

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 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 9:26 a.m. on Friday, March 11, 2016.

Chairman Scott said, good morning. Good morning.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee collectively said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, and welcome. I'll ask that you please be seated, and remain seated until such time our devotional leader indicate it's time to pray. And at that time, if you would re-stand and remain standing through the prayer and through the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance this morning by the Commissioner from the 4<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Farrell.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Scott said, it is a great pleasure to not only welcome the Grand Marshal and his aides, but also to welcome the Grand Marshal, his aides, and his chaplain. Father O'Brien, for those who may not know, is a native of Ireland. Came to the U.S. in 1969, and he served as pastor and chaplain in parishes and community organizations throughout this area and also as the lead chaplain for our Chatham County jail and Sheriff facilities. And some would say he's best known as the founding pastor of St. Peter the Apostle on Wilmington Island, a congregation he helped establish in 1993, but I would say that he's best known for the days that he traveled from Savannah to Atlanta to serve as Chaplain of the Day at the request of myself and the late Senator Tom Coleman to the State Senate. That's what I best know him for. He's a long member of the St. Patrick's Day Committee, and when he comes up you'll see the badge hanging around his neck will indicate that he is a past grand marshal.

Chairman Scott said, his volunteer work has included serving as a counselor at St. Vincent; a chaplain at the Catholic Women's Club and a Board member; counselor and advisor to St. Mary's Home; and the Catholic Children's shelter. I said he was from Ireland. He was born in Cook -- in Cork, Ireland, I'm sorry, in Cork, Ireland, and he was ordained at the diocese of Savannah in 1969 shortly after completing his seminary at St. Peter's College in Luxford, Ireland. And it is with great pleasure that he has agreed to serve as our devotional leader today as he accomplishes -- Chaplain of the Day for the Grand Marshal. At this time I introduce to you Father O'Brien.

Father Patrick O'Brien said, thank you very much Chairman Scott. I think this is my first time meeting you. Have I met him before? Yeah, we have -- we go back a long way. We've known each other for many, many years, and -- but a great privilege it is to be here this morning. But you said I had five minutes when I got --

Chairman Scott said, I started two -- I started two minutes early because I knew you wouldn't obey that five-minute rule. So just --

Father O'Brien said, I think you didn't obey the five-minute rule. I can sit down now because you took the five minutes. I want to speak this morning, and it is -- first of all, it is a wonderful privilege to be here with you, and, of course our Grand Marshal and -- and his aides, and Chairman and Assistant Chair and all the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Well I'm going to speak for a few minutes on family. I'm going to read, it is me again, God. Remember me, God, I come every day just to talk with you, Lord, and to learn how to pray. You make me feel welcome. You reach out your hand. I need never explain, for you understand. I come to you frightened and burdened with care so lonely and sometimes lost and so filled with despair. And suddenly, Lord, I am no longer afraid. No burdens because you have removed them all. Oh God, I come to you day after day.

Father O'Brien said, my friends, this morning I'm going to speak a little bit about family. But first of all I'm going to express a world of gratitude to you, Mr. Chairman and to all of our Commissioners and all who's up here who serve us every day. You know you make tough decisions, and they're not always easy to come to an agreement on. Not always do you have to agree, and you can compare yourselves to a family because when you take a position like you to work together for the community, it is like parents taking the position to work together for their children and for the whole. They may not always agree with one another, but that love, that concern that they have for their children will help them to do what is right. That love and that concern that you must have for the

people that have elected you and you serve day after day too must help you make good and loving and the best decisions possible. Sometimes things don't always go your way just like parents. Sometimes things don't always go their way. But, you know, all of us have an obligation to one another. Not only you but all the people out here that come day after day when you have your meetings. All the people in our county, this wonderful County of Chatham have to make tough decisions, and the unfortunate thing is that we live in a time whereby not always do parents give the very best to those that are closest to them.

Father O'Brien said, just a few years ago, couple of years ago, this little girl at St. Vincent's said to me, she said, Father, will you be here for graduation? I said, yes. She said I want to take a photograph with you. And I said, you know, I said, that works both ways. There's another side to it. You take a photograph with me, I must get one with you. And she says I'll make sure you get a photograph with me, and I said, you know, you must get a photograph with your parents because they put you through school. And then the next words were so sad, but so true sometimes, she said, Father, I don't mind if I get a photograph with my father or not because he never gives me any attention. He never shows me love. He gives me what I want but the attention and the love is what I need. She said I have told my mom that my daddy is really my father, but you, looking at me, she said, he is my daddy, because I can call him anytime. And I say to you today, and I say to everyone here that have children, treasure your child, treasure your children, treasure each other and when you're making decisions as the Commission for Chatham County, treasure what you are doing in trying to make and do the very best for them because they have elected you. They have placed trust and confidence in you.

Father O'Brien said, don't let the people out there be like this little girl that I just spoke to you in -- in the story about. Let your people know that you care, you're interested, and you will give them your very best, and you will give them your time. And I say to anyone here who is a parent today, treasure your children because there's no tomorrow promised. It's only today. We must live each day as if it was the last day of our lives. Would we be proud of the way when we lay our head down on the pillow if God came to us and said, did you do your best today for those whom you care for?

Father O'Brien said, I come to another part of this little story, and then I will conclude, and you're probably saying thanks be to God. And that is this, I said to her what do you do when you -- how is your relationship with your mom and dad? She says, Father, I ride to school with my dad, and he asks me almost every morning how you feeling? You're up early this morning. She's always waiting for him. And then he's on the phone with his business partners. And then I said, your mother picks you up in the evening, in the afternoon, and she said, yes, and she always asks me how was my day, maybe a couple of more questions, and all of the sudden, she too is on the phone with those whom she works. And I said, what do you do, darling, when you get home? She said I go upstairs, I change my uniform, wash my face and hands, come down and make a sandwich and go back up and study. And I said, what about dinner? Well, daddy brings home a TV dinner every night. We have take out every night. We sit around the TV with three tables. Mom sits to the right, dad in the center and I'm over here on the left, five nights a week. And she says, then when we're finished eating dinner, they will watch the national news, and I said, do you sit with them? And she said yes sometimes. And I said, then do you talk with them afterwards? She said, yes, but they always talk about their business. They never talk really to me.

Father O'Brien said, now how sad that is, and that is our problem today to a great extent with our young people. We don't give them the attention, the love, the sense of caring that they need. You, Ladies and Gentlemen, are called to do the same to your people -- to the people who have elected you, the people in this wonderful county, to give them your best. Hear what they have to say, listen to them and just remember every one out there is a creature of God, like all of us. So with that, I thank you most sincerely for having me this morning, and I pray that the decisions that you will continue to make for this great county will be made with a sense of care, love and compassion and there's -- the people will not only hear from you when you are going to be -- are we going for election, but they will hear from you because they are your children to an extent, or they should be like your children. They should be able to come to you and you go to them. Show them you're interested, because that's so important. We have so many lonesome people, so many sad people. You may have one in your own Districts, many in your Districts I'm sure. Let them know in some way or other that you are always there. I thank you for your service, for your commitment, and for your dedication, and I pray that God will continue to bless you and need you and that our county will become even a better place to live in because of each and every one of us.

Father O'Brien said, and now our illustrious Grand Marshal -- Mr. Scott, you heard him on Sunday saying he couldn't find the prayer. Am I correct, sir?

Chairman Scott said, you're correct.

Father O'Brien said, now for the benefit of those of you who were not there, our Grand Marshal, Mr. Foran back here, whom I met for the first time a week ago. We've been friends for many, many years. Is that right, Michael?

Grand Marshal Michael Foran said, that's correct, Father.

Father O'Brien said, and -- but he couldn't find the prayer at the end of a wonderful talk he gave to the people that were present on Sunday, and so I'm going to take permission from you to read that prayer this morning.

Father O'Brien gave the invocation as follows:

May the heart of God preserve us --

Chairman Scott said, may we all stand.

Father O'Brien continued with the invocation as follows:

May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us. May the way of God direct us. May the shield of God defend us. May the host of God guard us against the snares of the evil ones, against temptations of the world and from the breast plate of St. Patrick. May Christ be with us. May Christ be before us. May Christ be in us. May Christ be over us. May thy salvation, Lord, always be ours this day, Oh Lord, and ever more. Amen.

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

Father O'Brien said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Father O'Brien said, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, thank you for having me this morning.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, pleasure.

Chairman Scott presented Father O'Brien with a Certificate of Appreciation for his time in presenting the Invocation.

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**IV. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

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

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

Not Present: Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight

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Chairman Scott said, at this time

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman --

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Commissioner Holmes for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like the absence of our Dr. Priscilla Thomas due to illness, and I'd like to report to the public and everyone of us up here, that she is doing quite well, progressing, and I'm quite sure she'll be with us soon.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion that we excuse Dr. Thomas from these proceedings, indicate by voting yes, opposed no. She is excused.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Holmes moved to excuse Commissioner Priscilla Thomas from the Commission meeting. Commissioner Shabazz 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 Commission Pro Tem, Commissioner Stone from the 1<sup>st</sup> for the purpose of introducing the members of our Youth Commission who are present today.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Today we have Michael Pal. He's a junior at Savannah Country Day; and we have Reyna Perry, who's a junior at Savannah Arts Academy. Welcome.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Pal.

Youth Commissioner Michael Pal said, I'd like to personally thank the County Commission for sending us on the annual trip I recently got back from, and it was just amazing, and we had so many once in a life time opportunities. So thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you're welcome.

Commissioner Stone said, wonderful.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you're welcome.

Chairman Scott said, you're welcome. I'm glad you had a good time, and I hope it was very informative and educational. I understood that you had a chance to visit the Supreme Court.

Youth Commissioner Pal said, yes, sir. We met Justice Clarence Thomas and got to speak with him and take pictures with him.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you.

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## **V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION.**

Chairman Scott said, for those who may not have been present on Sunday, and the Father indicated, when the Grand Marshal did not -- could not find his notes with the prayer on it, I challenged him and insisted the members of this Commission must hear that prayer today. So he bailed on us, but Father O'Brien obliged and made certain that the members of this Commission was in fact blessed with that prayer today. And thank you, Father.

Chairman Scott said, but it's a high honor, and I said in the pre-meeting, the Parade Committee could not have -- and the entire committee could not have selected a -- a more deserving Grand Marshal than our Grand Marshal here today. Before I talk a little bit about a proclamation we want to present to him, I want to just acknowledge, and this is almost a household name in the Catholic community and in the entire Chatham County, and you are -- you'll be well-familiar with it when I say it, but you may not know junior, but Michael J. Hogan, Jr, who is chair of the Parade Committee. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, and everybody -- everybody refers to him as Jerry as well. Just thank you so much. Do you wish to make any remarks before I introduce the Marshal?

