

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Albert J. Scott called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. I'll ask that you remain seated until at such time our worship leader completes her remarks and indicate that it's time for prayer, and at that time, if you would re-stand and remain standing through the prayer and till such time we are led into 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 Pat Farrell.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Scott said, it is a -- a pleasure to -- to have with us today even in the -- light of heavy traffic and obstacles and everything else, the Reverend Susan Thisell. She recently moved to Savannah area and became the pastor of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Garden City. A second career pastor. She spent most of her adult life in Augusta, Georgia, working as a psychiatrist nurse and raising her two children. She holds a master's degree in science of psychiatric -- psychiatric nursing degree from the Medical College of Georgia. She answered the call to ordained minister and graduated with a Master's Degree in Divinity in the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. She served as an Interim Pastor until coming to Good Shepherd. Pastor Thisell -- Thisell is married to the Reverend Stephen Plonk, also a Lutheran pastor, currently serving Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Rincon. Together they have three sons, two daughters, two daughter-in-laws and three grandchildren, and it's a pleasure to say that they make their home in Port Wentworth, and it's a pleasure to have you here, and at this time I present to you the Reverend Susan Thisell.

Reverend Susan Thisell said, it's my pleasure and my privilege to address this body today, Chairman Scott and Commissioners. In my tradition, we value the role of government and in keeping the order of our communities. I'd like to read from Paul's letters to the Romans to begin. Let love be genuine. Hate what is ease -- evil. Hold fast to what is good. Love one another in mutual affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal. Be ardent in spirit. Serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope. Be patient in suffering. Persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints. Extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you. Bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Reverend Thisell said, these are Paul's words to the Roman church. People he had not yet met, and he encourages them to live Godly lives in difficult times. Hold fast to what is good; outdo one in another in showing honor; do not be haughty; live peaceably with one another. What a goal for us in these times of division and rancor. We have the national political stage with candidates degrading and insulting each other in ways that have not been seen or heard before this year. Men Tweet horribly offensive and insulting, threatening messages to female sportscasters. Human trafficking has now been documented in all 50 states. Violent crime has increased in our own community. The poor ones among us fall through the cracks as they struggle to provide for their families. These are difficult times. Who is responsible? We are all responsible, and we are all called to work for the common good. Will we take that call to heart? Where do we find hope? We find hope in our faith. Our faith calls us be do better than what we see on the news. You are the secular authority. Your task is to ensure order, justice, and peace in our community.

Reverend Thisell said, Martin Luther, the 16<sup>th</sup> Century reformer taught that government is a gift of God that should be seen as an opportunity for God's people to serve their neighbor. Luther taught that we must live in the earthly realm in love and service to our neighbors with the -- within the constructs of our vocations to service. There we are called to love and serve our neighbor and to uphold and promote human community and the preservation of creation. This is work we undertake together with all good people of goodwill. Throughout scripture, God stands on the side of the poor and the oppressed and calls people in power to use that power wisely in pursuit of the good for all people. Luther also cautioned that every political proposal has someone's self-interest at heart, so we must be keen in discerning who will benefit from whichever proposal is being considered.

Reverend Thisell said, so I thank you for your service to this community, and I pray that you will be guided in your decision making so that you will contribute to the good of all people herein Chatham County. Let us pray.

Reverend Thisell gave the invocation as follows:

Almighty God, creator of all that is good, bless these public servants and the government of Chatham County that they may do their work in the spirit of wisdom, charity and justice. May those who hold power understand that it is a trust from you to be used not for personal glory or gain, but for the -- but for the service of the people. Help them use their authority to serve faithfully and to promote the common good. Relieve all your people of cynicism, selfishness and corruption. Grant in your mercy just and honest government and give us grace to live together in unity and peace. Amen.

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

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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**

Chairman Scott presented Reverend Thisell with a Certificate of Appreciation for her invocation and prayer.

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**IV. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

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

Not Present: Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight  
Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One

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Chairman Scott said, at this time I'll 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 ask that Dr. Priscilla Thomas be excused for medical reasons.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Questions? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Vice Chair Thomas is excused. At this time I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 6<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Brady, for the purpose of making a motion.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to excuse Commissioner Helen Stone. She is out of the county.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes. The Commissioner is excused.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

- a. Commissioner Holmes moved to excuse Commissioner Priscilla Thomas from the Commission meeting. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present.]
- b. Commissioner Brady moved to excuse Commissioner Helen Stone from the Commission meeting. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present.]

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**CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

Chairman Scott said, today we have with us a member of the Youth Commission. She's a junior at Jenkins High School, Mika Scott. To the best of my knowledge, we are not kin, but I suspect that all Scotts are somewhere down the line. Welcome and please feel free to participate in the process and to ask questions. If you want to ask questions, just show your hand, and I will recognize you. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. Good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

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**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Chairman Scott said, we also have with us -- and this is the first time since he's been elected because at the last meeting, he was not here, but we have our Sheriff, John Wilcher. John, [Applause], who is with us and welcome Sheriff.

Chairman Scott said, and we also have with us another one of our constitutional officers, we have our Tax Commissioner here, Mr. Danny Powers. Thank you for being here. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, and then -- and then we have a newly minted representative, Representative Carl Gilyard of the 162<sup>nd</sup> District. Carl. [Applause.] Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, now, we also have with us our Probate Judge. Judge, thank you for being here. We appreciate your presence. [Applause.]

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Chairman Scott said, and now at this time I'll recognize Commissioner from the 4<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. I'd like to ask for Board consideration to add an item under Commissioner Items under my name. I -- I'd like to discuss the Chatham County SPLOST project running track. There was a situation this week that I -- I'd like to -- to talk to staff and -- and to the public about --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- a situation.

Chairman Scott said, that's not necessary to add to the agenda. I'll recognize the Commissioner for that discussion unless there's something we need to take a vote on. I'll recognize them at the appropriate time for that discussion.

Commissioner Holmes said, also, too, Mr. Chairman, there's a group in the audience that plays in our program. I'd like to recognize them at the appropriate time.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, could you explain why --

Chairman Scott said, when we get to -- when we get to Commissioner Items, I will recognize you to make your comments unless the --

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. We're not --

Chairman Scott said, -- if we're not voting on anything, it's not necessary to add it to the agenda.

Commissioner Farrell said, no. I just wanted to bring up the subject --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- and talk about it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. And it's a request for recognition for discussion versus an agenda amendment. I'll be happy to recognize you.

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

### **1. COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION BY NEW HAMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC (INSTRUCTOR IS LT. COL. JORDAN B. DAVIS, USAF (RET.)).**

Chairman Scott said, the next item is proclamations and presentation. And we have a color guard presentation by the New Hampstead High School Air Force Junior ROTC. The instructor is Lieutenant Colonel Jordan B. Davis, United States Air Force, retired. At this time, Colonel Davis, I recognize you and the floor is yours.

[NOTE: The New Hampstead JROTC made a presentation to the Board.]

Lt. Colonel Jordan Davis said, just a little bit of trivia for you, if you like trivia like I do. That is, you know, Junior Air Force ROTC was a idea from Congress --

Chairman Scott said, Colonel, can you stand up?

Lt. Colonel Davis said, yeah. It was an idea that Congress established in 1950s. I don't remember the exact year, 1952, I think. So 886 high schools across the United States have Air Force Junior ROTC. Congress actually wants a little over 1,000 schools to have the program. Right now we're growing to about 955 for this coming year. So it's a -- it's a idea to create citizens of character, and we do that through leadership education, physical education, and academics. So what you've seen today is part of that health and wellness portion of the -- of the -- of the program. So, I'm real excited about being here. Thank you very much for having us. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, you have some questions from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Holmes said, Colonel, hold up --

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

Commissioner Holmes said, could you bring your group back in for me --

Lt. Colonel Davis said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, -- Colonel?

Lt. Colonel Davis said, Mr. Johnson, would you bring the group back in, please? Thank you. They've been working hard on this this week.

County Manager Lee Smith said, Mr. Chairman, also, there's trivia with the Lieutenant Colonel. If you don't know who his -- who his wife is, she's our finance officer Amy Davis.

Lt. Colonel Davis said, she's the one dressed like me today.

Commissioner Holmes said, Colonel Davis, on behalf of this group, I -- I had the pleasure of working with you at the Pageville cemetery, and I would like for the audience to know that two bus loads of these young mens and ladies came up to the cemetery and 76 of them came out of the buses. And I said to myself then, we in for a treat or we either in for some problems. To see that many kids together you figured they would play. You figured they would not have fun. But at the time that we set up and they had me to address and to greet each one of them on the buses, I must say to you all, this group here have really won me over as a volunteer group.

This is a group of ROTC from New Hampstead, and they way they perform, picking up leaves, cutting down trees, picking up garbage, putting it on the dumpster. And we had a break, and once we had a break and sit down and you start communicating with these youth, the questions that they would ask, it would blow your mind. So I want to say to you all its given me a privilege to work with you at that day and for you to get out there and enjoy what you did. That cemetery had never looked so clean until the day you left. So congratulation on behalf of Chatham County. You've been a great group to work with. Appreciate it. [Applause.]

Lt. Colonel Davis said, thank you, sir. Appreciate it. Thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Colonel, and thanks to all the youth. We wish you the very best.

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**2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY AS "MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2016" IN CHATHAM COUNTY. CHRIS WILLIAMS, ASSOCIATE CLINICAL DIRECTOR AT GATEWAY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, WILL BE PRESENT TO ACCEPT.**

Chairman Scott said, the next item is a proclamation declaring May as Mental Health month 2016 in Chatham County. And I'll read a portion of it.

Chairman Scott read a portion of the following proclamation:



**WHEREAS**, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives and prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

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

**MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

in Chatham County and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Chatham County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions before they reach stage 4.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 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 at this time, I'm going to invite someone from -- Chris Williams, is -- is he in the audience, to accept this proclamation.

[NOTE: Chairman Scott presented the proclamation to Chris Williams.]

Mr. Chris Williams said, first, just want to say thanks for having us here. This -- this proclamation is -- is -- is a huge -- a huge statement from the county. I want to thank you all for this, but I also wanted to thank you all for the -- the mental health symposium and hosting the mental health symposium. There's a lot that's come from that. There's a lot of groups working together in this. There's a few people here in the audience that are part of the -- the collaborative that has spawned from the symposium. If I could, I'd -- I'd ask them to stand up. There are a lot of different agencies working towards the same goal of providing quality mental health services and identifying gaps and barriers within those services so that we can help these people, and you all have taken a huge step with this proclamation, as well as the symposium, and I want to thank you all again. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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**3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> THROUGH MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AS "CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK" IN CHATHAM COUNTY. THE SHERIFF AND COMMAND STAFF WILL BE PRESENT TO ACCEPT.**

Chairman Scott said, next on the agenda we have a proclamation declaring May 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> correctional officers and employees week in Chatham County. The Sheriff and his command staff will be present -- is present and will accept this proclamation. I'll read just a portion of it.

