d/b/a Comfort Suites Gateway located at 596 Al Henderson Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31419.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Patel requests approval for a new beer and wine pouring license in connection with an existing hotel. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval. District 5

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

 Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

 Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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13. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENCE FOR 2016. PETITIONER: CHARLES E. LAIR, D/B/A FOREST CITY GUN CLUB, LOCATED AT 9203 FERGUSON AVENUE, 31406. [DISTRICT 1]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2016 for petitioner Charles E. Lair, d/b/a Forest City Gun Club. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-13
AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2016. Petitioner: Charles E. Lair, d/b/a Forest City Gun Club, located at 9203 Ferguson Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31406.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Lair requests approval for transfer of beer and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing private club. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from George T. Thompson, Jr., to Charles E. Lair.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval. District 1

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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**14. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENCE FOR 2016.
PETITIONER: CHARLES ALLEN SCALES, D/B/A PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS,
INC., #1489, LOCATED AT 6 WEST RIDGE ROAD, 31411.
[DISTRICT 4]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a transfer of a beer and wine retail license 2016 for petitioner Charles Allen Scales, d/b/a Publix Super Markets, #1489, located at 6 West Ridge Road. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-14

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2016. Petitioner: Charles Allen Scales, d/b/a Publix Super Markets, #1489, located at 6 West Ridge Road, Savannah, Georgia 31411.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Scales requests approval for a transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with an existing grocery store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from David Terrence Cobham to Christopher Allen Scales.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the application and site distance requirements and approved.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval. District 4

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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**15. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENCE FOR 2016.
PETITIONER: KYLE DAVID POYER, D/B/A CIRCLE K STORE, #5159, LOCATED
AT 435 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD, 31410.
[DISTRICT 4]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a transfer of a beer and wine retail license 2016 for petitioner Kyle David Poyer, d/b/a Circle K Store #5159, located at 435 Johnny Mercer Boulevard. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-15

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2016. Petitioner: Kyle David Poyer, d/b/a Circle K Store #5159, located at 435 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Wilmington Island, Georgia 31410.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Poyer requests approval of a transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with an existing convenience store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Michael L. Foster to Kyle David Poyer.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval. District 4

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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**16. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENCE FOR 2016.
PETITIONER: KYLE DAVID POYER, D/B/A CIRCLE K STORE, #1862, LOCATED
AT 2 QUACCO ROAD, 31419.
[DISTRICT 7]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a transfer of a beer and wine retail license 2016 for petitioner Kyle David Poyer, d/b/a Circle K Store #5159, located at 435 Johnny Mercer Boulevard. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-16

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2016. Petitioner: Kyle David Poyer, d/b/a Circle K Store #1862, located at 2 Quacco Road, Savannah, Georgia 31419.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Poyer requests approval of a transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with an existing convenience store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Michael L. Foster to Kyle David Poyer.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval. District 7

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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**17. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENCE FOR 2016.
PETITIONER: KYLE DAVID POYER, D/B/A CIRCLE K STORE, #5160, LOCATED
AT 1006 KING GEORGE BOULEVARD, 31419.
[DISTRICT 6]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a transfer of a beer and wine retail license 2016 for petitioner Kyle David Poyer, d/b/a Circle K Store #5160, located at 1006 King George Boulevard. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-17

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2016. Petitioner: Kyle David Poyer, d/b/a Circle K Store #5160, located at 1006 King George Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia 31419.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Poyer requests approval of a transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with an existing convenience store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Michael L. Foster to Kyle David Poyer.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval. District 6

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

 Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

 Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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**18. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENCE FOR 2016.
 PETITIONER: KYLE DAVID POYER, D/B/A CIRCLE K STORE, #7716, LOCATED
 AT 7751 HIGHWAY 80 EAST, 31410.
 [DISTRICT 4]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a transfer of a beer and wine retail license 2016 for petitioner Kyle David Poyer, d/b/a Circle K Store #7716, located at 7751 Highway 80 East. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-18

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2016. Petitioner: Kyle David Poyer, d/b/a Circle K Store #7716, located at 7751 Highway 80 East, Savannah, Georgia 31410.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Poyer requests approval of a transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with an existing convenience store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Michael L. Foster to Kyle David Poyer.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval. District 4

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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19. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2016. PETITIONER: VINCENT MICHAEL BISOGNO, D/B/A HOOTERS OF SAVANNAH, LLC, LOCATED AT 4 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, 31419. [DISTRICT 5]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license 2016 for petitioner Vincent Michael Bisogno, d/b/a Hooters of Savannah, LLC. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-19

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2016. Petitioner: Vincent Michael Bisogno, d/b/a Hooters of Savannah, LLC, located at 4 Gateway Boulevard, 31419.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Bisogno requests approval of a transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Matthew Wickesberg to Vincent Michael Bisogno.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the application and site distance requirements and approved.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval.
District 5

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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**20. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2016. PETITIONER: JASON B. HAGAN, D/B/A SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB, INC., LOCATED AT 730 BRADLEY POINT ROAD, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31410.
[DISTRICT 4]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a transfer of a beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license 2016 for petitioner Jason B. Hagan, d/b/a Savannah Yacht Club, Inc. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-20

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2016. Petitioner: Jason B. Hagen, d/b/a Savannah Yacht Club, Inc., located at 730 Bradley Point Road, Savannah, Georgia 31419.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Hagen requests approval of a transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license in connection with an existing private club. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Charles Steven Eagle to Jason B. Hagen.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Regulatory Services recommend approval.
District 4

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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21. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD BIDS AS FOLLOWS: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$25,000 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 \$25,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.) Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-21 A-M
AGENDA DATE: February 12, 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 \$26,300 tree planting contract with Premier Landscape Services Management, Inc., for noise abatement along the Truman Parkway.

BACKGROUND: The project involves the purchase and planting of evergreen trees and shrubs for use as a visual buffer/sound barrier along the north side of Truman Parkway just west of the intersection with Whitefield Avenue. Federal Highway Administration guidelines did not justify the use of hardscape improvements as part of the Truman Parkway, Phase 5 project. This vegetative buffer will serve as an intermediate solution and not jeopardize Federal funding.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project was properly advertised and three (3) bids were received and opened January 5, 2016. The bid results are as follows:

	Premier Landscape Services Mgt., Inc. Savannah, GA	\$26,300
	Mountainshore Management Garden City, GA	\$54,270
*	Sodman Landscape Design Savannah, GA	\$76,721
*	WBE firm	

2. Staff believes the bid from Premier Landscape Services Management, Inc., is fair and reasonable.
3. The project is approximately 1500 ft. in length and is located in the right-of-way of Truman Parkway. It consists of the planting of 50 live oak trees, 150 loblolly pines and 300 wax myrtles. The contractor will provide a one year warranty for the plantings.
4. The project should be complete by March, 2016.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) – Truman Parkway V
(3244220 - 54.14001 - 32450477)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$26,300 tree planting contract with Premier Landscape Services Management, Inc., for noise abatement along the Truman Parkway.