Mr. Michael J. Hogan, Jr., said, no, I would like to say the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is honored to be here today, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. Thank y'all very much for having us. The man of the hour is standing right behind me, of course, but the -- the Parade Committee wants to thank the Commission for all y'all have done, and we look forward to having y'all join us on March 17<sup>th</sup>, to parade through the streets of Savannah in honor of our patron saint and in -- in celebration of our heritage and our faith. Thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Jerry.

Mr. Hogan said, appreciate it. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, appreciate it. Now for the grand finale. I want to read just a little bit of a proclamation that we're going to present to the Grand Marshal today.

Chairman Scott read part of the following proclamation:



**WHEREAS**, one of the highest honors to be bestowed upon an Irish Catholic in Chatham County is to be elected Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade; today we salute with great pride the 2016 Grand Marshal, Mike Foran; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike attended Blessed Sacrament before graduating from Benedictine Military School in 1976, where he ranked as Major and lettered in football. Like his father, Mike's career was connected to the Savannah Riverfront and following a rigorous apprenticeship program, Mike became a Savannah River Bar Pilot, retiring after thirty years of dedicated and exemplary service; and

**WHEREAS**, as a forty-year veteran of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Mike has held nearly every office including serving two terms as Chairman in 2011 and 2012 and has been a champion fund raiser for the Parade Committee whether through magazine ads, commercial parade entries, or raffles; and

**WHEREAS**, he is an active member of various organizations which includes The Knights of Columbus Council 631 (serving as Deputy Grand Knight), The Irish Heritage Society (serving as Secretary), The Ancient Order of Hibernians, The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, The Hibernian Society, The Police Emerald Society, The Catholic War Veterans (associate member), Sons of the American Legion Post 154, and Sons of the Confederate Revolution and he also serves on the Board of the World Trade Center Commission, The Tybee Island Beach Task Force, and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 11, 2016 as:

**GRAND MARSHAL MIKE FORAN DAY**

in Chatham County and salute him for having this prestigious title bestowed upon him and feel assured that Irish eyes will be smiling as he leads the 192<sup>nd</sup> St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016.

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Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Chatham County Commission

**ATTEST:**

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Gail F. Gordon, Administrative  
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and with that, I hope that the members of the Commission will join me in presenting this proclamation to our Grand Marshal, a very befitting Grand Marshal, Mr. Mike Foran. [Applause.]

[NOTE: Members of the Commission went down to congratulate Mr. Foran and present him with the proclamation.]

Chairman Scott said, and I would also ask if -- once this is presented to the Grand Marshal, I would invite him to make whatever remarks that he feel is appropriate, but I also wish that he would introduce his aides that are here today.

Grand Marshal Michael Foran said, thank you, Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Grand Marshal Foran said, my aides are, of course, Father Patrick O'Brien is my Chaplain.

Chairman Scott said, but before -- but before you do, anyone who wish to join in welcoming the Grand Marshal, please do so, and then we'll take our seats.

Grand Marshal Foran said, James B. Blackburn, Jr., who's an aide; Michael Carbo and Dennis Counihan; Jay Burke; and did I miss anyone? I've got 12 all told. You know, being Irish Catholic, you've got to have a big family.

Commissioner Farrell said, yes.

Grand Marshal Foran said, 'cause you always need protection somehow or another. But Mr. Scott and members of the Commission, I was ready for your challenge, and I do have that prayer with me. I have it -- that prayer has not left my pocket since last Sunday, I can promise you that, and my little 13-year-old boy, Joe Joe, he said, daddy, I saw you shuffling them papers, and I saw that prayer go in the wrong order, and I said, well, why didn't you tell me? He says, well, I didn't know that was my place. But, anyway, Father O'Brien did a -- did an excellent job with that. I am looking for the ushers to step forward. After that fine homily I think we should pass the basket. Ushers, can y'all come forward and maybe we can pass this basket?

Commissioner Farrell said, you can fill my bag up.

Grand Marshal Foran said, I thought Chairman Farrell was going to call on the Sheriff to arrest Father, but he was -- he did such a fine job, he -- he -- he -- he always hits the spot in the heart. But I want to thank you. I want to thank you for naming this day for me. I'd like to thank the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for bestowing this honor upon me, especially Jerry Hogan, all of his officers that he has with him today. We all served together. It's a year round -- a year round job. I mean, we start picking the parade apart as soon as the parade gets over, and, Lord, I tell you, it's the best parade in the world and -- and everybody from all over the world wants to come here. You know, everybody from New York City wants to come down here, and that's why I always have a little slogan, I said, roll over New York, here comes Savannah, because they don't want to be up there, they want to be right here in Savannah, Georgia. But I want to thank you again, and we hope to see you parade day, and you -- Jay Blackburn fell down on the job as my counselor, 'cause he was supposed to provide y'all with an invitation to our crack 'o dawn breakfast that y'all always get. So hopefully you'll be there. It's a -- it's going on it's -- what did I tell you, Jay? The 42<sup>nd</sup> year? So we've been doing this -- and it's a true Savannah breakfast, everybody from Savannah's there. Nothing fancy, but come enjoy it, and thank you so much. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Jerry [Hogan], did you want to introduce members of the Parade Committee that's present?

Commissioner Farrell said, that may take a while.

Mr. Hogan said, yep. Yes. I'll -- I'll be -- I'll be very, very quick. I do have some members of -- some members of my executive staff here. George Beckett, the -- the second most important man in the room right now is -- second to Mike Foran is our adjutant, Mark Corgan. He's the one that lines up the parade, and he's going to be telling y'all what order y'all are in. So, usually the Commissioners like to give him a good grilling. Who else I got? Brian Counihan, my vice Chairman. I've got Bubba Edgerly, my secretary. I've got Ryan Sewell, executive committee member; Langdon Cooper, executive committee member. Oh, Ashley Norris, our membership secretary, Ashley. But -- and I think that's it. And thank you again, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, we appreciate y'all having us here.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Thank you. And we have --

Grand Marshal Foran said, Mr. Chairman, can I have the floor one more time?

Chairman Scott said, sure.

Grand Marshal Foran said, I would be remiss not to recognize a very important person to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, one our members, Commissioner Farrell. [Applause.]

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. Well when are y'all going to get to the other seven hundred and something members? But -- but I appreciate the recognition.

Grand Marshal Foran said, it's 967.

Commissioner Farrell said, is it 900 now? Great time. Yep.

Chairman Scott said, all right. We also have a -- a past member of the Parade Committee in Pete Liakakis. [Applause.]

Commissioner Farrell said, where's Pete hiding?

Commissioner Holmes said, there he is right there.

Mr. Pete Liakakis said, I'm -- I'm still a member (inaudible) with the parade adjutant here, who's in charge.

Commissioner Center said, wait, don't give him five minutes.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Yes.

Mr. Hogan said, I apologize, Pete.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and our honorary Irishman, Chief Lumpkin. [Applause.]

Commissioner Center said, Chief O'Lumpkin.

Commissioner Farrell said, Chief O'Lumpkin?

Commissioner Center said, Chief O'Lumpkin.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Mr. Marshal. If --

Mr. Hogan said, we have one more member of the Parade Committee with us here, Tax Commissioner Danny Powers. [Applause.]

Member of the Parade Committee said, and the Sheriff.

Mr. Hogan said, Sheriff Roy Harris. I'm sorry, Sheriff. [Applause.]

Mr. James B. Blackburn, Jr., said, your vice Chairman, who is the chief deputy of Chatham County, Mr. Counihan. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, oh yeah. He's one of us.

Commissioner Farrell said, is that Pete's problem, he didn't know what side of the aisle to sit on today? He's -- he's -- he's with the county or with the parade?

Chairman Scott said, but it's a pleasure to have our Tax Commissioner with us always. Mr. Marshal, if you -- if you want to take flight, we will understand. If you want to stay for the meeting, we will appreciate it. So its -- the choice is yours.

Mr. Hogan said, we do have -- we do have another event to be at in about a half hour.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right.

Mr. Hogan said, thank you very much for having us.

Commissioner Farrell said, well, thanks for coming guys.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, see you Thursday.

Commissioner Farrell said, yep.

Mr. Brian Counihan said, thank y'all.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, you're welcome.

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## 2. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS.

Chairman Scott said, okay. This -- the next item on our agenda, we have a presentation of service awards.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, this is a -- a new format. Instead of waiting and having a luncheon and presenting these awards, we are going to do them in the month in which they occur, and at this time, I'll recognize the County Manager.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask HR, will Ms. Carolyn Smalls -- is she here today?

Mr. Van Johnson said, it's me.

County Manager Smith said, you're here? Well, she looks better. Anyway, we've got Van Johnson from HR. He'll be presenting. Ask the Board if you will come step down up front. We'll be giving the gifts and recognizing those folks and Van will be calling those out.

Commissioner Center said, this is the first time we've met Van.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Who's he? The last time I saw him was in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Johnson said, that's right.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Johnson, welcome.

[NOTE: The Board of Commissioners stepped down to welcome the service award recipients.]

Mr. Johnson said, members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, recognizing 30 years of service, Dennis M. Goldbaugh, engineering [applause]. Twenty-five years of service, Stephanie M. Bush, detention center [applause]. Twenty-five years of service, the Honorable Bonzo C. Reddick, Magistrate Court [applause]. Recognizing twenty years of service, Carl Milton, detention center [applause]. Twenty years of service, W. Victoria Tumlin, Tax Commissioner's Office [applause]. Recognizing 15 years of service, James E. Baker, detention center [applause]. Ten years of service, Kendra A. Crawford, detention center [applause]. Ten years of service, Monica C. Bell, Public Works [applause]. Recognizing five years of service, Nikki C. Smith, Clerk of Superior Court, who I do not believe is here. James Barbee, detention center [applause]. Five years of service Gabrielle F. Rowse, Tax Commissioner's office [applause]. And last but certainly not least, David Grotyohann, CEMA, five years of service [applause].

Commissioner Farrell said, you got to recognize Pete [Liakakis], serving the county for 40 decades -- four decades.

Mr. Johnson said, we don't have a pin for that, sir?

Commissioner Farrell said, you don't have one that goes up that high?

Mr. Johnson said, no, sir.

County Manager Smith said, thank y'all.