Chairman Scott read a portion of the following proclamation:



**WHEREAS**, correctional officers are responsible for supervising offenders convicted of crimes and they are committed to ensuring public safety by supervising offender conduct and behavior to avoid conflicts and escapes, and maintaining security within the facility; and

**WHEREAS**, correctional officers are dedicated to protecting offenders while promoting positive behavior, attitudes, and skills which will improve the offenders' chances of becoming productive members of society when they are released from custody; and

**WHEREAS**, correctional officers and employees strive to maintain a safe working and living environment in correctional facilities and are often in the face of significant challenges and dangers; and

**WHEREAS**, working in correctional facilities is demanding as personnel must maintain a constant state of heightened vigilance and adhere to strict security protocols in order to perform their duties.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2 through May 8, 2016 as:

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK**

in Chatham County and express appreciation for the services provided by the dedicated and hard working men and women of corrections which are vital to this community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 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 at this time I'll ask the Sheriff and his command staff -- Sheriff Wilcher to come down to accept a framed copy of this proclamation.

[NOTE: Chairman Scott presented the proclamation to Sheriff Wilcher.]

Sheriff John Wilcher said, morning to the Commission. My honor to stand here before you.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Sheriff Wilcher said, I have fulfilled one of my lifelong dreams as being y'all's Sheriff of y'all's county, and I say y'all's Sheriff, 'cause I work for y'all; y'all don't work for me. This proclamation that the Commission Chairman read is something I believe in. I will stand by and -- and adhere to this. I'm not going to tolerate any of my officers being inhumane or in -- any problems with any of the inmates, even if they get out of hand, and I'm not going to tolerate the inmates being rude or crude to my officers. So this proclamation is a ideal thing for the corrections setting, and I appreciate it, and I accept this award with honors. Thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, Sheriff Welps [sic], can I, Mr. Chairman? Just wanted to acknowledge something.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Commissioner Holmes said, I -- I know you been out of office with that kind of work in a long time, are we safe with that pistol on your side?

Sheriff Wilcher said, sir? Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, after 40 years, he should be.

Sheriff Wilcher said, I have spent 40 years here. You know, just for a quick thing, this used to be Judge Dunbar Harrison's courtroom, and the Green Room used to be the Superior Court Sheriff's Office, Carl Griffin, who I started work for. So again I say it's an honor to be here and be at y'all's beck and call and to serve the citizens of this community.

Commissioner Holmes said, wish you well.

Sheriff Wilcher said, and I am a good shot with this gun, too, by the way.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, thank you Sheriff.

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#### **4. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS.**

Chairman Scott said, I'll recognize the County Manager for the presentation of services award.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. We have HR here this morning. We'll be giving out our service awards, so I ask the Board members that would to come down in front as we have in the past months, and we'll be handing those out. Carolyn Smalls, Director of Human Resources, will be calling out the names. Also, I believe the Sheriff, I think, has something for some of his folks that are going to be recognized, Mr. Chairman, so we'll just ask him to do that when we get to those persons.

[NOTE: Board congratulated the following people and thanked them for their service:]

Ms. Carolyn Smalls, Director of Human Resources, said, good morning Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, County Manager. I'm pleased to present our April 2016 employee service award recipients. We have a total of 13 recipients this month, and we are pleased to have six of them with us today to receive their awards. If our recipients would please stand, and as I call your name, if you would come forward and meet our Commissioners and County Manager and receive your award. I'm going to start with our five-year service awards. Our awards today range from five years to 25 years of service with the County. Now, with five years of service, we have Ms.

Rhonda R. Chapman with the Tax Commissioners office [applause]. We have Roberto Nova with Public Works and Park Services with five years of service [applause]. With ten years of service, we have Ms. Marguerite Engram with Public Works and Park Services [applause]. Also with ten years of service, Dean Shuff with Mosquito Control [applause]. With 20 years of service, Honorable J. Harris Lewis, Judge, Probate Court [applause]. And last but certainly not least and also Sheriff Wilcher we'd ask you to also come forward for this final award. With 25 years of service, Ms. Rhonda A. McCullough, Sheriff's office [applause].

Ms. Smalls said, thank you all for your service to Chatham County and congratulations.

County Manager Smith said, thank you, Sheriff.

Sheriff Wilcher said, yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, can I be excused? I've got some work to do in the jail.

Chairman Scott said, yes, Sheriff. You need to go keep us safe. Thank you so much.

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

Chairman Scott said, we are now on the portion of the agenda where we have Chairman and Commissioner's Items.

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

Chairman Scott said, we have none listed, but Commissioner Farrell at this time would like to be recognized, and at this point, I recognize Commissioner Farrell not to exceed ten minutes.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This past Tuesday evening, I was having some casual conversations with some folks in the recreational coaching arena, and one of the gentlemen there mentioned that there was a problem with some of the high school students preparing for a state track meet that's going to be held, I understand, this weekend. The problem was access to the SPLOST paid for Chatham County running track. When I heard this, I was alarmed in that access was being denied to our youngest citizens to something as wholesome as preparing for a track meet at a county owned facility. I tried to reach the County Manger and the Parks Director. I was successful at reaching the Parks Director Tuesday evening, and he graciously dropped what he was doing, 'cause it was after hours in the evening, and came out to address the situation. So at this time, I'd like to ask Mr. Steve Proper if he would approach the podium and work with me on this situation. Now I put the gentleman and Mr. Proper into contact because I assured the gentleman who was upset that the student athletes were denied access to the county's track, that this -- something must not be -- something must be amiss and that we could certainly straighten this out.

Commissioner Farrell said, the gentleman also informed me that two or three years ago the county sign came down at the track and that it's no longer Chatham County's track. In his words it was not the county's track anymore. I said, well, I will find out, because I'm not aware of and SPLOST project paid for Chatham County projects leaving possession of this county authority. So, Mr. Proper, could you --

Chairman Scott said, could -- could you address it to the Manager, and then he will certainly have Mr. Proper to answer in case he wants to speak to it.

Commissioner Farrell said, Mr. Manager, could you address this situation?

County Manager Smith said, well, we had -- I guess there was -- we're in an investigation now that's basically trying to find exactly what occurred. We're wanting to get all the details, but, also, the County Attorney -- do you want to give any -- some background --

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, sure.

County Manager Smith said, -- on the --

County Attorney Hart said, sure.

County Manager Smith said, -- project itself.

County Attorney Hart said, yeah. The -- the -- the county paid for the track out at Savannah State's ballfield, and that was done under one of the older SPLOSTs. I don't remember whether it was SPLOST I, II, III, but it was a substantial number of years ago.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it was probably one. The improvements went for the track for the Olympics, 'cause we were anticipating --

County Attorney Hart said, so, yeah, that's probably the time frame you're talking about. I forget --

Mr. Stephen Proper said, I think it was '94.

County Manager Smith said, '90 -- it was '94, '95.

County Attorney Hart said, and at that time since you had Savannah State as a -- a state instrumentality, it -- it was perfectly legal under the SPLOST statute at that time in order to build those facilities on their property. Okay? SPLOST requires that facilities that are used with SPLOST dollars need to be public facilities, and at that time there was no issue about that. I think our Olympic training group used it regularly. I don't know how many years ago, but a number of years ago, I believe everybody knows that there was substantial renovation of that stadium through the use of state funds to improve the stands and the con -- the concession stands and just generally upgraded the stadium substantially. They placed some things in the stadium that apparently, you know, are subject to vandalism.

County Attorney Hart said, at that point in time there became an issue of whether they were going to allow the public in, and at that point in time the county, and still does, sponsored a group called the Silver Cheetahs. The Silver Cheetahs are made up of a bunch of young men and women who are pursuing track and they go all over the state and -- and compete in track meets and bring home lots and lots of medals for it. And there was problems with getting on there to practice. So at that point in time the County Attorney's office was asked to go out there and meet with Savannah State and see if something could be worked out. We entered into a permit agreement with the -- Savannah State, and the permit agreement covered two things. It covered Savannah State's use of the weight training center for their athletic teams. We had some limitations on it for not -- for them to use it in non-peak hours, and we set those dates out -- or time frames out. The agreement also provided that organizations that were sponsored by Chatham County or affiliated with Chatham County would have the right to use the stadium, and that basically solved the problem with the Silver Cheetahs because at that point in time they -- and -- and still are, they were sponsored by the county.

County Attorney Hart said, however, apparently, at this point in time based on the information I'm hearing here, there's been limited use by the rest of the public in regard to that and the issue becomes if you build something on somebody else's property with public funds, and it's a public -- state-owned institution, can you exclude the public from it? Well, certainly, you can within reason. If it's associated with odd operational hours and -- and for safety factors, and you don't want people in your stadium, you know, vandalizing it or having control over it. But to the extent of a total exclusion, I -- I don't know the answer to that question. So, you've got a situation where the county has paid for a track that is located on -- on Savannah State's property, and they have, I guess, chosen to exercise their dominion over that by the virtue of the fact it's -- it's part of their campus and on their campus.

County Attorney Hart said, now, when the original track was put in, the understanding was the county was going to put the track in, pay for the track, and that Savannah State would maintain the track thereafter. And that's never been an issue. They've always done their part on that. Whether the track has been resurfaced since we originally put it down or substantially rebuilt, I just don't know the answer to that, and that's pretty much where we sit with the situation. That's all I can tell you about.

County Manager Smith said, I was going to ask --

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. Well -- well, before we get too far along, the -- the situation I wanted to address was there was a -- some particular students -- I don't -- were they ever granted access before this state tournament? Now, this was a -- this was an active problem starting on Tuesday evening. They were trying to -- it was my understanding they were trying to get in as -- as we -- as I was become aware of it, and I was hopeful by Wednesday something would have been smoothed out so these deserving children would have a place to practice their craft, their sport, before they left Savannah, Georgia and went to parts unknown in Georgia to compete in a state-wide track meet. Could you fill us in on -- on -- on that?

Mr. Proper, Parks Services, said, yes, Commissioner.

County Manager Smith said, that's why I asked Stephen. Stephen Proper with Recreation. He had -- we talked earlier this morning, so he said he's got some information, but we've still have some other digging to do. So.

Mr. Proper said, yeah. Yes, you -- you're correct. The -- the -- it's high school coaches that we -- we talked to, and yeah, they -- they've been training there. This last week they closed it down. I talked to the facilities manager at Savannah State, and she stated that they're closing it down because they're going to have commencement address next week, and they're going to be doing some painting and some pressure washing. And I did go by there, and -- and they were pressure washing. But, yeah, they -- they have used it. When I first came with the city [sic] about two years ago, I talked to the facility -- another facilities manager. They -- they've changed, and she didn't know about our agreement, so I -- I let her know, then I let this one know.

Mr. Proper said, so they were going to charge Cheetahs the full price at -- at -- when they had their annual track meet, and we resolved that issue, and for the last two years everything was going -- has been going good with

the Cheetahs. In fact the Cheetahs had their track meet a couple of weeks ago and -- and everything went smooth. For -- this is the first time that that -- that the high school coach or the general public has ever contacted me and said they were being denied access. I -- I did not know, and he said it was going on four years, I believe, is what he told us. So now I'm in contact with him. I told him if he ever had any trouble to let me know, and -- but I went -- I stayed on the phone about 30 minutes with the facilities manager trying to convince her to let our -- let the kids run, and I didn't get nowhere.

Chairman Scott said, now, Commissioner Farrell, you still have the floor. I'm not -- until you -- until you --

Commissioner Farrell said, well, okay. Well, I'll -- I'll yield to my fellow Commissioners, and I'll -- I -- I'll come back to the issue in a moment. I'm sure they have something germane.