2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____

MARK BUCALO

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$9,436 Summary Change Order No. 1, to the contract with R.B. Baker Construction, a division of Reeves Construction Company for the Pavement Resurfacing and Improvements 2015 First Letting.

BACKGROUND: The project involves milling, paving, striping and signing. The roads were selected based upon ratings using Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Computerized Pavement Condition Evaluation System (COPACES). Partial funding for this project comes from GDOT's Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded the project to R.B. Baker Construction, a division of Reeves Construction Company at their meeting on June 26, 2015.
2. During construction several line item quantities were reduced or removed for construction. These line items include temporary grassing, mulch, grading complete, graded aggregate base, 12.5 mm asphalt, tack, milling, concrete swale, fillet, and header curb, type 9 reflective signs, posts, yellow skip traffic striping, yellow solid thermoplastic striping, stop bar striping, raised pavement markers, permanent grassing, lime, and fertilizer. The total reduction in value of those quantities is \$93,734.
3. During construction several line item quantities were added or increased for construction. These line items include 9.5 mm asphalt, 19 mm asphalt, asphaltic concrete open graded crack interlayer, adjust manhole to grade, adjust water valve box to grade, type 3 reflective signs, yellow and white solid traffic striping. The total addition in value of those quantities is \$103,170.
4. Contract History:

Original Contract (6/26/15)	\$466,992
Summary Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>9,436</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$476,428

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$9,436 Summary Change Order No. 1, to the contract with R.B. Baker Construction, a division of Reeves Construction Company for the Pavement Resurfacing and Improvements 2015 First Letting.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____

MARK BUCALO

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award four (4) not to exceed \$250,000 on-call professional services annual contracts with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with various surveying services companies for engineering related projects.

BACKGROUND: There are topographic, utility and other survey services for database development and other purposes which can be completed by companies that have demonstrated their capability to accomplish quality and timely work for the County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The contracts will be managed by task orders. Each task order will be for a specified not to exceed amount. The task orders will be for specific tasks with deliverables for either lump sum or not to exceed amounts.

2. A Request for Proposals was publicly advertised and seven (7) responses were received on December 17, 2015. Consultants were evaluated through a quality based selection process. The proposals were reviewed and scored. The following firms were the highest rated from the list of proposers and are recommended to receive contract awards in the amounts indicated (See attached matrix on pages 5-6).

Hussey Gay Bell, Inc. Savannah, GA	NTE \$250,000
James M. Anderson and Associates Statesboro, GA	NTE \$250,000
Coleman Company, Inc. Savannah, GA	NTE \$250,000
Cardno, Inc. Peachtree Corner, GA	NTE \$250,000

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award four (4) not to exceed \$250,000 on-call professional services annual contracts with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with various surveying services companies for engineering related projects.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award professional services on call contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award three (3) not to exceed \$100,000 annual on-call professional services contracts with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with various geotechnical engineering and testing companies for geotechnical related projects.

BACKGROUND: There are small projects that can be done by a variety of professional geotechnical companies that have demonstrated their capability to accomplish quality and timely work for the County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The contracts will be managed by task orders. Each task order will contain specific tasks with deliverables for either lump sum or not to exceed amounts (i.e., time and materials).
2. A Request For Proposals was publicly advertised and three (3) responses were received on January 6, 2016. The consultants were evaluated through a quality based selection process. The proposals were reviewed and scored. The following firms submitted proposals and are recommended to receive contract awards in the amounts indicated (See attached matrix on page 8).

Terracon Consultants, Inc. Savannah, GA	NTE \$100,000
ECS Southeast, LLC Savannah, GA	NTE \$100,000
Whitaker Laboratory, Inc. Savannah, GA	NTE \$100,000

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award three (3) not to exceed \$100,000 annual on-call professional services

contracts with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with various geotechnical engineering and testing companies for geotechnical related projects.

2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award professional services on call contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a professional services contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, at a rate of \$50 per hour plus any pre-approved reimbursements, with Robert D. Buttimer to provide right of way acquisition services.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County contracted with various consulting firms for all SPLOST acquisitions for decades. The original professional services contract with Mr. Buttimer was approved by the Board in May 2014. The original contract rate of \$40 per hour was estimated by staff and Mr. Buttimer. Mr. Buttimer is requesting that the increase be made to cover unexpected expenses.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Mr. Buttimer will be responsible for assisting on right of way negotiations and acquisitions on various road, drainage and infrastructure projects. Mr. Buttimer is Pre-Qualified with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in areas required by the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Buttimer will report to the lead acquisition agent.
2. Mr. Buttimer will assist in the review of all right of way plans for compliance with GDOT policies and negotiate acquisitions with property owners.
3. Mr. Buttimer will provide assistance on property management services for the County as part of the agreement.
4. If approved, Mr. Buttimer will be paid at a rate of \$50 per hour for time spent plus any reimbursements associated with this project. Please note that any reimbursements will be pre-approved by the project manager. Mr. Buttimer will be provided office space by the County to be shared with staff for the Detention Center, Phase 2 project.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a professional services contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, at a rate of \$50 per hour plus any pre-approved reimbursements, with Robert D. Buttimer to provide right of way acquisition services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval to purchase furniture for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovation project in the amounts of \$5,417 to National Office Systems, \$9,560 to Mason, Inc., and \$20,039 to Business Interiors by Staples.