Commissioner Farrell said, Pete [Liakakis], thanks for everything you do for everybody. You are the man.

Mr. Liakakis said, thank you.

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County Manager Smith said, John [Savage]? John? John? Turn the air up. It's too cool -- it's too cool in here.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager? Mr. Manager?

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, I'm in charge of this room.

County Manager Smith said, oh, I know that, but I'm cold.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, I can't move my fingers.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, and all of you were saying you were cold, now.

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## **VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, we don't have anything for Chairman items.

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## **VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, or -- or Commissioner items.

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## **III. 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, nothing has been Tabled 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 GENERAL FUND M&O: a) TRANSFER \$43,530 FROM RESTRICTED CONTINGENCY TO TRANSFER OUT OF CHILD SUPPORT, b) TRANSFER \$38,488 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE INTERNAL AUDIT BUDGET; 2) IN THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$43,530 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND M&O, b) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$43,530 FOR MERIT INCREASES; and 3) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$40,000 FOR AN AWARD FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CEMA.**

Chairman Scott said, and now that takes us to Items for Individual Action. And Item 1, is to request the approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O: a transfer of \$43,530 from the Restricted Contingency to transfer out to Child Support, b) transfer \$38,488 from the Contingency to the Internal Audit budget; 2) in the Child Support Enforcement Fund: increase revenues by \$43,530 transferred in from the General Fund M&O, b) increase expenditures by \$43,530 for merit increases; and 3) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures by \$40,000 for an award from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to our CEMA, Chatham County Emergency Management Agency.

Commissioner Holmes said, move for approval.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved. So moved.

Chairman Scott said, been properly moved.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

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

### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Holmes moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$43,530 from Restricted Contingency to transfer out of Child Support, b) transfer

\$38,488 from Contingency to the Internal Audit budget; 2) in the Child Support Enforcement Fund: a) increase revenues \$43,530 transfer in from General Fund M&O, b) increase expenditures \$43,530 for merit increases; and 3) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$40,000 for an award from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to CEMA. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Center and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1****AGENDA DATE: March 11, 2016****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager**FROM:** Amy Davis, Finance Director.**ISSUE:**

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$43,530 from Restricted Contingency to transfer out of Child Support, b) transfer \$38,488 from Contingency to the Internal Audit budget; 2) in the Child Support Enforcement Fund: a) increase revenues \$43,530 transfer in from General Fund M&O, b) increase expenditures \$43,530 for merit increases; and 3) in the Multiple Grant Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$40,000 for an award from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to CEMA.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1a. Merit increases were approved with the adoption of the FY2016 budget. Funds were budgeted in the General Fund M&O Restricted Contingency for merit increases in the Child Support Enforcement Fund.
- 1b. Due to the retirement of the Internal Audit Director, additional funds are needed to cover the cost of related expenses. A Contingency transfer of \$38,488 will provide the necessary funds. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Child Support Enforcement Fund is being amended \$43,530 to cover the cost of merit increases. A resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. On October 2, 2014 the Chatham County Emergency Management Agency entered into a \$40,000 administrative award agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O. The budget amendment will establish funds in the Multiple Grant Fund.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**GENERAL FUND M&O**

- A. Transfer \$43,530 from Restricted Contingency to Transfer out to Child Support.
- B. Transfer \$38,488 from Contingency to the Internal Audit Budget.

**CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND**

- A. Increase revenues \$43,530 Transfer in from General Fund M&O.
- B. Increase expenditures \$43,530 for merit increases.

**MULTIPLE GRANT FUND**

Increase revenues and expenditures \$40,000 for a grant award for Chatham County Emergency Management Agency.

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:**

Staff recommends Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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**2. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT THE GREENWAY IMPLEMENTATION STUDY AND PRESENT FINDINGS.  
[ALL DISTRICTS.]**

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 is to request the Board adoption of the Greenway Implementation Study and to present findings. And at this time I'm going to ask our County Engineer, Leon [Davenport], to come up and introduce those that will be presenting today.

County Engineer Leon Davenport said, I'm going to ask Suzanne [Cooler], if you don't mind, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, that will be fine.

Mr. Davenport said, yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, and while she's coming up, Mr. Chairman, we want to recognize that she served on the committee to look at implementation of the -- the greenway plan and putting it together, but what's more important, I think, and I -- it's come out of the blueprint itself that we needed these kind of projects. So I'm saying, you're going to see things, now, coming to you that will pin point the community has come up with items and as you are beginning to attack them, implement them, you can see that. So that way it's an active plan. So, anyway, we're really excited about that part, so, Suzanne [Cooler].

Assistant County Engineer Suzanne Cooler said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Ms. Cooler said, we do have a brief presentation to explain the process of the study and to give the results of the study. We did a Greenway Implementation Study using grant funds from a Coastal Incentive Grant awarded to us by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and our consultant, Courtney Reich, from Ecological Planning Group, is here to give the presentation.

Ms. Courtney Reich said, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Ms. Reich said, and let me -- well, oh, they don't? Okay. Great. Well, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to present to you on this greenway plan today. In keeping with today's theme of green, we thought this was a great day to present to you on the greenway plan. So, just to underline the purpose of this presentation is to present to you the findings of this implementation study that's been going on for the last 18 months, and then to ask you to adopt a resolution to adopt the plan, which, of course, is called for in the blue prints. So, just to give you a little bit of background on the study, as Suzanne [Cooler] mentioned, this was funded -- the county actually received a grant from the Coastal Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources to conduct this study, and it began in the fall of 2014 and it is concluding in this month. It was led by Chatham County but with partnership with the Metropolitan Planning Commission, and all of the municipalities in the county were represented in the stakeholder process.

Ms. Reich said, a greenway, just to be clear on the definition of a greenway, is an open space that has a linear form and very often it's associated with some type of man-made structure, a drainage canal, a retired right of way, corridor, a utility corridor, and they can include amenities, including multi-use trails, as well as other types of recreational facilities. The purpose of the study that I'm here to present to you on is -- was to look at the various greenway corridors in Chatham County and identify -- or assess them for their viability as multi-use trails.

Ms. Reich said, this is not a new concept in Chatham County. This is something that has been looked at for several years dating all the way back to the greenway -- or drainage canal/greenway plan that was done in 2001 by the Metropolitan Planning Commission. There were -- there was a tremendous amount of stakeholder involvement in this project. There were two specific committees. One, of course, was the steering committee and that included many members of Chatham County staff, and it also included members of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, as well as the consulting team. But then in addition to that there was a very broad stakeholder committee that met several times over the course of this project. It included a lot of local government representatives from the other municipalities, as well as representatives from various civic organizations. Local universities, as well participated.

Ms. Reich said, the corridor selection process was the first part of this project, and the result of that was the selection of the canals that you see in that table before you, and I -- I think it's important as I move forward and talk about the ones that were prioritized through the stakeholder process to keep in mind that all of these drainage canals were identified as -- or I shouldn't say -- they're all not drainage canals, but all these greenway corridors where -- were identified as being appropriate for multi-use trail development. Here is a map of those, and you can see that it's fairly county-wide, but there are greenway corridors that have been identified as having potential for trail development throughout the county. In addition to looking at just these trails in themselves, an important part of this process was looking at the connectivity and how do these potential trail systems relate to other existing ongoing projects and other trail systems in the county.

Ms. Reich said, the assessment cri -- criteria that you see in this list here are the various criteria that we were -- we used to assess these potential trail systems. I -- I want to just call out some. They're all important, but just call out a few for you. We actually involved the police department in looking at the safety -- public safety issues related to canal trail development or greenway corridor trail development. We also looked at the connectivity and how does it connect various places of interest, and is there existing use? A lot of times there is unofficial trail use of a lot of the drainage maintenance corridors along the drainage canals, so if people are using it now, the assumption is that they'll be more likely to use it in the future should it be further developed as a greenway corridor.

Ms. Reich said, part of this process involved further prioritizing some of these trails to -- to spend a little bit more time on and focus a little bit more in depth on as part of this process. And again, all of the ten corridors that we looked are all appropriate, and they're all wonderful, and potentially could be great assets to the county, but the stakeholder committee did go through the process of actually prioritizing three of the trails. And you can see those here. By continuing and actually finally connecting McQueen's trail to the future Marsh End trail that Tybee is putting in was on of the canals that were prioritized, as was the Wilmington Park Canal trail -- potential trail or greenway, and then finally the Placentia Canal potential greenway. Those were the three that were prioritized through this process.

Ms. Reich said, so just to give you a little bit more detail on what those canal corridors look like, here are some maps and some photographs from the potential trail development. You can see here the extension of the McQueen's trail, or the old rail -- Savannah Tybee railroad bed. Connecting it from essentially where the Fort Pulaski entrance is all the way to the Lazaretto Creek Bridge, is the section that is not complete now that we're recommending for completion. It's about a 2.5 mile stretch, and it provides -- it would -- it would actually finally connect that entire trail system, and once the bridge -- the bridges are widened as part of the ongoing DOT project, you would actually finally connect Tybee to the mainland, which would be, you know, regionally important, not just -- not just for the residents of this county.

Ms. Reich said, we have been working the DOT through this process as they're going through their ongoing public involvement process for the project on Highway 80. We have been working with them, and the county has actually already met with the National Park Service about this project and the National Park Service has identified a potential grant program that the county could participate in to help further this greenway development. The second trail that we talked about was Placentia. Making sure that -- yes -- Placentia Canal, of course, runs -- touches three different jurisdictions, unincorporated county, Savannah and Thunderbolt, and it connects a lot of great destinations, and regionally and locally important sites, including Savannah State University, Johnson High School, Bonaventure Cemetery, which would make it a very -- a great trail system being able to connect all of those and providing a really great alternative -- you know, a safer alternative transportation in that area where the side where -- sidewalk network isn't necessarily complete.

Ms. Reich said, the other benefit to this potential project is that the Town of Thunderbolt actually owns quite a bit of property along this potential greenway corridor that they've already proposed to develop as part of this greenway and as a potential trailhead and park that would be connected to this system. They've already submitted a grant application, in fact, to begin that planning process.

Ms. Reich said, and then the final trail that we're discussing, or that has been prioritized is associated with the Wilmington Park Drainage Canal. You can see here actually one of the benefits of this is that it would connect a Chatham County owned parcel with a City of Savannah owned parcel. There's an existing maintenance road along this canal that is in great condition and in fact people already actually use it as a trail. It's also in a neighborhood where we've heard some support for this type of facility.