Chairman Scott said, I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, and the County Attorney was kind enough to provide a copy of the contract and -- it was something a previous Commission did. It looks like Chairman Scott, it was one of your first acts and you inherited this and -- and signed it. It was something that came on. I'm looking at the contract, and it -- the way I read it, in addition to other considerations, we are allowing Savannah State University student athletes, free use of the equipment and the premises at the Anderson Cohen Center, and in return the county pro -- program groups run by the county, private groups that contract with the county, for use of the track, and the general public, get to use SSU's track. That's the way I read it. Unfortunately, this thing is -- expires -- it's a ten-year agreement, 2023. So we've got to look at that too, but the way I read it, the general public gets to use it, and they get to use Anderson. So it -- it's -- I just want to make sure I understand it correctly.

Commissioner Shabazz said, where -- where -- where did you get that contract?

Commissioner Center said, we've got it here. The County Attorney can get you a copy.

County Attorney Hart said, we had to actually go back and research it.

Chairman Scott said, Counselor, you want -- you want to speak to that?

County Attorney Hart said, sure. I -- I -- the first two statements, I totally agree with that, you know, the county groups are contracting with the county and it also says the general public, and I believe that language was put in there, general public, because the SPLOST statute says general public. Now, whether that sentence fragment defines a whole different category of people, you know, one could maybe quibble about that. But I think the -- the -- the school certainly would have the right to, you know, set the operational hours at the very least, of when we're going to be open. You know, it's not 24/7. They've got to probably have personnel on there when it's being used just because they want to protect their facility, so, you know, I'd be glad to go out and see if we can work something out about that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman? Chairman? Chairman?

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank y'all.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter and then Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that the county's being a little bit too kind in negotiating use of a weight lifting center and all when the fact is the law states that public funds that constructs something through SPLOST monies has to be open to the public. I think that we should simply find out the amount of monies the county put in that facility and if they don't want to open it to the public, we demand that it get reimbursed. We take that money, we've got land, we build a track that the county actually owns and the kids can use. It's -- it -- it really should be that simple. They can pay -- reimburse what we paid, or they can open it up like state law requires that we -- we do. We -- we have to follow the law, so we don't need to negotiate anything whenever -- whenever their actions are forcing in a sense break -- a break in the law. And that's exactly what they're actions have done, so, you know, obviously being very nice hadn't worked to this point, so we just need to be reimbursed and build a track somewhere else because they're actions are forcing us to break the law.

County Attorney Hart said, in fairness to the University, when this thing was brought to their attention the last time, they -- they worked with us on that. I mean, they were congenial and understood our reasoning. At the same time, you know, they felt like they -- campuses today, especially state campuses or private school campuses, college campuses, are -- are very concerned about security for lots of reasons unrelated to this.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, they -- they -- they should -- then they should simply block a certain amount of time out when they can have a security guard there if necessary that the public can utilize the facility, whether it's a couple of hours a day, then they've at least fulfilled their obligation to the law, and, you know, a couple of hours a day would be -- would be nice, and then that's done.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our Attorney, you -- you -- you did a great job of explaining some of the situation that we have with Savannah State and this contract. You know some eight years ago, ten years ago, when we set with this and went through this contract, and do just to Savannah State University, that University has really worked with us, with the public, in the best interest of the users of that track. But I would like ask one question, when you can hear people complain about things and how they use it and how they doing it, you -- you really have to be careful to how you bring it. The point that I'm making is, I go at Savannah State occasionally all the time, and you hear the feedback, Mr. Farrell, the same feedback that you heard, and quite natural we bring that back and we pay attention to it. But the public is one thing, but the public do think that because it say public, you've got 24 hours access to that campus and to that track, which is not true. First priority goes to the activity and the student of Savannah State University, and if they closing down for something they're taking care of, and let's say some other group come in and want to use it, not asking permission, but they coming in and say they doing practice, but at the same time, Savannah State have priority to do what they want to do on that campus, in that stadium, and into that track.

Commissioner Holmes said, what I would ask that we would do, we need to re-visit the contract, because it's about time for it to be expired. Look back and see -- and let us declare what public and how many hours the public actually had working in there. Because if you just let the public go up there anytime they want to go and Savannah State is going something on that campus, who have the priority? It's Savannah State. It's not the group. So, I -- I -- I -- I'm looking at it in two fold, and I don't think there's a fault here with nobody, but I just think it need to be clear when you say public use, they don't have 24 hours to go when they want to go just because they want to practice. It need to be clarified to the public that you need to go through some office on that campus and ask if the hours and the day that you're coming are clear for you to practice.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and in fairness to everybody, you know, you've had changes of -- of personnel and administration over the years out there.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, Commissioner Farrell asked me about this yesterday or day before yesterday, I don't remember which, but when he asked me, I -- for a second, I had to think and said, oh, yeah, we've got an agreement. You know, it took me a minute to remember, yeah, we've got an agreement. I don't remember the details of the agreement.

Commissioner Holmes said, you said, '94, but it's '96.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

County Attorney Hart said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the -- the group that wanted to use the track out at Savannah State, who -- who were they? Who was the group that --

Mr. Proper said, oh, who -- who was wanting --

Commissioner Shabazz said, the group that wanted to use the track at Savannah State and they were denied, who -- who --

Mr. Proper said, it - it was a high school. I -- I -- I can't recall which high school, but it's a public high school.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And -- and the Cheetahs are -- you said the Cheetahs?

Mr. Proper said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the Cheetahs use that track?

Mr. Proper said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, who are the Cheetahs?

Mr. Proper said, the Cheetahs is a youth track organization that is sponsored by Chatham County.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And so the group that was denied, they were denied for what reason?

Mr. Proper said, because they're having graduation and commencement address next week, and they're getting the stadium ready for it. They're pressure washing, doing some touch up painting. That's the -- that's what I was given.

County Manager Smith said, Mr. Chairman, if we can, the -- the --

Commissioner Shabazz said, hold on -- hold on -- hold on -- hold on -- hold on. The reason why I'm asking these questions is because I met with the County Manager and State Representative Lester Jackson concerning youth using county facilities, and I was denied. I was denied the -- the use of those facilities for -- they were -- it was a lack of space for little league football, and they did the same thing. So we're making a big fuss about Savannah State, but we turn around and do the same thing. I think there's a double standard there. I think there's a double standard there. I think we're spending time on this right here --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner, you're recognized for a question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Well that was the question I wanted to ask.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'm fin -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm good. I -- I just wanted to say that too.

Chairman Scott said, any -- any further?

Commissioner Farrell said, again, I -- I bring this up because -- not to point fingers and -- and that sort of thing. My concern is there's a -- a -- a SPLOST project with the county's name on it, and our young people who we're trying to encourage not to join gangs and groups of violence, a good wholesome group to practice a good sport of track, and for the life of me -- you know, I understand that there are limitations. You're not going to open a stadium up at 3:00 in the morning and turn on the lights for some guy to run around a few times and -- and -- and odd ball stuff like that, but at the very least, the citizens need some clarity. They shouldn't have to go ask permission to use a -- a -- a -- you know, to walk around Daffin Park or Lake Mayer. It should be clearly marked when it's open, when it's not open. When they are welcome; when they're not welcome, with some oversight from the governing body, whether it be the County Commissioners in this case or the City of Savannah, etcetera, etcetera.

Commissioner Farrell said, at the very least, I would like to see the Chatham County sign go back up on the designated entrance to the track that lets people know when it's available for them to come and practice because in this agreement, it says on the very front page, and I'm not an attorney like Commissioner Center or Jon Hart, but under General Conditions and Regulations 1.0, use of the track by county including it's citizens. Well that's as far as I needed to go. There's a lot of wherefores and therefore and hereas and that sort of thing in this agreement. But it clearly states the use of the track by the county, including its citizens. That's every person that helped pay for that stadium -- not the stadium, excuse me, bad language, the track, should have access, and they shouldn't have an act of Congress to get in there. So, all I'm saying is -- is somehow that the county staff and the University staff work together and make it perfectly clear to the citizenry when they're welcome and when they're not and that agreement should pass through at some point this -- this Board for -- for -- for a review, and -- and put a sign out there, and if -- if the access is being denied, they should have some recourse, some contact person, some phone number, some website, some email address, some way to interact without having to go through a -- you know, most people just don't know how to get through to -- to the right people to make something happen.

Commissioner Farrell said, you know, I -- I thought when -- when I talked to our staff, that it would just -- a phone call Wednesday morning would straighten it out, and with the gravity of the situation, with the state meet coming up, that they could, you know, say, well, from -- from 4:00 to 7:00 in the evening, you know, our painters will be done. They use -- most construction workers go home around 4:00 o'clock. We'll -- we'll make sure there's nobody standing on the track painting or -- or using the pressure washer, and we'll get you guys out there and let you -- let you run this week. We -- we should be able to work that because graduation or whatever they're going to do is not till next week. So, just reasonable people working reasonably together for the common good of the citizens of the county. That's -- that's all I'm asking for, and we'll just -- hopefully we can get some signage up there and some information to the citizen so that they know when they're welcome and -- and they don't have to, you know, have to have -- you know unless there's some special event or whatever. But people should be able to -- get on that track and run around it. That -- that -- just like with the Lake Mayer track. We got to -- it's not a 400 meter marked up track so you can run events on, but by gosh, if you get out of your car and you decide you're going to run around it or walk around it, you don't have to ask permission from a Commissioner or a Manager or a park director. You go out there and use it. It's your park. That's all. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Mr. Manager, would you please follow up and investigate, and if need be, develop a Memorandum of Understanding between us, and I will also point out for the audience who may be listening, Savannah State does not own that facility, it's the Board of Regents. The State of Georgia, owns it. Thank you, Mr. Proper.

Mr. Proper said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we have no Tabled Items.

Commissioner Holmes said, I -- I got --

Commissioner Shabazz said, Commissioner got a --

Commissioner Holmes said, -- I got a group you said I could acknowledge under Commissioner's Items.

Chairman Scott said, we don't have anything else under Commissioner's Items. You got somebody you wanted to recognize?

Commissioner Holmes said, the other group. Yes. Yes.

Chairman Scott said, yes. I'll recognize Commissioner Holmes for the purpose of an introduction.

Commissioner Holmes said, with us we have a group, a youth group that work with youth throughout the city and county and they are in the audience today and have a concern. They have been meeting with one of our staff persons, which is not in attendance today, Mr. Michael Kaigler, and I would love for Michael to be here in defense of whatever the concern that they have because I don't want to hear a concern that we can't inquire from one of our staff person that would give clarity to what is going on and where it's at, and what's the status of it. But the group that I'm speaking about is headed up my Mr. Michael Hamilton. Mike, would you stand up, please? That's the gentleman that was meeting with our staff person, Mr. Michael Kaigler, and they have been negotiating for some issues that they have to concern with Chatham County, and I -- and like I say, in due respect, I don't want anything to be brought up here pertaining to Michael Kaigler and Michael Kaigler not here in defense of himself. That's of respect to him. So, Michael Hamilton, if you have a concern and you want to bring it briefly, but it's nothing related to the meeting with Michael Kaigler name's involved where he is not here to defend what -- in respect to him.