BACKGROUND: This is a purchase for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovation project. This furniture is being procured incrementally due to time phasing of the project. This increment is for Facilities Maintenance and Operations, as well as the Sheriff's Security Point in the parking deck. Follow-

up increments will be for new courtrooms and chambers on the first floor and other spaces in the courthouse. Furniture for the fifth floor Superior court space has been purchased, and approved at the October 19, 2015 Board meeting.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project is for the procurement of furniture needed for Facilities Maintenance and Operations, as well as the Sheriff's Security Point in the parking deck.
2. This project was properly advertised with five (5) firms submitting bids which were opened on September 22, 2015. The bid was for furniture for Facilities Maintenance and Operations, as well as the Sheriff's Security Point for the parking deck. The Invitation to Bid allowed the firms to submit "or equals" to the specified furniture listed. An independent architectural/design firm conducted the analysis of the furniture bids. (See attached detailed breakdown on pages 12-13).
3. The low bidder meeting specifications was selected for each area. Recommended awards are as follows:

National Office Systems Savannah, Georgia	\$5,417
Mason, Inc. Savannah, Georgia	\$9,560
Business Interiors by Staples Savannah, Georgia	\$20,039
4. National Office Systems will supply the furniture for the following areas, based on low price and continuity of manufacturer: Facilities Maintenance and Operations' Conference Room in the amount of \$5,417.
5. Mason, Inc., will supply furniture for the following areas, based on low prices and continuity of manufacturer: Facilities Maintenance and Operations Superintendent's Office, Command and Control Conference Room in the amount of \$9,560.
6. Business Interiors by Staples will supply furniture for the following areas, based on low price and continuity of manufacturer: Facilities Maintenance and Operations' support functions in the amount of \$20,039.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Construction
(3244980 - 54.13011- 32460427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to purchase furniture for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovation project in the amounts of \$5,417 to National Office Systems, \$9,560 to Mason, Inc., and \$20,039 to Business Interiors by Staples.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a professional services contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, at a rate of \$70 per hour plus any pre-approved reimbursements, with William J. Gordon to provide right of way acquisition services.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County contracted with various consulting firms for all SPLOST acquisitions for decades. The original professional services contract with Mr. Gordon was approved by the Board on May 9, 2014. The original contract rate of \$60 per hour was estimated by staff and Mr. Gordon. Mr. Gordon is requesting that the increase be made to cover unexpected expenses. On average the County spent \$700,000 annually on this type of service.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. William J. Gordon will be responsible for all right of way negotiations and acquisitions on various road, drainage and infrastructure projects. Mr. Gordon is Pre-Qualified with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in all areas required by the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Gordon will report to the County Engineer.
2. Mr. Gordon will review all right of way plans for compliance with GDOT policies and negotiate acquisitions with property owners and obtain any reimbursements from the GDOT.
3. Mr. Gordon will provide property management services for the County as part of the agreement.
4. If approved, Mr. Gordon will be paid at a rate of \$70 per hour for time spent plus any reimbursements associated with this project. Please note that any reimbursements will be pre-approved by the project manager. Mr. Gordon will be provided office space by the County to be shared with staff for the Detention Center, Phase 2 project.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a professional services contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, at a rate of \$70 per hour plus any pre-approved reimbursements, with William J. Gordon to provide right of way acquisition services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of a \$28,050 purchase to Savannah River Utilities Company to repair root damage of the road surface on Grimboll Point Road for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County is responsible for the maintenance of roads that are traveled daily by our citizens and visitors that come to the County. Tree roots on a portion of Grimboll Point Road have caused significant damage to the roadway and produced unsafe driving conditions.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The tree roots on Grimboll Point Road have compromised the road surface causing unsafe driving conditions. The County Arborist identified four (4) trees that were causing the root damage to the road surface and directed staff to have them removed.
2. Savannah River Utilities Company was scheduled to begin replacing a failed sewer manhole on Grimboll Point Road February 01, 2016, which will close the road for at least one (1) week.
3. There is another large sewer project that is pending in this area that will cause an additional road closure. If repairs to remove the roots and replacement of road surface are not completed in conjunction with replacement of the manhole, the residents in the community will have a total of three (3) separate lane closures.
4. Savannah River Utilities Company currently has a contract with the County to conduct water and sewer repairs. They also have a contract with the City of Savannah for street repairs and road resurfacing.
5. Staff believes the quote of \$28,050 from Savannah River Utilities Company to be reasonable considering the cost of labor and materials to complete the project. The project occurring in conjunction with other scheduled repairs will reduce overall cost and minimize the overall effect that multiple road closures will have on area residents.
6. Staff requested emergency approval from the County Manager so that work could begin immediately to repair root damage of the road surface. The County Manager concurred and signed the emergency approval January 26, 2016 (see attached on page 16).

FUNDING: CIP - Public Works
(3504100 – 53.17009 - 35030232)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of a \$28,050 purchase to Savannah River Utilities Company to repair root damage of the road surface on Grimball Point Road for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$27,755 sole source purchase with Montgomery Technology Systems, Inc. for the upgrade of network video storage at the Sheriff's Complex.

BACKGROUND: The network video storage system at the facility currently has the capacity to store 20 days worth of retrievable audio/video. This upgrade will further enhance the system and allow the storage of 60 days worth of data to aid in the investigative capacity as well as day-to-day activities. This will allow for better security measures in the property room and evidence preparation room.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. It is necessary for our contracted vendor, Montgomery Technology Systems, Inc., to provide and install this upgrade to existing equipment to allow for complete compatibility.
2. As per the terms of our existing service contract, if this were purchased/installed by an alternate vendor it would not be covered once the warranty expired.
3. Staff believes the quoted price of \$27,755 from Montgomery Technology Solutions to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Department
(1003300 – 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$27,755 sole source purchase with Montgomery Technology Systems, Inc. for the upgrade of network video storage at the Sheriff's Complex.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve necessary upgrades that may affect security.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation for emergency procurement of a \$55,000 purchase with Nearmap US, Inc., for high-resolution aerial photography of the entire County.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County entered an agreement with Savannah Area Geographical Information Systems (SAGIS) to acquire high-resolution aerial photography (orthoimagery) for the entire County in 2012. The last images were acquired three (3) years ago. The County experienced many changes by way of development and County-funded improvements since those last images were acquired.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The aerial photographs are used to develop topographic mapping needed in support of detailed drainage engineering evaluations used in design of road and drainage improvement projects. The photography must be taken in the winter months, when the leaves are off the trees. This allows for clear views of the ground. The contractor is currently in the area and can capture the photographs immediately with a signed agreement.

2. SAGIS will host the imagery and make it available to all SAGIS users.
3. Staff requested and received quotes from three (3) qualified vendors. The quotes are as follows:

Nearmap US, Inc. San Francisco, CA	\$55,000
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James W. Sewall Company Old Town, ME	\$83,123
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Kucera International, Inc. Willoughby, OH	\$87,675
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4. Quotes were obtained under the special procurement provisions of the Purchasing Ordinance due to the need to obtain aerial photography during the winter months. Staff requested emergency approval from the County Manager so that work could be done immediately. The County Manager concurred and signed the emergency approval February 9, 2016 (see attached on page 19).