Ms. Reich said, so some of the strategies -- and part of this process was identifying what -- what would be the strategies that we need to look at in order to make these projects successful. We've been talking about greenway corridor development obviously for many years. How do we make these systems begin to go? First, coordinating with the various departments that will be involved with future maintenance. Either maintenance of the canal right now or future maintenance of a potential trail in the future is very important, and so is addressing public -- or the perception of public safety issues early in the process through community involvement.

Ms. Reich said, there's an added benefit to this whole project in developing these greenways, and that's a benefit to the flood plains and -- or your -- and you would receive additional points potentially under your CRS program for doing that because through developing greenways, you're obviously protecting that flood plain from future development. So, the next steps in this process, first and foremost hopefully is adoption by Chatham County of this implementation study. There have been resolutions of support already adopted by Thunderbolt and Tybee Island for the projects that we discussed here today. Continuing to coordinate with Fort Pulaski and the other various members on this National Park Service grant; and then working with the Town of Thunderbolt hopefully if they do receive this Coastal Incentive Grant to begin development of the Placentia Greenway. So can I answer any questions? Yes, ma'am?

Commissioner Holmes said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, on your map, as we went through --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady from the 6<sup>th</sup> --

Commissioner Brady said, oh.

Chairman Scott said, and then Commissioner Holmes from the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, and then Commissioner Shabazz from the 5<sup>th</sup>, in that order.

Commissioner Brady said, on the map you indicated that there were various trails that would be going through the City of Savannah.

Ms. Reich said, which -- let me click back to the map here for you.

Commissioner Brady said, well, I know the one in Windsor -- Windsor Park would.

Ms. Reich said, it would. Mm-hmm.

Commissioner Brady said, yeah. But there were others that you showed that -- that would, you know, connect on to City of Savannah.

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Brady said, but yet I did not see their name as one of the municipalities who -- who has agreed with this.

Ms. Reich said, they have not been presented to. We actually presented to the mobility study committee just this week.

Commissioner Brady said, uh-huh.

Ms. Reich said, but we haven't actually had -- the City of Savannah participated on actually the steering committee. Patty McIntosh from development services was the member that participated, and they also participated in the larger stakeholder group process, but we have not actually presented to them yet for a -- a resolution of support.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Ms. Reich said, sure.

Commissioner Holmes said, where's Dundee Canal in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District?

Ms. Reich said, I got to look at the bigger map. It is -- on this map you see, number 2, there's like an A.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Reich said, that's the -- the Dundee Canal is that -- that small section there that goes through the Woodville-Tompkins -- Tompkins neighborhood.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm. The Woodville-Tompkin area?

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Ms. Reich said, that actually is a project that the -- that's one of the things -- that's one of the reasons that Patty [McIntosh] was on our steering committee is because she's involved in that project, and they actually have a grant to implement that greenway.

Commissioner Holmes said, how large is that canal? You know?

Ms. Reich said, how large -- just the section they're developing --

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah.

Ms. Reich said -- or the entire canal?

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Reich said, the section they are developing is not very large. I want to say -- it goes essentially to the border of Garden City down to -- oh gosh I can't think of the name of the street. I -- I would say it's maybe a half a mile.

Commissioner Holmes said, mmm. Okay.

Ms. Reich said, that's a guess.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz from the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. The greenways are very beautiful.

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and I want to know if they're going to have -- they're going to have multi-use? Will it be biking, walking, running, jogging?

Ms. Reich said, yes. That would be the hope.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. My concern is the safety aspect of this.

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how safe are these trails?

Ms. Reich said, we involved the police department in the process. In fact, they conducted a public safety assessment for each of the ten canals.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Reich said, I think it's ten that we're talking about here, and it's in the larger plan, and they were actually very supportive of this process, and they, in fact offered to be part when you do move forward and move out into the community, they offered to be a part of those meetings to help allay some of the fears that people have about the safety, the idea being that a lot of these corridors exist so you're not -- you're not creating access where it didn't exist before. In fact, you might be making it more safe because you're -- you can landscape for public safety, you're going to put people out there on a more routine basis to keep an eye out, so that it can often improve safety as opposed to create access where it didn't exist before, which is often people's perception.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. All right, because they kind of look a little deserted.

Ms. Reich said, the -- oh, the pictures that I had?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah. Like there's no one out there other than --

Ms. Reich said, well, those aren't -- they're not developed yet. The -- the -- right now they're just maintenance roads --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Reich said, for the most -- for the most part most of them are just maintenance roads that the county uses to maintain the drainage canals and our hope would be in the future if they were to be developed as greenway trails, they would actually have more people on it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so the -- the shoulders of these canals --

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- are going to be used for the pathways. Is that right?

Ms. Reich said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And so that mean that they must be maintaining, the grass kept cut and everything.

Ms. Reich said, that's correct.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah. 'Cause I remember the Placentia Canal by Johnson High School and Savannah State University, we were students, we used to survey --

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- the canal, the shoulders and everything. And it was just quiet out there and no one was out there. I thought it was beautiful but just the safety concerns that I have.

Ms. Reich said, and it's definitely an important part of the design process and the community involvement process.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Ms. Reich said, I mean there's certain elements of design that help and improve public safety, and that's why it's our recommendation that you work really closely with the police department --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Ms. Reich said, -- in order to make sure that all of that is incorporated.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I commend you for your efforts as well.

Ms. Reich said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner Farrell from the 4<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Farrell said, good morning it was a pleasure meeting you the other day. I -- I like what you're presenting, the three different plans, and I hope that over time these things can come to fruition and -- and be a part of the public domain for their enjoyment because as Commissioner Shabazz said, there's a lot of really nice, quiet places in this county if you just know where to look. So, thanks for showing people -- giving people a roadmap to where to -- where to find some peaceful areas to take a walk and get your thoughts together and get a little fresh air and some exercise. So I commend you and wish you great success.

Ms. Reich said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, we have a question from a member of our Youth Commission, Youth Commissioner Perry, and then --

Youth Commissioner Reyna Perry said, I was going to ask when you talk about having people out there to keep an eye on the greenways, who would that be?

Ms. Reich said, just the people using the trails. Just having more usage of the trails would mean that there's more eyes out there.

Youth Commissioner Perry said, thank you.

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, our pro tem, Commissioner Stone from the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is wonderful. Now, I just have a quick question. About a month or so ago we passed a resolution for the Georgia Greenways program. Is -- does this connect in any way? Will there be any connectivity for people that are using the Coastal Greenway that Jo Hickson presented to these paths?

Ms. Reich said, yes. Jo [Hickson] was a part of the larger steering -- stakeholder committee for this process, and the Savannah-Ogeechee --

Commissioner Stone said, right.

Ms. Reich said, -- corridor, as well as the Springfield Canal which -- both of which are in this plan are part of the Coastal Georgia Greenway.

Commissioner Stone said, see, I think that's amazing. We're going to have a coastal plan that ties into all of these, and I'm -- I'm very excited to hear that y'all are working together on that. That's great. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner Kicklighter from the 7<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. That was -- that was a great lead in question there because in 2001 the canal S&O master plan was presented to this Commission right -- unfortunately right after I first got elected on this Board, and -- and at that point it was going to take away all of the driveways off of the -- Bush Road, every one of the driveways going over the canal and the plan was going to replace their driveways with like three bridges and run a road through every one of them's front yards. And -- I just want to make sure, one before I go -- before I jump on this that that plan was changed.

Ms. Reich said, that plan is not incorporated into this. In fact we didn't get that detailed in terms of design where we actually looked at specifically how the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal would be developed. So I -- I don't know if that plan has been --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. 'Cause I see it's on the map as Item G --

Ms. Reich said, yes --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- as part of this --

Ms. Reich said, no, it's part of the canals that we looked at and we recommended -- we recommend further investigation of that as potential greenway, but we're not at -- we're not asking that you adopt that old Savannah-Ogeechee plan -- master plan for -- as part of this process. Just that that corridor be considered for greenway development as appropriate and then that would lead to the design.

Chairman Scott said, if I -- if I may -- if I may interrupt you --

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter, the -- our County Engineer want to speak to your question, if you don't mind.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that would be great.

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Davenport said, yes, in speaking specifically to the question at hand about the driveways, the City of Savannah and Chatham County -- for years Bush Road has been a contentious issue as to who owns what, who maintains what. We've agreed, and the City is -- with them as well is that anything the -- the corridor, or the canal itself is only the responsibility of the City. So anything that gets done there would require the City's approval, and technically, it's their -- their right of way in simple -- in fee simple. So we don't really have any jurisdiction when it comes to that. The S&O Canal Society is doing restorations to the locks at this time, but as far as the -- the -- what you're talking about, consolidating, making frontage road, in essence, is what we'd be talking about, that's not things we considered, and that's not really what this plan would spell to.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's what I wanted to make sure. 'Cause that changed since back in the day when we thought we had the -- at that point, the responsibility for that area. One other question, on the Pipemakers Canal, did y'all actually meet with Bloomingdale and Pooler? Although I know it's not a priority on here --

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm. They -- members from Bloomingdale and Pooler were invited to participate in the stakeholder -- larger stakeholder committee.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Reich said, and I can't recall exactly who from those cities attended, but they were both part of the steering -- or the stakeholder committee.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. But we don't have any approval from them --

Ms. Reich said, not yet. We've only -- so far -- the grant ends March 31<sup>st</sup>, and it was important for us to get approval from the governments that were affected by the three prioritized ones first, but the idea is that we would move forward and get approval from all of the municipalities after that point. We're just up against the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for the initial approvals.

County Manager Smith said, it's really next steps.

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, I mean, I -- I'd just be a lot more comfortable if the cities that -- that it's mentioned --

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- has already had -- had already approved it.

Chairman Scott said, any -- any further question, Commissioner Kicklighter?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, sir. Thank you.

Ms. Reich said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Anybody else? No. Thanks for the presentation. It was real thorough.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, are you ready for a motion?

Chairman Scott said, yes, as soon as they up these screens.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 5<sup>th</sup> -- 6<sup>th</sup> District for the purpose of making a motion. Commissioner Lori Brady.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I -- I move for approval of Number 2.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we adopt the greenway study presented here today. Any unreadiness?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if I may, Mr. Chairman. I just want --

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Kicklighter from the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. I just want to state for the record that the Pipemakers Canal is not a priority on here, and it is my understanding that before it would move forward with that particular project, y'all would have discussions and seek some type of approval from the City of Bloomingdale and the City of Pooler, whichever city is affected. Okay. So I'll -- I'll -- with that -- with that acknowledgment of yes from the County Attorney [sic] in the back, I will support that. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, the County Engineer was shake --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I mean the County Engineer, sorry.