Mr. Michael Hamilton said, yes, sir. I have a -- I have a -- first I want to say good morning Commissioners.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Commissioner Center said, good morning.

Mr. Hamilton said, on behalf of United Youth Leaders, I am the president, once again, Michael Hamilton, but we have a -- a young man that does all our speaking for us, his name is Justin Walker. But our concerns are we have been denied many a times, and our first denial was we wanted to use Jennifer Ross Sports -- Soccer Complex. We were denied that we can never and will never use that for football, and that was kind of disappointing to hear that we pay taxes on that and we are not allowed to use that facility. We can go on and on but just wanted to -- to bring that on the table. Just announced about the Savannah State situation, and we were denied the same rights of using a sports complex that tax payers pay, and we -- we couldn't use it, and we were -- we were sent over to AmBuc to a field that's flooded. I mean, potholes everywhere, but we made use of it. And maybe we can sit down and talk when Mr. Kaigler get back in and get this issue straightened out. And like you said, Mr. Commissioner, I can't really talk about what Mr. Kaigler and I and the group talked about 'cause he's not here. So we'll just leave that as it is. Thank you for listening and having us here. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Mr. Hamilton.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have a comment on that.

Chairman Scott said, that --

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have a comment.

Chairman Scott said, you're -- you're not recognized.

Commissioner Shabazz said, well, I -- I have a comment, Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, I understand.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. I'd like to -- I'd like for the County Manager to speak to that because I met with him on this very same issue.

Chairman Scott said, you're -- you're dismissed, Mr. Hamilton.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but I'd like to hear from the County Manager. Let him tell everybody in here what he said to me.

Chairman Scott said, this is dealing with little league football.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager, do you have any --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Chairman Scott said, -- comments in reference to it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it was dealing with little league football.

County Manager Smith said, yes. We've got the Jenner -- Jennifer Ross Soccer fields, the problem is we do not have enough fields. Part of our master planning going on now is to look at having practice fields, because when you set up a specific type field, particularly these that are set up for soccer, you're going to tear those fields up, using certain other sports, and it was the recommendation of our department not to allow other type use because it was going to damage the fields. Now, what we're doing now is looking at having three other practice fields in that area that could be used for these things, plus two other areas. So we're doing that as part of this master plan we'll bring back to you later in the calendar year. Because we don't have enough fields. We do not, and they compete for time. They compete for space, amenities, parking, and it's a problem. So we've said it's a -- a problem. So as far as denial, the denial is we don't have enough space. The other is -- is having practice fields where damage can occur, and as Mr. Farrell and I talked not too long ago about allowing time for fields to heal when you go back and re-grass and those type things. So that's our real problem is not having sufficient space, and we're working on that.

Chairman Scott said, but you're planning on addressing that in the master recreation plan.

County Manager Smith said, absolutely.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the same -- the same youth, is the same age, they use the same equipment -- same shoes that's going to damage that field.

Members of the audience said, that's right.

County Manager Smith said, it's -- it's a whole different -- anyway.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah. You know, we're -- we're going to sweep everything under the rug here. We've got to stop this, man. We've got to stop this, you know. You want -- you want to make concessions for Mr. Farrell, and not -- not and not allowing them to use the Savannah State track field, but this same issue here.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, we're not -- we're conducting -- we're in the middle of a Commission meeting.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I know, and that -- this is what I'm talking about.

Chairman Scott said, and you were recognized.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Chairman Scott said, the Manager respond. You're border line --

Commissioner Shabazz said, but that's not what he told me in the meeting.

Chairman Scott said, -- you're border line out of order.

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's -- that's not what -- what he told me in the meeting, Chairman. That's not what he told me.

Chairman Scott said, I --

County Manager Smith said, that's exactly what I told you.

Commissioner Holmes said, Chairman?

Commissioner Shabazz said, let's have transparency here now. [Applause.]

County Manager Smith said, it is transparent.

Chairman Scott said, I was -- I was not in the meeting.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, let me shed some light on what's -- what's on the floor, and thank -- thank you Commissioner Shabazz. I'm going to give you a little bit of history, and I think what this group is really looking at is something that they have been denied over the years. It have been denied even when I was coaching tackle football. City of Savannah redid the whole master plan of Daffin Park. That was only to put a nipple in my mouth and to pacify you. But as time go on, Mr. Smith, every youth that participate in any sport in Savannah and Chatham County and hearing it from a person who really know the history of recreation in Savannah and

Chatham County. Every youth that participated in every sport, and hear me out very clearly, they have had a facility built for them to participate.

County Manager Smith said, that's true.

Commissioner Holmes said, Minick's was built for baseball when baseball escalate to one level. Paulsen Complex was built when softball was escalated. The soccer complex was built because soccer grewed. Every aspect of life have been given attention except tackle football. [Applause.]

County Manager Smith said, until now.

Commissioner Holmes said, except tackle football. Until now.

County Manager Smith said, until --

Commissioner Holmes said, until now.

County Manager Smith said, and -- until now, Mr. Chairman --

Commissioner Holmes said, and this is what --

County Manager Smith said, -- because we're now looking at fields.

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, and we're going --

Commissioner Holmes said, and this is what --

County Manager Smith said, -- to try and build those as quick as we can.

Member of the audience said, no, you're not.

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah. This -- and our engineer shared something with me before the meeting. I just want to say that because this group have been denied over the years, and it's time now that you elevate them to a level where we can look at it.

County Manager Smith said, agreed.

Commissioner Holmes said, because when you saying tear this group up, tear that group up, tear this field up. Well they don't even much have nothing to say they're tearing up because they ain't never had it. [Applause.]

Member of the audience said, there you go.

Commissioner Holmes said, you understand?

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, and -- and we are closer now to doing something for that program than we ever were, and thank you that Chatham County is putting it on the radar and looking at it. But that's the whole scenario of what -- where we at and where we need to move forward.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Commissioner Holmes. Mr. Farrell, we don't have anything on the floor to discuss.

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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, all right. Let's -- let's move on. There are no Tabled items.

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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 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND (CIP): a) TRANSFER \$66,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN PROJECT, b) TRANSFER \$49,911 FROM CONTINGENCY TO SCMPD VEHICLE REPLACEMENT, c) AMEND PROJECT BUDGETS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM, d) INCREASE CIP CONTINGENCY \$2,438,915; 2) IN THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND APPROPRIATE \$75,000 NET ASSETS; 3) IN THE BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES FUND APPROPRIATE \$15,370 NET ASSETS.**

Chairman Scott said, we are on the Individual Action Calendar. And the first item is to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in Capital Improvement -- in Capital Improvement Program Fund, CIP,: transfer 66,000 from Contingency to the Strategic Planning -- Plan Project, transfer \$49,911 from Contingency to Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department Vehicle Replacement, amend project budget as outlined in the attached memorandum, increase CIP contingency by \$2,438,915; and in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$75,000 net assets; and in the Building Safety Regulatory Service Fund appropriate \$15,370 net assets.

Commissioner Center said, so moved.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. Chairman, we don't have a quorum.

County Manager Smith said, we just lost it.

Chairman Scott said, we got five.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. He voted and then he walked out.

County Attorney Hart said, he did? Okay.

Chairman Scott said, five votes.

County Attorney Hart said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, the motion carries.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, now we need one of them back.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Now we don't have a quorum.

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

Commissioner Center moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund (CIP): a) transfer \$66,000 from Contingency to the Strategic Plan Project, b) transfer \$49,911 from Contingency to SCMPD Vehicle Replacement, c) amend project budgets as outlined in the attached memorandum, d) increase CIP contingency \$2,438,915; 2) in the Solid Waste Management Fund appropriate \$75,000 net assets; and 3) in the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Fund appropriate \$15,370 net assets. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioners Farrell and Shabazz were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**  
**AGENDA DATE: April 29, 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 Capital Improvement Program Fund (CIP): a) transfer \$66,000 from Contingency to the Strategic Plan Project, b) transfer \$49,911 from Contingency to SCMPD Vehicle Replacement, c) amend project budgets as outlined in the attached memorandum, d) increase CIP contingency \$2,438,915; 2) in the Solid Waste Management

Fund appropriate \$75,000 net assets; and 3) in the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Fund appropriate \$15,370 net assets.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1a. The Assistant County Manager has requested a \$66,000 transfer from CIP Contingency to the Strategic Plan Project to cover the cost of a contract extension with the Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1b. A \$49,911 transfer from CIP Contingency to SCMPD vehicle replacement is necessary to fund the purchase of 27 vehicles in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement.
- 1c-d. An amendment to the Capital Improvement Program is requested to recognize the closing of completed projects as outlined in the memorandum attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). The remaining balances will be transferred to the CIP contingency. In addition, the budget will be amended to increase the CIP Contingency \$2,438,915. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Director of Public Works and Park Services has requested a \$75,000 net assets appropriation in the Solid Waste Fund to cover the cost of temporary labor for the curbside collection program. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Solid Waste Management Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The Building Safety and Regulatory Safety Director has requested a \$15,370 net assets appropriation in the Building Safety and Regulatory Fund for software maintenance. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available in the Capital Improvement Program CIP Fund. The budget amendment will establish funds in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the Solid Waste Management, and the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Funds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND**

- A) Transfer \$66,000 from Contingency to the Strategic Plan Project.
- B) Transfer \$49,911 from Contingency to the SCMPD vehicle replacement project.
- B) Transfer funds fund closed or completed projects as outlined in the memorandum attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- C) Increase contingency \$2,438,915.

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND**

Appropriate \$75,000 net assets.

**BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES FUND**

Appropriate \$15,370 net assets.

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 EXTEND THE LOCAL PREFERENCE POLICY TO O.C. WELCH FORD-LINCOLN, INC., AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWENTY-SEVEN (27) FORD EXPLORER POLICE VEHICLES FOR \$715,365 FOR THE SAVANNAH CHATHAM METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Purchase twenty-seven (27) Ford Explorer police vehicles	Fleet Operations	O.C. Welch, Ford-Lincoln, Inc.	\$715,365	Water & Sewer

Chairman Scott said, now, the second item is to request Board extend the local preference policy to O.C. Welch Ford/Lincoln, Inc., and approve the purchase of 27 Ford Explorer police vehicles for \$715,365 for the Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department. Hearing the motion --

Commissioner Holmes said, so move for approval.

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

Commissioner Brady said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Scott said, second. I'll instruct the Sheriff to go out in the hall, find a member of the Commission and bring him onto this floor. Properly moved and second. Any discussion?

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, could someone -- I mean, I just want the public to understand where -- you know, where this \$715,000 is coming from and -- and -- and just understand the process of -- of -- of how we got to this.

Chairman Scott said, the -- it was -- 27 vehicles was put out for bid and this was the lowest bid that we got on the 27 vehicles, and after we do a bid on services that can be provided locally, if local participants can match the bid, we usually award the contract to local participants. In this particular case, we were going to afford an opportunity to Lewis Ford and O.C. Welch's Ford to match this bid, and if they match it, then we will go with them. If they don't, we won't, but what this will allow us to offer the same thing that we offered to Lewis to O.C. Welch, and that's it in a nutshell. But this was cars that was budget, scheduled to be replaced, and we'll be happy to have the Manager speak to it or our Assistant Manager. Manager Lee, do or Assistant Manager Cramer has any further thing to say about this?