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Drainage / Flood Hazard Mapping
(3234250 - 52.12003 - 32380433)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation for emergency procurement of a \$55,000 purchase with Nearmap US, Inc., for high-resolution aerial photography of the entire County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval to rescind the purchase of one (1) used non-typical replacement vehicles, and approve the purchase of a different used non-typical replacement vehicle for C.N.T., from Fairway Lincoln, and authorize the disposal of one (1) vehicle to be used as a trade-in. The total purchase cost, using the trade-in, will be \$17,900.

BACKGROUND: The Board approved at their January 15, 2016 meeting the purchase of one used vehicle. The Director of C.N.T. informed staff the original intended use of the vehicle no longer meets the department's requirements. The purchase of this vehicle will better suit C.N.T.'s needs.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. When the requirements changed, staff contacted Fairway Lincoln and advised the vendor of the change. Fairway Lincoln informed staff they believed they had a vehicle that would meet C.N.T.'s requirement.
2. The Fleet Manager and a representative from C.N.T. selected the following vehicle based on utility and value.
3. The vehicle selected was:

One vehicle	\$34,900
Less Trade-in: (Unit 1952 - 2011 Toyota - Vin #007705)	(\$17,000)
Total Purchase Price	\$ 17,900

4. 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.
5. Staff believes the total purchase price of \$17,900 to be fair and reasonable

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to rescind the purchase of one (1) used non-typical replacement vehicles, and approve the purchase of a different used non-typical replacement vehicle for C.N.T., from Fairway Lincoln, and authorize the disposal of one (1) vehicle to be used as a trade-in. The total purchase cost, using the trade-in, will be \$17,900.
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 L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the purchase of four (4) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for C.N.T., from Fairway Lincoln, and authorize the disposal of four (4) vehicles to be used as trade-ins. The total purchase cost, using the trade-ins, will be \$72,600.

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 vehicles.

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	\$16,900
One vehicle	\$41,500
One vehicle	\$31,500
One vehicle	\$35,200
Less Trade of four (4) units -	
(Unit 1966 - 2008 Honda - Vin #066494)	(\$ 6,500)
(Unit 1974 - 2013 Dodge - Vin #679485)	(\$20,000)
(Unit 1936 - 2010 Lincoln - Vin #610102)	(\$12,500)
(Unit 1957 - 2010 Chevrolet - Vin #118042)	(\$13,500)
Total Purchase Price	\$ 72,600

5. 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.
6. Staff believes the total purchase price of \$72,600 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the purchase of four (4) used non-typical replacement vehicles, for C.N.T., from Fairway Lincoln, and authorize the disposal of four (4) vehicles to be used as trade-ins. The total purchase cost, using the trade-ins, will be \$72,600.
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 M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$2,475 per month contract for purchase of Government Agenda/Meeting Management Software provided by Accela, Inc., for the County Manager's Office. The annual cost will be \$29,700.

BACKGROUND: The agenda creation for the County Commission Meeting is currently a manual process only utilizing a word processor to ease creation. This proposed solution will improve the efficiency of the process by digitizing the steps and providing end-to-end automation. This automation provides for the submission of agenda items with workflows for approvals. The County Manager's staff will be able to easily to add, edit and remove agenda items, as well as document the meeting minutes. Also, in addition to a live Internet broadcast, long term meeting minutes are linked to the appropriate segment of the video record and will be available to citizens for reference. Additional modules may be added at a later date.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This purchase includes the suite of modules required for automating the agenda creation, approval, and execution.
2. The software will allow us to broadcast meetings live over the Internet and provide post-meeting review with agenda integration.
3. Meeting minutes will link to segments of the video record, allowing citizens to easily find the section of a meeting they are interested in watching.
4. This will be a hosted solution and will not require any additional hardware to be purchased.
5. Additional software features are available, but not yet recommended, which provide voting, tally, attendance, and agenda automation to the County Commissioners while in session.
6. This Request for Proposals was properly advertised and four (4) proposals were received and scored by the evaluation committee. The top two (2) rated firms were asked to provide a demonstration of their product and those demonstrations were also scored. The high scoring firm was Accela, Inc. (See attached score matrix for detail pages 24-25)
7. Staff believes the cost from Accela, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - County Manager
(1001320 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$2,475 per month contract for purchase of Government Agenda/Meeting Management Software provided by Accela, Inc., for the County Manager's Office. The annual cost will be \$29,700.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential software for the creation and management of agenda items, and the publishing of meeting agendas and minutes to our citizens.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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22. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH THE QUALIFYING FEES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEORGIA LAW FOR THE NOVEMBER 2016 ELECTIONS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to establish the qualifying fees for the Board of Education officials in accordance with Georgia law for the November 2016 elections. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-22
AGENDA DATE: February 12, 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 Board of Education 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 the Board of Elections.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. The Georgia Code requires that qualifying fees of the Board of Education be established.
 2. There are four districts within Chatham County where a member of the Board of Education must be elected in November of 2016.
 3. Those Districts are the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 7th.
 4. The qualification fee for each position is \$360.

POLICY ANALYSIS:
 The County Commission has a statutory duty to set the qualifying fee 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

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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. AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE: TO REVISE ARTICLE R, SECTION 1 OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE TO REFLECT A REDUCTION IN THE LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITY FEES FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Chairman Scott said, the next item on the agenda is First Readers. We have two. To amend the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance: to receive -- to revise Article R, Section 1 of the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to reflect a reduction in the Land Distribution [sic] Activity Fee for commercial development.

Commissioner Shabazz said, disturbing.

AGENDA ITEM: XI-1

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer
Linda Cramer, Assistant County Manager

ISSUE:

To revise Article R, Section 1 of the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to reflect a reduction in the Land Disturbing Activity Fees for commercial development.