Chairman Scott said, was -- was shaking his head in affirmative to you. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes. The motion carries.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved for adoption of the Greenway Implementation Study. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 11, 2016**

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

#### **ISSUE:**

To adopt the Greenway Implementation Study and present findings.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Greenway Implementation Study (Study) is a comprehensive assessment of stormwater drainage canals and retired rail corridors located throughout Chatham County. The goal was to determine their viability as potential greenway trails. The Department of Engineering Staff and the consultant, Ecological Planning Group, along with key representatives from the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) and the City of Savannah formed a project team known as the Greenway Steering Committee. This committee performed the collaborative research. A diverse stakeholder committee was also formed to provide technical assistance and input. The result identified three corridors that will receive further focus for greenway development.

#### **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Greenways are natural pathways and multi-use trails that provide alternative modes (walking, biking, etc.) and create connections between public interest points. Staff consulted with the Assistant County Attorney to determine the liability of using such greenways for pedestrian purposes.
2. The Study was completed using funds provided by a Coastal Incentive Grant (Grant) from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division (CRD).

3. Adoption of the Study is consistent with Goal 2, Strategy 6 of The Chatham Community Blueprint Quality of Life Vision to “promote and provide neighborhood connectivity and build environments that encourage active and healthy lifestyles through the strategic placement of bicycle and pedestrian pathways, public parks, enforcement of road regulations and education about health benefits.” The strategy specifically includes the adoption of the Study.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To adopt the Greenway Implementation Study and present findings.
2. Do not approve the request.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

All Districts

Prepared by: Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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### **3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CAT) FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SPLOST ELIGIBLE EXPENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REFERENDUM PASSED IN NOVEMBER OF 2013.**

Chairman Scott said, the third item is to request the Board approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham Area Transit Authority for reimbursement of SPLOST eligible expenses in accordance with our ref -- referendum passed on November of 2013. This is a requirement that we have with all the municipalities and all agencies that are listed in our SPLOST program. We have to have an Intergovernmental Agreement in order for them to get the funds to make sure that they are adhering to the intent of SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's properly moved and second that we approve this agreement. Any unreadiness? Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. The fourth item is purchasing --

Mr. Liakakis said, thank you -- thank you very much because you're helping a lot of citizens who have no other transportation but the Chatham Area Transit Authority, no friends, no neighbors, anyone because now we have over 22,000 people in Chatham County that depend on the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the bus system, and it makes a big difference in their lives where they can get medical assistance, transportation to go to the food stores, and also where they have to go to other places.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Pete [Liakakis.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Mr. Liakakis, Chair of the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham Area Transit Authority for reimbursement of SPLOST eligible expenses in accordance with the referendum passed on November of 2013. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-3**

**AGENDA DATE: March 11, 2016**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

**ISSUE:**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) for reimbursement of SPLOST eligible expenses in accordance with the referendum passed in November of 2013.

**BACKGROUND:**

CAT is a duly created instrumentality of the State and eligible to utilize SPLOST funds through an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County for purposes of purchasing transmit equipment, vehicles and developing capital outlay projects. The collection of sales tax funds under the Sales Tax VI referendum was approved by voters in November 2013 for a six-year period. The County agreed as a part of its SPLOST allocation to spend up to \$9,000,000 on CAT projects if the full expected tax revenues were collected. The money allotted to SPLOST by the approval of this agreement would be reimbursed after the expenses were approved by the County as being SPLOST eligible.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. CAT is a participant in SPLOST Sales Tax VI.
2. CAT desires to complete SPLOST eligible purchases and capital outlay projects within the terms of that agreement.
3. The timing and amount of SPLOST distributions by the County to CAT may vary due to the number of projects and the amount of revenue being generated and the approval of the expenditures.
4. This agreement does not grant CAT a portion of the tax proceeds nor does it advance money to CAT. This agreement would reimburse CAT once expenses are incurred and approved.
5. The maximum amount of \$9,000,000 reimbursement is subject to actual tax revenue collection and not the projected estimates listed in the referendum.

**FUNDING:**

SPLOST VI Fund, Chatham Area Transit Authority project.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

It is in the best interest of the citizens of Chatham County to provide a safe and adequate public transportation. This intergovernmental agreement will allow CAT to access funds of up to \$9,000,000 in SPLOST eligible capital outlay projects which will benefit the citizens of the County.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve intergovernmental agreement between Chatham County and Chatham Area Transit.
2. Do not approve intergovernmental agreement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Alternative No. 1.

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**4. PURCHASING ITEM D: REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A \$1,605,379 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH COLLINS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., FOR THE WHITEFIELD AVENUE POLICE PRECINCT PROJECT AND ACCEPT THE ALTERNATE BID FOR AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR.**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
D. Construction contract for the Whitefield Avenue Police Precinct	Engineering	Collins Construction Services, Inc. (WBE)	\$1,605,379	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Police Precinct

Chairman Scott said, the next item is a purchase item, and this is to request Board approval of a \$1,605,379 construction contract with Collins Construction, Inc., for the Whitefield Avenue Police Precinct project and accept the alternative bid for an emergency generator. Now, this is the precinct in which we broke ground on on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Today is March 11<sup>th</sup>, and we would like this Commission to approve the awarding of the contract so work may begin on that precinct immediately. I recognize the Commissioner from the 1<sup>st</sup> District, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would really like to thank the Chairman and this Commission for approving this project to move forward and to thank the staff for all of their hard work. This is a much needed facility in that part of town. It's going to service an area that -- that a void occurred when the police precinct was removed from Skidaway Road. So, I'm very grateful and appreciative for everything, and I cannot wait to see this thing built, so thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, okay. And I recognize Commissioner Farrell of the 4<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Farrell said, I thought she was going to make a motion to approve it.

Commissioner Stone said, oh, well, I'll make the motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. I'd like to second it, and at the --

Chairman Scott said, any unreadiness or discussion? I recognize Commissioner Farrell from the 4<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Farrell said, I just -- I just want to recognize our -- it is my understanding that our County Engineer had a large hand in -- in developing this site as far as a selection, and I -- I just think he hit a grand slam on it and did a really good job, and hit it out of the park. It's just a -- it's just got all the right things going for it to -- to make it very successful I believe.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Shabazz from the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, can some -- can someone give me some more information on the emergency generator?

Chairman Scott said, our County Engineer, Leon Davenport, will be happy to.

Mr. Davenport said, in -- in the original design we did set up to have basically all the connections, the -- the pad, the surrounding floor having a generator on site. Obviously I -- I did it as an alternate just to see what the pricing would come in as so we could do some comparatives and make sure we were getting a good price on a generator. It's an easy -- easy item to pull out separately, and something that's not really from a standard construction, if you've got all the tie ins, it's like parking a car out back. So we wanted to make sure we get a good price on it, and we feel like we really did in the bid. So that's why I put it as an alternate.

Chairman Scott said, and the purpose of this emergency generator, in case the power would go out, this emergency generator automatically kicks in to continue to supply that precinct with power.

Mr. Davenport said, that's correct, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Right.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and I -- I -- is there some type of gauge in terms of what that price would be for this generator?

Mr. Davenport said, actually in the staff report --

Commissioner Shabazz said, a projection?

Mr. Davenport said, I think that we have twenty -- twenty-six and change. I apologize. I don't know the number off the top of my head.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mr. Davenport said, I think that was about the price. It's a 60 kilowatt generator, considerable size. It runs off propane. You know, it's a fuel source we don't have to worry about over time. It doesn't go stale, like diesel. So it -- but the pricing that we got back, I mean, it was, even with the low bid on this contractor, I believe that was actually also the lowest price we got on the generator, and we were looking at the 25 to 27,000 range on it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, does the -- the other precincts that we built, do they have emergency generators also?

Mr. Davenport said, all the -- of course the detention center does. The islands precinct also. I can't -- I -- I'm sure the police annex -- I can't spell to that one. I don't know about the police annex.

Chairman Scott said, what about the Chatham Parkway? What I call the -- on Police Memorial Drive.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Mr. Davenport said, that's what I call annex. I'm not sure about that one, sir.

County Manager Smith said, I think --

Mr. Davenport said, I apologize. I -- I don't know.

County Manager Smith said, I think -- I think it does.

Mr. Davenport said, I'm -- I'm pretty sure it does because that's where our --

County Manager Smith said, I think it does. I'm pretty sure it does.

Mr. Davenport said, -- one of our EOCs are --

Chairman Scott said, yes. It -- it does.

Mr. Davenport said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, it -- it does, 'cause --

County Manager Smith said, I'm pretty sure it does 'cause I've walked around it. It's out there.

Mr. Davenport said, Dennis [Jones] could probably -- I know Dennis will say it does.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank -- thank you. Thank you --

Mr. Davenport said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- County Engineer.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, any further -- any further discussion or questions?

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to maybe clarify the importance of the generator that the precincts, especially these last two with Commissioner Farrell's guidance and the County Engineer, these are built to a Category 3 hurricane standards, and when you have a generator there, and you're trying to get people back into their homes and get debris picked up and cleaned up, you have to be able to have a place for service workers to shower, eat, sleep, and so, the ability to have electricity in those places is -- is fundamental to getting our -- our county back on it's feet in the event of a natural disaster. So, I just wanted to clarify that and thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further unreadiness or discussion? Let me just -- let me just state for the audience out there, this is a precinct on Whitefield Avenue at -- at the Truman Parkway, and this precinct is designed and intended to serve the Pin Point area, the Burnside area, Isle of Hope, Dutch Island, the Landings, South Harbor, Modena, and that entire area along Green Island Road, once you cross the Skidaway River and the areas in between, where Commissioner Stone lives and others. It's a large residential segment there, and that's the purpose of this precinct. And with that, if there's no further discussion, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries and the contract has been awarded.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of a \$1,605,379 construction contract with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the Whitefield Avenue Police Precinct project and accept the alternate bid for an emergency generator. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 11, 2016**  
**Note: Purchasing Item D**

#### **ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$1,605,379 construction contract with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the Whitefield Avenue Police Precinct project and accept the alternate bid for an emergency generator.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chatham County Board of Commissioners awarded a contract for the construction of the Islands Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) precinct in 2007. The design was a result of collaboration of Department of Engineering and SCMPD staffs. Staff contracted with the same consultant for the design of this project to save time and funds for plan production. Plans received minor modifications after operational concerns were raised from using the Island's site since 2007.