County Manager Smith said, yeah, it's just -- just to clarify. I think the question from Commissioner Brady was where did the money come from, and this was mainly money that came from the SSD and put into funds to purchase these cars.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Brady said, which is the responsibility of us to pay for these cars?

County Manager Smith said, by contract. Yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, by contract. We own some 135 cars.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, and we have to replenish them every so often, and this is part of the replenishing program. Any further discussion?

Commissioner Shabazz said, how many cars are we going to replace?

Chairman Scott said, 27.

Commissioner Brady said, 27.

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

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

Commissioner Holmes moved to extend the local preference policy to O.C. Welch Ford/Lincoln, Inc., and approve the purchase of 27 Ford Explorer police vehicles for \$715,365 for the Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioners Center and Farrell were not present to vote.]

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## **X. ACTION CALENDAR**

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

Chairman Scott said, the Action Calendar. I recognize Commissioner Kicklighter from the 7<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to pull Item 7 off --

Chairman Scott said, just move --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- for review afterwards, but I make a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar.

Chairman Scott said, move the passage of everything with the exception of Item 7.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none. Any unreadiness? Hearing none, the Action Calendar is approved by voting yes, opposed no, with the exception of Item 7. Now I recognize -- the motion carries. Now I recognize Commissioner Kicklighter for the purpose of making a motion on item 7.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time I'd like to make a motion to approve Item 7 with the understanding that when funding is required, the funds will come out of the M&O budget rather than the SSD budget.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries to enter into the contract when such time we get a bill, it will be paid out of M&O. Thank you. The motion carries.

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

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 10 and under Item 10 Items A through G, with the exception of Item 7. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve item 7, with the understanding that when funding is required, the funds will be taken from the M&O budget and not the SSD budget. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present.]

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

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

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

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 15, 2016, as mailed. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

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**2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 7, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 20, 2016.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of April 7, 2016 through April 20, 2016, in the amount of \$6,185,257. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

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**3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COASTAL GEORGIA INDICATORS COALITION FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING SERVICES.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for Board approval of a six-month extension to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition for Strategic Planning Services. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: April 29, 2016**

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

**ISSUE:**

Request a six-month extension to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition for strategic planning services.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition on November 7, 2014 for the development of a community-wide strategic plan. The MOU expires December 31, 2016. As the strategic planning process is still ongoing, a six month extension to the MOU is requested.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Board approved the MOU with the Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition (CGIC) on November 7, 2014 for the development of a community-wide strategic plan. The current MOU is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. On December 4, 2015, the CGIC presented the Chatham Community Blueprint to the Board of Commissioners. The Blueprint was the outcome of meetings convened within the community where four key areas emerged as public concerns: Economy, Education, Health and Quality of Life. Since the presentation of the Blueprint, CGIC has been working on the implementation phase of the plan which includes breaking down each goal into strategies or action steps needed to achieve the larger goals. CGIC is also assisting the County in identifying and aligning resources for the plan's implementation.
3. The goal of the CGIC is improved community well-being. As a 501(c)(3), this group represents community members and advocates working to develop a comprehensive, coordinated approach for planning and accountability. The organization was formerly known as the Community Indicators Coalition. Since 2008 the County has supported the activities of the Coalition which initially focused on gathering social service type data about the community. The data is housed in the Coalition's website where it can be easily accessed by interested parties.

**FUNDING:**

The cost to extend the contract is \$66,000. Funds will be available in the General Fund Transfer Out to the CIP Fund account, pending a budget transfer from the General Fund Contingency account 100 9927. The current contract is established within the CIP Fund as Strategic Plan Project 3509010.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

Implementation of the Chatham Community Blueprint will be an effective tool to guide future program/project prioritizations and resource allocations. This plan will augment other plans already in existence such as the Vision 20/20 Plan from 1992 and the Chatham County Tri-centennial Plan.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve a six month extension to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition for strategic planning services for \$66,000, or
2. Provide other direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Alternative 1 is recommended.

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A PENSION SUPPLEMENT FOR COUNTY RETIREES.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a pension supplement for county retirees. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: April 29, 2016**

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

**ISSUE:**

Board approval of a pension supplement for County retirees.

**BACKGROUND:**

Eligible County retirees receive monthly benefits from the County's defined benefit pension plan based on a formula that combines years of credited service with 2% of final average earnings. These benefits accrue over the employee's working career. Cost of living adjustments (COLA) are not a built-in feature of the pension plan. This is because they increase the overall plan liability by impacting both current year and future year benefits. In prior years, retiree COLAs were provided on an ad-hoc basis with the last COLA approved in 2008. In June 2015 the Board approved a pension supplement for County retirees.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Eligible County retirees receive monthly benefits from the County's defined benefit pension plan based on a formula that combines years of credited service with 2% of final average earnings. These benefits accrue over the employee's working career.
2. The defined benefit plan does not include any provisions for automatic cost of living adjustments to calculated benefits. The Pension Board is not supportive at this time of retiree COLAs that increase the plan's liability by impacting both current and future year costs. However, the Pension Board expressed support for a one-time pension supplement at its April 2016 meeting to be funded directly by the General Fund. This supplement will not increase the plan's liability. The Board of Commissioners approved a similar pension supplement to retirees in July 2015.
3. Funds are available in the fiscal year 2016 budget for the one-time supplement in the remaining merit/salary adjustment accounts. The supplement would be paid to approximately 743 pensioners and beneficiaries in July 2016. The supplement amount is graduated, based on annual benefits received. The proposed scale is:

<u>Annual \$ Benefit</u>	<u>One Time supplement</u>
1,000-4,999	\$ 200
5,000-9,999	\$ 225
10,000-14,999	\$ 325
15,000-19,999	\$ 425
20,000 plus	\$ 525

**FUNDING:**

The pension supplement would be funded by a \$290,000 contribution from the General Fund to the Pension Trust Fund in fiscal year 2016, pending the approval of related budgetary transfers. 100-9996-51.24001

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board of Commissioners provides funding for the County's defined benefit pension plan through annual contributions to the Pension Trust Fund. Approval of the one-time supplement would not increase the plan's pension liability since the expenses would not be reoccurring.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a pension supplement for County retirees, payable in July 2016, or
2. Provide other direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Alternative 1 is recommended.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A REQUEST FROM DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY FOR THE COUNTY TO DECLARE A PORTION OF THE UN-OPENED EAST BOULEVARD RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) AS SURPLUS AND TO QUITCLAIM THE ROW.  
[DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of the request from Deutsche Bank National Trust Company for the County to declare a portion of the un-opened East Boulevard right of way as surplus and to quitclaim the right of way. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**

**AGENDA DATE: April 29, 2016**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

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

**ISSUE:**

To present to the Board a request from Deutsche Bank National Trust Company for the County to declare a portion of the un-opened East Boulevard right of way (ROW) as surplus and to quitclaim the ROW.

**BACKGROUND:**

The petitioner obtained the property (PIN 1-0099-08-002) which is bound by Walthour Road and the unopened East Boulevard right-of-way by foreclosure. The petitioner has a potential buyer for the parcel, but cannot currently clear the title for the parcel because the majority of the house is built in the unopened ROW.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The location of the request is shown on the map attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). The petitioner requests quitclaim of approximately 34' of the East Boulevard ROW adjacent to the property located at 2106A Walthour Road.
2. There were several quitclaims of East Boulevard in the past which left a few remnants. The requested quitclaim is one of those remnants. Staff evaluated the ROW and determined this portion is of no use to the County.
3. The petitioner was notified of the quitclaim consideration and advised as to the date and time of this meeting.
4. If approved, the petitioner must pay the County the fair market value for the ROW to be determined by a professional appraisal or the tax assessed value, and provide the necessary appraisal, deed, and plat at his expense. The appraiser is selected by the petitioner and must be certified as a professional appraiser by the State of Georgia. Staff will review the submitted appraisal, deed and plat for completeness and reasonableness

before the deed is sent to the County Clerk for processing and the fair market value payment check is sent to Finance for deposit.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To approve a request from Deutsche Bank National Trust Company for the County to declare a portion of the un-opened East Boulevard right of way (ROW) as surplus and to quitclaim the ROW.
2. Do not approve the request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board must declare County property surplus and approve all quitclaim actions.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 4

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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**6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A REQUEST FROM MAXIE WILDES FOR THE COUNTY TO DECLARE A PORTION OF THE UN-OPENED EAST BOULEVARD RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) AS SURPLUS AND TO QUITCLAIM THE ROW. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a request from Maxie Wildes for the County to declare a portion of the un-opened East Boulevard right of way as surplus and to quitclaim the right of way. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**

**AGENDA DATE: April 29 2016**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

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

**ISSUE:**

To present to the Board a request from Maxie Wildes for the County to declare a portion of the un-opened East Boulevard right of way (ROW) as surplus and to quitclaim the ROW.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The location of the request is shown on the map attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). The petitioner requests quitclaim of approximately 15' of the East Boulevard ROW adjacent to the property located at 2108 East Boulevard.
2. There were several quitclaims of East Boulevard in the past which left a few remnants. The requested quitclaim is one of those remnants. Staff evaluated the ROW and determined this portion is of no use to the County.
3. The petitioner was notified of the quitclaim consideration and advised as to the date and time of this meeting.
4. If approved, the petitioner must pay the County the fair market value for the ROW to be determined by a professional appraisal or the tax assessed value, and provide the necessary appraisal, deed, and plat at his expense. The appraiser is selected by the petitioner and must be certified as a professional appraiser by the State of Georgia. Staff will review the submitted appraisal, deed and plat for completeness and reasonableness before the deed is sent to the County Clerk for processing and the fair market value payment check is sent to Finance for deposit.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To approve a request from Maxie Wildes for the County to declare a portion of the un-opened East Boulevard right of way (ROW) as surplus and to quitclaim the ROW.

2. Do not approve the request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board must declare County property surplus and approve all quitclaim actions.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 4

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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**7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A LIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR EXISTING HIGH MAST LIGHTING AT THE INTERSTATE 95 AND STATE ROUTE 204 INTERCHANGE. [DISTRICTS 5 AND 6.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a lighting agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for existing High Mast Lighting at the Interstate 95 and State Route 204 Interchange. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-7**  
**AGENDA DATE: April 29, 2016**

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

**ISSUE:**

To approve a lighting agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for existing High Mast Lighting at the Interstate 95 and State Route 204 Interchange.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Interchange at Interstate 95 and State Route 204 has existing high mast lighting. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) does not pay for energy, operation and maintenance costs associated with lighting. They defer this cost to the local government. A lighting agreement between GDOT and Chatham County was not executed when the lights were installed. This agreement will codify the responsibility of both parties.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Lighting is required at the existing Interchange at Interstate 95 and State Route 204. GDOT previously installed the required high mast lighting.
2. The County will assume full responsibility for the operation, repair and maintenance of the entire lighting system, as well as energy costs.
3. The County Attorney reviewed the agreement and approved it as to legal form.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To approve a lighting agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for existing High Mast Lighting at the Interstate 95 and State Route 204 Interchange.
2. To not approve a lighting agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

**FUNDING:** No funding is required at this time.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board must approve lighting agreements.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative #1.