BACKGROUND:

The Land Disturbing Activity (LDA) fees are collected to fund the cost of providing construction plan review and inspection services necessary to implement and enforce the County's LDA Ordinance, Storm Water Management Ordinance, the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance, the Floodplain Damage Prevention Ordinance and Engineering Design Standards.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The LDA fees have recently received much scrutiny from the development community. Chatham County's LDA fees are greater than those in surrounding communities, which subsidize permitting implementation and enforcement with other fund sources. Developers are considering annexation as a means to reduce development costs. To avoid annexation of large developments and to protect the tax base of Unincorporated Chatham County, staff proposes the reduction in fees, but cautions that it may result in revenues insufficient to cover the cost of services and subsidization through County general funds.
2. The proposed changes will reduce the fees for commercial (other than single family residential) development and reduce the maximum fee charged. Staff proposes the following revisions to paragraphs b and c Article R, Section 1 of the Revenue Ordinance:
 - b. Other than Single Family Residential Land Disturbing Activities Development Permit: Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) base charge, plus ~~three thousand dollars (\$3,000)~~ **two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250)** per disturbed acre or any pro-rated portion thereof. The total Land Disturbing Activity (LDA) fee cannot exceed ~~\$150,000~~ **sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000)** for a project that is to be completed within two years from the date of issuance of the Development Permit. For a project that lasts more than two years the LDA fee shall be an additional one ~~thousand~~ **hundred** dollars **(\$100)** ~~(\$1,000)~~ per disturbed acre, initially permitted, or any pro-rated portion thereof.
 - c. Other than Single Family Residential Land Disturbing Activities Clearing and/or Grading Permit: Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) base charge, plus one ~~thousand~~ **hundred** dollars ~~(\$1,000)~~ **(\$100)** per disturbed acre of any pro-rated portion thereof.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To revise Article R, Section 1 of the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance to reflect a reduction in the Land Disturbing Activity Fees for commercial development.
2. To not approve the revision.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve amendments to the Revenue Ordinance.

Districts: All

Prepared by: Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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2. AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING (CONSTRUCTION) REGULATIONS ORDINANCE. THE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE ALIGNMENT WITH STATE

**ADOPTED CODES, REFERENCE TO THE COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE
AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE CURRENT DEPARTMENTAL NAME.**

Chairman Scott said, and then the second, amendment is to the Building (construction) Regulations Ordinance. The amendment includes an alignment with state adopted codes, reference to the County Revenue Ordinance and acknowledgment of the current departmental name. And we will have the Second Reader and discussion on those at our next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: XI-2
AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Dep't Building Safety & Regulatory Services

ISSUE:
Amendments to the Building (construction) Regulations Ordinance.

BACKGROUND:
The construction codes program for Georgia is administered with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The DCA adopts the mandatory construction codes and their amendments.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The proposed ordinance amendments include alignment with the State adopted codes, reference to the County revenue ordinance, and acknowledgment of the current departmental name.
2. Alignment with the revenue ordinance will locate current fees in one document eliminating the need for coordination and potential confusion when fees are changed.
3. The proposed amendments have been reviewed by the County Attorney for content.

FUNDING:
Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve proposed amendments.
2. Provide direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS:
The proposed amendments represent a comprehensive update of the Building (construction) Regulations ordinance. The amended ordinance will be more in alignment with the State construction code program and eliminate potential local conflicts.

Reference to the revised County revenue will place the permit fee schedule in a single document and allow better efficiency during fee changes.

The departmental name was modified to fully encompass the services rendered to the public. The proposed amended language acknowledges that name modification.

RECOMMENDATION
Alternative #1, approve proposed amendments.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

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

Chairman Scott said, we have a Second Reader that we will need to take action on, and this is the request to create a motorized cart district within and on and only Burnside Island. And at this time if someone wishes we will entertain a motion to create this cart district within the confines of Burnside Island only.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Any unreadiness.

Commissioner Farrell said, I see we have the Mayor of Burnside Island here. Perhaps he'd like to make a -- a -- a comment. Mr. Wayne Noha.

Mr. Wayne Noha said, we're good. If I need to I can.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you are highly intelligent.

Chairman Scott said, we didn't -- we didn't want to disturb something when you're on a roll.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, exactly. Exactly.

Mr. Noha said, the 83 percent that wanted this are very happy.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, very smart man not to come up to speak.

Commissioner Farrell said, that 80 percent.

Commissioner Center said, 83 he said.

Chairman Scott said, there are -- there are no more Second Readers.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the motorized cart district on Burnside Island. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XII-2~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~January 15, 2016~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: John Hart, County Attorney
Suzanne V. Cooler, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE:

To present the Board a request to create a Motorized Cart District within Burnside Island.

BACKGROUND:

The residents within Burnside Island community requested that a Motorized Cart District (MCD) be established for their neighborhood. The President of the Burnside Island Neighborhood Association, Mr. Wayne Noha, was sent petition forms and map exhibits, created by the Staff as identified by the Motorized Carts Ordinance approved by the Board of Commissioners. The Ordinance requires distribution to and signatures obtained of eligible Burnside Island property owners. The exhibit (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) meets the requirements of the Motorized Carts Ordinance found in Chapter 12, Article XIV of the Chatham County Codebook. Property owners were notified on the petition forms that it is their responsibility to adhere to the boundaries of the MCD and to the Motorized Carts Ordinance. A majority of the property owners voted in favor of petitioning the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to create a MCD.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. There are 373 qualifying properties within the boundaries of the Burnside Island community that meet the requirements of the MCD. A total of 230 property owner votes were verified by Staff on the petition forms. This satisfies the majority vote requirement of the Motorized Carts Ordinance.

2. Property owners traveling on roads east of the Shipyard Road and North Drive intersection are included in the MCD since the Ordinance allows motorized carts on low volume, low speed roads. Shipyard Road is classified as a Collector Road in the Street Classification Map and motorized carts are restricted from operating on it.
3. If the MCD is adopted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, then a signage plan will be developed for the neighborhood by Staff. In addition, the Savannah Chatham Police Department will be notified in writing by the County Attorney to enforce the boundaries of the MCD and the Motorized Carts Ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To that the Board approve the creation of a Motorized Cart District for Burnside Island community.
2. To not approve the creation of the Motorized Cart District.

FUNDING:

Funding for the Motorized Cart District was not allocated during the adoption of the Motorized Cart Ordinance. Expenditures will involve the installation of a vehicular warning sign.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

That the Board must approve the establishment of a Motorized Cart District for the residents of Burnside Island.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, the next is the informational portion of our agenda.

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: February 12, 2016

List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$24,999 That Do Not Require Board Approval

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
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
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. COUNTY MANAGER TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Chairman Scott said, and at this time I'm going to recognize the County Manager to entertain questions from the Commission, as well as to make some announcements. Mr. Smith.

County Manager Smith said, yes. Questions?

Commissioner Center said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, I know I've got -- I'll go over some things for planning purposes. But --

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Center from the 3rd.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. I don't know if you'll have my questions today -- my -- my answers today --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Center said, but with all that's been in the media and swarming around about Memorial Hospital, I'd like to have a lot more information. I don't know -- basically I would like a primer on the history and the purpose of Memorial Hospital --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Center said, -- visual charts showing the structure of all these corporation that we read about, and I understand many of my Commissioners have been here -- fellow Commissioners have been here a while and know this better, but it's --

County Manager Smith said, they were asking me a question.