#### **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project will include the construction of the new Whitefield Avenue precinct building, parking and access, storm drainage, utility connections, Whitefield Avenue roadway modifications and landscaping.

2. The project will include approximately 6,200 square feet of office and meeting space designed to a Category 3 hurricane rating and backup generator capacity.
3. The backup generator was advertised as an alternate on the bid documents. The awarded bid price includes the cost of the alternate if approved by the Board.
4. An Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and nine (9) bids were received and opened on February 25, 2016. The bid results are as follows:

**	Collins Construction Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$1,605,379
**	RL Construction Group Savannah, GA	\$1,728,658
*	Pioneer Construction, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$1,783,658
**	Holland and Holland, Inc. Hinesville, GA	\$1,939,551
	Dabbs Williams General Contractor Statesboro, GA	\$2,018,000
	EE Reed Construction, LP Savannah, GA	\$2,028,888
*	Windamir Development, Inc McDonough, GA	\$2,131,271
	Marchese Construction, LLC Pooler, GA	\$2,276,345
*	The Polote Corporation Savannah, GA	\$2,369,670

\* MBE  
\*\*WBE

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Police Precinct  
(3244980 - 54.13001 - 32460707)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a construction contract in the amount \$ 1,605,379 with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the Whitefield Avenue Police Precinct project and accept the alternate bid for an emergency generator.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

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**X. ACTION CALENDAR**

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

Chairman Scott said, the next item is our Action Calendar, and in our pre-meeting no one indicated a need to pull anything off the Action Calendar to vote on separately. So at this point, I would entertain a motion unless there's some reason not to approve the Action Calendar in it's entirety.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, so moved for approval.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

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

Commissioner Farrell said, the board's dead.

Commissioner Stone said, the board doesn't work. Oh, there it goes.

Chairman Scott said, the Action Calendar is approved.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 8 and under Item 8 Items A through M. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2016, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2016, as mailed. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 18, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 2, 2016.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of February 18, 2016 through March 2, 2016, in the amount of \$4,315,034. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

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3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER STAFF TO WRITE A GRANT THROUGH USA SWIMMING FOUNDATION FOR A SIX-WEEK SWIM LESSON PROGRAM.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for Board approval for the Chatham County Aquatic Center staff to write a grant through USA Swimming Foundation for a six-week swim lesson program. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 11, 2016**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager  
**FROM:** Robert W. Drewry, Director, Public Works and Park Services

**ISSUE:**

Request approval for the Chatham County Aquatic Center staff to write a grant through USA Swimming Foundation for a 6-week swim lesson program.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Each summer the Aquatic Center partners with Horizons Savannah to provide swim lessons for low income children. Each summer we work with 225 children between the ages of 5-12.
2. Through the success of our learn to swim program, we have seen a need to continue the swim lessons by offering a stroke school and summer swim team for the Horizons Savannah program. The award of this grant will allow us to teach 6 weeks of stroke school and swim team for 75 children.
3. The Aquatic Center partners with local swim teams and teenage volunteers to work in conjunction with our staff to provide the stroke school lessons.
4. Horizons Savannah will bus the children to the Aquatic Center each week. The lessons will take place over 6 weeks during the 2016 summer and will last 45 minutes each.
5. The goal of this program is to create children who will learn to swim for life.

**FUNDING:**

This will be a grant for \$3,807 from USA Swimming. This is not a matching grant.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

It is Board policy for staff to seek grants for Parks and Recreation programs.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Allow the staff to write the grant.
2. Provide the staff other guidance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board follow Alternative 1.

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4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF FOUR STATE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THE ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS (SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY DRUG COURT, SAVANNAH-CHATHAM VETERANS TREATMENT COURT; SAVANNAH-CHATHAM MENTAL HEALTH COURT; CHATHAM COUNTY DUI COURT) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT APPLICATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT AWARDS.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of four state grant applications to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the accountability courts and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant applications and subsequent awards. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 11, 2016**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager  
**FROM:** Jean Cottier, Coordinator, Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court  
 Steve Brown, Coordinator, Savannah-Chatham Veterans Treatment Court and Savannah-Chatham Mental Health Court

David Wood, Coordinator, Chatham County DUI Court

Crystal Cooper, Superior Court Administrator

Brian Hart, State Court Administrator

**DATE:** 2/24/16

**ISSUE:**

To request approval of four state grant applications to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Accountability Courts listed above and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant applications and subsequent awards. Upon notification of award, we request account codes and project numbers be assigned.

**BACKGROUND:**

In prior years, the Commission has approved the Accountability Courts' applications and receipts of grant funding from other federal and state agencies providing financial support to the programs.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The four adult (Superior and State Courts) Accountability Courts are applying for funding from the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for FY 2017. The application will request services to continue operation of the Accountability Courts for a one year period.
2. The County is named as local fiscal sponsor for the grant.
3. The Commission Chairman is named the Authorized Representative for the grant.
4. There is a 10% match requirement which will be executed in kind with budget items currently in place.

**FUNDING:**

The grants receipts and disbursements will be reflected in the Multiple Grant Fund.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the grant applications and authorize the Chairman to sign any documents related to the grant applications and subsequent awards; or
2. To not approve the request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council requires that awards be administered by a unit of local government.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SMART PROSECUTION INITIATIVE TO FUND A PROSECUTOR AND SUPPORT STAFF AS WELL AS FUND THE RESEARCH COMPONENT THROUGH GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY FOR A TOTAL OF \$200,000 PER YEAR DURING THE LIFE OF THE TWO-YEAR GRANT. (NOTE: THE GRANT REQUIRES NO MATCH. NO COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE GRANT REQUIREMENT.)**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Smart Prosecution Initiative to fund a prosecutor and support staff, as well as fund the research component through Georgia Southern University for a total of \$200,000 per year during the life of the two-year grant. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 11, 2016**

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

**ISSUE:**

1. To request approval to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Smart Prosecution Initiative to fund a prosecutor and support staff as well as fund the research component through Georgia Southern University for a total of \$200,000 per year during the life of the two-year grant.
2. To also authorize the Chairman's signature on any necessary documents pertaining to this grant.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The D.A.'s office is applying for a \$400,000 grant to include a prosecutor and support staff position including benefits. The grant will also fund research conducted by Georgia Southern University to keep the county compliant with the requirements of the grant.
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, 2018.

**FUNDING:**

No County Funds are required for the grant requirement.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the District Attorney's Office to submit an application for the U.S. Department of Justice Smart Prosecution Initiative.
2. That the Board not approve the District Attorney's Office to submit an application for the U.S. Department of Justice Smart Prosecution Initiative.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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6. **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE APPLICATION FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA ACCOUNTABILITY COURT FUNDING PROGRAM FY'17 GRANT SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY JUVENILE COURTS FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT (FDTC). (NOTE: A 10% CASH/IN-KIND MATCH IS REQUIRED. THIS IS ALREADY BUDGETED).**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an application for the State of Georgia Accountability Court funding program FY'17 grant submitted on behalf of the Chatham County Juvenile Courts Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC). Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 11, 2016**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager  
**FROM:** Adam Kennedy, Juvenile court Administrator

**ISSUE:**

Request Authorization for Chairman to execute application for the State of Georgia Accountability Court Funding Program FY'17 grant submitted on behalf of the Chatham County Juvenile Courts Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC).

**BACKGROUND:**

The Georgia Accountability Court (GAC) Funding Program was created in 2012 by the Georgia Legislature and by Governor Nathan Deal to provide courts with the critical funding necessary to support the growth of Accountability Courts in Georgia to reduce the prison population. We have received funding each year. This year's grant application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 2016. The grant requires that the Chairman of the County Commission sign the grant application at the time of submission.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. At the direction of the Accountability Court Funding Committee, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is seeking applications for competitive funding for qualified new and existing Accountability Courts in the State of Georgia.
2. Applicants are limited to local entities for new and existing Accountability Courts. The Chatham County Juvenile Court's Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) wishes to apply for this grant.
3. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 2016.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Authorize Chairman to execute application for the State of Georgia Accountability Court Funding Program FY'17 grant.
2. Do not authorize Chairman to execute application for the State of Georgia Accountability Court Funding Program FY'17 grant.

**FUNDING:**

There is a 10% cash match required as part of this grant. Part of this 10% is in-kind based on the FDTC Coordinator salary and the rest is cash budgeted in the court budget as Community Policing. Specific amounts depend on grant award.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Governor and the State legislature have provided funding to assist counties in implementing evidence-based programs that are designed to reduce the prison population. The County and it's at risk families would benefit from the implementation of such programs in Chatham County.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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**7. REQUEST BOARD ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS GRANT. (NOTE: NO COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.)**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to accept additional funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Courts grant. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-7**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 11, 2016**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager  
**FROM:** Adam Kennedy, Juvenile Court Administrator

**ISSUE:**

To have the Board of Commissioners accept additional funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Courts grant.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, the Family Dependency Treatment Court has a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 period. An additional amount of \$12,000 has been awarded to the court for the specific use of transportation needs for clients in the FDTC program.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

The additional \$12,000 will be used by the FDTC program for transportation needs of clients attending various classes, visitation and various other therapies as needed.

**FUNDING:**

Though the original grant amount had a 10% match requirement, no additional match will be required for the new funds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To have the Board of Commissioners accept the funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court grant for the purpose of transportation services of the Juvenile Court Family Dependency Treatment Court.
2. For the Board of Commissioners to refuse to accept the additional funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court grants.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

It is consistent with Board policy to accept grant funding which does require county matching funds to provide/upgrade necessary services in the amount of \$12,000.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To accept Alternative 1

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**8. 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).**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
A. Annual contract with renewals for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide "as needed" environmental emergency and non-emergency response services for Chatham County	Mosquito Control	Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC	Various amounts per staff report	Various Departments
B. Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract for the Chatham County Administrative Annex Interior Renovations	Special Projects	CNB Construction, LLC	\$2,731	CIP - Tax Commissioner
C. Change Order No. 2 for the Public Works Maintenance Building 2, Bay 8 Addition	Public Works and Park Services	Collins Construction Services, Inc. (WBE)	\$7,653	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Public Works Building Construction
<b>NOTE: Item D has been moved to "Items for Individual Action."</b>				
D. Construction contract for the Whitefield Avenue Police Precinct	Engineering	Collins Construction Services, Inc. (WBE)	\$1,605,379	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Police Precinct
E. Construction contract for the removal / replacement of storm drainage structures at 10 and 13 N. Copperfield Drive	Public Works and Park Services	Sandhill A.L.S. Construction, Inc. (MBE)	\$30,845	CIP - Public Works

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
F. Amend the funding source on a previously awarded contract to haul ground yard waste from the Wilmington Island and Chevis Road Drop Off Centers	Public Works and Park Services	B&N Trucking, Inc. (WBE)	\$167 per load	Solid Waste Restricted
G. Purchase of 137 Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phones with associated licenses for various Chatham County departments	I.C.S.	Mitel Business Solutions, Inc. (State of Georgia contract)	\$40,466	General Fund/M&O - Communications
H. Board declaration as unserviceable surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material older vehicles which cannot be economically repaired	Fleet Operations	N/A	N/A	N/A- Revenue Producing
I. Change Order No. 4 to the contract for additional design services for the Pete Liakakis Government Building	Special Projects	Lott + Barber	\$20,000	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Renovations
J. Summary Deductive Change Order No. 3 for renovation of the Pete Liakakis Government Building	Special Projects	Catamount Construction	(\$12,000)	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Renovations

**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 Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioner Center was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-8 A-J**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 11, 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 an annual contract with renewals for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC, to provide "as needed" environmental emergency and non-emergency response services for Chatham County.