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**8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO QUIT CLAIM A SECTION OF THE DUNDEE CANAL RIGHT OF WAY TO THE CITY OF SAVANNAH FOR A PROPOSED TRAIL PROJECT.  
[DISTRICT 8.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval to Quitclaim a section of the Dundee Canal right of way to the City of Savannah for a proposed trail project. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-8**  
**AGENDA DATE: April 29, 2016**

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

**ISSUE:**

Request Board approval to Quit Claim a section of the Dundee Canal right-of-way to the City of Savannah for a proposed trail project.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Savannah is proposing a trail project along the Dundee Canal from Darling Street to Market Street.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Dundee Canal between Darling Street to Market Street is located within the jurisdictional boundary of the City of Savannah. Historically, the County has provided maintenance of this canal under the Intergovernmental Agreement for a County-wide Canal Maintenance program. However, research reveals the canal right-of-way is still under ownership of Chatham County.
2. The City wishes to develop a trail along the maintenance shelf of the canal and enhance pedestrian access to the area as one of the priority strategies arising from the Woodville Neighborhood Plan. The City received a Coastal Incentive Grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to construct the trail. As a result, the City has asked the County to Quit Claim a section of the Dundee Canal right-of-way to the City to proceed with the proposed project. See letter attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) from the City Manager Stephanie Cutter dated February 3, 2016.
3. Should the canal be constructed, canal access for maintenance will be more problematic due to City trail site location. The City has agreed to be responsible for canal maintenance along this area of the canal.
4. In exchange for the Dundee Canal right-of-way, the City will provide two 40' wide drainage easements and quitclaim a 60' right-of-way for a portion of the Wilmington Canal which crosses city-owned property. The County currently maintains the drainage features without clear right-of-way.

**FUNDING:**

Not applicable.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Board action is required for the transfer of County property.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approve to Quit Claim a section of the Dundee Canal right-of-way to the City of Savannah for a proposed trail project.
2. Board to provide staff with other direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board approve Alternative #1  
District 8

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- 9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF POOLER THE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUIRED BY CHATHAM COUNTY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF JIMMY DELOACH PARKWAY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF POOLER.  
[DISTRICTS 7 AND 8.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of a resolution to transfer to the City of Pooler the right of way acquired by Chatham County for construction of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway within the city limits of the City of Pooler. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-9**  
**AGENDA DATE: April 29, 2016**

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

**ISSUE:**

To approve a resolution to transfer to the City of Pooler the right of way acquired by Chatham County for construction of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway within the city limits of the City of Pooler.

**BACKGROUND:**

To construct road capital improvement projects, the County acquired right of way for Jimmy DeLoach Parkway. The project is complete. The City of Pooler is developing plans to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway and Nordic Drive, within existing Chatham County maintained right of way. Staff does not believe the traffic signal is warranted based on a traffic study submitted in May 2015. State law allows Pooler to install the traffic signal within the County's right of way without the County's approval. As such, the right of way needs to be transferred to the City of Pooler since the maintenance for such roads and infrastructure are the long-term responsibility of Pooler.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The County acquired right of way for the construction of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, a road capital improvement project that is now complete.
2. Attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) is a Resolution with Exhibit A describing the right of way and parcels acquired for the project. After Board approval, the Resolution will be forwarded to the City of Pooler for approval by the City Council.
3. The County Attorney reviewed the resolution and concurs with it as to legal form.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To approve a resolution to transfer to the City of Pooler the right of way acquired by Chatham County for construction of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway within the city limits of the City of Pooler.
2. That the Board not approve the Resolution and retain the right of way maintenance responsibility.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commissioners approve Alternative No. 1.

Districts 7, 8

Prepared by: Nathaniel Panther

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- 10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD BIDS AS FOLLOWS: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$25,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear).**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter 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 Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas were not present; Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-10 A-G**

**AGENDA DATE: April 29, 2016**

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER**

**FROM: LINDA CRAMER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS**

**ITEM A**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$74,621 one (1) year sole source agreement for maintenance service on radio equipment and related items from Savannah Communications and Electronics for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chatham County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center has a requirement for a consolidated service package with Savannah Communications and Electronics to provide maintenance for the mobile radios, portable radios, consoles and repeaters.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The consolidated service plan for the Sheriff's Office and the Detention Center maintains two (2) radio consoles; one (1) repeater; and over 400 radios (both portable and mobile). In order to keep the equipment in good functioning order, it is essential that the equipment be properly maintained.
2. The cost has decreased for 2016 due to the purchase of new equipment being under warranty.

**FUNDING:**

- General Fund/M&O - Detention Center \$18,655  
(1003326 - 52.22001)
- General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Office \$55,966  
(1003300 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$74,621 one (1) year sole source agreement for maintenance service on radio equipment and related items from Savannah Communications and Electronics for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary service agreements to maintain the radio communication systems for law enforcement.

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

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

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approve a \$77 Summary Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract with Sitework Construction, LLC., for the Fairwind Avenue Paving Project.

**BACKGROUND:** The paving project for Fairwind Avenue included grading, paving, flush header curb, and drainage improvements. The project is substantially complete.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. On December 18, 2015, the Board awarded a construction contract to Sitework Construction, LLC, to pave Fairwind Avenue.
2. To improve safety, additional object marker signs were added at the end of the road for the additional cost of \$360.
3. Temporary grassing was not required to complete the project. This change order *deducts* this pay item from the final contract amount (\$283), making the total of this summary change order \$77.
4. Contract History

Original Contract (12/18/15)	\$69,049
Change Order No.1 (04/01/16)	11,593
Change Order No.2 (Pending)	<u>77</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$80,719

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated County Roads, Fairwind Avenue  
(3234220 - 52.12003 - 32356793)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$77 Summary Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract with Sitework Construction, LLC., for the Fairwind Avenue Paving Project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

MARK BUCALO

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$21,350 Change Order No. 5 to the design 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. This change order is for renovation of space in the Liakakis Government Building to accommodate the Indigent Defense Staff. The Liakakis building is the only location where adequate space is available to accommodate the seventeen staff members. Current space in the J. Tom Coleman Judicial Courthouse is inadequate to support ongoing operations.
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 (3/11/16)	20,000
Change Order No. 5 (pending)	<u>21,350</u>
Revised contract amount	\$487,380

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$21,350 Change Order No. 5 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 D

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the renewal of the \$46,305 software support and consulting agreement between Chatham County and Pappafotis Consulting (PAPCON) as an independent contractor for software support services of System Z used by the courts and other departments.

**BACKGROUND:** This annual software support agreement covers support services that Chatham County uses for all existing programs within the County for various departments who use System Z language. The PAPCON agreement provides maintenance of existing programs and for consulting of System Z programs by providing assistance with these applications via telephone or remote assistance to the I.C.S. Department and or individual County users. PAPCON also provides consulting advice to I.C.S. concerning computer software and database implementation of existing systems converted to new application platforms such as Microsoft/SQL.

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

1. Chatham County has used the services of PAPCON for System Z support and consulting for 20 years. PAPCON is familiar with all aspects of this system used by the courts and other departments within the County.
2. I.C.S. requires the assistance of PAPCON for System Z support and recommends the renewal of this annual software support agreement.
3. This contract reflects a 5% increase for this year.
4. Staff believes this fee to be fair and reasonable amount for the services provided.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.  
(1001535 - 52.22001)

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the renewal of the \$46,305 software support and consulting agreement between Chatham County and Pappafotis Consulting (PAPCON) as an independent contractor for software support services of System Z used by the courts and other departments.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary support for applications necessary for day to day job requirements.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

#### ITEM E

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of an \$82,557 annual maintenance agreement with Integrated Network Solutions for maintenance for the telephone communications switches and equipment throughout the County.

**BACKGROUND:** This maintenance agreement is required to maintain the telephone switches and telephones installed throughout various County facilities and also includes maintenance on the voice mail system.

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

1. Integrated Network Solutions is the local authorized provider and has a fully trained staff for the maintenance of our system. They guarantee 24/7 service to make any necessary repairs or troubleshooting to the County system.
2. The equipment to be covered includes the County's Nine (9) PBX switches which provide telephone service for County employees. The PBX are located at the Judicial Courthouse, Administrative Courthouse, Sheriff's Complex, County Administrative Annex, Public Works, Citizens Service Center on Eisenhower Drive, Mosquito Control, Records Center, and Pete Liakakis Government building.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$82,557 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Communications  
(1001536 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of an \$82,557 annual maintenance agreement with Integrated Network Solutions for maintenance for the telephone communications switches and equipment throughout the County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide maintenance for County equipment.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of \$45,988 purchase of one (1) Ford Transit Prisoner Transport Wheel Chair Accessible vehicle from J.C. Lewis Ford for Chatham County Sheriff's Office.

**BACKGROUND:** Chatham County Sheriff's Office primary use for this vehicle is for the transportation of prisoners with disabilities to court and doctor appointments.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. An Invitation To Bid was publicly advertised and opened on April 12, 2016. Responses are as follows:
 

Transportation South, Inc. Pelham, AL	\$45,988
J.C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$45,991
2. On December 4, 2015, the Board approved a local preference policy which, when a non-local firm submits the lowest bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm, who must be within 5% of the lowest responsive responsible non-local, to match the non-local bid. If the local firm agrees to match the lowest bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. J.C. Lewis Ford was offered the opportunity to match the non-local bid submitted by Transportation South, Inc., of Pelham, AL and they agreed.
3. Staff believes the total pricing of \$45,988 for one (1) 2016 Ford Transit Sheriff Prisoner Transport vehicle to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003 - 2008) -Sheriff's Vehicle Replacement  
(3234985 - 54.22001 - 32360630)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of \$45,988 purchase of one (1) 2016 Ford Transit Prisoner Transport Wheel Chair Accessible vehicle from J.C. Lewis Ford for Chatham County Sheriff's Office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a not to exceed \$37,800 Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Kern & Co., LLC, for the Whitefield Avenue Police Precinct Project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Board of Commissioners approved the design contract with Kern & Co., on September 11, 2015. Kern & Co., was awarded a sole source contract as the designer of the Islands

Precinct facility. The Board awarded a construction contract to Collins Construction Services, Inc., on March 11, 2016.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The County issued the Notice to Proceed to the contractor for the site work on March 30, 2016. Notice to Proceed on the building is still pending.
2. The contractor is responsible for submitting various shop drawings and material submittals for the project. These documents must be reviewed by an engineer for approval. The consultant will perform this activity for the county.
3. Staff is further modifying the design for ease of maintenance and cost savings to the County through the construction process. This will require plan revisions directed to the consultant.
4. Daily inspections are required during the construction process and the development of as built drawings for the facility. This change order will cover those costs.
5. Contract History:
 

Original Contract (9/11/15)	\$ 76,000
Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>37,800</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 113,800

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2014-2020) – Police Precinct  
(3254220 – 52.12003 – 32560703)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a not to exceed \$37,800 Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Kern & Co., LLC, for the Whitefield Avenue Police Precinct Project.
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 the 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.