Commissioner Center said, it would be --

County Manager Smith said, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I understand. That's all right. But it would be very helpful to me--

County Manager Smith said, you're basically -- are looking for a history of how we started, what the purpose and intent of the hospital was, and how it formed and where we are today.

Commissioner Center said, right. And -- and -- and where we fit --

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, -- in that formula.

County Manager Smith said, that can be done.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I know there's an authority and then a Memorial Board, and they've got --

County Manager Smith said, I think we generally have that, but we can easily do that even at the workshop and just do the history of it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. You can just add it to your agenda.

Commissioner Center said, that would be helpful. It -- it would be helpful very much for me.

County Manager Smith said, we'll add it to it. Absolutely.

Commissioner Center said, and the public and -- and in particular, I'd like to ensure that this proposed arrangement that we're reading about protects the purpose for which that hospital was built --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Center said, -- and protects county funds.

County Manager Smith said, okay. Absolutely.

Commissioner Center said, and I would like more information so if we're ever called to do anything, we know that.

County Manager Smith said, we can do that. Yes, sir.

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

Chairman Scott said, okay. But for the -- for the public who's listening out there, you will hear more about this at our workshop because it -- it will be televised, but let me just make it very, very clear that Chatham County Commission does not own the -- the hospital. In 1952 the state legislature created a Chatham County Hospital Authority. That Authority is in fact the owner of the facilities and that authority is charged with the responsibility of providing indigent care. That's where the county really comes in because the county has the responsibility of indigent care, and so the county has taken the position of guaranteeing the Authority's debt, and that's a quick synopsis, and we look forward to seeing the charts that Commissioner Center requested. Mr. Manager, back to you.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. Any other questions? Then I'm just going to go over a few items. If you have any more I can stop. First I do want to -- we have -- as all of you know, and -- and I have been really pleased over the last -- the last month to be seeing the fruits of training. We're doing leadership training with all of our upper and middle management, and you're beginning to see networks, listservs between departments and managers, which is changing attitudes. You're watching them work together. You know, if they've got a problem, call another manager, I need a little help, you know. They're doing that, so that development -- we're doing Birkman and we're doing the Kim Blanchard training and that is excellent.

County Manager Smith said, and in that kind of line of thinking, we have really pushed our folks to become certified in their fields, and I want to recognize one who's here today. She doesn't have to stand up, but she's been working for several years now because you can only get so many hours a year to become a state-certified Board clerk. I want to congratulate our clerk, Janice Bocook, for receiving that this week at the conference. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, great job.

Clerk said, thank you. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, so a lot of our folks are putting in a lot of hours, continuing education, that type thing, and that's what we've pushed for, to have our folks top notch. We talked about earlier, about the workshop, just, you know, we can after we end today, please look at February 29th. We'll move that date to Monday, and the -- I've already got texts from staff. We're moving meetings around to make that work. And what we have looked at for that particular day is Robert's Rules. We actually have a -- a -- a person that specializes in Robert's Rules. It's all he does. And the duties and responsibilities of the Board, of the County Attorney and the County Manager. We also will be bringing to you our first draft of the parks and recreations

strategic plan and where we looked in proposing to move that and also talk about it's being divided from Public Works and being a separate department July 1st, to put more emphasis on that department.

County Manager Smith said, we will be giving you a SPLOST update. That's really important. We got a lot of stuff going on the ground. So you need to know that and the public needs to know it, and we are putting out through Leon Davenport a newsletter. We put our first one out, the second one will be coming out in this time frame to keep people informed and keep you informed of how we're spending their dollars. We're also going to be -- I've -- hear a lot of questions from you about roads. So we're going to combine some of the DOT information with our information of paving, re-paving, what the State's doing and give you a full blown review of road projects. I don't think this Board -- you know we get and MPO, but the whole Board doesn't get that. So, I -- I think, with engineering, we feel that that's important.

County Manager Smith said, we will be talking to you that day with engineering and building safety to talk about the flood zone, CRS certificate -- you know the CRS and also building codes. We've got some issues as it relates to, and I'll just put it this way, have we reached the glass ceiling on certification. You know, what we are discussing as a staff, and we'll bring you more details at the workshop, we can add, to get you your certifications, which will get your flood insurance down five percent each time you hit one of those marks. We can continue to do that, but at what point is it too costly to develop a piece of property? And I -- I applaud my staff. We've been meeting, Jon [Hart], a lot of us with the Homebuilders' Association, and we're recognizing that that we've got to keep these builders active, and that we may have hit a glass ceiling. If we have, we need to let you say to us that's the level we want to stay at. So we're going to talk to you about those codes and where we are, bring the maps. So, we've got to take a look at it.

County Manager Smith said, the last item is -- not last, the next to the last, is March 23rd. It was mentioned earlier. Commissioner Stone and myself for a year and a half have been talking about getting all the mental health folks together. Commissioner Stone, the Chairman and I met with Commissioner Berry not too long ago with mental health with the state, and he has -- we've been in consultation with him, to develop the first annual Chatham County/Coastal Empire Mental Health Symposium, and we now have a steering committee. Ms. Stone is on that, along with several others from Gateway, some of our staff. We've got some folks that have law enforcement background, so that committee, as well as some of the folks from my office for logistics to handle that. We're looking at 150 to 200 people, providers, law enforcement, elected officials, but we want to -- the strategic plan or the blueprint points to mental health in every direction, and we've got to get a working group, and what we intend to do is have keynote addresses by the Commissioner, kind of what you heard today from Mr. Carruthers. We're going to give data. We're going to show you some failures and successes, have lunch, and the afternoon is going to be breakout sessions to begi --

County Manager Smith said, you know -- as the Chairman knows, the blueprint -- when he first saw me two years ago, he said, we've got to have it not only for just the county planning, but for recreation, economic development; you've got to have it for transportation. That's what we're doing, but now we're developing work groups. We can't do it all. We've got -- the community's got to sit on these groups and boards. If they don't want it, and they don't want to work, then it won't happen. So please attend that day. I've already called five folks, individuals and companies to help sponsor the event. So I think I've already raised about \$7,000 in about 20 minutes to help sponsor the lunch and things like that. They were, like, absolutely, we're behind you. So this is going to be a great event. We've got good speakers. Again, the Commissioner's going to be here and some others and the National Association of Mental Health is providing a national speaker to tell you what's kind of going on, but they're going to regionalize it. 'Cause some things that are happening in California do not apply here because of state law, but they're going to talk about our region. So I think this is going to be important, and we want to end that day with what are our next steps? And one of the things you heard is Gateway is then going to have -- they had a providers' meeting. They have another meeting right after this. So this has to continue. So, I'm excited about that day and invited you, and we're looking forward to it. We'll get you more details.