**BACKGROUND:** This agreement will establish fixed labor and material rates for environmental emergency and non-emergency response services to assist Chatham County in recovery in the event of an accidental chemical release disaster and to comply with all Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) emergency action plan guideline requirements.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The intent behind this proposal request is to: (i) establish fixed costs for regular non-emergency services and (ii) establish a contract for environmental emergency response services based on hourly labor rates and hourly equipment rates. Minimum services to be provided include, but are not limited to:

- a. Annual non-emergency disposal of approximately eight (8) 55-gallon drums containing hazardous and non-hazardous chemical waste, replacement of those drums with new drums suitable for collecting hazardous wastes;
  - b. Annual clean out of two (2) oil/water separator sumps and disposal of sump waste material;
  - c. Emergency mitigation of hazardous and non-hazardous substances released into the environment;
  - d. Containment, neutralization, decontamination, recovery, clean-up, and re-packaging of hazardous and non-hazardous chemicals;
  - e. Transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous chemicals;
  - f. "Other" related work;
2. Proposals were received from the following companies that can provide environmental emergency and non-emergency response services for Chatham County: Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC, and SWS Environmental Services.
  3. Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC, met all technical specifications. Their proposal of fixed costs for regular non-emergency services totaled \$12,390 annually based on the quantities indicated in the Invitation to Bid.
  4. Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC, submitted the only complete bid and staff believe that the proposal is reasonable and fair.

**FUNDING:** Various Departments

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of an annual contract with renewals for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC, to provide "as needed" environmental emergency and non-emergency response services for Chatham County.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential emergency and non-emergency response services and to comply with all EPA and OSHA guideline requirements.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$2,731 Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with CNB Construction, LLC, for the Chatham County Administrative Annex Interior Renovations.

**BACKGROUND:** On October 10, 2015, the Board awarded a construction contract to CNB Construction, LLC, to renovate the vacated Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department area at the Chatham County Administrative Annex allowing for the Tag Office to expand the number of service windows from eight (8) to fourteen (14).

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. During demolition a fire sprinkler line was found above the ceiling where a counter shutter hood had to be installed to secure payment windows when closed. The cost for relocation of this line is \$1,485.
2. After painting in the new area was complete, the Tag Office staff requested to have their existing office area painted. The cost for the additional painting is \$1,246. This brings the total of this change order to \$2,731.
3. Staff believes the cost requested for this change order is fair and reasonable.

4. Contract history:

Original contract (10/10/15)	\$52,824
Change Order No. 1( pending)	<u>2,731</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 55,555

**FUNDING:** CIP - Tax Commissioner  
(3501545 - 54.13001 - 35030080)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$2,731 Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with CNB Construction, LLC, for the Chatham County Administrative Annex Interior Renovations.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommend approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval for a \$7,653 Change Order No. 2 with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the Public Works Maintenance Building 2, Bay 8 Addition.

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. On January 15, 2016, the Board approved Change Order 1 to mitigate unsuitable soils under the foundation.
2. Change Order 2 request is an additional cost to replace two sectional overhead garage doors to coiling doors to meet the structural impact design requirements. The original design called for sectional garage doors, but according to the manufacturer, the doors could not meet the impact load. However, coiling doors could meet the design impact. Change Order 2 is the cost increase for the coiling doors.
3. The project Architect, Barnard Architects, has reviewed the requested change order and concurs with the amount.
4. Contract history:
 

Original Contract (10/9/15)	\$292,915
Change Order No.1 (1/15/16)	2,629
Change Order No. 2 (pending)	<u>7,653</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$303,197

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval for a \$7,653 Change Order No. 2 with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the Public Works Maintenance Building 2, Bay 8 Addition.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

**NOTE:** *Item D has been moved to "Items for Individual Action."*

**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$1,605,379 construction contract with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the Whitefield Avenue Police Precinct project and accept the alternate bid for an emergency generator.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chatham County Board of Commissioners awarded a contract for the construction of the Islands Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) precinct in 2007. The design was a result of collaboration of Department of Engineering and SCMPD staffs. Staff contracted with the same consultant for the design of this project to save time and funds for plan production. Plans

received minor modifications after operational concerns were raised from using the Island's site since 2007.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project will include the construction of the new Whitefield Avenue precinct building, parking and access, storm drainage, utility connections, Whitefield Avenue roadway modifications and landscaping.
2. The project will include approximately 6,200 square feet of office and meeting space designed to a Category 3 hurricane rating and backup generator capacity.
3. The backup generator was advertised as an alternate on the bid documents. The awarded bid price includes the cost of the alternate if approved by the Board.
4. An Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and nine (9) bids were received and opened on February 25, 2016. The bid results are as follows:

**	Collins Construction Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$1,605,379
**	RL Construction Group Savannah, GA	\$1,728,658
*	Pioneer Construction, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$1,783,658
**	Holland and Holland, Inc. Hinesville, GA	\$1,939,551
	Dabbs Williams General Contractor Statesboro, GA	\$2,018,000
	EE Reed Construction, LP Savannah, GA	\$2,028,888
*	Windamir Development, Inc McDonough, GA	\$2,131,271
	Marchese Construction, LLC Pooler, GA	\$2,276,345
*	The Polote Corporation Savannah, GA	\$2,369,670
	* MBE	
	**WBE	

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) - Police Precinct  
(3244980 - 54.13001 - 32460707)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a construction contract in the amount \$ 1,605,379 with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the Whitefield Avenue Police Precinct project and accept the alternate bid for an emergency generator.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$30,845 contract to Sandhill A.L.S. Construction, Inc., for the removal/replacement of storm drainage structures at 10 and 13 N. Copperfield Drive for Public Works and Park Services.

**BACKGROUND:** The storm water pipe at this location has multiple joints that have separated which has caused the asphalt pavement to sink. The storm catch basins in the same location have deteriorated causing voids under the asphalt pavement. This repair is necessary to eliminate further deterioration of the roadway and to provide a safe thoroughfare for citizens.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. This project will consist of the removal and replacement of 32 feet of 24 inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe and two (2) pre-cast catch basins.
2. An Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and opened February 11, 2016. Responses are as follows:
 

*	Sandhill A.L.S. Construction, Inc. Port Wentworth, GA	\$30,845
	PINCO Garden City, GA	\$34,240
**	E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$49,216
**	Clifton Construction, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$50,760
	Maddox Contractors, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$82,500

\* MBE  
\*\*WBE
3. Staff believes the low bid provided by Sandhill A.L.S. Construction, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$30,845 contract to Sandhill A.L.S. Construction, Inc., for the removal/replacement of storm drainage structures at 10 and 13 N. Copperfield Drive for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to amend the funding source on a previously awarded contract with B&N Trucking, Inc., to haul ground yard waste from the Wilmington Island and Chevis Road Drop Off Centers.

**BACKGROUND:** Staff has been hauling ground yard waste from the Wilmington Island Drop Off Center since October 2015, in response to a Environmental Protection Division (EPD) mandate to eliminate the stock pile of collected yard waste and return the site to its original design capacity of 5,000 square yards.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. On December 4, 2015, the Board awarded a \$167 per truck load contract to B&N Trucking, Inc., to haul ground yard waste from the County Drop Off Centers. Staff is working in conjunction with the trucking company to meet the EPD deadline.
2. Staff along with a consulting Engineer estimated how much yard waste would have to be removed to comply with the EPD mandate. As the yard waste hauling project began, staff realized that the amount to be removed exceeded the estimate and an additional funding source would be necessary to complete the project.
3. The initial funding source approved by the Board was from Solid Waste. The new funding source will be Solid Waste Restricted. The \$167 per truck load price will remain the same through completion of the project.

**FUNDING:** Solid Waste Restricted  
(5404510 - 52.39001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to amend the funding source on a previously awarded contract with B&N Trucking, Inc., to haul ground yard waste from the Wilmington Island and Chevis Road Drop Off Centers.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve a change in funding source to allow for the completion of projects.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$40,466 purchase from Mitel Business Solutions, Inc. for 137 Voice over Internet Protocol (VoiP) phones with associated licenses for various Chatham County departments. The pricing is from the State of Georgia contract.

**BACKGROUND:** The County's telephone equipment at the Citizen's Service Center needs upgrading to IP Telephony to assist with portability standards for better quality and service. The infrastructure is in place for this project to begin swapping out the telephone sets.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The purchase of the Mitel IP telephones with user licenses will provide continued communication to all County offices and allow for the retirement of outdated equipment.
2. These phones will increase productivity through making available integration and collaboration applications.
3. This purchase will allow us to update to Voice over IP telephones at the Citizen's Service Center which includes Building & Safety, Purchasing, Voter Registration, Elections, Board of Equalization and the Tag Office.
4. Staff believes the total cost of \$40,466 for VoiP telephones and licenses to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Communications  
(1001536 - 54.25001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Request Board approval of a \$40,466 purchase from Mitel Business Solutions, Inc. for 137 Voice over Internet Protocol (VoiP) phones with associated licenses for various Chatham County departments. The pricing is from the State of Georgia contract.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment to increase productivity.

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

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM H**

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

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The attached list, on page 12, are the vehicles to be disposed of at the auction or as scrap material.