1. **AMEND THE CHATHAM COUNTY EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT PLAN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FORMER EMPLOYEES OF CHATHAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE SCMPD MARINE PATROL AND ANIMAL CONTROL UNITS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAN AND, IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET, RECEIVE VESTING CREDIT UNDER THE PLAN.**

Chairman Scott said, now this take us on to First Readers. This is amend the Chatham County Employees’ Retirement Plan Ordinance to allow former employees of Chatham Emergency Management Agency and Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department Marine Patrol and Animal Control Units to participate in the Plan and, if certain conditions are met, receive vesting credit under the Plan. This is a First Reader, and we’ll have further discussion at our next meeting.

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## **XII. SECOND READINGS**

- 1. THE PETITIONER, BRAD BARTELL, AS AGENT FOR ROBERT ANDERSON, IS REQUESTING TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3819 OGEECHEE ROAD FROM A B-C (COMMUNITY BUSINESS) DISTRICT TO A B (BUSINESS) DISTRICT. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. MPC FILE NO. Z-160128-00011-1 [DISTRICT 5.]**

Chairman Scott said, the next item is a Second Reader. The Petitioner, Brad Bartell, as agent for Robert Anderson, is requesting to rezone property located at 3819 Ogeechee Road from a B-C, Community Business, District to a B, Business, District. The Planning Commission recommends approval. At this time, Marcus [Lotson], do you have any further explanation for the --

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Marcus Lotson with the Metropolitan Planning Commission. The request before you at this time is a request to rezone property located at 3819 Ogeechee Road. The petitioner is requesting to rezone that property which is currently split zoned. A portion of the property is zoned planned manufacturing and the remaining portion is currently zoned community business. These zoning classifications were established on this property when zoning was established in the county and has remained since that time, and it is a vacant piece of property.

Mr. Lotson said, the property is undeveloped and the existing zoning, as I mentioned, has -- was assigned to that property with the inception of zoning. There have been no rezonings in the vicinity in the last 20 years, and the petitioner owns and operates, as you can see on the map before you, an existing self-storage facility adjacent to the subject property and contiguous with it, and their intent is to expand their business into that portion of the property. I should mention that if the property is rezoned, that the -- the required screening of the property will occur through the site plan process. The petitioner is requesting that this property be rezoned to the B classification, which is a down zoning in terms of intensity of uses. As you are all probably familiar, the property on this portion of Ogeechee Road, most of it is developed with substantial commercial uses, some light industrial uses as well. The Planning Commission in review of the zoning found that the existing uses in the area were consistent with the proposed zoning and are recommending approval of the change.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7<sup>th</sup> has a question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, actually, I'll -- I'll have a statement. That's a good thing for the area. It's a down zoning, and I'm familiar with the area, and, you know, I just highly recommend we go ahead and approve this, 'cause it -- it's a good thing. And I could put that in the form of a motion, but I won't out of respect to you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. The zone --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. This zone now is what? What is it?

Mr. Lotson said, currently the property is split zoned, meaning a portion of it is zoned for planned manufacturing and the remainder is zoned for community business. So -- in particular the manufacturing aspect of the current zoning is a much heavier classification in terms of the uses that would be allowed than the zoning definition that they are requesting.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so is the petitioner here?

Mr. Lotson said, the petitioners representatives are here, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. What are they wanting to do?

Mr. Lotson said, what their intent to do is if you can -- you'll notice on the aerial map, that there is a portion of the mini storage warehouse that is automobile storage.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Lotson said, their intent is to expand the automobile storage into the property that's being requested to be rezoned.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. I'm -- I'm looking at the map here. Is -- is -- you say the Gamble Road area? Is that by the -- is that by the bus barn? By the bus -- where the bus repair?

Mr. Lotson said, just on the other side of the -- of the over pass from the bus repair -- the bus barn.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and you say there's a mini storage area there too?

Mr. Lotson said, yes, currently.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Lotson said, the adjacent property as you can see is a mini storage facility that's owned by the petitioner.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so they have a mini storage business?

Mr. Lotson said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and so what they're wanting to do, they can't do it under their current zoning classification?

Mr Lotson said, that's correct. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. That's all the questions I have.

Mr. Lotson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions of staff? That's it, Marcus. You did a good job.

Mr. Lotson said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, does -- does the petitioner have anything to add?

Mr. Brad Bartell said, I'll answer any questions if need be.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Is there a motion?

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to rezone property located at 3819 Ogeechee Road from a B-C (Community Business) district to a B (Business) district. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Thomas was not present.]

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

**AGENDA DATE: ~~April 15, 2016~~**

**AGENDA ITEM: XII-1**

**AGENDA DATE: April 29, 2016**



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

110 EAST STATE STREET PO BOX 8246 SAVANNAH GEORGIA 31412-8246 PHONE 912-651-1440 FACSIMILE 912-651-1480

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER**

**FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:**

The petitioner Brad Bartell, as agent for Robert Anderson is requesting to rezone property located at 3819 Ogeechee Road from a B-C (Community Business) district to a B (Business) district. The Planning Commission recommends approval. File No. Z-160209-00014-1

**NOTIFICATION:**

All property owners within 200 feet of the subject property were notified of the petition by mail. Zoning information signs were posted on the property; no known neighborhood associations are within 1,000 feet of the subject property.

**ISSUE:**

The rezoning of 1.62 acres of land identified as (PIN 1-0744-03-009) from the P-M (Planned-Manufacturing) and B-C (Community Business) zoning classifications to a B (Business) classification.

**BACKGROUND:**

The subject property is located at 3819 Ogeechee Road approximately one fifth of a mile east of the intersection of Ogeechee Road and Gamble Road. The property is split zoned in a north/south direction with the eastern portion being zoned P-M (Planned Manufacturing) and the western portion being zoned B-C (Community Business). The property is undeveloped and the existing zoning has been assigned to the property since zoning was established. There have been no rezoning's in the immediate vicinity in the last 20 years. The petitioner owns and operates a self-storage mini warehouse with accessory automobile storage, which is contiguous to the subject property. The intent of the petitioner is to expand the existing accessory automobile storage facility onto the subject property.

1. **Existing Development Pattern:** The subject property abuts the south side of Ogeechee Road. This portion of the south side of Ogeechee Road between Gamble Road and Interstate 516 is substantially developed with heavy commercial and warehouse uses. The zoning in this area is consistent with the current land uses which include an electrical equipment supply house, automobile repair facilities and an HVAC contractor.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	Ogeechee Road Motel	P-B-C
South	Warehouse/Container Storage	PUD-M-6
East	Warehouse	B-C
West	Motorized Cart Repair/ Vacant Commercial	B-C

2. **Transportation Network:** Although the subject property abuts Ogeechee Road and curb cuts exist, vehicular access is intended to be gained via the existing curb cut and driveway which serves the adjacent self-storage facility.
3. **Public Transportation:** The subject site is served by the Chatham Area Transit Authority route 17 Silk Hope. The nearest bus stop is located at the intersection of Ogeechee Road and Gamble Road.
4. **Public Services and Facilities:** The site is served by Metropolitan Police. City fire protection, and City water and sewer services.
5. **Land Use Element:** The Tri-Centennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designates the subject property as Commercial Regional. The proposed B (Business) zoning classification is consistent with the definition of this land use category. Therefore, no amendment to the Future Land Use Map will be required if the proposed rezoning is adopted.
6. **Required Buffers:** The petitioner has stated that the intention of this rezoning request is to expand the existing accessory automobile storage facility. The proposed use requires that the property be screened on all sides with an eight foot opaque fence. This standard will be addressed in the site plan approval process.
7. **Existing P-M Zoning District:**
  - a. **Intent of the P-M District:** The purpose of this district shall be to create and protect areas in which non nuisance producing manufacturing activities and non-manufacturing uses closely related to such activities will be permitted.
  - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the P-M district appear in the attachment.
  - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the P-M district appear in the attached Table (Table 1).
8. **Existing B-C Zoning District:**
  - a. **Intent of the B-C District:** "The purpose of this district shall be to provide community shopping facilities consisting of a wide variety of sales and service facilities at locations that will be accessible to a market area containing from 35,000 to 70,000 people."
  - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the B-C district appear in the attachment.

- c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the B-C district appear in the attached Table (Table 1).
9. **Proposed B Zoning District:**
- a. **Intent of the B District:** According to the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of the B district is to “create and protect areas in which heavy commercial and certain industrial like activities are permitted.”
- b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the B district appear in the attachment.
- c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the B district appear in the attached table. (Table 1).

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:**

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. **Approve** the petitioner’s request to rezone the subject properties from a P-M (Planned-Manufacturing) and B-C (Community-Business) zoning classifications to a B (Business) classification.
2. **Approve** an alternate zoning classification.
3. **Deny** the petitioner’s request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The requested rezoning and the uses and standards of the district are consistent with the Future Land Use designation and the development pattern of the general area. The proposed zoning will permit uses that are similar to or lesser in intensity than existing uses in the vicinity.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The MPC recommends **Approval** of the petitioner’s request to rezone the subject property from a P-M (Planned-Manufacturing) and B-C (Community-Business) zoning classifications to a B (Business) classification.

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director  
Development Services

March 15, 2015

**Table 1: Comparison of Development Standards for the Proposed B and Existing P-M and B-C Zoning Districts**

	B District	P-M District	B-C District
Minimum Lot Area	N/A	N/A	1,800 square feet per unit for residential and mixed use.  Zero for non-residential
Minimum Lot Width	N/A	N/A	1,800 square feet per unit for residential and mixed use.  Zero for non-residential
Front Yard Setback	85 feet from centerline of an arterial roadway	85 feet from centerline of an arterial roadway	0 feet 10 feet when adjacent property is zoned residential
Minimum Side Yard Setback	None - 10 feet if abutting an “R” district	25 feet	0 feet 10 feet when adjacent property is zoned residential
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	None - 30 feet if adjoining an “R” district	40 feet	N/A
Maximum Height	N/A	N/A	35 feet
Building Coverage	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maximum Density	N/A	N/A	N/A



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

*“Planning the Future – Respecting the Past”*

----- MEMORANDUM -----

**DATE:** MARCH 15, 2016  
**TO:** BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**FROM:** METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
**SUBJECT:** MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

**PETITION REFERENCED:**  
Brad Bartell/Coleman Company, Inc., Agent  
Robert Anderson, Petitioner  
3819 Ogeechee Road  
File No. Z-160209-00014-1

**MPC ACTION:** Approval of the petitioner’s request to rezone the subject property from a P-M (Planned-Manufacturing) and B-C (Community-Business) zoning classifications to a B (Business) classification.

**MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**Approval** of the petitioner's request to rezone the subject property from a P-M (Planned-Manufacturing) and B-C (Community-Business) zoning classifications to a B (Business classification).

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 7 + Chairman

Tanya Milton, Chairman  
Joseph Welch, Treasurer  
James B. Blackburn, Jr.  
Lacy Manigault

James Overton, Vice Chairman  
Lee Smith  
Ellis Cook  
Tom Woiwode

**VOTING FOR MOTION**

**VOTING AGAINST MOTION**

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

Tanya Milton  
W. James Overton  
Joseph Welch  
James Blackburn, Jr.  
Lacy Manigault  
Lee Smith  
Ellis Cook  
Tom Woiwode

None

\*Stephanie Cutter  
\*Shedrick Coleman  
\*Timothy Mackey  
\*Adam Ragsdale  
\*Linder Suthers  
\*George Woods

FOR APPROVAL: 8

FOR DENIAL: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson  
Executive Director

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Scott said, everything else on here are -- is informational purposes. Let me just add one thing for informational purposes. There was a lot of discussion this morning concerning recreation facilities. Please keep in mind that every municipalities and there -- there are seven of them -- Counselor -- there are seven of them, they all own recreation facilities, including the City of Savannah, which is the largest of the seven municipalities. The county owns recreation facilities. Many of the citizens who seek recreation facilities are living in one or more of those municipalities and some of them do live in the unincorporated area. I just want to point that out. And, also, when we put together a SPLOST program, when you have a real commitment to providing facilities, that is the time to make your argument, when we allocate SPLOST funding, and this is also a reason why the strategic plan is so important. We need to incorporate all recreation facilities, not just the City of Savannah, not the unincorporated area, but all the facilities so we can inventory them and work together, and that's including School Board facilities that set vacant most of the time. Everything else is information.

**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: April 29, 2016**

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Renewal for 174 single camera licenses	I.C.S.	Kintronics, Inc.	\$4,847	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Access security at parking garage	I.C.S.	SFI Electronics, Inc.	\$20,243	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Renovations
Engine rental agreement	Mosquito Control	Standard Aero, Inc.	\$4,000	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Barrels, barrel bases, amber lights and batteries for traffic control on Islands Expressway Bridge	Public Works and Park Services	Millworks & Supply, Inc.	\$8,028	SSD - Public Works
300 tons of graded aggregate base stone for repairs on Winchester	Public Works and Park Services	Aggregates USA, LLC	\$6,600	SSD - Public Works
Ten (10) replacement computers	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$6,274	ICS Computer Replacement
Four (4) annual maintenance and service agreements on x-ray scanners	Sheriff's	Smiths Detection, Inc.	\$14,328	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's
Annual software maintenance agreement for inmate property	Detention Center	Scotttech, LLC	\$9,950	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Annual hardware preventive maintenance agreement for inmate property	Detention Center	Scotttech, LLC	\$5,500	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Street resurfacing on a section of President Street	Public Works and Park Services	Griffin Contracting, Inc.	\$21,886	SSD - Public Works
Drive sprockets, pins and chains for helicopter repairs	Mosquito Control	Wilco Mfr, LLC	\$5,979	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Service fee for online surplus sale	Purchasing and Contracting	GovDeals, Inc.	\$3,763	General Fund
Ten (10) replacement computers	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$6,274	ICS Computer Replacement
1500 ID card stock for new badges	I.C.S.	SFI Electronics, Inc.	\$4,810	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Mailing of pre-bills for months of January, February and March	Tax Commissioner	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	\$23,902	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Four (4) document scanners for Sheriff's Office	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$3,340	•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
X-Ray inspection system for Court Services	Sheriff's	Point Security, Inc.	\$23,705	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Renovations
Ten (10) replacement computers	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$6,274	ICS Computer Replacement

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### 3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

#### ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS**  
**AGENDA DATE: April 29, 2016**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

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

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

**BACKGROUND:** Funding priorities for projects using Federal aid are established in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). For awarded construction contracts, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates.

**FACTS AND FINDING:**

1. Jimmy Deloach Parkway Extension and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design is on-going. Right of way (ROW) acquisition for both projects underway. Projects to be let together for construction by GDOT in Fiscal Year 2018.
2. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Environmental document approved on May 26, 2015. ROW acquisition underway. GDOT funding construction in Fiscal Year 2017.
3. SR 25 at Pipemakers Canal. Board approved design contract with Moffatt & Nichol at their meeting November 6, 2015. Preliminary design underway.
4. SR 21 at Pipemakers Canal. Board approved design contract with Moffatt & Nichol at their meeting December 18, 2015. Concept development underway.
5. Interstate 16 @ SR307. Lump sum operational and safety improvement project. Chatham County is sponsoring preliminary engineering and GDOT is funding right of way and construction. Traffic Counts and projections complete. Developing alternatives for GDOT review based on approved traffic counts and projections.
6. Local Roads under Construction.
  - a. Road Resurfacing.
    - I. Road resurfacing is complete for 3.1 miles of roadway including Crossover Lane, Golden Isles Way, Hampshire Road, Off Shore Road, Old Dock Road, Olde Towne Road, Penn Waller Road, Riverside Drive and Teakwood Drive.
    - II. Pre-bid for resurfacing of 1.5 miles of Grove Point Road from King George Boulevard to Shore Road held April 19, 2016. Bid opening on May 3, 2016. Anticipate construction Summer 2016.
    - III. Staff developing bid documents for approximately 5.0 miles of road resurfacing to include Al Henderson Boulevard, White Ibis Lane, Zipperer Road, Junco Way, Finn Circle, Sugar Mill Drive, Saint Ives Drive, Valhalla Drive, Hopeton Court and Frontage Road (connects Al Henderson Boulevard). Staff anticipates construction in Summer 2016.
    - IV. Staff developing bid documents for approximately 5.8 miles of road resurfacing to include Dinghy Place, Brittlewood Drive, Suncrest Boulevard (south of 80), Kentshire Court, Halifax Road, Ashley Road, Montford Court, Wyckfield Court, Sea palm Road, Cromwell Road, Pineneedle Drive, Woodridge Drive, Chatsworth Road, Druid Road, Palmetto Cove Road and Woodbine Road. Staff anticipates construction in Summer 2016.
  - b. Fairwind Road. Construction is substantially complete.
  - c. LaRoche Avenue at Hopecrest Intersection Improvements. Pre-construction meeting held April xx, 2016. Staff anticipates construction to begin in 45 days.
8. Local Road Projects under Design.
  - a. Benton Boulevard. Project will extend two lanes of Benton Boulevard north from its existing terminus at Highlands Boulevard to State Route 30. Preliminary design underway. Anticipate construction in 2017.
  - b. Quacco Road. Concept phase including traffic counts, database preparation and concept development complete. Staff negotiating scope and fee with Moffatt & Nichol for Preliminary Design, Right of Way plans and Final Design phases underway.
  - c. Skidaway Road. Project will provide improvements along Skidaway Road from Montgomery Cross Road to Ferguson Avenue. ROW plans are complete and ROW acquisition is underway.

- d. Diamond Causeway at McWhorter/Green Island Roads. Preliminary design to upgrade the intersection to a roundabout underway. Public Information Open House for the project was held March 8, 2016. Public comment period closed as of March 22, 2016. Temporary closure of the eastbound left turn lane until final intersection improvements are complete.
- e. Hill Road. Dirt road paving project. ROW plans are complete and ROW acquisition is underway. Final plans are complete.
- f. Bradley Point Sidewalk Improvements. Concept development complete. Preliminary plans and environmental permitting underway for the preferred alternative based on comments in support of the alternative received from the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 meeting.
- g. Canebrake Road Improvement Project. Preliminary design underway for extension of the Coastal Georgia Greenway on the southside of Canebrake Road, a 5-ft sidewalk on the northside of Canebrake Road and pavement widening to provide two 11-ft travel lanes. Right of way acquisition and final design underway.
- h. Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase 2-A. Revised concept report approved by GDOT on March 3, 2016. Preliminary plan design underway. Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPP) scheduled for June 2016.
- i. Crisp and Fisher Street Improvements. Dirt road paving project. Preliminary design by staff is underway.
- j. Garrard Avenue Improvements. Project will provide improvements along Garrard and Lane Avenue from Chatham Parkway to Gamble Road. Preliminary design by staff underway.
- k. Little Neck Road Rehabilitation. Concept development for possible future widening and rehabilitation of the existing road is underway. Notice to proceed given to Hussey, Gay, Bell in February of 2016.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For information.  
Districts All

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE**  
**AGENDA DATE: April 29, 2016**

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

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

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

**FACTS AND FINDING:**

1. Ashley Road Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve a drainage system from the Ashley Road cul-de-sac. Design work is underway.
2. Gateway-Henderson Drainage Improvements. The project will improve portions of the drainage system in the northeast quadrant of I-95 and SR 204. The project includes construction of maintenance access and drainage improvements. Design work and permitting underway.
3. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work, permitting, and acquisitions are underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road.
4. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the canal. The Board approved a construction contract and work began in December. Construction should be complete by June 2016.

5. Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide access for maintenance for the Remington Canal from Ferguson Road to the outfall at Moon River. The outfall passes through the Winterberry private development. Design work is underway.
6. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. Design of a project to expand and relocate an existing outfall channel is underway.
7. Little Hurst Canal. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance along the canal. Field surveying and wetland delineation are complete. Design of improvements at the CSX crossing is underway.
8. Willow Lakes Drainage Improvements. The project will relieve internal drainage issues within the Willow Lakes subdivision. The project will increase the storage capacity of the pond by lowering the existing water elevation. Design work is underway.
9. Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvements. The project will relocate a part of a drainage system located on private property into the County right-of-way and an acquired drainage easement. Construction is underway with completion anticipated by May 2016.
10. Vidalia Road Canal Drainage Improvements. The project will improve conveyance and obtain easements for access and maintenance. Design and permitting is complete. Construction is underway and the work is expected to be complete by September 2016.
11. Concord Road Drainage Improvements. The project will include the replacement of the existing open channel along Concord Road with a closed system and improvements to the outfall system along Penn Waller. Design is underway.
12. Tiana Circle Drainage Improvements. The project will reconstruct a segment of the existing roadway which has settled and improve the drainage system to eliminate chronic street ponding. The Board approved a construction contract in December 2015. Work began in February 2016 and should be completed by August 2016.
13. Pipemakers Canal Tidegate Monitoring Improvements. The project will install new gauges and other equipment to monitor water levels and flow rates and detect blockages impacting the operation of the tidegates. Design is underway.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For information.  
Districts: All

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Scott said, we do have a need for an executive session, and I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District for the purpose of a motion.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Scott said, it's properly moved and second that we recess to executive session. Any unreadiness? I will just mention one thing is that we do have some non-controversial Board appointments. Once we have a chance to review the qualifications in Executive Session, we'll open the door and vote on the following individuals: David Johnson, Chatham County Emergency Medical Advisory Committee; James Drake and Monty Lee, Coastal Area District Development Authority, re-appointments; and Thomas Branch, Homeless Authority appointment to fill the unexpired term of Beth Ann Gibson, who resigned. And with that, no further unreadiness, all in favor of going into Executive Session, please vote yes, opposed no. We are recessed to executive session.

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

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

The Board recessed at approximately 10:55 a.m.

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**ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

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- 2. **APPOINTMENTS  
CHATHAM COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Holmes moved to appoint David Johnson to the Chatham County Emergency Medical Advisory Committee. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone, Shabazz, Kicklighter and Thomas were not present.]

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**COASTAL AREA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Center moved to re-appoint James Drake and Monty Lee to the Coastal Area District Development Authority. Their terms are set to expire October 1, 2018. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone, Shabazz, Kicklighter and Thomas were not present.]

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**CHATHAM-SAVANNAH AUTHORITY FOR THE HOMELESS**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to appoint Thomas Branch to the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless to fill the unexpired term of Beth Ann Gibson. His term is set to expire December 31, 2018. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone, Shabazz, Kicklighter and Thomas were not present.]

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- 3. **FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTION**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Brady moved to adopt a fee schedule in the event outside counsel is required. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone, Shabazz, Kicklighter 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 11:35 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MAY, 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