County Manager Smith said, the last item I have, Mr. Chairman, and I've heard from you on this, Pete Nichols was working on this and as he left, Catherine Neal took over the reigns, and in fact, if Catherine -- if she can step out. I've got somebody.

Ms. Catherine Neal said, I'm right here.

County Manager Smith said, you were -- there you are. This is Catherine Neal, and she came in under a firestorm because by the time we were looking at developing a plan for review of this building, our network, working with Comcast, she was just going to be A/V tech, well, boy, has she become more than that. But Catherine was at CrimeStoppers.

Ms. Neal said, correct.

County Manager Smith said, and has a great passion for programs, knows a lot of people in this community, and -- so we'll be working with her to help develop the system. She's put together basically a phase one, two, and three that we have expedited because there were already monies set aside for this building, which will fund this, and it's to broaden -- look to -- first of all our system is over 20 years old and I -- you saw the note the other day. The other day it failed again. We found another part. It -- it's -- it's failing. It doesn't work well. It's a 19 -- it's a 1998 operating system. Nobody has it. You can't get updates. You can't get anything. So it's time to change. So we're looking at automating broadcasting where we can do it off site. We're also going to be doing something with -- we're going to change cameras in this room, not have screens. We're going to go to something more updated. We're going to change our audio so that it's -- you know, it's -- it's less -- it's a little -- not very friendly. So we're going to do that, and we're also going to change how this operates here. If you

notice when somebody's there, they're trying to show something to you, they have to turn and do all this, we're actually going to put the computers in the thing where they can see it, they can operate right in front of them and display things to you.

County Manager Smith said, let's see. We do have -- we are going to be upgrading all the presentation equipment. We've had a meeting this week with Comcast and -- and the City of Savannah. They were great. We are working together, and she's got a great working relationship with them, and what we're looking for is, you know, we have PEG channels, and we have available to us certain rights under all the channels. We don't use it. We don't use for peace -- you know, doing our PSA's. We don't do it. We've got to start taping the good things that are going on in this community. Little PSA's or announcements on all the channels, because they're required by federal law to do that. It's just that we haven't submitted. I think we've done some. We can do more. But we're negotiating with Comcast. We wanted to go to HD. Comcast says that can't happen because when the franchise, as I understand it Catherine, went to the state -- and I went through this in North Carolina. We caught it and changed it before they did it. They don't have to go to HD because of the state franchise. So when the legislators get together the next time, we want to ask that they change that one little piece that says they have to take us to H -- HD. Soon, if we're just on SD, all these new TVs are going to be HD. There's going to be quality and signal problems. So the legislators have -- the legislators in the next session, we'll be asking them to look at that, and -- and I appreciate Catherine doing that -- doing that work.

County Manager Smith said, but we'll also -- will be moving to HD streaming on a -- 24 hours a day on the internet. So you can go and watch our channel 24 hours a day on the internet. You -- and -- so that's going to be great.

Commissioner Center said, can we pick out and just watch ourselves?

County Manager Smith said, you can.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, and there's -- this is the second thing, we're going to be doing -- asking Comcast to do video on demand, so if you wanted to go and look at the meeting today, you'll go to the government channel, click on it, go to a demand, and pick out -- even with the City of Savannah, to look at one. The other is -- is we'll be looking at other ways that we can improve getting our message out. The thing that Catherine's going to be working on, we're going to be talking to SCAD, Meredith [Ley] down in CEMA, you know, we're folding CEMA in July 1st, they're working together. We're looking at rebranding our county. Who are we and what should we look like? What should our logo be? It's not just the seal. Who are we? So we're looking at rebranding. Catherine's going to get a committee together to do that, and we're having some -- she's busy. But anyway, anything you want to say to the Board? Or?

Ms. Neal said, no. I think that you covered it pretty well. The county has a great story to tell, and it's time to -- to tell it. So this channel and -- and going to this new broadcast system will allow us to have more programming hours. So that's where we need to go.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. One of the things we're buying is a multicaster. I had them in the last TV station that we owned. You'll -- we'll actually be able to go even into a very small space and have green screen, and you'll have hundreds of options. Let's say it's -- you're talking about Lake Mayer, you can be sitting in front of this wall in front of a green screen, and Lake Mayer's behind you. We have the photographs. It can be moving. You also can set up as a news desk. You can have this table, and it looks like you're at WSAV or TOC. So she's going to have those capabilities, and we want to do some morning programming, giving information out because that's what you've asked us to do. So, first piece is technology. We've got to get it in place and provide our story. So we wanted to update you on that and meet Catherine. She's been a fireball since she walked in.

Commissioner Thomas said, welcome.

County Manager Smith said, so, we're excited.

Ms. Neal said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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

Chairman Scott said, you got -- Mr. Manager, you have a question here.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, great job on the technology.

County Manager Smith said, about -- about time.

Commissioner Farrell said, that's -- that's really moving us forward, and I appreciate that.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, on the two -- two items that are First Readers today --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- with the -- my question is -- is what steps has county staff made to get the information to the building and development community here in Chatham County so that they're aware of -- of what we're anticipating doing at our next meeting.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, and a lot of this has been in conversation with them.

Commissioner Farrell said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, as Gregori [Anderson] has gone out and met with the builders and then Jon [Hart], myself, Leon [Davenport], Mr. Kaigler, Ms. Cramer, actually have met multiple times with the Homebuilders' Association. Jon's been working with some of the developers that have looked at developing large pieces of property. Our fees are too high.

Commissioner Stone said, I agree.

County Manager Smith said, they are too high in comparison to anyone in this region.

County Attorney Hart said, state.

County Manager Smith said, or state. It -- it doesn't make sense. The first time I saw them, I went, woah, back up. We've got to be more commercial and business friendly. We're not saying free, but pay a reasonable cost to pay for the service, and that's what we're looking to do. And it's -- it's time, but they understand it. They came to us, and that's something, you know, we'll talk more about it, but the staff's on top of it. Now, understanding, like in engineering and -- and building and safety, they have some concerns that there may be some cost shifting. Well, some years you get a lot of money 'cause you've got a big development. Well, that's just a peak. I'm looking at the average, what my cost is. Can we survive? I think we can. May cost us a little more. That's the price of doing business. It's -- we're SEDA. We're wanting them to build houses and build shopping centers. We want them to do stuff. If you're too costly, they're not going to do it.

Commissioner Stone said, that's right.

County Manager Smith said, and -- so trying to take those steps.

Commissioner Farrell said, and that's a -- that's a good message, and I just want to make sure that we're communicating that --

County Manager Smith said, we are.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- especially to the building and development community, but to the whole community --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- what proactive steps that this county is taking to be business friendly and looking toward the future --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- and the prosperity of everybody. So --

County Manager Smith said, well at the workshop you're going to hear some more details that -- from Leon and from -- we've got four or five other initiatives that we're coming up with as staff that I think you're going to be very happy with. They're -- we're finding those now. So.

Commissioner Farrell said, second and last question, on the meeting we're going to have next Thursday at the Continuing Education Center --

Chairman Scott said, he just changed it to the 29th.

County Manager Smith said, we moved it to -- we're going to move it to the 29th. That way it will be on a Monday and --

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. On the 29th --

Chairman Scott said, 29th.

County Manager Smith said, the staff -- we -- I've been emailing everybody, so -- as we're sitting here, and I think we can do it on the 29th. And it looks like everybody should be here. I'm going to go get a CAT wheelchair van and pick up Dr. Thomas, and I'll bring her over. But we'll get -- we'll get her there.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. My question is, will it be in a small setting or will it be in a large auditorium where --

County Manager Smith said, if it's at the Georgia Center, it will be in the larger room because it's open to the public.

Commissioner Farrell said, and that was my follow-up question.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, will -- will the public be invited to -- maybe not to -- to -- to observe --

County Manager Smith said, it's an open meeting. Yes, sir. Absolutely.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- what the meeting? Okay.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. We'll advertise it as such.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, all of our workshops are open to the public, and so we'll make certain wherever we have it -- we don't know if we'll be at the Continuing Education Center because that's a changed date, so we'll --

County Manager Smith said, yeah. We're changing dates, so we'll have to confirm. It might be that we can go to the convention center.

Chairman Scott said, we may have to change location, but where -- wherever it's at, we'll make sure there's enough room for the public.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Yeah.

Commissioner Center said, and you -- you mentioned earlier that it would be televised.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, we will actually film the event and -- and then we will put it on the system.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and let -- let me just mention something else about the ordinance that you -- that we'll be discussing in detail at our next meeting, but the direction that the Manager wants to move us in is that we want sort of a unified fee structure in this county and that the fee ought to be the same in every municipality and in the unincorporated area of the county. So you don't have folk who are saying, well, we -- we don't want to develop in this city because the fee is too high, or we don't want to develop in the unincorporated area because the fees are too high, and that we'd rather be in Pooler or Savannah or Bloomingdale, and -- and we really think that you're in Chatham County, the fee ought to be the same throughout the county, and so that's the direction we're trying to head in, and it's in keeping with our long range planning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Chairman. Chairman.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm, and that came -- actually a lot of that started with the blueprint when the developers were there and they showed us the data, and I went, wait a minute, because I didn't know myself.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Shabazz has a question.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, when you say Land Disturbing Activity Fees for Chatham County, are you talking just about the unincorporated area?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, yes. Just the unincorporated --

County Attorney Hart said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, not -- not the entire county?

County Manager Smith said, no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay. Okay.

County Manager Smith said, no. But we're -- what we would do is ask the -- the blueprint is going to ask that we start looking at all these things together so, level fee structures.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, you know -- everybody talks about consolidation of government, well the way you consolidate is not government it's services where you look at getting your ordinances the same, your fees the same, and all the sudden it's really easy to start molding those things in and find efficiency. It becomes easy. This is the start.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but -- but do -- do the county -- do we receive activity fees when -- when they do work in Pooler and other municipalities?

Chairman Scott said, no.

County Attorney Hart said, no.

County Manager Smith said, no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, only the unincorporated area.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. And we'll show you a map on all the areas and where we're being impacted. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager, I would also -- your analogy of perhaps we've hit the glass ceiling on our flood plain planning, the low water mark might be a better --

County Manager Smith said, or the low water mark.

Chairman Scott said, rather than a glass ceiling.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Well, it gets cold and it freezes. Which one do you want? It's been cold lately.

Chairman Scott said, anyway, thank you for --

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, anybody else have a question of the Manager?

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, hearing none, we -- we will need to have a special session, but I want to make sure that everybody's clear on the date. It's going to be on the 29th of February, which is the last Monday of February. The location will be published because we'll have to re-confirm that the Coastal Center is available.

Commissioner Stone said, we'll send you a -- we'll send you a notice next Tuesday and confirm everything. We'll have that by then.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And -- and while you're marking your calendar, if you would just -- two days later, which will be March 2nd, which is a Wednesday, we're going to break ground on the new precinct, the new Whitefield precinct, and the land's been virtually cleared, not completely --

County Manager Smith said, pretty close.

Chairman Scott said, -- and by that time we will also have a contractor announced or on board so there shortly or -- within 30 days of breaking ground, we should actually start construction on that facility. And so mark your calendar for that on -- on the 2nd.

Commissioner Center said, you ready for a motion on --

Chairman Scott said, ready for a motion.

Commissioner Center said, okay. I move we recess to executive session to discuss litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

County Attorney Hart said, and land acquisition.

County Manager Smith said, and land acquisition.

Commissioner Center said, and real estate?

County Attorney Hart said, and real estate.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we recess to executive session for the purpose of real estate, personnel and litigation. Hearing the motion, any unreadiness? Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to recess to executive session for the purpose of litigation, personnel and real estate. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present; Commissioner Thomas did not cast a vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 11:04 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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2. SETTLEMENT OF JOSEPH TILLMAN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM.**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize settlement of the Joseph Tillman workers' compensation claim in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

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3. SETTLEMENT OF SHARON EDWARDS' WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM.**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize settlement of the Sharon Edwards workers' compensation claim in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

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4. WOOLF V. ST. LAWRENCE AND CLAIBORNE V. AL SCOTT.**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the settlement of the Woolf v. St. Lawrence and Claiborne v. Al Scott case in the amount of \$5,000, only if the amount is donated to charity. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

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5. RICHARD CECIL SOULS JIMMY DELOACH PARKWAY PARCEL 26 CONDEMNATION.**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the settlement of the Richard Cecil Souls condemnation claim for an additional \$1,000. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

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6. SETTLEMENT OF THE OSCAR HENDERSON CLAIM.**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize settlement of the Oscar Henderson claim in an amount not to exceed \$7,500. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

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7. EMPLOYMENT OF LAWYER FOR THE POTENTIAL MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER TRANSACTION.**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the hiring of Tom Gray and Arnall Golden Gregory to handle any potential Memorial Medical Center transaction. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:40 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