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

**FUNDING:** N/A- Revenue Producing

**ALTERNATIVES:**

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

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MELVA SHARPE

**ITEM I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$20,000 Change Order No. 4 to the contract with Lott+Barber for additional design services for the Pete Liakakis Government Building.

**BACKGROUND:** At the meeting on December 18, 2009, the Board awarded a design-engineering contract to Lott+Barber to renovate the Pete Liakakis Government Building at 222 West Oglethorpe Avenue.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project ran over by approximately five (5) months due to change orders initiated by Chatham County and untimely execution of those change orders by the General Contractor, Catamount Constructors. Lott + Barber had requested an additional \$35,100 in fees for these additional services which subsequently negotiated down to \$30,000 with Lott+Barber, Chatham County and Catamount Constructors each assuming liability for \$10,000 each. Therefore, this change order is for the Chatham County and Catamount Constructors amounts per the negotiated agreement.
2. Contract history:
 

Original contract	(12/18/09)	\$220,250
Change Order No. 1	(7/8/11)	122,670
Change Order No. 2	(9/23/11)	72,750
Change Order No. 3	(8/10/12)	30,360
Change Order No. 4	(pending)	<u>20,000</u>
Revised contract amount		\$466,030

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$20,000 Change Order No. 4 to the contract with Lott+Barber for additional design services for the Pete Liakakis Government Building.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

**ITEM J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$12,000 Summary Deductive Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Catamount Construction, for the construction of the Pete Liakakis Government Building.

**BACKGROUND:** At the meeting on January 12, 2012, the Board awarded a contract based on lowest responsible bid to Catamount Construction of Savannah. The contract totaled \$6,506,222. The

challenge in renovating an existing building becomes the discovery of unforeseen changes, and as construction has continued differences in known conditions has required changes in plans and additional work.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project ran over by approximately five (5) months due to change orders initiated by Chatham County and untimely execution of those change orders by the General Contractor, Catamount Constructors. Lott + Barber had requested an additional \$35,100 in fees for these additional services which subsequently negotiated down to \$30,000 with Lott+Barber, Chatham County and Catamount Constructors each assuming liability for \$10,000 each. Therefore, a part of this change order is for the Catamount Constructors share of the negotiated amount for the Architectural overrun (*deduct* \$10,000).
2. During construction, Catamount damaged the cornice on the outside of the back of the building with their construction chute that was located on the fifth floor. The negotiated amount of the damage is a *deduct* of \$2,000 from their contract.
3. Contract history:
 

Original contract	(1-12-12)	\$6,506,222
Change Order No. 1	(8-10-12)	40,971
Change Order No. 2	(12-7-12)	252,000
Change Order No. 3	(pending)	<u>(12,000)</u>
		\$6,787,193

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$12,000 Summary Deductive Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Catamount Construction, for the construction of the Pete Liakakis Government Building.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK BUCALO

PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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**XI. FIRST READINGS**

Proposed changes to ordinances must be read or presented in written form at two meetings held not less than one week apart. A vote on the following listed matters will occur at the next regularly scheduled meeting. On first reading, presentation by MPC staff and discussion only by Commissioners will be heard. Comments, discussion and debate from members of the public will be received only at the meeting at which a vote is to be taken on one of the following listed items.

Chairman Scott said, there are no First Readers.

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

1. **ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (CEMA) ORDINANCE TO SET COMMUNITY OPERATIONAL STANDARDS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW AND LOCAL AGREEMENTS.**

Chairman Scott said, Second Readings. Adoption of an Emergency Management (CEMA) Ordinance to set community operational standards in compliance with State Law and local agreements. And at this time I will invite our acting CEMA director, Mr. Dennis Jones, up for an explanation prior to a motion and discussion.

Acting CEMA Director, Mr. Dennis Jones said, good morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What -- the request you have in front of you is -- is vastly unchanged. It -- it really doesn't affect the intent of the ordinance, it just cleans up administratively some language in the ordinance. There's -- there were some conflicting items in the

ordinance. We cleaned that up. It also indicates -- it -- it changes the ordinance to indicate that the emergency management program has county-wide jurisdiction. We have intergovernmental agreements with each municipality that also support that. So -- one other thing that was added to the ordinance was the implementation of the standard incident command system. That's actually a federal and state law, and we just added that to our ordinance so we can have continuity. So that's essentially the -- the only changes that we're making to this ordinance.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter has a question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I was going to make a motion with your permission.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I recognize Commissioner Kicklighter for a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter from the 7<sup>th</sup> made a motion to approve, and it's been properly second. Any further discussion? Any unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk, would you turn it on? All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, keep up the good work.

Chairman Scott said, the motion carries. Thank you.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve adoption of an Emergency Management Ordinance to set community operational standards in compliance with State Law and local agreements. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Center and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM:** ~~XI-1~~

**AGENDA DATE:** ~~February 26, 2016~~

**AGENDA ITEM:** XII-1

**AGENDA DATE:** March 11, 2016

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

#### **ISSUE:**

Request approval of an emergency management (CEMA) ordinance to set community operational standards in compliance with state law and local agreements.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Chatham County Emergency Management currently operates a state certified emergency management program that enjoys county wide jurisdiction during declared emergencies. State law requires all municipalities to participate in a county certified emergency management program. Should a municipality not participate, that governing authority would not be entitled to state and federal funds for disaster relief.

The ordinance before the Board is vastly unchanged with the exception of reflecting the above-outlined funding restrictions.

Also, the Chairman has executed previously authorized intergovernmental agreements that bring all of the municipalities within the County into compliance with the state mandated law.

#### **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

Chatham County contracts for the delivery of emergency management services in times of declared emergencies pursuant to intergovernmental agreements. The ordinance will provide standards that may be used in times of disaster to ensure the County is prepared for disasters and eligible for state and federal disaster relief funding.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

Chatham County has undertaken to establish an Emergency Management program through this ordinance to protect the public health and safety and promote the general welfare of its citizens.

As this is an ordinance, it will require two readings.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt ordinance.
2. Do not adopt ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt ordinance.

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, everything else is informational items and reports. Mr. Manager, you have anything that you want to bring to our attention at this time?

County Manager Smith said, the only thing I want to just remind you of next week on St. Patrick's Day, we have a float for Commissioners. A couple of you are doing other floats, but we have sent you the details. If not, you will receive those this weekend of where to be. You'll be transported to the site. We have a second float that will be directly behind the Commissioners' float. It's a float that's being put together by the staff -- our team, so it will be employees. So we're really excited about that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, very neat.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, does that second float look like the first one?

County Manager Smith said, ours is better. No, ours is -- ours is pretty simple.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, ours is going to be flying and falling apart.

County Manager Smith said, no. No it won't. If Sam built it, it won't.

**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: March 11, 2016**

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Software renewal for cellular forensic data extractor	C.N.T.	MSAB, Inc.	\$2,995	General Fund/M&O - C.N.T.

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
November 2015 tag renewals and postage	Tax Commissioner	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	\$5,991	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Door slots for inmate food trays	Detention Center	Delta Metals, Inc.	\$2,500	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Postal equipment rental for Eisenhower and Wilmington Island Tag Office	Tax Commissioner	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$2,655	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Rain suits and rubber boots	Public Works and Park Services	Safety Product, Inc.	\$3,071	SSD - Public Works
Cameras and related equipment for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovations	I.C.S.	Vallant National AV Supply	\$21,505	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Renovations
Encoders and camera licenses for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovations	I.C.S.	Miller Electric Company	\$4,138	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Renovations
Server for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovations	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$8,206	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Renovations
212 software licenses and maintenance	I.C.S.	Citrix Online	\$24,260	General Fund/M&O - Various Departments
Extended warranty for servers	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$10,229	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Augmented reality wearable tech and software for I.C.S. testing	I.C.S.	Microsoft Corporation	\$3,000	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Two (2) electronic tablets for I.C.S.	I.C.S.	Zones, Inc.	\$3,720	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Replacement cameras for I.C.S.	I.C.S.	GHA Technologies, Inc.	\$3,115	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Striping of Diamond Causeway at Green Island/Mcwhorter	Engineering	Preferred Materials, Inc.	\$6,953	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Roads

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Scott said, at this time I -- I recognize -- I recognize the Commissioner from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Commissioner Holmes, for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman -- Mr. Chairman, I move that we sit -- we -- we recess to executive session for purpose of discussing personnel and litigation.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we move to executive session for personnel and litigation. There will be some discussion of appointments. Any votes made will be once the door is opened and the executive session has ended. Any unreadiness or discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. We're going to recess to executive session. Again, at the end of executive session, we'll open the door, if there's any votes, we'll take them at that time. And that -- and once that's done, we'll stand adjourned.

Chairman Scott said, and before we leave the room, we just had with us our distinguished guest, the head of our Association of County Commissioners of Georgia. Ross [King], would you like to come up and say hello? I see you are -- I see -- I see you're not traveling alone, so introduce those who are with you.

Mr. Ross King said, no I -- I have my bodyguards with me, sir. Thank you very much. It's my honor to be in front of you, Mr. Chairman, and your distinguished peers on -- on the Board. I'm honored to have with me our incoming president, the Elbert County, Tommy Lyon and the Elbert County Administrator, Bob Thomas. They're working on an inland port, and they have a meeting this afternoon with the Georgia Ports Authority, and we just thought we'd step in for a moment and say hello to you and thank you for your public service. Good to see all of you.

Chairman Scott said, have you had -- did you get a chance to tour it this morning or --

Mr. King said, this afternoon, sir.

Chairman Scott said, this afternoon.

Mr. King said, yes, indeed.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Mr. Chairman --

Mr. King said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, -- welcome to our Commission meeting.

Elbert County Chairman Tommy Lyon said, thank you, sir. Appreciate it.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. King said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, we'll recess to executive session.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Holmes moved to recess to executive session for the purpose of personnel and litigation. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Center and Farrell were not present for the vote.]

The Board recessed at approximately 10:47 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 Kicklighter moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Center and Thomas were not present.]

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- 2. SETTLEMENT OF THE SHARON EDWARDS CLAIM.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve settlement of the Sharon Edward claim for the total amount of \$50,000. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Center and Thomas were not present.]

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- 3 SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MATTHEW AJIBADE LAWSUIT.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a settlement amount matching that of Corizon Health, but not to exceed \$250,000. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Center and Thomas were not present.]

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- 4. APPOINTMENT:  
SAVANNAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved to appoint Robert M. Chu to the Savannah Economic Development Authority. His term is set to expire January 7, 2021. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Center and Thomas were not present.]

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

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ALBERT J. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY,  
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JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION