

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 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 9:32 a.m. on Friday, June 24, 2016.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome and please be seated. I ask that you be seated and remain seated until such time as our devotional leader has completed his remarks and indicated it's time to pray. At that time I ask that you -- if you would -- if you would stand for prayer and remain standing as we are led in the Pledge of Allegiance. This morning we will be led into the Pledge of Allegiance by the Commissioner from the 4th District, Commissioner Pat Farrell.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, it's a -- it's a great pleasure to have with us today Pastor Dave Stewart. He is the Global Outreach Pastor for Savannah Christian Church, and I found it interesting that this was not his original career path. He worked in the private sector for over 20 years, and in 2003 he heeded the calling -- what he refers to as the calling of his heart from God to serve full-time in global missions with the local church. And that's what he's been doing for the past 13 years. And during that period, he's had an opportunity to visit 50 countries, sharing his passion and trying to equip national church leaders, connecting people with God, as -- as he says it, and speaking up for those who can't speak for themselves. He's -- he's been married for more than 34 years, and he has three sons and, of course, with sons come daughter-in-laws and grandchildren. And it's a strange hobby, but his hobby is riding motorcycles, playing basketball and spending time with God and family. It's a pleasure for me to present to you Dave Stewart, who is Savannah Christian Church outreach pastor. Pastor Stewart.

Pastor Dave Stewart said, well good morning to everyone.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Pastor Stewart said, I want to say first of all thank you. Thank you Commissioner Scott and -- and all the Commissioners for allowing us the privilege, the opportunity, the blessing it is to be here with you this morning. I -- I bring greetings from our senior pastor, Cam Huxford, who sends his regrets. He was originally planned to be here, but he is actually in South Carolina today, performing the funeral service for his stepfather, so we're praying for him. As said, I am the pastor of outreach at our church, Savannah Christian Church, by the way, soon to be known as Compassion Christian Church. We're changing the name of our church in August, and excited about that, as God has led us to that. And, you know, some people ask me sometimes what -- what does that mean, outreach pastor? You know, some churches would say the definition of outreach is bringing people into the church building, and I would say, and I believe that as a church we would say that, we would define outreach as sending the church out into the communities in which we live to make a difference in the world that -- that we exist in.

Pastor Stewart said, and so to this end, my passion is outreach. My passion is outreach. I -- I wake up in the mornings thinking about ways to be more effective at this. Some -- a lot of times I go to bed at night thinking about it too. It's led me to this work in -- in many different places around the world, and I'm privileged to -- to -- to have that experience, but also, we're very passionate about outreaching to our local communities.

Pastor Stewart said, the second thing I want you to know about me is that I'm a contrarian, okay? You know, I looked up this -- the definition of a contrarian is a person who opposes or rejects the popular or majority opinion; the person who questions why things are the way they are. I'm a person who refuses to accept the status quo. If you really want me -- if you want to see something happen, then tell me that it can't be done. But I -- I say that -- that's enough about me. I also want to introduce to you my friend who is here with me. This is my buddy, Alavarious Howard. Alavarious is a 13-year-old rising 7th grader at DeRenne Middle School, and he lives with his mom and three siblings not far from here on 38th Street. But I want you to know that through one of our local church partners, one of our ministry partners here in -- in the City of Savannah, it's called the Dream Campaign, I've been privileged to be a mentor for Alavarious for the last three years, and it's been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Now if you look at the two of us, and all you see is a white guy from the suburbs and a black kid from the city, then you missed the point, okay? Alavarious and I are two people, both residents of Chatham County, who needed each other.

Pastor Stewart said, my wife and I raised three sons and, you know, they're older now, they're grown, they have families of their own, and I got to tell you, I was really missing having that younger guy around that I could --

could hang out with and -- and talk through things and instruct in -- in things of life, and Alvarious doesn't have a dad, and he needed that. So that first day three years ago, I stopped at the Dream Campaign property over on Reynolds Street, and I was out mowing the grass for them, and halfway through a ten-year-old boy walked up to me, and he asked me if he could help mow, 'cause there was a need there. There was a need for the grass to be cut and actually as hot as it was that day, there was a need for me to get some help too, and he offered to help and a friendship began.

Pastor Stewart said, now Proverbs 31:8 challenges us to speak up for those who can't speak for themselves, and what does that mean? It means the people in our communities, the people around the world who don't have an advocate, who don't have an advocacy, and I want you to know that ten-year-olds in our own community here, they don't -- they can't speak for themselves yet. They need someone to stand up for them and speak for them. They trust others to do that for them. And I believe with all my heart that God brought Alvarious and I together, and the Lord has blessed both of us through this relationship, and you know what, one day soon I'm going to watch him graduate high school and prepare to go off to college, and don't tell me that can't be done. Someone once said this, if your dreams for what could be don't scare you, they're very probably insulting the God.

Pastor Stewart said, and I believe our God can do amazing things in this county, and I challenge you all as leaders to dream big, believe that this county can be a place where people can get along, where we can work together, where we can live together. A place which can model racial harmony, restore relationships, safe streets, and children who succeed in life. And I want to ask why can't Chatham County be the example where other people come here to see how it's done well and how it's done right. And so I want you to know just that our church stands prepared to help you as the leaders of our county to make that happen, and I believe that our -- our elected officials and those in positional authority, along with the faith-based community of our county can make that happen. We can be the example. God can do this. So please stand up and speak for those who don't yet have a voice in our community, and believe in what is possible here by the grace of God. Amazing things are possible. So, with your permission, I've asked Alvarious to pray a prayer of blessing in his own words over you and the proceedings here today, okay? So let's pray together.

Chairman Scott said, let's stand, please.

Master Alvarious Howard gave the invocation as follows:

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to be here today with these leaders of Chatham County. I pray for each of them to have courage to make the right decision which to give my generation a chance to succeed. Lord, help us to believe that while you have made each of us different, you also have created us for great things. Help all of us to dream big for our lives and to trust you more each day. We want you to make Chatham County a model for other towns and a better place to live for all of us. Help me to work hard, make it to college and become a man who trusts you with my life. A man who loves his family and all people. In Jesus' name I pray. 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 said, Pastor Stewart.

Pastor Stewart said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, we are not allowed to compensate you.

Pastor Stewart said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, but on behalf of the entire Commission I want to present you a Certificate of Appreciation to let you know how much we appreciate you being here and your willingness to do this for us. Thank you so much.

Pastor Stewart said, yes, sir. Appreciate it.

Chairman Scott said, and I didn't know that you were going to bring your prayer helper with you.

Pastor Stewart said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, but I didn't want him to leave without a Certificate of Appreciation because we appreciate his willingness to come up here and say a prayer in this setting.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Pastor Stewart said, it took a lot of courage.

Chairman Scott said, and to -- and to bless us. For that, I want to also present you a Certificate of Appreciation.

Master Howard said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman -- Mr. Chairman, may I have a word?

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

Commissioner Thomas said, before you --

Chairman Scott said, -- 8th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, before you leave, sir, both you. I just want to say that I have --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Thomas, our Vice Chair.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- certainly been inspired by the words that you eluded to prior to his prayer.

Pastor Stewart said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, I am also inspired over the fact that this young man this morning stood before this Commission and gave such an awesome prayer, words of wisdom. You have made my day, believe it or not. It lets me know again that all is not lost. I am so excited. I am so inspired of the work that you are doing at your church.

Pastor Stewart said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, and I hope that you will continue to take the instructions and to move forward in the way that you are. Congratulations and best wishes in the future.

Master Howard said, thank you.

Pastor Stewart said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz of the 5th District had a comment.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. Good morning, Pastor. I want to thank you for bringing the young man here this morning. Give me your name again.

Master Howard said, Alavarious Howard.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Alavarious, I just want to let you know also that I am very proud of you.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and that you keep up the good work and stay in that same posture that you are in because I'm quite sure that we're going to see great things coming from you. And thank you for your mentorship, Pastor.

Pastor Stewart said, thank you, man.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes of the 2nd District.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Alavarious. You know you and I rode up together on the second floor. I introduced myself; you introduced yourself to me, your pastor, and I give you a request and you didn't deliver it. Do you remember what it was?

Master Howard said, no, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, I wanted you to include my name into your prayer. Congratulation and job well done. Thank you.

Pastor Stewart said, thank you and God bless you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you all so much. [Applause.]

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

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

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CHATHAM COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

[NOTE: The Public Hearing was opened at 9:46 a.m.]

Chairman Scott said, ladies and gentlemen, as advertised, we will now open this Commission into a public hearing, the third public hearing as required by law. The purpose of this hearing is to provide members of the public the opportunity to comment. The Commission has advertised that they will keep the millage rate for the General Fund at 11.543 mills, which is 0.181 mills higher than the calculated rollback millage rate of 11.362 mills. We also advertised that in the Special Service District we intend to set a millage rate of 4.13 mills, which is 0.06 mills higher than the calculated rollback millage rate of 4.07 mills. The advertised millage rate for the CAT [sic] Area Transit Authority, which is set by this Commission is one mill, which is 0.013 mills higher than the calculated rollback millage rate of 0.987 mills.

Chairman Scott said, now, we've provided a list up front for individuals who wish to address the millage -- the millage rates, to sign up. The only thing we ask is that -- that you be brief, and if there's more than one person talking about the same subject matter that you not be redundant. And with that, we have a Mr. Ben Maher of 1907 East Gwinnett Street, who wish to speak on the millage rate.

Mr. Ben Maher said, good morning everyone.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Mr. Maher said, I -- I'm not here to speak on the millage rate. I was told I could speak on another subject matter.

Chairman Scott said, what would that subject matter be?

Mr. Maher said, it would be the public skate park out at Lake Mayer.

County Manager Smith said, it's a budget request.

Mr. Maher said, it's a budget request.

Chairman Scott said, since this is a public hearing on the millage rate, and the millage rate involves the budget, you may proceed.

Mr. Maher said, thank you. My name is Ben Maher, and I'm with a small non-profit organization called Chatham County Skate Park Supporters, and since 2009, we've been working with the county on getting a public skate Park built at Lake Mayer, and we've been working with primarily Robert Drewry and Stephen Proper, and they've been fantastic to work with, and it's been a real pleasure on our part. So, we've raised about \$180,000 on our own through grassroots fundraising, grant writing, and having local fundraisers around town. And right now, we're slated to begin construction. We've broken ground last March, and we're requesting an allocation of if any additional SPLOST funding for the completion of this park, and we can talk about that in detail at a later time. But we are a small group located in the back, and we just wanted to leave you some informational pamphlets on our story and how far we've gotten, as long as some -- a one page document on skateboarding safety. And --

Chairman Scott said, you may leave those with the Clerk.

Mr. Maher said, and again, I want to thank you all for your time and the time to speak here in front. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, anybody have any questions of Mr. Maher?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. I have some questions. I have a question. Good morning, sir.

Mr. Maher said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th District has a question.

Mr. Maher said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how do you receive funds?

Mr. Maher said, we receive funds through fundraising. We've written grants. We were recipients of the 2012 Tony Hawk Foundation grant of \$25,000. We had a t-shirt campaign with Marc Jacobs, which was located on Broughton Street, where we received a little over \$115,000 from them, by selling t-shirts, which was pretty amazing, and we've also had fundraisers around town. Local art shows. We've had a kids' art show where we had kids from -- up to age 12 create artwork and then display it around town. Anyway possible we can raise funds. We've -- we've reached out to local businesses and started a sponsorship campaign to where we've gotten some interest from some bigger businesses around Savannah that want to put their name on the park somewhere.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. So, this skate park is going to be located -- you want it to be located at Lake Mayer.

Mr. Maher said, yes, it is going to be located at Lake Mayer. We --

Commissioner Shabazz said, where about -- whereabouts -- where -- where is that located on that park? On Lake Mayer?

Mr. Maher said, adjacent to the roller hockey rink.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Will there be a charge for that?

Mr. Maher said, no, sir. It's a free park open to everyone.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Maher said, it's all inclusive.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Thank you. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any other questions?

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't have a question, Mr. Chairman, but I would like to make a comment.

Chairman Scott said, okay. There are no -- there are no questions of you, Mr. Maher. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, I'd just like to make a comment. Just want to thank you and your staff and all of the volunteers or whomever that works with you in trying to raise funds, you know, for this worthy cause. I know it's not an easy task, but I just didn't want this moment to go by to let you know how much I appreciate the efforts of you and others of taking that extra step to do whatever you're doing at this point. Thank you so much.

Mr. Maher said, all right. Well, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and I'll also say to you, Mr. Maher, we are not appropriating SPLOST funds at -- in this budget. That will be considered at a later date. Thank you so much. Were there any other -- that was the only person who signed up to address this hearing.

Commissioner Holmes said, you have another hand.

Ms. Kathryn Williams said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, for recognizing me. My name is Kathryn Williams, and I am also involved with the skate park effort.

Chairman Scott said, can you also give us your address, please?

Ms. Williams said, oh, 1501 Chatham Avenue, Tybee Island.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Williams said, and I just wanted to clarify the -- the information about our budget request. Mr. Smith, the County Manager, had advised me that the SPLOST was not up at this point, but we are asking for a one-time allocation. We are -- once the park is built, it's virtually maintenance free, so we won't be coming back for money, but we really want to get this park built. We feel like it will help with so many things in our community from childhood obesity to juvenile crime and so forth, and so we're asking for a one time allocation toward constructing this park and then we won't be back for more money. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Okay.

Commissioner Center said, I have a question.

Commissioner Farrell said, I was just curious what -- what's that --

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

Commissioner Farrell said, what -- what's -- what's the amount you're seeking?

Ms. Williams said, we would like to request \$150,000, but we will gladly accept any amount. As Ben [Maher] said, we've worked very hard organizing fundraisers. We've had a tremendous amount of support, and, you know, Chatham County has done a -- a good job with their recreational facilities, and I know that Mr. Proper and his staff are -- and the -- the Commission are working along with -- with you Pat [Farrell], we attended -- or Ben [Maher] attended one of the meetings that you spearheaded with recreational opportunities. But it's important to recognize skaters are the only group without a facility. It's illegal to skate on the sidewalks. It's illegal to skate here, there and everywhere, so there's no place for them to skate, and even though we might need to add other facilities, we have an abundance of tennis courts, basketball courts, football fields, softball fields, no skate park, and so that's why we're working so hard to -- to make this a reality.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Center did you?

Commissioner Center said, I had the same question.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Ms. Williams said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, if there are no other persons to -- that wishes to speak.

Commissioner Shabazz said, there's another person.

Chairman Scott said, we -- we did have a sign up sheet, but.

Ms. Libby Bacon said, thank you for recognizing me. I'll make this very brief. My name's Libby Bacon. I'm a Chatham -- Chatham County resident.

Chairman Scott said, your address, please.

Ms. Bacon said, 8 Rosewood Avenue, Tybee Island.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Bacon said, I am not a member of the group here today. I am a supporter, and I just wanted to make a few brief points that haven't been brought up. So, Lake Mayer -- the Lake Mayer sports complex area, it has a wonderful array of -- of recreational opportunities and the ball fields, they take a lot of organization. In order for there to be a game at a ballfield, it takes a team; it takes a coach; it takes scheduling events, and as Kathryn [Williams] pointed out, the skate park is something that would serve a different -- it -- it wouldn't have to be -- people wouldn't have to be scheduled. It would bring together a wide demographic of children and adults. Skaters work together to support each other, and I just wanted to make those points that it would be open to the public, used at a very high level that the other facilities there are not able to be used at because of the different structure of the sport. So, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any questions? Thank you. Any others? Hearing none, I will now declare this public hearing closed.

[NOTE: The Public Hearing was closed at 9:58 a.m.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2016

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

ISSUE:

To hold a Public Hearing as required by State law on the County's intent to levy a millage rate that differs from the calculated "rollback" millage rate for ad valorem tax purposes.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by State law (O.C.G.A. Code Section 48-5-32.1) to compute a "rollback" millage rate, which is the previous year's millage rate minus the millage equivalent of the total net assessed value added by reassessments of existing real property. The law further provides that, if the levying authority proposes to levy a millage rate in excess of the computed "rollback" rate, certain advertisements and three public hearings must be held before the adoption of the final millage rate.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) The 2016 digest has an increase in the total net assessed value. This has resulted in a calculated rollback rate that is lower than the current millage rate. The current millage rates are higher than the rollback rates computed using the formula in state law.
- 2) At its May 13, 2016 meeting, the Chatham County Commission received the schedule for advertisements and public hearings necessary to adopt the millage rates for the 2016 Tax Digest:
 - a) The advertisements required by state law stated that the Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require a 1.59% increase in General Maintenance and Operations, 1.47% increase in Special Service District and 1.32% increase in the Chatham Area Transit Authority taxes. This gives the Board of Commissioners the option of adopting the millage rates recommended to balance the proposed budgets.
 - b) For the General Fund the advertised millage rate is 11.543 mills. This is higher than the calculated "rollback" rate of 11.362 mills, by 0.181 mills, a 1.59% increase.
 - c) For the Special Service District the advertised millage rate is 4.13 mills. This is higher than the calculated "rollback" rate of 4.07 mills, by 0.06 mills, a 1.47% increase.
 - d) For the Chatham County Area Transit Authority the advertised millage rate is 1.00 mill. This is higher than the calculated "rollback" rate of 0.987 mills, by 0.013 mills, a 1.32% increase.
- 3) Public hearings were held at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on June 16, 2016. These hearings were advertised in the Savannah Morning News on June 9, 2016.
- 4) Also, as required by law, on June 9, 2016, Chatham County issued a press release to the Savannah Morning News and the television media announcing the above mentioned millage rates and the three public hearings.
- 5) Notification of the public hearings is being broadcast on Channel 16.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Hold the third public hearing on June 24, 2016.
- 2. Give staff alternate direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State Law requires three advertised public hearings before the adoption of any millage rate that exceeds the "rollback" rate.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS.

Chairman Scott said, and we're back to our regular order of business. Mr. Manager, the proclamation and presentation. You have presentation of service awards?

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. We have several this morning. I'd ask the Board to step down. I ask HR representative to come up, and we'll go ahead and present those to our employees.

Commissioner Center said, you want us to down there?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Mr. Van Johnson said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, good morning. It gives us great pleasure to recognize our fellow team members who have a -- achieved various levels of longevity with Chatham County. This month we have nine team members that have reached a particular milestone, and five of them are with us this morning, and we will recognize them. The first one with 40 years of service, 40 years, and she's only been here about 10 of those, Anna Maria Thomas. She keeps Chatham County talking, Information and Communication Services [Applause]. Thirty-five years of service, Reginald B. Campbell, Mosquito Control [Applause]. From the Sheriff's office, Joseph Hanton [Applause]. Sorry, 20 years of service. I'm sorry. Twenty years of service Vanetta B. Harvey, Tax Assessor's office [Applause]. And the young lady who keeps Chatham County walking and healthy, with ten years of service, Tamala Fulton, Human Resources [Applause].

Mr. Johnson said, I stay away from her personally.

County Manager Smith said, thank you.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you very much and congratulations.

County Manager Smith said, thank you. [Applause].

Chairman Scott said, we don't have anybody else? Where are the others? Not here?

County Manager Smith said, no, they're not here.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, there are no Chairman --

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, or Commissioner's items.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

1. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED AT THE JUNE 10, 2016, MEETING.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Three (3) on-call professional services annual contracts with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for miscellaneous civil design	Engineering	•Hussey, Gay, Bell •EMC Engineering Services •Wolverton and Associates	\$250,000 (Not to Exceed)	The cost will be charged to appropriate projects budgeted in the Sales Tax I, II, III, IV, V & VI SPLOSTs, Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Special Service District (SSD) and the Land Bank Account

Chairman Scott said, we have one item that was tabled at the last meeting. If there is no objections, I'd like to leave that on the table till our next meeting.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Item was left on the Table until next Commission meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: ~~X-8 A thru E~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~June 10, 2016~~

AGENDA ITEM: VIII-1

AGENDA DATE: June 24, 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 to award three (3) professional services on-call contracts with a total annual fee for each contract not to exceed \$250,000 over a one (1) year term with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with various engineering companies for miscellaneous civil design projects.

BACKGROUND: There are small to medium projects that can be done by a variety of professional engineering companies that have demonstrated their ability to accomplish quality and timely work for the County. Projects to be considered to be miscellaneous civil would include parks, recreational facilities, site design and other similar work.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- The contracts will be managed by task orders. Each task order will be for a specified not to exceed amount. The task orders will be for specific tasks with deliverables and schedules determined by the solicitor of the services. The contracts shall have a one year term and may be automatically renewed for up to four additional one year terms under the same conditions.
- The companies listed in this report are not intended to be inclusive of all "qualified" companies. Their selection was evaluated through a quality based selection process. Nine proposals were reviewed and scored. (See attached matrix on pages 3 and 4 for detailed scoring) The following firms were the highest rated from the list of proposers and are recommended to receive contract awards in the amounts indicated.

Hussey, Gay, Bell (NTE \$ 250,000)
Savannah, GA

EMC Engineering Services (NTE \$ 250,000)
Savannah, GA

Wolverton and Associates (NTE \$ 250,000)
Savannah, GA

3. Any on-call task orders that exceed \$25,000 will require Board approval.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award three (3) professional services on-call contracts with a total annual fee for each contract not to exceed \$250,000 over a one (1) year term with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms with various engineering companies for miscellaneous civil design projects.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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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. **PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW ON THE COUNTY'S INTENT TO LVEY A MILLAGE RATE THAT DIFFERS FROM THE CALCULATED "ROLLBACK" MILLAGE RATE FOR AD VALOREM TAX PURPOSES.**

[NOTE: The public hearing was held after the Roll Call as it was advertised to begin at 9:30 a.m..]

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2. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: A) TRANSFER \$35,000 FROM THE COMMISSIONERS BUDGET TO THE TEMPORARY LABOR POOL, B) TRANSFER \$46,281 FROM THE RECREATION BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP, C) TRANSFER \$700,000 FROM THE DETENTION CENTER BUDGET TO TRANSFER OUT TO CIP, TRANSFER \$21,000 FROM THE LABOR POLL WORKERS TO TEMP PROGRAM CIP FUND ; 2) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND: A) INCREASE REVENUES \$946,281 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND M&O, B) INCREASE THE HENDERSON GOLF PROJECT \$46,281, C) INCREASE THE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT \$350,000 FOR SHERIFF'S VEHICLES, D) ESTABLISH THE ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND MONITORING PROJECT \$350,000; 3) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND DECREASE THE JUVENILE JUSTICE INCENTIVE GRANT ART PROGRAM \$75,000; AND 4) IN THE PARKING GARAGE FUND APPROPRIATE \$853,500 NET ASSETS FOR PARKING GARAGE RENOVATIONS.**

Chairman Scott said, the next Item is item 2 on Items for Individual Action. To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O: a transfer of \$35,000 from the Commissioners Budget to the Temporary Labor Pool, transfer \$46,281 from the Recreation Budget to Transfer Out to the CIP, transfer \$700,000 from the Detention Center Budget to Transfer Out to the CIP; transfer \$21,000 from the Labor Poll Workers to Temp Program CIP fund; increase revenues by \$746,281 transferred in from the General Fund M&O, and increase the Henderson Golf Project by \$46,281, and increase the Vehicle Replacement Project by \$350,000 for Sheriff Vehicles, establish the Electronic Records and Monitoring Project for \$350,000; and in the Multiple Grant Fund decrease the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant ART Program by \$75,000; and 4) in the Parking Garage Fund appropriate \$853,500 net assets for parking garage renovations.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Brady said, I'd like to make a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Brady said, for approval.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve Item 2.

Commissioner Center said, wait -- wait -- which -- which one are we doing?

Chairman Scott said, hearing the motion, any discussion?

Commissioner Center said, I -- I'm sorry. I was reading my notes. Which one are we passing? Are we voting on?

Commissioner Brady said, number 2.

Commissioner Stone said, IX 2. Action Calendar number 2.

Chairman Scott said, any questions?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, yes. I do have questions.

Chairman Scott said, I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 5th District, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the -- increase the vehicle replacement project by \$350,000 for sheriff vehicles. How many vehicles will be purchased and what type of vehicles will be purchased for --

County Manager Smith said, that's just part of the funding. Some of -- we have some -- other capital funds that we're using for this, so this is just part of the amount, but I think we were buying approximately 27?

Sheriff John Wilcher said, 27 and replacing three.

County Manager Smith said, and replacing three, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, 27 and replacing three?

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what type of vehicles?

County Manager Smith said, are we going with Explorers, was it?

Sheriff Wilcher said, yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, with Explorers, Ford Explorers.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all ex -- all Explorers?

Sheriff Wilcher said, 4-wheel drive vehicles.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Four-wheel drive.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, multiple use vehicle.

Chairman Scott said, any other questions or unreadiness?

Commissioner Center said, I do.

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

Commissioner Center said, thank you. I'm looking on agenda Item, IX-2, the Facts and Findings that you added in our notebook.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Center said, the -- the first one is 1a. Chatham County has agreed to participate in the Savannah 500 and Savannah Pre-Apprentice Programs. Where -- are we funding that now? Is that in our budget

somewhere?

County Manager Smith said, are you talking about the -- say that again. I -- I missed the first part.

Commissioner Center said, it says Chatham County has agreed to participate in the Savannah 500 and Savannah Pre-Apprentice Intern Programs.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, that's part of what we're asking for. Is that in part of the --

County Manager Smith said, in the budget.

Commissioner Center said, that's in the budget?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, where is that in the budget?

County Manager Smith said, special -- is it under special appropriations?

Finance Director Amy Davis said, temp labor.

County Manager Smith said, temp labor.

Commissioner Center said, temp labor?

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Hold on. And then my other question, if you go down to paragraph 1c., it says the Assistant County Manager has requested a transfer of \$700,000 from the Detention Center, and you gave us an attachment.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Center said, and the attachment mentions \$900,000. I've lost my page on the attachments so I can show you exactly where it was. So, I -- I -- how do we go from 7 -- from 900,000 to 700 -- oh yeah, the attachment was from Mark Bucalo to Amy Davis on June 15.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, and says Mr. -- Amy, Mr. Kaigler would like to use salary savings from the detention center, blah, blah, blah, blah. I feel confident in allowing the use of \$900,000.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, but I think we wound up after --

Commissioner Center said, so the attachment says 900 --

County Manager Smith said, -- looking it was 700, but.

Commissioner Center said, which one -- which is correct?

County Manager Smith said, of what was available at the end of the year.

Ms. Davis said, at the end of every year, we approp -- we look at the grants, and in the K-9 grant, it's overspent by \$200,000, which we have to then go back and put back into the Sheriff's budget, and so we had to reduce that transfer to 700 rather than 900.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, okay. I -- I -- tell me again, the 200 --

County Manager Smith said, basically the K-9 unit was over budget by two, so we had to use some of those salary savings to offset that 200,000 for the year. That left us with 700,000.

Commissioner Center said, all right. So they've asked for nine, but we're -- we're recommending seven?

County Manager Smith said, but we're recommending seven, then the 350, and that way we're able to buy the vehicles we're looking at.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions?

Commissioner Center said, one more. On item 4, we're appropriating 853,000 plus for the parking garage. Where are we appropriating that from?

County Manager Smith said, yes. That's part of CIP or was it SPLOST?

Ms. Davis said, that's net assets.

County Manager Smith said, net assets.

Commissioner Center said, which is what?

Ms. Davis said, they have about 2.4 million in their net assets in --

Commissioner Center said, I'm not talking about the amount. What is net assets?

Ms. Davis said, oh, it's your fund balance.

Commissioner Center said, our savings -- our savings account.

Ms. Davis said, GASB keeps changing the --

County Manager Smith said, GASB changes the title.

Ms. Davis said, -- the titles. So, it used to be fund balance. Now it's net assets.

Commissioner Center said, fund balance, net assets.

Ms. Davis said, reserves.

Commissioner Center said, in laymen's terms, that's savings account.

County Manager Smith said, same thing. It's reserves. Yes.

Commissioner Center said, reserves. Okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions?

Commissioner Center said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell of the 4th.

Commissioner Farrell said, I -- I think I just heard 27 four-wheel drive Explorers for the Sheriff's Department. Is that right?

County Manager Smith said, yes, plus three replacements.

Chairman Scott said, 30 vehicles total.

County Manager Smith said, 30 total.

Commissioner Farrell said, what -- what's the -- what's the criteria for such a large vehicle that's four-wheel drive? I -- I -- I own one. I -- I'm -- I don't think I've ever turned on the four-wheel drive in Chatham County. I've turned it on in other places, but just -- just curious.

County Manager Smith said, can I ask the Sheriff to come up, 'cause they -- they looked at -- at -- okay.

Sheriff Wilcher said, we looked at the two-wheel, front wheel drive cars, and when you're driving down the road and trying to talk on a microphone or receive a message, the front wheel drive pulls the car, if you don't have both hands on the steering wheel, and so we figured it would be a safety factor to go with the four-wheel drive instead of the two-wheel drive.

Commissioner Farrell said, and the -- you know, that's a -- that's a fairly large vehicle, what -- what's the use? Are we hauling cargo or what -- what --

Sheriff Wilcher said, well, you're hauling the prisoners in them. You have a cage in the back and everything else. You're hauling prisoners from point A to point B, and -- and things like that, and that's why we went with -- we had the big SUVs prior to me coming -- leaving in '14. I'm trying to cut down on -- get a smaller type vehicle to use and it would be the four-wheel drive.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. They used to have -- it was Tahoe's, wasn't it?

Sheriff Wilcher said, Tahoes, yes, sir, I'm sorry.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. So he's trying to reduce that down to a smaller vehicle.

Commissioner Farrell said, so you're transporting prisoners from the jail to the courthouse or picking them up on the street?

Sheriff Wilcher said, everywhere. All up and down the road. Everywhere, sir. And using them on the street to serve civil and criminal people -- papers, picking up people on the street on warrants and everything else, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Sheriff Wilcher said, any other questions? And the vehicles that we're replacing has got 150 to 200,000 miles on them. Haven't been any vehicles replaced there in a while.

County Manager Smith said, we started looking at the maintenance budget. His maintenance budget has increased because of obviously age, and a lot of it is just age of the vehicles. We've got some that are early 2000s.

Sheriff Wilcher said, and we had a transmission replaced in one the other day, and it was \$3500 to replace the transmission. The car's not worth \$3500. So that's why I got with the County Manager and Mr. Kaigler and all them, and we went over this to make sure that we was doing things right, using the money out of my salary savings to do that, instead of asking the county to fund it.

Commissioner Farrell said, what's -- what's the per unit price on -- on the vehicles? The new ones?

County Manager Smith said, it's 30 --

Sheriff Wilcher said, I think 31 -- 30, 31, completely equipped, sir. Yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Just over 30,000.

Commissioner Farrell said, that includes all the sirens and stripings?

Sheriff Wilcher said, the whistles, sirens, the bells, everything else, sir. The whole nine yards.

County Manager Smith said, outfitting it.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. Are those purchased locally or have we got -- or where did we --

Sheriff Wilcher said, I'm presuming we want to purchase them locally. I would like to do it just to have a local vendor to do it, but we -- wherever we can get the best price, the cheapest price is where we want to go. I'll -- you know, and I'll get with the County Manager and Mr. Kaigler to -- to make that decision on that, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, right. Right. Yeah. Okay. Thank you.

Sheriff Wilcher said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions? If not, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Have everybody voted? The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$35,000 from the Commissioners Budget to the Temporary Labor Pool, b) transfer \$46,281 from the Recreation Budget to Transfer Out to CIP, c) transfer \$700,000 from the Detention Center Budget to Transfer Out to CIP, transfer \$21,000 from the Labor Poll Workers to Temp Program CIP fund; 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: a) increase revenues \$746,281 Transfer In from General Fund M&O, b) increase the Henderson Golf Project \$46,281, c) increase the Vehicle Replacement Project \$350,000 for Sheriff's Vehicles, d) establish the Electronic Records and Monitoring Project \$350,000; 3) in the Multiple Grant Fund decrease the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant ART Program \$75,000; and 4) in the Parking Garage Fund appropriate \$853,500 net assets for parking garage renovations. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$35,000 from the Commissioners Budget to the Temporary Labor Pool, b) transfer \$46,281 from the Recreation Budget to Transfer Out to CIP, c) transfer \$700,000 from the Detention Center Budget to Transfer Out to CIP, transfer \$21,000 from the Labor Poll Workers to Temp Program CIP fund; 2) in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund: a) increase revenues \$746,281 Transfer In from General Fund M&O, b) increase the Henderson Golf Project \$46,281, c) increase the Vehicle Replacement Project \$350,000 for Sheriff's Vehicles, d) establish the Electronic Records and Monitoring Project \$350,000; 3) in the Multiple Grant Fund decrease the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant ART Program \$75,000; and 4) in the Parking Garage Fund appropriate \$853,500 net assets for parking garage renovations.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1a. Chatham County has agreed to participate in the Savannah 500 and Savannah Pre-Apprentice Interns Program. Funds were not included in the FY2016 budget for this program. A transfer of \$35,000 from the Commissioners budget consulting account will provide the necessary funds for the month of June. Funds are included in the FY2017 budget for the month of July. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1b. The Parks Services Manager has requested a \$46,281 transfer from the Recreation budget to CIP for the Henderson Golf Course project. The funds will be used to replace six controllers for the irrigation system at the Golf Course. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the CIP Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1c. The Assistant County Manager has requested a transfer of \$700,000 from the Detention Center salaries account to CIP to cover the cost of an Electronic Medical Monitoring software system and the purchase of vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the CIP Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1d. A transfer of \$21,000 within the Board of Elections budget is needed to cover the expenditures for temporary employees. Funds are available in the labor poll workers line item within the departments' budget. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 2a-d. A resolution to amend the CIP Fund and increase the Henderson Golf Course project \$46,281, increase the Vehicle Replacement project \$350,000 and establish the Electronic Records and Monitoring project \$350,000 are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. The Juvenile Court Administrator has determined that the court will not utilize \$75,000 of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant ART program award and has authorized that the grant be decreased. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
4. The Assistant County Manager has requested an amendment to the Parking Garage Fund to appropriate \$853,500 for parking garage renovations. A resolution to amend the Parking Garage Fund is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O and the Multiple Grant Fund. The amendment will establish funds in the Capital Improvement Program and the Parking Garage Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- A) Transfer \$35,000 from the Commissioners budget consulting account to the Temporary Labor pool.
- B) Transfer \$46,281 from the Recreation budget repairs and maintenance account to Transfer out to CIP.
- C) Transfer \$700,000 from the Detention Center budget salaries account to Transfer out to CIP.
- D) Transfer \$21,000 from the Labor-Poll Workers line item to Temporary Salaries.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND

- A) Increase revenues \$746,281 Transfer in From General Fund M&O.

- B) Increase the Henderson Golf Course project \$46,281.
- C) Increase the Vehicle Replacement project \$350,000 for Sheriff's vehicles.
- D) Establish the Electronic Medical Records and Monitoring project \$350,000.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

Decrease the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant ART program \$75,000.

PARKING GARAGE FUND

Appropriate \$83,500 for parking garage renovations.

- 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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- 3. a. **TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE GENERAL FUND M&O AND ADOPT A MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.**

Chairman Scott said, the next item is -- is to adopt the fiscal year 2017 resolution for General Fund M&O and to adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia 48-5-31 [sic].1. And staff has recommended Alternative 1, adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 General Fund M&O budget resolution of \$175,885 -- \$175,885,600 incorporating the amendment to the proposed budget to summarize on Attachment I and adoption of the year 2016 millage levy resolution for a millage rate of 11.543 mills. The related millage levy and budget resolutions are attached. Do I have a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

Commissioner Center said, yes. This is the time that we can ask the questions to staff?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, all right. I have questions, Mr. Chairman.

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

Commissioner Center said, okay. Thank you very much. And -- and we received today -- well part of this budget includes special appropriations, and we received today a breakdown of special appropriations, and I have a question about this 7,000 to Southchase. It says homeowners association dues. Do we own a home or are we -- are we -- can you give me some detail about that?

Ms. Davis said, this is right of way within the subdivision, and quite honestly, I don't know why we're paying homeowners dues, but we have for several years now.

Commissioner Center said, is there a written contract that requires us to pay it?

County Manager Smith said, I don't remember that one.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, I -- I don't know. I'll be glad to look it up and find out, but I'm -- I'm not familiar. I'm not familiar with it at all.

Commissioner Center said, okay. All right. Well, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, I'll ask Michael [Kaigler] what it is. I think he was handling that.

Commissioner Center said, all right. Well you'll find -- I'd like to offer an amendment to the motion that we approve the budget as requested but delete the \$7,000 for homeowners association dues; \$100,000 for the diversity study; the \$211,000 for the community outreach program; \$300,000 for the Hospital Authority; and \$100,000 for the SEDA. We can always add those by budget amendment later, but I would rather have those

as separate discussion, and I'm -- I offer an amendment that we adopt the budget as requested minus those items.

Commissioner Thomas said, to do what?

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Farrell said, I'll second it so I can hear more what you're -- more what you want to hear-- what you want to say.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah, second -- I -- I second.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, are we going to -- may I speak first on that?

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, so which ones were it again? You went a little fast.

Commissioner Center said, okay. I'll -- I'll go through them one by one.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, and I'm going to start -- we were given a -- a workbook about a month ago, and on page 42, it lists \$100,000 for a diversity study. When we had our little workshop, I thought we all agreed we weren't going to pay for that, but now it's back in the budget, so that's a \$100,000 diversity study that I really don't understand. When I look at the make up of our Board, and you look at women and minorities, the Board itself, is two-thirds women and minorities. When you look at our management top --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner, I --

Commissioner Center said, I'm speaking on the motion.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. I understand, but, I -- in your statement, that -- it's not a diversity study of this Board.

Commissioner Center said, no, no, no, but I'm explaining why I'm --

Chairman Scott said, okay. Carry on.

Commissioner Center said, all right. I understand that. And when you look up the -- the make up of our top management, a Manager and two Assistant Managers, again, the diversity there for women and minorities is 67 percent. So I don't see why we need this study. Our leadership is diverse, and I don't think we need a study to find out where the rest of the community is in diverse, and therefore --

Chairman Scott said, I don't --

Commissioner Center said, I ask -- that -- that's my point to ask to remove it. Then there's a \$211,000 --

Chairman Scott said, before -- before you leave that --

Commissioner Center said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, let the Manager speak to that.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, we are not doing a diversity study. We've left the 100,000, as I mentioned in the workshop with the Board members as a place holder for use later, almost like a contingency because we were not sure of -- but we were leaving the 100,000 there, but we were not going to do a diversity study.

Commissioner Center said, so that -- and that brings a question, which, from our -- if -- if we approve the budget --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- and use a special -- and use a diversity study as a special appropriations, and we approve that \$100,000, could you use it however you want or you have to come --

County Manager Smith said, no. We'd have to come back to you.

Commissioner Center said, and so what would be the harm of just taking it out right now? Putting it in fund

balance?

County Manager Smith said, we'd also talked about, and Michael [Kaigler] reminded me we looked at joint certification with the schools and also with the City of Savannah, so we had that, but we don't have, you know, details of that now, but that 100,000 could be used for that because we agreed diversity study wasn't needed. It was the joint certification that was needed.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and part of this discussion is misleading to the audience because this was a diversity study having to deal with contracting.

County Manager Smith said, contracting.

Chairman Scott said, it has nothing to do with staff or -- county employees or anything else, and if you recall, the City did a diversity study to determine their participation with minority contractors and concluded it was less than one percent. We asked that we do not do a diversity study, that -- leave those funds in here for the possibility of working with the City and the School Board to create standards and certification for minority contractors, and it was talked about at the workshop, and that's the reason the money was left in there, but it was not left in there for a diversity study. So some of your comments may be a little misleading, Commissioner.

Commissioner Center said, well, the -- the -- it may be misleading because I misunderstand. I mean, you're -- you're -- you're educating me, as well as the public, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, but we talked about it at the workshop.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and -- I understand that, but if you've got three government entities, that could be 300,000. That seems like a lot of money. I -- I -- I would think we'd have to put them on staff, especially, with the make up of our leadership that could look into that. And let me go through the points, 'cause I see there's questions coming up. The \$211,000 M/WBE outreach program was explained to me as we reach out to help people do business with the county. Why is it limited only to M/WBE? Why not everybody? And -- as a business person, you'd wonder, if you have to teach somebody how to do business with the county, maybe that's not the person you want to do business with. They should have the initiative to do it on their own. These are my thoughts, and why I've done the amendment. On special appropriations the \$7,000 Southchase, I just don't see why the county's paying homeowner association dues.

County Attorney Hart said, I can answer that.

County Manager Smith said, we do -- we do have detail on it.

Chairman Scott said, and -- speak to the \$7,000.

County Attorney Hart said, okay. And that --that's my -- that's my fault.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, I thought you said Southbridge, and that --

Commissioner Center said, okay. Southchase, I think it's called.

County Attorney Hart said, and you -- you -- you stumped me on that one, but -- but I misheard you. That's -- Southchase is out there where the Lowe's is on -- and the pet folks and Home Depot. We took a substantial portion of the property north of that for the Abercorn Extension, the end of the Truman Parkway, and we still hold probably nine -- nine, ten acres in that area, a nice rectangular piece of property. But that's part of the commercial development, and all three or four of those plots of land pay into a common ownership association because they maintain all the interior roads, and if we were to sell that land, develop that land, or whatever, we'd have access rights by cross-reciprocal easements with those stores, which is a valuable commodity. But since we own six or seven acres within the association, we pay pro rata based on our size compared to their size.

Commissioner Center said, and do we participate in the association and vote?

County Attorney Hart said, yeah, we do. Yes.

Commissioner Center said, who does that for us?

County Attorney Hart said, usually I end up attending the meeting once a year, okay?

Commissioner Center said, all right.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and it's pretty perfunctory. Here's the -- here's the tax bill. Here's the -- here's what we spent on paving. Here's what your percentage is to ours, and you divvy it up. So, that -- I -- I -- I apologize. I was -- I was trying to figure out we were where we were. I just had the wrong subdivision.

Commissioner Center said, yeah. And -- and -- and let me explain, though. I -- I had asked several weeks ago

for a breakdown, and thankfully, Amy [Davis] met with me for a couple of hours on Wednesday, and today we all got a complete breakdown of what special appropriations is, but until we get that breakdown, we don't see it with our eyes. The two items which are probably more sensitive and -- and more major, the 100,000 that SEDA has requested for the Savannah Film Commission. Now, I personally have an issue with paying that kind of money to an organization for this thing that doesn't have Chatham in its name. Why it's not the Chatham Economic Development Authority or the Chatham Film Commission? If I lived in Pooler, I'd worry about my county paying something for the City of Savannah. I was not here when they made their presentation. Most people who have asked for money have bombarded me with emails and telephone calls. I haven't heard a word. I prefer we hold off on that until we learn more about it. I understand there was some controversy within the City about moving their film office into SEDA. They may have resolved that yesterday. I -- I can't rely on the Savannah Morning News to give me all the information.

County Manager Smith said, they did. They did -- they did resolve it and appropriate the 208,000.

Commissioner Center said, and I would prefer more information on that before we included that in the budget. And there's the \$300,000, does everybody see, with special appropriations. When we first got our booklet a month ago, special appropriations were 223,000 which 100,000 was spelled out, the others I've learned about. Then this week got an amendment that 300,000 had been added to special appropriations. I said, what's that? Well, that goes to the Hospital Authority for an audit, and then yesterday, we get a notice there's another 150,000 that's added to special appropriations, and I said, well, what did we cut to get this additional \$850,000 in one week? Said, we didn't cut anything, we found more revenues. That makes me think facetiously that we should spend the 300,000 on an audit on us, 'cause if we can just find more rev -- you know, \$300,000 more revenues in one week, what else is out there that we have that we can use to fund? It -- it -- it's -- it's surprising.

Commissioner Center said, but I have been asking since January, it's in the minutes, and it was promised in February we'd have a workshop on the Memorial situation. It was on our workshop for February 29, and when we showed up it had been pulled from the workshop. We have been told when we've asked questions that the county has -- the county is not part of this -- this -- this dispute. That -- that the Hospital Authority is a state authority and all we do is appoint members to that Authority. I later learned by reading letters that have been sent out, that we actually do have contracts with the hospital. But I asked for a detailed workshop to brief me on this, and now, I'm being asked, you know, overnight, to give \$300,000 without the workshop, and I don't think we should budget that money or appropriate that money until we have our workshop, and that's why I moved -- and -- you know, I -- I really don't know what's going on. The first reaction is, well, why is Memorial hiding what's going on with Novant? How come we have to read about it in the paper what's happening? Then a dispute arises between the Hospital Authority and Memorial, and it's gotten very ugly, and it's not beneficial to the public. You have esteemed members of the public on both bodies and there's no need for them to be pointing fingers at each other. Eventually, they're going to come to a conclusion that they should have a common goal and they're also smart enough and esteemed enough that they're going to reach that common goal.

Commissioner Center said, but in the meantime because of harsh feelings, accusations played out in the media rather than face to face, we're going to spend a lot of energy, anxiety, ugliness, and a substantial amount of professional fees. They're going to come right back to the point where they realize they're going to have to reach a common goal and work it out. And as I read the comments in the paper, again, I don't put a lot of trust in the paper, according to the County Manager, this is just the beginning of financial -- that it may cost us more than \$300,000. We don't have a contract with CCHA, the Hospital Authority, on how they're going to spend it, and I don't think we should authorize it or put it in the budget until we get our workshop, and -- at least the Commissioners, if I'm a minority one, I'll lose this vote, the Commissioners are given that workshop and explained all the details, all the contracts, and where we stand.

Commissioner Center said, it's a very sensitive situation also, in that it's not just like a tenant, if you're unhappy with them, if the audit shows us everything we're suspecting or somebody's suspecting, you can't just throw that tenant out. You've got 5,000 employees. You've got doctors, I don't know, 1,000, 500, I don't know the right number, and you've got patients in beds who need 24/7 help. It's a little more intricate and difficult than just dispossessing -- dispossessing a tenant 'cause you're unhappy or your don't like their books. We have to work with them. They have to work with us. I think this is a waste of money at this time, and I especially don't -- hope this Board will approve the budget with these items removed. If we get our workshop, we can add it by amendment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, anybody else have any comments?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th District and Commissioner Stone from the 1st, in that order.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. I'd like to know more about the diversity study and why we're not going to have one. And also, I want to know is there any type of policy in place for a minority and woman owned business enterprise?

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm. We have an M/WBE program. But on the diversity study, we felt like we have enough information based on studies that have been committed to in the past, that we have enough data that we can look at joint certification with the schools and the City. So we have that data. The City just

went through a study which has covered, you know, really a preponderance of the community. So we feel like we can use that data instead of spending more. We can use that data.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'm -- I'm -- I'm speaking on -- in terms of county projects.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, having participation from minority and women owned businesses.

County Manager Smith said, we do, and every project that we do, every contract is looked at by the M/WBE program.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right. How many -- how many contracts actually have been awarded to M/WBEs?

County Manager Smith said, I'd have to pull that data. I'd have to pull it, but we have that in the M/WBE. I'll be glad to bring that to you, but we have that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so, what I'm saying, if there's not a -- if there's not a disparity in it, then -- how do you know that -- if this study is not done, how do you know there's not a disparity?

County Manager Smith said, well, that's part of the information that the study done by the City of Savannah. You know, we find that every program that we have, every contract that we have, goes through and is examined for when we do our proposals that we try to get, you know, minorities and women to bid on projects. So, I mean, it's a continuous process. That's all I really can say to you. It's a continuous process.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but in terms of numbers, Manager, in terms of the numbers, in terms of the dollar amount, how -- how much -- how much --

County Manager Smith said, yes, we can show you that, as well as the number, along with the dollar amount.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I need to see that. I need to see that.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. Okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and -- and -- and the certification program.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. We can go over that. Be glad to do that in a --

Chairman Scott said, and Mr. Manager, would you also remind the Commissioners that we have a person who is the director of that office and who is full-time devoted to making sure that minority participation --

County Manager Smith said, yeah, that's what Connell [Heyward] does on a daily basis and reviews all of our contracts. In fact, with our new finance system going in, we actually are putting in really where you can kind of flag to make sure that no contract slips through the cracks. That it has been verified by his office to make sure we've met those M/WBE requirements.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Well, you know, I -- I know that whenever folks come to your house, come visit you, you want to have your house in order, you know.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, at least the front part of the house, you know. But --

County Manager Smith said, it all needs to be clean.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but -- no, no, no, no, no. I'm not talking -- I'm not -- I'm not saying this on the person that you have in that office.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but in terms of cosmetic. I -- I want to see the numbers.

County Manager Smith said, we can provide that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, to actually verify that there's not a disparity, because, I believe that there is.

County Manager Smith said, we can provide that to you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to comment briefly on the 300,000 for the audit. The county has -- has \$164 million in bonds at stake. I -- I really think the \$300,000 is a drop in the bucket compared to that sum of money, and I think we have an obligation to see what the financial status of this hospital is, and I -- as much as I am conservative with how money is spent, I think that we have to do diligence here. There are obviously some questions. I would too like a workshop, but there are questions that are -- that still have not been answered about the financial stability of the hospital, and I think that it is in the best interest that we move forward with this audit.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Part of this is something that I've hit on actually for years now, and I really don't mind talking about it because I 100 percent believe in equality for all people. I've always felt that way, and I stand behind that, and no matter how you cut this, this women and minority, along with the study, everything, it's preferential treatment -- treatment. It gives an advantage, and when you think about it, and you wonder who is considered women and minorities, it's basically, everyone breathing, other than me, the white man. This is asking for \$200,000 to fund discrimination against white men in my opinion. The reason I say this is because of through this type of program, everyone other than white men can receive training; they can receive additional points when staff grades bids. It's -- pushes to employ everyone other than a white man with the county at a higher percentage than people not considered women and minorities. Sadly, this comes from last year -- I believe it was last year we had this in front of us. White men in this county are already severely underemployed in this county when compared to the already low number that is the discriminating low goal of having them working here. They're not even nowhere near that level of employment with this county.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, lastly, and it was shown on the charts last year, I am actually the minority in this county as a white man. That was shown in our agenda, and if we're talking minority, in Chatham County, Georgia, I am the minority -- minority, but I don't want an advantage, I just want to be treated the same as everybody else, and -- and as soon as we can start doing that a little bit in our world, I think we're going to be a much better place. So, basically, in closing on that one, I am the minority, and I'm underemployed here in this county, and that's even when compared to the already low numbers of expectations that we're supposed to have, and that's the county's, I guess, goal. And I don't receive bonuses if I put in a bid, so I'm already at disadvantage if I bid on something, and, you know, just 'cause I happen to be born white, I don't need to be discriminated against, and it's -- no matter how you cut it, if color -- if race, or gender gives someone an advantage or disadvantage, that's discrimination, and I would love to see us just for once in life, everybody -- not us here, but everybody just throw those things out and -- and just try to treat everybody equal no matter what. I won't even comment on the other things, but -- that's it.

Chairman Scott said, all right. I got our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas, and then Commissioner Holmes in that order to speak on the amendment.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know how we got off on this, however, I do want to say that several years ago when there were different people coming up or wanting to make a bid for certain projects and so forth, women and minorities were not considered in this county at the time. Even if they made a projection, they were always never considered or never given equal opportunity as the others were. That is the reason why some of this have come to the forefront at this time. You're so right. We should not even have to have this discussion about whether it's black or white. It should be based upon the, you know, the accreditation of the -- of the -- of the person or the proposal that's before us of who can give us the best, you know, results, for what we are seeking. So, I'm hoping that we won't get too much enmeshed into the, you know, the other side of it, but look at it as a point, even if we have to review what we are doing, let's make sure that, just what you said, that we're all on equal footing, and if we do that, and we look at it, regardless of what color you are, you know, then I think we will be still moving in the right direction. But, please, lets not go back to all of that, okay?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes, 2nd District.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I recall Pastor Stewart made an opening statement in his remarks to us this morning, and he talked about the voiceless and the one who need to speak up for the one who can't speak for themself.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, the young man, Mr. Howard, was a perfect example of that this morning. Now Chatham County have been in the front of this issue here for quite some time. Chatham County is not lagging when it come to being honest, fair and upright. Now, I would echo what you said, Dr. Priscilla Thomas, how did we got on this? I don't know how we got on this.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

Commissioner Holmes said, it's not really an issue when it facing Chatham County.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Holmes said, we have an office down on the first floor. Any concern about that office, you need to go and talk to Mr. Connell Heyward. He is the young man who controls this. Matter of fact, I feel like he should be up here and defend what his office is doing for us, and I constantly talk to him. I stop by, and we share a lot of things. That's why I can speak so eloquently about our office, about our fair doing, and what we stand for as Chatham County government, and it coming from the leadership of Mr. Connell Heyward.

Commissioner Holmes said, now, I want to ask a question pertaining to the hospital. Don't we meet with the hospital board on a what, quarterly meeting or monthly meeting to get a report?

County Attorney Hart said, our -- our finance director meets quarterly with some of their financial personnel.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, to review some of the quarterly finances, and yes, we do -- I think we recently had a meeting similar to that.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. So as we meet with them on a quarterly basis, I'm quite sure the report comes back, it has to be good. If it wasn't good, we as County Board members would get some red flag saying something was wrong. Am I right or wrong?

County Attorney Hart said, I don't know how -- exactly how to answer that.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, 'cause we had three quarterly meetings last year.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, and then in the fourth quarter, we were told the hospital was going to lose \$25 million. So, that causes concern, especially, when you have individuals at positions of authority who make public statements concerning the condition of the hospital.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, and we've got \$164 million in bonds outstanding with a seven mill pledge --

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, -- against that, and the hospital itself has projected a \$26 million loss next year. I think it would be prudent of this Board as a creditor of the hospital to truly understand --

Commissioner Center said, guarantor.

County Attorney Hart said, -- the finances of the hospital, both where they stand financially and can they meet the debt service on the bonds.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and that's primarily what you're looking at in regard to asking for this information.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Okay. All right.

Chairman Scott said, anybody else wish to speak on this amendment?

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, I -- I find the value of an audit for Memorial valid, however, we have financial office here at this department that, as Commissioner Holmes said, is meeting quarterly, and I'm just wondering if a more cost effective way may be to assign some personnel from the county to spend maybe some extra time over there looking through to identify how one quarter every -- for three quarters everything could be fine and then one quarter you lose 25 million in three months. That's a pretty big swing in a very short period of time, and -- and that -- that needs to be answered. Just not sure that throwing \$300,000 for an independent contractor is the most efficient way to get those answers.

Commissioner Farrell said, also, on -- on the M/WBE issue that we touched on earlier, I'm not -- I've been up here for 12 years, and I haven't noticed or -- or heard any minorities or women complaining that they were mistreated by our staff and not given a fair opportunity to -- to bid on the work. So, along those lines, it may be time for this Board at some point to consider, and I think Dean [Kicklighter] had suggested this years ago that

we have an outreach, but we broaden the base to maybe disadvantaged businesses or, you know, newly started businesses or something, because obviously a -- a young contractor that's just getting a pick up truck and a wheel barrow is not going to compete with some of the giant firms that we have in this town that are capable of building very complex and expensive buildings. So, I get that. That -- those -- those are -- those are my two comments. So, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further comments.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Yes.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. --

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

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In reference to the audit, and -- and I think it's -- it's a valid expense considering the \$164 million in bonds that we have, but I want to ask a question. If we're meeting with them, what did you say, quarterly?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, and then we find out that, you know, the hospital was operating in the red at I want to say about 24 million last year, how -- how does something like that happen?

County Attorney Hart said, that's the reason for the audit.

County Manager Smith said, that's why we need an audit.

Commissioner Brady said, well, let me -- well, and -- so the Hospital Authority would be choosing the auditor?

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

County Manager Smith said, well --

County Attorney Hart said, well --

Chairman Scott said, no. no.

Commissioner Brady said, the auditing firm.

County Manager Smith said, no. We -- we would have to bring that back to the Board.

Chairman Scott said, it would be -- it would be in conjunction with our Assistant Manager and the Hospital Authority.

Assistant County Manager Linda Cramer said, yeah. We would actually issue an -- a request for qualifications for an auditor, and the funding for the Hospital Authority is in two pieces. The first part of it is the Hospital Authority has received a -- a lot of interest since the Novant deal collapsed and another partner coming in to the hospital, so they have a group that they want to help them evaluate those proposals. That's --that's one part of it. The second part of it is an agreed upon procedures audit that we would put out to engage an auditor to come in and give us assurance around the financial statements that Memorial has issued, and what that means is that they go in, they look at how estimates were derived for, like your -- your uncollectible accounts or -- or your claim estimates. You know, a -- a -- a group that would come in that knows a lot about hospitals, because we're local government folks here, and they would come in and just kind of do a general review of how those estimates and -- and significant items on Memorial's statements are -- are placed there. Because what we're seeing, you know, from the projections that we've gotten from Memorial is a continued deterioration in their financial condition. You know, another \$20 million dollar loss -- another \$20 plus million dollar loss over the next two years. So, it -- it is in our best interest, and certainly in our citizens' best interest to understand what is causing that and see what we can do to hopefully improve it.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and in addition to that, the Authority has had innumerable groups -- medical groups that are interested in a relationship with them, you know, the structure of which to be determined, but any of those groups that are going to come in, are going to want to know the kind of information that perhaps this audit would -- would reveal. They're going to want some comfort in the numbers.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and -- and -- and I'll try to wrap this up quickly, I'm -- doesn't someone from the Hospital Authority sit on the Board who's offering these reports of -- of -- audit reports that they receive?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, you have a nine-member Authority. Four of those nine members sit in on the regular meetings of the operating board.

Commissioner Brady said, so somebody from the Authority was involved in -- in the process of discussing the financial situation in reference to the audits that the Memorial Board had paid that outside auditing firm.

Chairman Scott said, I -- we can't say that.

Commissioner Brady said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, with clarity.

County Manager Smith said, we don't know that. They sit -- yeah. They attend the meeting.

Chairman Scott said, now, I saw -- I saw hands from people wanting to make a additional comment. This is your last time around.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, thank you, but my question has been answered by Ms. Cramer.

Chairman Scott said, your question has been answered. Commissioner Center then Commissioner Thomas in that order.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. As -- as the mover of the motion, may I go last, and it will be less than ten minutes.

Chairman Scott said, I'm going last, sir.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, you may go now, if you'd like.

Commissioner Center said, all right. I -- I -- I'll go now, then. I want to respond to some of the questions raised. I'm -- I'm glad they were brought up. Let me start first with the diversity, and I agree entirely with Commissioner Thomas and no one could be a stronger advocate for women working in business and government than my mom, and I've heard it all my life. She'll be ninety in three weeks, but she expresses the exact same sentiment you so eloquently stated, and I agree with that, but I think we've reached the point that we've reached that. No, I don't want to back slide, but I don't think it takes \$211,000 of the tax payers' money to prevent us from backsliding. What I've offered in this amendment is a savings of over \$700,000 to the tax payers. As to diversity, we have a full-time employee watching it. The County Manager said we have contract requirements watching it, and we have staff reports. As a matter of fact, everything it seems this diversity study will do Commissioner Shabazz was just promised by the County Manager I'll get those numbers to you through staff reports. So I don't think that's necessary. As Commissioner Holmes says, it's not been an issue in Chatham County.

Commissioner Center said, let me briefly talk about SEDA. You've heard my comments about it, but philosophically, and it's been all my life, it's philosophically, a handful of the wealthiest members of this community came to us at the last minute and asked for \$100,000 for their project and they got it, and every day we have the poorest, most in need of help members of this community come up and ask for stuff. They want a house over -- they want a roof over their head or food. They don't get it, and I have a problem philosophically with that at the last minute. If we're going to put this kind of public money into SEDA, should we not also have a disclosure requirement where the members of SEDA, I've got friends a lot of them, relatives to some of them, where the members of SEDA have to disclose to the public whether they -- what business they individually do with the companies that they help bring to this community. Shouldn't we know that? As I -- as reported in one of the news media, that one of the past members of SEDA invested in a movie and used it -- used SEDA money to get that movie to come to Savannah. It's just a disclosure thing.

Commissioner Center said, now let's talk more about the \$300,000 audit. The hospital has never missed -- we -- we are the guarantor not the creditor, the guarantor of these bond payments.

County Attorney Hart said, well, no.

Commissioner Center said, isn't that right?

County Attorney Hart said, we -- we --

Commissioner Center said, the guarantor?

County Attorney Hart said, no. yeah, we're the guarantor, but --

Commissioner Center said, right. We didn't lend money to the hospital. The Hospital Authority did it, we guaranteed the bonds.

County Attorney Hart said, and we also have collateral in the hospital.

Commissioner Center said, right. We have collateral.

County Attorney Hart said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, but we're the guarantor. And we've heard these reports. We have quarterly meetings with the finance director. None of this came up until the shouting match between the Authority and the hospital itself arose. That the hospital has an independent audit done every year with independent auditors. Do we not trust that auditor? I mean, they don't do their own audit. They, like everybody else, they hire an independent auditor to audit their books, don't they?

County Attorney Hart said, hospital accounting and auditing requires expertise beyond what we have as local government folks, okay? That's a simple fact of the matter. If you want to go look at their books, I am sure they follow general accepting accounting principals.

Commissioner Center said, yeah, but that's not my question. Don't --

County Attorney Hart said, but that -- can --

Commissioner Center said, -- they have an independent auditor audit them every year?

County Attorney Hart said, can I -- can I -- can I complete my answer to that though? And all I'm saying is that if you want to know what's going on over there or what the status is, and -- and the Authority itself has had inquiries from multiple other groups, and they know that they're going to have to make representations to those groups in order to keep them interested, they think that an audit would be appropriate to figure out where the finances stand. Why are they stated as they're stated?

Commissioner Center said, okay. But my -- my question was, does the hospital hire an independent auditor every year to do their books?

County Manager Smith said, they --

County Attorney Hart said, they --

County Manager Smith said, they do, but you've got to remember there is a difference when you talk about having an audit and a forensic audit. When you have your audit, only certain things are tested, just like with our audit. Every line item is not looked at, every account. They are only test run on -- on an audit, but if you do a forensic audit, you're checking everything. You get very specific.

Commissioner Center said, are you looking for something in particular?

County Manager Smith said, well, I think that if you're looking --

Commissioner Center said, it sounds like a witch hunt when you say it that way.

County Manager Smith said, it sounds like if you're looking more detail, you're going to have to have something more in the lines of forensic or more detailed audit.

Commissioner Center said, all right. And -- and I've also heard statements that the Hospital Authority is looking, you know, at interested parties, and I'm going to put it back as a landlord/tenant situation, as it has been explained to us in the past. The landlord has no right to sell the tenant. The landlord can tell the tenant you're violating my lease get out; obey the lease, but the landlord has absolutely no right to sell the ownership of the tenant, so I'm confused when I hear those statements. Also, to put it in real estate terms, when a person wants to buy a -- a significant piece of property or a business, that purchaser does that purchaser's own due diligence to see if they're getting their money's worth. The seller doesn't do the due diligence; the creditor doesn't do the due diligence. Let whatever's interested in dealing or buying this Memorial Hospital, if they're out there, let them pay the \$300,000 and do the audit, and we can watch it for free. Because they're the ones who are going to put the money into it; they're the ones that are concerned about it.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and let me go back. I have -- in -- in all the times, despite the harsh words that have been going back and forth, and I hate to see them, reminds me of a divorce case when I tell the couples there's a pile of money, and there's four participants, a husband and a wife and two lawyers, and that pile of money is going to go to the lawyers until the husband and wife decide to divide what's left -- what's left. That's what's going on between the Hospital Authority and the Board. They're using our money to have a public dispute. The hospital has, despite what they say, despite the harsh feelings, they have never missed a bond payment. They are paying what we want them to pay, and I think this \$300,000 is pre-mature, particularly when this Commission, through me has been asking for six months for more information and now you come back over night in two days and ask me to approve something and refuse to give me the information I wanted over six months. I don't see the need for a hurry, and I ask that people support this amendment and pass the budget as -- as amended. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I -- I just want to make reference to, I received a call as I was walking out of -- out the door this morning to come to the meeting from someone that's connected to the hospital,

Memorial Hospital, and the question that was posed to me was why is it that the county want to do an audit when Memorial has already done an audit back in I think 2015. So, I don't know whether the county has looked at the audit that was done by Memorial or what, but the question is that why do we want to spend extra money when an audit has already been done. So, I just want to throw that out to see what your thoughts are on that.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Anybody else?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, sir. Yes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. I would like to just say concerning the diversity study and the disparity study that history -- of all our research, history is best reward to reward that research, and I -- I will say that those who are -- historically been humbled should be exalted, and also I'd like to say that I -- I feel there is a -- there is a conflict of interest for those members who sit on both boards of the Hospital Authority and actual hospital board, and something need to be done in terms of them -- it being separated because it -- it's a conflict of interest there because if there's -- if they are bickering and arguing about certain things, then they shouldn't be sitting on both boards. I think that each one of those should be independent of the each other. Those are my comments.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Let me -- let me just state that -- and I'm going to start with SEDA. All the questions that was raised by the Commissioner from the 3rd District was answered if he had been at this meeting when we had the public hearing.

Commissioner Center said, point of order, Mr. Chairman. Robert's Rules of Order forbid --

Chairman Scott said, I'll also say --

Commissioner Center said, -- you from making personal comments, and that was a personal comment, and I will ask you to refrain from that.

Chairman Scott said, I will -- I will also say to the senate -- to the -- to the Commissioner from the 3rd District, you are not the Chair of this Commission. You are not in charge.

Commissioner Center said, no. Robert's Rules of Order are.

Chairman Scott said, let me -- let me -- let me also say that this -- this amendment, technically, I could call it out of order since it hasn't been distributed to all the members of this Commission nor has it been vetted, but I won't go there. Now, the -- the deal with SEDA, the City passed yesterday at their meeting to have -- create a county-wide film commission, and they funded it with \$205,000, if I recall, and when the presentation was made, that the senator -- that the Commissioner from the 3rd missed, it was said that the county portion that they were requesting was a one time pilot project of \$100,000. It wasn't a continuation fund, and that, in fact, this would create additional jobs. Okay? That's all I'm going to say about the SEDA portion of it.

Chairman Scott said, on the diversity portion. For those of you who may not remember, and it was before I became Chair, we did a diversity study and paid for it. So for those of you who have never heard of it, you voted for it.

Commissioner Thomas said, yep.

Chairman Scott said, and paid for it. Now, when this was proposed, we suggest that we don't do another diversity study because based on that first one, we hired the staff, we created an office, we also have the benefit of the City's, and we also have someone tracking minority participation. And we use the federal definition for minority participation. It's not one that we've made up, it's the federal definition, and that's what we're using, that include women and disadvantaged contractors. The federal definition. And -- and that's all I'm going to say about the diversity portion of it.

Chairman Scott said, now on the audit. This too was passed before I became Chairman, and this Commission pledged the County millage to secure \$164 million of financing for Memorial. If -- that's roughly ten and a half mills, ten and a half mills, that if Memorial was to default on those bonds that you would have to enact in addition to your eleven and a half mills in order to pay off those bonds. You would have to increase the millage rate by ten and a half mills if, in fact, they were not to pay off those bonds. Now -- and you hear that we're in dire straits. You're running fine for three quarters, the fourth quarter you drop off a cliff. You inform the county participant that you're \$25 million in the hole, and this Commission don't want to spend \$300,000 for an independent audit to really find the financial status of that hospital? That you could be forced to increase millage by ten and a half mills in order to pay for it? And that amount also include an opportunity to evaluate not just the Novant deal, but all offers of partnerships with Memorial. We don't have the expertise to make that evaluation. And for those who think that because they had an audit, have y'all ever heard of Price Waterhouse? The largest audit -- audit firm in the country? Where are they now? They don't exist. Why? Because of bad financial audits. So when you suggest that we don't audit Memorial, you are neglecting your responsibility when you consider the fact that the county could be on the hook for ten and a half mills.

Chairman Scott said, now, I've never served in a deliberative body where we entertained an amendment that have not been distributed to all members. I've never, and that's, as far as I'm concerned, this amendment is out of order and should not be voted on. This is a deliberative body. You can't distribute amendments to select members and not provide it to all members and staff.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, that was not done.

Chairman Scott said, no. Now I will --

Commissioner Center said, would you please speak the truth?

Chairman Scott said, no, I don't have a copy.

Commissioner Center said, no one has a copy. I mean we -- we -- in my four years here --

Chairman Scott said, no.

Commissioner Center said, we've made amendments orally, and they've been done.

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

Commissioner Center said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, you've had your chance.

Commissioner Center said, Robert's -- point of order, Robert's Rules of Order --

Chairman Scott said, you spoke -- you spoke --

Commissioner Center said, -- does not require a written copy of the amendment. Point of order takes precedence, Mr. Chairman --

Chairman Scott said, you are out of order.

Commissioner Center said, and Robert's Rules of Order does not require a written copy of the amendment.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner, you are out of order. You're not our parliamentarian.

Commissioner Center said, no.

Chairman Scott said, out of an abundance of caution --

Commissioner Center said, you make a ruling, and we vote on your ruling.

Chairman Scott said, out of an abundance of caution, I'm going to let this amendment proceed to a vote, and I urge you to vote no on the amendment so we can get on to adopting a budget. The amendment fails. The main question. All in favor of adopting the budget and setting the millage rate indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Center said, do we have discussion on that?

Chairman Scott said, that's what we've been doing.

Commissioner Center said, we were discussing the amendment.

Chairman Scott said, all in favor vote yes, opposed no. The budget has been adopted and the millage rate has been set for the General Fund to 11.543.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Center moved to adopt the budget as requested minus the following items: \$7,000 HOA dues; \$100,000 diversity study; \$211,000 community outreach program; \$300,000 Hospital Authority; and \$100,00 to SEDA. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion which failed to carry in a 7-2 vote with Commissioners Center and Farrell voting yes and Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Shabazz, Brady, Kicklighter and Thomas voting no.
- b. Commissioner Stone moved to adopt Fiscal Year 2017 General Fund M&O budget resolution of \$175,885,600, incorporating the amendments to the proposed budget as summarized on Attachment I and adoption of the year 2016 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried in an 8-1 vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3a
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2016

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

ISSUE:

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 budget resolution for the General Fund M&O and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, authorize the Chairman to sign Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2016. The Forms are required to be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2016.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds. A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessor has scheduled delivery of the resolution during the week of July 25, 2016.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Budget was distributed to the Board on May 27, 2016. The total General Fund Recommended budget was \$175,034,537.
2. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting on June 10, 2016. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department, the County website and at Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
3. By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the budget public hearing before adopting budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Thursday, June 2, 2016 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 24, 2016.
4. If the proposed budget and millage rate are not adopted on June 24, 2016, the Board must revise the budget calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law. Adoption of continuing resolutions would be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2016. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2016 amended budget.
5. The recommended 2016 millage will remain at 11.543 mills, which reflects a continuance of the decrease made in 2015 for the SPLOST funds repurposing.
6. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement was published on June 9, 2016 in the *Savannah Morning News* as required by State law. The published net General Fund millage rate of 11.543 is greater than the rollback rate of 11.362 calculated by the Tax Assessor's office on Form PT 32.1.
7. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement also includes a computation for a rollback millage rate associated with the collection of local options sales tax as required by O.C.G.A. 48-8-91. Note that this rollback rate is different from the millage rollback rate calculated by the Tax Assessor's office. It is computed to be 1.314 mills and is included in the millage levy resolution as required by State law.
8. New rates for pension and medical contributions have been calculated subsequent to the preparation of the proposed budget. These have been incorporated in the department budgets. The total for the affected departments have been revised. The total budget for the General Fund increased \$701,063. The Special Appropriations budget has been increased \$300,000 for the Chatham County Hospital Authority. The PIO budget has been increased \$175,000. The Library budget has been increased \$175,000 for salaries. These changes are summarized in Attachment I (Attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). They have been included in the revised budget totaling \$175,885,600 as recommended for adoption.
9. A listing of the new positions and reclassifications in the proposed budget is shown on Attachment II.

FUNDING:

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Further detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017 General Fund M&O budget resolution of \$175,885,600 incorporating the amendments to the proposed budget as summarized on Attachment I and adoption of the year 2016 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 11.542 mills. The related millage levy and budget resolutions are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. That the Board provides other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds. State law also requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue (O.C.G.A. 48-5-302). Georgia law further specifies methods of publication of the County ad valorem tax rate (O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Attachment II

New Positions

New Funding Required

Human Resources - (1) Compensation & Compliance Manager
 Facilities Maintenance & Operations - (1) Custodial Supervisor
 District Attorney - (1) Court Media Specialist and (1) Criminal Investigator 1
 Juvenile Court - (1) Probation Supervisor and (1) Educational Advocate
 Probate Court - (1) Deputy Court Clerk I
 Recreation - (1) Administrative Assistant II, (1) Administrative Assistant IV, (1) Maintenance Worker I and (1) Assistant Parks Maintenance Supervisor
 Aquatic Center - (2) Part-time Swim Instructors
 Public Information - (1) Public Relations, 91) Video Producer and 91) Full-time Intern

No New Funding Required

Indigent Defense - (2) Assistant Public Defenders II, (3) Assistant Public Defenders III, (1) Administrative Assistant, (1) Administrative Assistant II and (.75) Investigator
 Marine Patrol - (1) Commander, (1) Assistant Commander) and (4) Marine Patrol Officers
 Chatham Emergency Management - (1) Director and (8) CEMA positions
 Animal Control 0 (1) Animal Control Director, (2) Animal Control Supervisors, (6) Animal Control Aides, (6) Animal Control Officers

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3. b. TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND ADOPT A MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

Chairman Scott said, Item 3b, to adopt the fiscal year 2017 budget resolution for the Special Service District and to adopt a millage resolution according to Official Code of Georgia 48-5-32.1. The adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017 Special Service District Fund budget resolution of \$30,700,609 and adoption of the year 2016 millage levy resolution for a mill of 4.13. A net insurance premium tax rollback of 1.009 mills. The related millage levy and budget resolutions are attached. Do we have a motion to -- to adopt the budget for the Special Service District?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, move for approval.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved an second. Any discussion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, clarification. Clarification. The millage rate is exactly what it was.

Chairman Scott said, the millage rate is exactly what it was last year and -- and really the year before. Ever since we rolled back the SPLOST funds, and we lowered the millage rate. We have not raised it. I recognize the Commissioner from the 4th District.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. One of the -- could -- could you -- could the Manager give me -- I've got several questions, but the indirect cost allocations, general fund, \$2 million. Could you explain that?

County Manager Smith said, indirect -- indirect's fun. We've had lots of discussion about indirect.

Ms. Davis said, indirect cost allocation, we do a study every year. It's an independent study by an outside agency that comes in to determine the value of the services of the administrative staff, including your office, his office, my office, everything under general administration, and those costs are allocated to the different funds. Every year for as long as I know has come back that the Special Service District should be paying about \$4 million, but I don't know where it came from. It's been long set that we were -- they were not going to pay any more than \$1,001,000, and that's what's been budgeted for several years. This year, we had the resources, and I personally made the judgment that we can bring it up for discussion. It's half of what's recommended, and if we don't do it, we'll have to cut \$1 million out of the General -- General Fund.

Commissioner Farrell said, well, it's my understanding that we're an anomaly here in Chatham County to even have a Special Service District millage rate to begin with. Every county in Georgia has one budget, it's called the M&O. Now, when you ask a certain group of unincorporated residents to chip in \$2 million towards the General Fund on top of already asking them to pay for their quote unquote, you know, fees for services here, somewhere along the line it gets lost the fact that as you treat a group -- a very large group of people, 85 to 90,000 people, I'm not sure the exact number, as a city when it comes to paying for things, but you treat them very shabbily and differently when it comes to revenue. Because as -- an unincorporated area, for instance, is not allowed to keep the franchise fees that are generated within the unincorporated area. We've calculated that in the past, and would staff be willing to take a stab at approximately how much money is already turned over to other municipalities from the unincorporated area?

County Manager Smith said, we'd have to pull that, but --

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, no, I -- I wouldn't want to guess.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. Probably around a million bucks, let's just say for general conversation. The other fact that gets lost is the local option sales tax. The unincorporated area is unequivocally excluded from that revenue stream, from the -- from the very early days. So in other words, by state law, we're mandated to not use one penny of LOST money for any expenses that may be deemed to be only a benefit to the unincorporated area. Would staff like to give an estimate of what the pro rata share at 85,000 people the LOST would be just on a --

County Attorney Hart said, it would be a quarter.

County Manager Smith said, a quarter of the LOST.

Commissioner Farrell said, on a -- on a -- on a population breakdown alone, even though that's not exactly the criteria we use, but it's a -- it's a yard stick if you will.

Chairman Scott said, it would be about a third of it.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, we were just saying --

County Attorney Hart said, a third to a quarter.

County Manager Smith said, -- a third to -- to a quarter. Yeah, 25 percent.

Commissioner Farrell said, of the -- of the LOST take per year?

Chairman Scott said, but -- but I would also just remind the Commissioner that LOST is negotiated with the municipalities on a ten-year cycle. Is that correct, Counselor?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, and the County's share is 17.1 percent, if I recall correctly.

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and those funds are primarily used to offset the cost of the jail, which does have an indirect benefit to the Special Service District.

Commissioner Farrell said, total agreement. That's all true. However, Special Service District, if you looked at a penny of LOST raising approximately 60 to \$65 million a year, you're in the neighborhood of 15, \$20 million that the Special Service District does not receive in revenue. So, anybody with a general understanding of mathematics knows there has to be some type of balance between revenues and expenses, and in there somewhere has to be fairness to groups of people that are lumped together for no other reason than where they

choose to buy a place or rent a place to live. So my thoughts are that when you take indirect allocations from a group of people that are already at a huge financial disadvantage over the city dwellers in this county, I don't know where fair and reasonable fits in here. Especially because the norm in this state is that there is no Special Service District. If you live in the unincorporated area you're governed by the whole County Commissioners, not your own special subset like a city that has a Mayor and a Councilman, and they are categorically excluded from two very large revenue sources that are relatively painless to the public, the sales tax and the franchise fee. It's buried in there. I don't ever get any complaints about it like I do other things, such as the dry trash pick up fee, and to me, I would like to see the indirect cost allocations at a very minimum disappear completely, and I'd also like -- I didn't see it on this particular white sheet, but the -- the dry trash fee, you know, I'd like to see that eliminated also, seeing hows we're supposed to be saving money in public safety by having this new police arrangement and the whole essence of that dry trash fee was to try to shore up revenues because we were short years ago and -- and were reluctant to raise the millage rate any higher on a group of people that historically throughout the state don't have that special millage. So those are -- those are my comments on -- on this particular budget item.

Chairman Scott said, any further unreadiness or questions?

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 1st District.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with a lot of what Commissioner Farrell said. However, what I would like to do going forward for the next budget year, take a look at this and see what could be done as far as the inequities in the Special Service District or -- if -- you know, what could be done to, if necessarily -- if necessary eliminate the Special Service District. So, I -- I don't -- I'm not ready to say to do that at this particular moment, but I would like to look at what pros and cons would be going forward. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. If there are no further comments or unreadiness, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Special Service District budget and millage rate has been adopted and set.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the fiscal year 2017 budget resolution for the Special Service District and to adopt a millage and levy resolution according to Official Code of Georgia 48-5-32.1. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-2 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Center, Shabazz, Brady and Thomas voting yes and Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter voting no.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3b
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2016

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

ISSUE:

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 budget resolution for the Special Service District and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, authorize the Chairman to sign Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2016. The Forms are required to be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2016.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds. A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessor has scheduled delivery of the resolution during the week of July 25, 2016.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Budget was distributed to the Board on May 27, 2016. The total General Fund Recommended budget was \$30,700,609.
2. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting on June 10, 2016. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department, the County website and at Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.

3. By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the budget public hearing before adopting budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Thursday, June 2, 2016 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 24, 2016.
4. If the proposed budget and millage rate are not adopted on June 24, 2016, the Board must revise the budget calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law. Adoption of continuing resolutions would be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2016. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2016 amended budget.
5. The recommended millage rate of 4.13 mills is equal to the 2015 rate.
6. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement was published on June 9, 2016 in the *Savannah Morning News* as required by State law. The published net Special Service District Fund millage rate of 4.13 is greater than the rollback rate of 4.072 calculated by the Tax Assessor's office on Form PT 32.1.
7. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement also includes a computation for a rollback millage rate associated with the collection of local options sales tax as required by O.C.G.A. 48-8-91. Note that this rollback rate is different from the millage rollback rate calculated by the Tax Assessor's office. It is computed to be 1.009 mills and is included in the millage levy resolution as required by State law.
8. New benefit rates for pension and medical contributions have been calculated subsequent to the preparation of the proposed budget. The revised departmental budgets are shown in Attachment I attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). The revised budget totals \$30,700,609 as originally recommended for adoption.
9. Budget and millage levy resolutions for the General Fund M&O and other funds area attached to separate staff reports.
10. A listing of the new positions in the proposed budget is shown on Attachment II.

FUNDING:

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017 Special Service District Fund budget resolution of \$30,700,609 and adoption of the year 2016 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 4.13 mills (net of insurance premium tax rollback of 1.009 mills). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Board provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds. State law also requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue (O.C.G.A. 48-5-302). Georgia law further specifies methods of publication of the County ad valorem tax rate (O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Attachment II

New Positions

New Funding Required

Special Service District:

Public Works - (1) Storm Water Technician

Recorder's Court - (1) Judge, (1) Assistant Public Defender II, (1) Assistant Public Defender III, (1)

Administrative Assistant II and (.25) Investigator

Building Safety - (2) Zoning Inspectors

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3. c. TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNTY'S PROPRIETARY FUNDS, NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS.

Chairman Scott said, 3c, to adopt the fiscal year 2017 budget resolution for the county proprietary fund, non-major special revenue funds, and the capital project funds. The -- that the Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 budget resolution for the County proprietary fund, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds, incorporating the amendments shown on Attachment I. And hearing -- hearing the motion -- is there a motion?

Commissioner Holmes said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the fiscal year 2017 budget resolution for the county proprietary fund, non-major special revenue funds, and the capital project funds. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3c
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2016

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

ISSUE:

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Budget was distributed to the Board on May 27, 2016. The total for all funds combined was \$503,586,186.
2. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting on June 10, 2016. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department and at Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
3. By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the budget public hearing before adopting budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Thursday, June 2, 2016 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 24, 2016.
4. If the proposed budgets are not adopted on June 24, 2016, adoption of a continuing resolution will be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2016. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2016 amended budget.
5. Chatham County has received notification of several grant awards subsequent to the preparation of the proposed budget. This increases revenues and expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund. This amendment and the addition of Debt Service and the Capital Replacement Fund are noted Attachment I. These changes have been included in the revised combined budget for Special Revenue, Internal Service, Capital, Enterprise and Debt Service Funds of \$299,215,411 as recommended for adoption.
6. Budget resolutions for the General Fund M&O and Special Service District Funds are attached to separate staff reports. A separate staff report has also been provided for the Transit District millage levy.
7. Project budgets for the capital funds are attached to the budget resolution will be adopted upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2017 budget resolution.

FUNDING:

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Further detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds, incorporating the amendments shown on Attachment I.
2. That the Board provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Attachment I

Adjustments to proposed budget

Multiple Grant Fund

Revenues	\$	498,218
Expenditures	\$	498,218

Capital Replacement Fund

Revenues	\$	700,000
Expenditures	\$	700,000

Debt Service Fund

Revenues	\$	3,361,651
Expenditures	\$	3,361,651

Land Disturbing Activities Ordinance

Revenues	\$	225,459
Expenditures	\$	225,459

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4 TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION FOR TAX YEAR 2016 FOR THE CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

Chairman Scott said, Item 4, to adopt the millage levy resolution for tax year 2016 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority pursuant to Georgia Code 48-5-32.1.

Commissioner Holmes said, so move for approval.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we adopt a millage rate of one mill for Savannah Area Transit Authority. Hearing no unreadiness, all in favor of the --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, unchanged.

Chairman Scott said, unchanged, same as it was last year. No unreadiness or questions, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The Chatham Area Transit millage rate is -- is adopted.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the millage levy resolution for tax year 2016 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority pursuant to Georgia Code 48-5-32.1. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2016

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

ISSUE:

To adopt a millage levy resolution for Tax Year 2016 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, authorize the Chairman to sign Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2016. The Forms are required to be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2016.

BACKGROUND:

A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessor has scheduled delivery of the resolution during the week of July 25, 2016.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) Fund is shown as a proprietary fund within the County's financial reports. The CAT Board approved a budget of \$21,776,237 at its meeting held May 24, 2016. The County's budget resolution includes a budget for the CAT Fund of \$21,776,237.
2. Although the CAT Board separately approves the millage rate for the Transit District, the County Board of Commissioners must authorize the related millage levy resolution. The CAT Board recommended a millage rate of 1.0 mill at its meeting held May 24, 2016. The millage levy resolution herein reflects adoption of a millage rate of 1.0 mill.
3. If the millage rate is not adopted on June 24, 2016, the Board must revise the calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law.
4. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement was published on June 9, 2016 in the *Savannah Morning News* as required by State law. The published net Chatham Area Transit Authority millage rate of 1.0 is greater than the rollback rate of .987 calculated by the Tax Assessor's office on Form PT 32.1. The current millage is 1.0 mill.
5. Budget and millage levy resolutions for the General Fund M&O and other funds are attached to separate staff reports.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adoption of the millage levy resolution for the Chatham Area Transit Authority of 1.0 mill for Tax Year 2016. The related millage levy resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. That the Board provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Stat law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds. State law also requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue (O.C.G.A. 48-5-302). Georgia law further specifies methods of publication of the County ad valorem tax rate (O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and 48-4-32.1).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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5. **TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE MILLAGE LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017.**

Chairman Scott said, Item 5, to request the Board approval of resolution clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Holmes said, so move for approval.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve a resolution clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2016

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

ISSUE:

To request that the Board approve a Resolution clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

On July 28, 2000, the County Commission approved the year 2000 Tax Levy. Prior to January 1, 2000, the adoption of the annual millage levy for the Chatham County government was for generating taxes for the County's fiscal year budget which was January 1 through December 31. With the change of the fiscal year effective in year 2000, it is necessary to clarify the tax year 2016 Millage Levy.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A meeting was held on September 25, 2000, with the County Attorney, Richard Tindol with the audit firm Karp, Ronning & Tindol, P.C., and the Finance Director of the County to discuss the year 2000 Millage Levy and the funding for the short fiscal year.
2. The County Auditor, Richard Tindol with the audit firm Karp, Ronning & Tindol, P.C., requested that the County Commission clarify the application of the taxes from year 2000 Millage Levy for the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.
3. The Resolution attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) is intended to clarify the Tax Levy for the tax year 2016.
4. The millage levy applies to all three taxing districts: the General Fund M&O, Special Service District Fund and Chatham Area Transit District Fund.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue (Ga. Code 48-5-302).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the Resolution attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

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6. **TO PRESENT A CONTINUING RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017, FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO ENABLE THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE UNTIL THE FISCAL YEAR 2015**

BUDGET IS ADOPTED. THIS ACTION IS ONLY REQUIRED IF THE BOARD FAILS TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.

Chairman Scott said, Item 6.

County Attorney Hart said, we don't need it.

Commissioner Center said, it's not necessary.

County Attorney Hart said, we don't need to do it.

Chairman Scott said, the motion carries. Item 6, to present a continuing resolution for fiscal year --

Commissioner Center said, that's the alternative.

Chairman Scott said, hmm?

Commissioner Center said, that's the alternative.

County Attorney Hart said, we don't need to have that since you adopted --

Chairman Scott said, that's the alternative.

County Manager Smith said, we don't have to have that at this point.

Commissioner Center said, we don't have to have that.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-6
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To present a Continuing Resolution for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for Board approval to enable the county government to operate until the Fiscal Year 2017 budget is adopted. This action is only required if the Board fails to adopt Fiscal Year 2017 budget resolutions.

BACKGROUND:

The County is required by O.C.G.A. 36-81-3 to adopt a balanced budget for each fiscal year. In the event that a budget is not adopted prior to July 1, 2016, the County will need a Continuing Resolution to legally operate in the beginning months of Fiscal Year 2017.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) The adoption of the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 budget is currently scheduled for June 24, 2016.
- 2) A Continuing Resolution is legally required to enable the County to continue to fiscally operate if budget resolutions are not adopted by June 30, 2016.
- 3) The Continuing Resolution attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) is provided for continuation in fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Operational line items would continue at fiscal 2016 levels.
- 4) Georgia law O.C.G.A. 36-81-3(b)(1) requires each unit of local government to adopt and operate under an annual balanced budget for the general fund, each special revenue fund and each debt service fund in use by the local government.

FUNDING:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Continuing Resolution attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file). The motion to approve should state the fund(s) to be included in the Continuing Resolution.

2. Provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

O.C.G.A. 36-81-3(b)(1) provides for "Each unit of local government shall adopt and operate under an annual balanced budget for the General Fund, each Special Revenue Fund, and each debt service fund in use by the local government. The annual balanced budget shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution and administered in accordance with this article."

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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7. SCMPD MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY CHIEF JOSEPH "JACK" LUMPKIN.

Chairman Scott said, the next is the Savannah Chatham Police item number 7, monthly report given verbally by Chief Lumpkin -- Lumpkin and his staff. Chief.

Chief Joseph Lumpkin said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and Commission. Good morning. Do each -- each of you have a handout?

Commissioner Holmes said, nope.

Commissioner Center said, no.

Chief Lumpkin said, you -- if you don't? You do not?

Commissioner Stone said, no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it's on the screen.

Chief Lumpkin said, oh, but I thought they had the --

Commissioner Center said, the screens aren't on.

Chief Lumpkin said, make sure they have the paper also, next time, please. What we're going to cover today is part one and part two crimes. We did not include it on the screen, but it should be a handout, one page handout. Do you have it?

Commissioner Stone said, we don't have any handouts.

Chief Lumpkin said, give them that, please. We're also breaking the total crime down and the unincorporated crime down as we -- the -- and we'll cover any other item that you want in that regard. Recruiting and retention and community outreach as it applies specifically to the unincorporated areas. The first is -- that's on the screen presently is the part one crime, jurisdictional, Savannah-Chatham Metro's area of -- of responsibility. This includes the City of Savannah and the unincorporated areas. You can see that the violent crime overall is up 23 percent total with -- between 2015 and 2016 comparable months. That is significantly higher than it was in the comparable months of 2015, 2016. We did not make a comparison of the last three months of 2015 and the first five or six months of 2016. The rate is slower than it was the last quarter of 2015, but it's still unacceptable in terms of violent crime.

Chief Lumpkin said, part one crime in terms of property crime is actually down a little community-wide four percent. If you -- the next page speaks only of unincorporated county. Unincorporated county the numbers are much lower -- much smaller, the percentages are much higher. In 2015 during this period we had only suffered four homicides, four murders. This year we've had -- excuse me, 2015 we only had two, this year we've had four. There -- the really one that is significant out of line is assaults with -- aggravated assaults with guns. We only had six in 2015, we've had 13 thus far this year, which again, is very much like what the City jurisdiction is experiencing, a significant gun issue, use of guns violently.

Commissioner Center said, may I ask a question?

Chairman Scott said, yes. We have a question for you, Chief.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, good morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, Chief. Good to see you.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, I want -- I want to ask how you report this crime, and I -- you know, my -- my wife asked me to bring this up. A week ago Wednesday, June 15th, about 6:00 a.m., as I was driving to Atlanta to see my grandson, she runs on certain mornings in Forsyth Park, and she was running on the sidewalk along Drayton, and across the street on Walburg. She heard some guy say, psst, you know, hey. She looked over. There was a man in a hood masturbating, with a hood over his face. She couldn't find a police officer. Somebody was on a bicycle went by, but she found SCAD security, said they would look into it. But she went on down to the -- the headquarters, and she reported it. It's never shown up on RAIDS. Where would it be reported on this kind of sheet? I mean, that -- that -- it's not a rape, but it leaves a person very frightened and scared. And -- is that an assault? Where would that show up on this? And we have not seen any report anywhere, and she went down to the headquarters to make this report.

Chief Lumpkin said, I'm not certain that RAID reports all part two crimes. It's a part two crime. It's not a part one crime. The assault part of a part one crimes is a aggravated assault. The -- I'll check that answer for you where it is and where it should report. I don't believe from top of my head that part two crimes are captured on RAID.

Commissioner Center said, on RAID.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes, sir. I do not believe that.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, and -- and -- but I'm speaking from the top of my head. In my other jurisdiction, the -- we didn't use that particular software in the last two jurisdictions I was police chief, but the part two crimes were not shown on RAID.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and she asked me if there would be more police presence. I said, well, there probably will be, but you won't see them. They'll be undercover. Would that be correct?

Chief Lumpkin said, if we're -- we're searching for an individual of that nature, yes, the uniform's not going to catch them.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chief Lumpkin said, uniform might run them down, but they're not going to spot them. What we typically use, a undercover, plain clothed person to spot and the uniform people to actually take them down.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chief Lumpkin said, we'll check that for you and get you an answer and copy the rest of the Commission. Again, as the City area was the property crimes are -- are down a little from the 2015 same period of time. The -- the -- what we are concerned with is all crime and particularly violent crime. I know that's your concern and know that's what your constituents are. If there is a good side to this is that the east unincorporated area ex -- experienced significantly less crime than the west unincorporated area. If you look at the west -- next page, page five, unincorporated areas, the West Chatham precinct is what's driving the crime in the unincorporated county, that area. Again, your numbers are small in compare with City numbers, but they are troubling nevertheless. We've actually had three homicides in that area, and we'll break those down for you on the following pages.

Chief Lumpkin said, the residential robbery, residential -- they're aggravated assault with guns, again, it's -- instead of being two as we had last year and zero as we were experiencing in 2014, it's actually six this year, which gives you a significant in -- increase. It gives us a significant increase. Again, the property crime is down, although we were experiencing a number of commercial crimes there. On the east side of the unincorporated area we're -- that is reported on page six, we have actually a small reduction in the crimes -- violent crime at minus six percent. Not incurring any residential robberies. We have a larger reduction in property crime. So the east side is -- area is headed in the right direction, and I know what you'd want to see as opposed to the west side. We'll tell you in a moment what we think that we're going to -- what we know we're going to start doing on the west side for it.

Chief Lumpkin said, we have a small area of the unincorporated areas actually captured in precinct two and precinct four, and those two are combined for you on page seven. Again, you've got a -- a nice 50 percent which we would love to have -- reduction which we would love to have a -- but we would love to be on the West Chatham, but that only actually represents one crime, one incident. Page eight breaks down for you the entire homicides that have occurred in this community as of the 23rd of June. Again, they are driven by -- at least 50 percent of them could be cal -- calculated and could be called as group-related homicides. The mistaken identity one that's listed there, and that's a potential mistaken identity. We know we've got five weapons firing, so we know that there's more than one or two people, there's a group issue, whether we can prove it or not. All gang related is group. I place retaliations in group essentially. Domestic are not group, but then we have a unknown factor. I place drug-related crimes in a group category.

Chief Lumpkin said, page nine shows you specifically the un -- unincorporated area and the four homicides that we have experienced there. Two of them were between acquaintances, and they have been solved. One is

where we found a lady after she had been in the wood line for a period of time, and the second one was when a person was found on the Truman about 4:00 a.m. in the morning, who was not from this jurisdiction but was here in all probability with the Orange Crush activities. We think -- we believe that one's probably a group related not necessarily this community related.

Chief Lumpkin said, page ten, give -- gives you a overall summary. The 29 homicides as of the 23rd of June. We cleared 59 percent of those. The last statistics out nationally was actually 24 -- 2014, and that was about a 64, 65 percent clearance national. We'll get to that 59 percent typically unless we have a couple homicides in the last week or so. Yes?

Commissioner Center said, what's the difference between solved and cleared?

Chief Lumpkin said, the -- essentially, they are the same, except, you can clear one if a person -- if we can take a warrant on a individual, had the proper causes to actually swear a warrant on him, but he was shot and killed in another armed robbery, we would clear that case. The individual who shot our two officers, we cleared two rapes, because later his DNA was found to have been the rapist in that two additional rapes. We can't charge him, he's dead.

Chief Lumpkin said, we also, this year, have solved eight homicides that came from the 2015 period. If we could count those back to -- to the 2015, we would be in the 80 percentile type of clearance for that year. We -- the -- the -- that work has been done with essentially a -- a -- a effective staffing -- you -- you read a month or two ago that we went to full staff, but being at full staff is we have enough -- that many people on the payroll. It's not effective staffing. We have -- today we have five vacancies on -- on a base of 610 officers. But we also have 85 in -- in training, and so that makes it 90 people less than the 610. We have actually only about 520 that are available for assignment to the street, and with that, you have to consider that you have military leave, sick leave, family leave, etcetera. So you -- you drop back to an effective level of about 85 percent of what's authorized, and when you account those military leaves, you probably -- we typically average 10 to 14 people on military leave at any given time.

Chief Lumpkin said, the next page shows you geographically where the homicides have occurred in West Chatham. Any questions of those? I spoke to --

Chairman Scott said, you've got one.

Commissioner Center said, I'm just trying to read it.

Chief Lumpkin said, do you want --

Chairman Scott said, any questions?

Chief Lumpkin said, can you -- can you read that one on Fenwick? I spoke to that one where the lady -- lady was found after a period of time being in the wood line. The -- the other two in West Chatham have been solved. The next page is the -- this is not unincorporated, this is within the City of Savannah, but there are homicides in the three -- the first one on Bolton Street, actually was killed probably the day after Christmas. We did not find him until January the 1st, and you have to count it when you actually discover the person deceased. So he's counted this year, in a vacant home. The other two you can see, on each -- one on New Castle, one on Church Street. The violence in this community is essentially in the -- on the next page, central precinct. Typically 50 plus percent of the violent homicides occur in the central precinct. Small geographical area, small population when you compare it to the jurisdiction, but we have a significant demographic crime factors within that area. That goes to poverty, low education levels, criminal background, etcetera. Those -- those factors that the FBI says that when combined can cause -- result in a higher crime rate. You can see the number there, 29 in the total jurisdiction, 13 in a smaller jurisdiction, small area.

Chief Lumpkin said, precinct three we have not had -- experienced that -- excuse me -- precinct four, the mall precinct, and southside, as many of us call it. We actually had three in that area this year. Precinct five, a significant portion of precinct five is in the -- covers the unincorporated area. The violence is within the City though. You can see where -- it's along the Truman, where -- the violence we -- we spoke to one that was in the unincorporated county was actually on the Truman where we found the young man, but most of that is City areas. When you combine the violence in that corridor and the violence that's in the central precinct, you're speaking about 70, 70 percent of the homicides in this community, and not just this year or last year, but over time. Yes, sir?

Commissioner Center said, Chief, what -- what -- when you apprehend someone where a gun's involved, whether it's, you know, a -- a -- assault or a murder, do we -- is it -- do we have the capability to even try to find out where that gun originated? Whether it was stolen, purchased or how -- what do we do with that?

Chief Lumpkin said, it's called a e-trace. Yes. We run the e-traces on the guns. Typically, they are stolen. We are taking off probably 20 or 25 guns per week or so, and they're stealing 30 or 40 per week.

Commissioner Center said, and they're basically -- I mean, if you had to say, stolen from households or from shops or from?

Chief Lumpkin said, many of them are stolen from vehicles in this community that this -- our residents and visitors like to carry guns, and they will leave them on the seat of a car, leave them in -- in the dashboard of a car, and people are stealing the guns. It's not quite as bad as when we rode with the pickups with the gun on it but is very similar.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chief Lumpkin said, they're not always hiding the gun when they leave it in the car. The -- in this country there's over 300 million guns, or 330 something. As -- the gun's not the issue, the person with the permit -- with the gun in his or her hand. But we're in a cycle, though, I believe, that young folks are arming themselves because they think other young folks have a gun. One of the -- the Sheriff gave me some strict words about searching people better when -- we got a gun into the jail because it was in a wheelchair that the person was in -- in. We searched a person and didn't search the wheelchair well -- well enough. His explanation was that he needed a gun because he had been shot and -- but he -- but he did not have a -- a concealed carry for the gun, and he was carrying it in concealment. That's an example of one person arming themselves in the old bully mind set. I think we have a lot of that on our streets. We're taking people off.

Chief Lumpkin said, what you might have read or heard that we are meeting with the Parole Board -- Board staff, and we've met a number of times, the DA, the police department, the Mayor was in this meeting and -- and others where we're asking them to change their priority on sentencing -- on -- on -- on maintaining people in prison who have gun charges.

Commissioner Center said, how is the stop gun violence program working? Is that still continuing?

Chief Lumpkin said, yes. We -- we are tweaking it. The actual overall violence in terms of group violence is down, and that's what it's aimed at. The name is broader. We're saying stop all gun violence. If you -- and that's what we want, whether he belongs to a gang member or -- or not. To -- we don't want the violence, but the -- we -- we think that the group-related violence is down. It's not at the 70 percentile where it was. I have to stretch it to get it to 50 now. But we count if a person is a gang member or is a group member, is a crew member, if he's just involved in a domestic, and he shoots his girlfriend, then we -- that -- that is a group, gang-related crime. If he is -- is shot while he's singularly robbing a -- a store, that's still a group-related gang. So we -- and if he's a member of a group or a gang, then we count any activity as group.

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

Chief Lumpkin said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, and I've seen this on the media, and, you know, sometimes things are not reported properly.

Chief Lumpkin said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Brady said, as you well know, but I've seen where -- where folks were arrested and younger folks, and I don't know if it was a juvenile arrest or -- and some other adults, but, I mean, they weren't arrested, but when they called for help for whatever happened to them, they refused to give out any information. And to me, that led me to believe is that they knew who it was and just didn't want to tell on the person who did it. Do we have any recourse against that because it's putting police officers at risk. It's taking them off the streets to deal with this. They're not giving them the information. I -- I mean, I think we need to do something about that.

Chief Lumpkin said, we think we do also, but there are limitations we can. We try to go after them for something.

Commissioner Brady said, mm-hmm.

Chief Lumpkin said, the issue is -- the larger issue is that you can't let people create violence and there not be consequence.

Commissioner Brady said, mm-hmm.

Chief Lumpkin said, if they could just do street justice, violence is going to continue to escalate. They -- a lot of people that we actually investigate crimes about, it's not because they report it, but because they have to go to the hospital or someone else reports it. They will not tell us who shot them. They know. They want to retaliate themselves. We have a process that we try to go after them also and do something with them. Now, does it always work? No, but we can't legally make the person tell us.

Commissioner Brady said, well, I -- I -- I think we need to do something to -- to force that issues, because retaliation, as you just spoke of, you know, may between -- may be between two people, but I could be walking down the street where this is going on and I could get shot and killed, I mean, so it's -- the citizens are at risk --

Chief Lumpkin said, we agree --

Commissioner Brady said, -- in reference to retaliation.

Chief Lumpkin said, -- that we need to do something, but we -- there are -- we go after the individual that we know was shot or was participate -- but we have to find something to charge them with. We have to research their background; we have to look and see what they're doing; we have to stake them out type, but we can't twist their arms and coerce them into telling us. If it wasn't for that Fourth and Fifth Amendment we could.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Chief Lumpkin said, what is still common here is these -- the victims and the perpetrators know each other. And that's your point, that we could solve a lot of them. Even if they -- when people don't tell us the truth, and it takes a day or two to actually get to the truth, when the victim was right. A number of the shootings that occur, not the murders, per se, but the shootings is where a convicted felon has a gun, and he or she accidentally shoots the gun and then shoots themselves, but they won't tell us the truth, and we've had those, and -- and we have to pick up the ones that come from -- to Memorial on those not in our jurisdiction. They won't tell us the truth about it. The -- we had one at Wal-Mart two days ago, three days ago. The majors just happened to be out there. The news media had started to run with it that it was a shooting at Wal-Mart. It was an employee doing -- doing risky behavior, smoking something he shouldn't have been smoking, shot the -- the gun went off in the car. He can't say it because he's a convicted felon. But we -- we -- they do have a witness to what occurred. The media was about to broadcast that, and we -- thankfully, we had people there that we could tweet it out. It's not a shoot -- it's an accidental discharge, and it's by a convicted felon. People who are convicted felons won't tell us that they shot themselves because they can't possess a firearm legally. We want -- and we expressed it a number of times to our Parole Board, we want those people to stay in jail at least five years like they're supposed to, like the -- and we would reduce a significant amount of this violence.

Chief Lumpkin said, as you recall, the individual who shot our two officers, was a convicted felon, and this was -- had been charged with a gun and bonded out, and now we're catching him with a gun a second time, and he's decided to shoot this time. They represent a significant danger to our officers and the citizens. I still believe that the -- the national statistics are right. We're talking about -- about .5 percent of our population. At the rate we've arrested them with a small staff, and if we can get corrections -- corrections and Parole Board to keep them for a sig -- significant portion of their sentencing, we'll run out of them. We'll have those in prison. But if they're sending them back less than 18 months, we've got an issue and a challenge.

Chief Lumpkin said, I told you we -- the next page is 16. We had a -- a five percent vacancies, 85 officers in training for a 90. Staffing -- effective staffing is 520 less anybody on military leave type. We're going to hire 14 more on June 27th. You say, well, we don't have that many vacancies. We have to hire over in order to stay with the rate. The academies don't start but about every two, three months, so we -- and we're going -- we're 600 sworn positions. We're -- we're going to lose five people a month or more. So we -- we have to do that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you say you're going to lose --

Chief Lumpkin said, sir?

Chairman Scott said, the Commissioner from the 5th District?

Chief Lumpkin said, oh, excuse me.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you say you're going to lose five people per month?

Chief Lumpkin said, at least.

Commissioner Shabazz said, from firing or?

Chief Lumpkin said, that -- that's wash outs from recruits, that's for disciplinary, that's retiring. That's the entire attrition. Anyway they separate us -- from us. But see, five a -- a -- a month would only put us a little less than 10 percent. The national attrition rate is 12 to 14 dependent upon what's going on in that community. We -- you can see, I think on the next page, this year we had 5.7 percent attrition rate. So we're better than what the norm is by far. We're 8.8 percent attrition rate since the raises took effect. The raises actually took effect June 28th of 2015. We got the money in July. Some people had left or had decided to leave, so if you bump it up a month after that, from September forward is 18.8 percent. If we could hold that rate, we could get at full staff and become highly competent.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Chief?

Chief Lumpkin said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, in terms of when you arrest a individual break the law, and as far as making that arrest stick and getting those individuals to do time, how is that going?

Chief Lumpkin said, in the felony grade, we're not losing the cases. The -- you look at the murder rates, the armed robberies and all, the DA -- we're bringing the DAs enough evidence, and they are prosecuting. The DA's organized in a manner that they've got the major case courts. We've got a individual assigned to buttress those cases, whether they're gun cases, to dot the i's, cross the t's, try to get them into federal court, etcetera. They are sticking. That's what the -- I don't think some of the street people are realizing that we're not losing the

cases. Now we're -- on part two crimes, we've got to get better at that, and -- and -- but that's in another court. It's not in the Superior Court. The -- in the Recorder's Court, we've got to get better --

Commissioner Shabazz said, part two crimes like what?

Chief Lumpkin said, just our speeding cases; our DUI cases. We don't make nearly the rate of cases that we could make if we had -- were fully staffed or we had an effective staff. We don't -- Major Zapal there in criminal investigation will tell you he doesn't have enough people to work homicides, and he's probably at 65, 70 percent of authorized staffing, but I have to keep enough patrol officers to answer those calls when somebody calls 9-1-1. We're -- it's a balancing act until we get into an effective staffing level. First thing is -- is I believe the citizen wants when they call 9-1-1 and they are screaming, they want an officer there as quickly as they can. So, we're trying to give the units enough people to work but actually have cars on the streets and be able to answer those calls.

Chief Lumpkin said, the -- May has been our most problematic month because we lost 13 officers. Some to retirement, most to washout into -- you might have saw a Georgia State Patrol article where they are having problems getting people. They only got 27 last year to get all the way through. Are we at five or six people that washed out in terms of some part of the training. And some people are not going to make it. We had a termination, and we had deaths involved in it. We're going to have those bumps, but we had other months where we only lost one or two or three per month, and that's the goal. To keep that attrition rate down below ten percent.

Chief Lumpkin said, the -- the next page shows you the -- a Gantt chart that you saw before, how long it takes to get people once -- from hiring -- and this does not include recruitment. Typically, it's a two- to three- month recruitment processing time before we actually hire them, and then a seven-month training. So you're -- you're speaking of nine to ten months to make -- to get an officer to a -- a effective staffing posture, and it's paramount to rebuilding the police department is to keep that attrition down. Because if you put them on the street after ten months or eleven months, he or she doesn't have that experience of that five-year person. You might have saw the -- hope you got the invitation to -- we recognized our tenured officers a couple of days ago. Five year milestones, 10-year, 15, up to 35. And Chief Tolbert was one of -- one of the 35-year recipients. That -- we need five years out of folks that we hire, then we get our return of investment on our officers. The money we've put in to train the person, develop the knowledge, skills and abilities. Three years is -- we're about to break even, in five years, we've received it.

Chief Lumpkin said, and our wash out rate, although we try to hire the best that we can, people still don't make it, and even when they do make it, sometimes they come in and say that -- this job is not for me, and the quicker they say that, the better we all are. Page 19 speaks to some of the outreach that has been done in unincorporated county, and we're going to continue that in -- particularly in the West Chatham precinct. We've got some ideas of how we can actually make some difference there. As you know, y'all recognized Major Thomas a couple of meetings ago, he's taken over the -- the uniform patrol -- or the patrol function, and we're -- one of the things that he, I, Chief Tolbert, and the precinct commanders are going to do is looking hard at what we're doing west precinct and why those numbers aren't what they ought to be.

Commissioner Brady said, I got a question.

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

Chief Lumpkin said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Brady said, I'd like to ask, do you know -- part of my District is actually serviced by the West Chatham, which is your Georgetown area.

Chief lumpkin said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Brady said, and back in that area, and I know you've seen the construction issues that we've had with 204 and King George Boulevard. Do you have any numbers or has there been any problems with emergency vehicles getting out there with this traffic issue that we have out there and the lane closures and stuff? Because I've been concerned about emergency vehicles, police, ambulance, fire getting out there. There is a fire department that is out there in Georgetown, but do you have any knowledge of any issues that the police department has suffered from?

Chief Lumpkin said, of course we can't respond as if the traffic wasn't there. Excuse -- excuse me. Our police cars can get through, but there is some significant response. In a meeting a month or so ago a Sergeant was speaking of the time it takes him to get to calls when he's backing up calls in that area.

Commissioner Brady said, mm-hmm.

Chief Lumpkin said, he's in a sedan and the K-9s are in the Explorer types. They can get through the traffic, but it's slower. It's much slower. Ambulances and fire trucks, it -- we -- they cannot get through nearly as easily as a smaller sedan, but typically citizens will let them through the -- but it's slower getting through.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 2nd District, Commissioner Holmes have a question.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, Chief Lumpkin, this might be a crazy question, but I'd like to ask it anyhow. I know all of our cars are air condition proof, and it's nice to see them officers in them cars rolling around, but are there a law or you ask them not to get out of their car and walk through the community or neighborhoods?

Chief Lumpkin said, no, sir. We -- it's just -- we encourage them to do just the opposite, to get out of the car, park, walk and talk to people.

Commissioner Holmes said, this would a tremendous community-building relationship, and I often wonder why, as a matter of fact, I asked a couple of them, to park their cars and walk two or three blocks, meet people, introduce themselves, shake hands, have conversations, and then come back. I'm not telling you to stay out your vehicle for no one hour and two hour, but 15 to 20 minutes meeting the people in the community would be a tremendous increase in building that police relationship.

Chief Lumpkin said, well, I think Major Thomas hears you there. One of the challenges some beats have that time, and in certain periods of time, other beats don't.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, if you go to precinct three, which is not -- it doesn't have any unincorporated area. They don't have the time.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, the number of calls that's rolling in there. Other beats do. I heard that from -- we don't have the time from one of the precincts, and when I looked at it -- that -- in terms of what they are logging, when the car claims to be busy, they do have the time.

Commissioner Holmes said, what about the 2nd District.

Chief Lumpkin said, now, they're not going to walk three or four blocks away from their car.

Commissioner Holmes said, hmm-hmm.

Chief Lumpkin said, they'll park their car and walk a block north, then walk other side back south where they can get back to their car and respond. They --

Commissioner Holmes said, give me -- give me what you think about the 2nd District.

Chief Lumpkin said, about what?

Commissioner Holmes said, 2nd District. What kind of jurisdiction do you have over your cops in the 2nd District?

Chief Lumpkin said, give me a month. I -- I saw that I got monthly -- that I'm supposed to be here. Let -- let me look at -- the political districts and the police precinct districts aren't the same, and I'm asking the staff to give me them about political districts also. Give this data about political districts.

Commissioner Holmes said, appreciate it.

Chief Lumpkin said, I hope we'll not get beat up by it, but you all are going to ask the question about political districts and the precinct districts don't align. Yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell of the 4th.

Chief Lumpkin said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, just wanted to get a quick update -- just wanted to get a quick update on the data gathering for the unincorporated area. One of the things that was talked about extensively on the merger was to have accurate data for our staff to evaluate the amount of man hours that are being dedicated to the unincorporated area, and we talked about GPS in the vehicles and -- and that sort of thing, so if you could just give me a brief update on where we are.

Chief Lumpkin said, automated vehicle locator type. It's going out on -- is David here?

Captain David Gay said, yes, sir.

Chief Lumpkin said, it's gone out on a -- a RFP and they've made the proposals. We have, I -- I think, a governance committee scheduled to talk about the cost, city, county. Give them a update.

Captain Gay said, so we developed an RFP using city and county staff. We posted the RFP. We have since evaluated eight vendors and identified a -- a -- a vendor, and we're currently waiting for a meeting with the policy committee so that can move forward.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. When's your next policy committee meeting, Chief?

Chief Lumpkin said, there's something out there now.

Chairman Scott said, the -- the Mayor --

Chief Lumpkin said, I don't remember the specific date.

Chairman Scott said, the -- the Mayor is scheduling one I think within the next ten days. I don't remember the exact date.

County Manager Smith said, yes. I think they sent us the dates yesterday.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. So, you're working right along on it. Thank you.

Chief Lumpkin said, okay. Questions?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, yeah. Thank you. And I'm just following up on one I read. The -- the woman out I guess at Savannah Mall, who resisted an attempt to rob her and was shot, and y'all have arrested a juvenile 16-year-old. Any progress in getting the other three?

Chief Lumpkin said, the --

Major Richard Zapal said, yes, sir. We've identified the second one and arrested him, and we've also identified tentatively the third one. We're still working on that.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chief Lumpkin said, but you have the shooter, though.

Major Zapal said, yes, sir. We do have the shooter.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Thank you. And -- and then let me congratulate your 35-year employee.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, who obviously passed the class when she was one.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, any -- any further questions?

Chief Lumpkin said, we -- you know, we also had a second 35-year person, also.

Commissioner Center said, congratulations. Is that person here too?

Chief Lumpkin said, no. No. But, that -- you know, if we could --

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chief Lumpkin said, we ought to strive for at least five years from everyone.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, I just want to make one comment, please.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Thomas from the 8th District.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, Chief, I just want to personally thank you and all of the officers that serve Chatham County, all of the citizens. It's a very, very tough job, and I just want to say that I watch the officers as they patrol the different areas, not only just in the area where I live, but as I move across the city and the county and so forth and so on. It is not a easy task today to be an officer. I have never seen in my lifetime so many officers being shot and killed and, you know, trying to do their duty and etcetera. So I just want to wish you God speed and continue to be as safe as possible, and to continue helping to keep us as safe as possible. Just thank you so much.

Chief Lumpkin said, thank you, ma'am. May I add a little something that the 1970s were worse in terms of felonious assault on police. We were losing 270 some people at one point. We're losing about 130 a year now.

Thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, thanks.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Chief.

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Scott said, next we have the Action Calendar. There was no indication of anything to be pulled off and voted on separate, so I'll entertain a motion at this time that we approve the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion we approve the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 6 and under Item 6 Items A through N. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present for the vote.]

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

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- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2016, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2016, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present for the vote.]

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- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 2, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 15, 2016.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of June 2, 2016 through June 15, 2016, in the amount of \$7,057,796. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present for the vote.]

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- 3. TO PRESENT A REQUEST TO THE BOARD FOR THE TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PERIOD OF 2009 THROUGH 2015. WITH AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR**

THEM TO INSTRUCT THE BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S NOT TO CREATE A 2016 ASSESSMENT AND/OR ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SAME PROPERTIES.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval of a request to the Board for the Tax Commissioner's Office to write off uncollectible property taxes for the period of 2009 through 2015, as well as instruction to the Board of Assessor's not to create a 2016 assessment and/or any subsequent assessment of the same properties. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
THRU: Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner
FROM: Theresa C. Harrelson, Special Projects Accountant

ISSUE:

To present a request to the Board for the Tax Commissioner's Office to write off uncollectible Property Taxes for the period 2009 through 2015. With an additional request for them to instruct the Board of Assessor's not to create a 2016 assessment and/or any subsequent assessment of the same properties.

BACKGROUND:

During the period 2009 through 2015 numerous personal property and mobile home tax accounts on the County's Tax Digest remain uncollected. These accounts are uncollectible for many reasons such as the owner(s) cannot be located; the owner(s) have moved; the owner(s) are deceased; the business is no longer in operation or has no assets or a bankruptcy judgment has paid less than 100 cents on the dollar. Therefore, the balance outstanding in these accounts cannot be collected.

The amount of uncollectible personal property and mobile home taxes determined thus far for the period of 2009 through 2015 total **\$14,866.89** that consists of **46** tax bills as summarized:

Tax Year	No. Of Bills	Net Tax	County Portion
2009	2	1,327.56	559.29
2010	4	1,259.49	515.63
2011	6	2,006.21	811.08
2012	8	1,347.34	519.65
2013	9	1,689.33	660.30
2014	11	4,434.22	1,737.56
2015	6	2,802.74	1,074.93
TOTALS:	46	\$ 14,866.89	\$ 5,878.44

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. When yearly audits are performed by both External and State Auditors, as well as periodical audits by Internal Auditors, it has been their recommendation to write off these uncollectible accounts.
2. A copy of the schedule listing all the accounts is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Tax Commissioner's request to write off these uncollectible accounts
2. Do not approve the Tax Commissioner's request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

By writing off these uncollectible personal property accounts the County will be working with an accurate Tax Digest and valid delinquent accounts receivable records.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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4. TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER ABATEMENT OF 2013 PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED ON 194 BATTERY CIRCLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,638.55.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval of a request that the Board consider abatement of 2013 property taxes assessed on 194 Battery Circle in the amount of \$5,638.55. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2016

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

ISSUE:

To request that the Board consider abatement of 2013 property taxes assessed on 194 Battery Circle in the amount of \$5,638.55.

BACKGROUND:

On December 20, 2013, the Board of Commissioners accepted the donation of property from Robert Bell consisting of 1.55 acres of land located at 194 Battery Circle on Whitemarsh Island for conservation and/or green space. There remains an outstanding balance for taxes owed in the amount of \$5,638.55 for tax year 2013.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. To request that the Board abate 2013 property taxes for 194 Battery Circle.
2. On December 20, 2013, the Board of Commissioners accepted the donation of property from Robert Bell consisting of 1.55 acres of land located at 194 Battery Circle on Whitemarsh Island for conservation and/or green space.
3. There is an outstanding balance for taxes owed in the amount of \$5,638.55 for tax year 2013.
4. O.C.G.A. 48-5-154 provides that the County governing authority shall have jurisdiction and the power to correct all errors in the digest to order abatement or cancellation of taxes erroneously assessed and to make other adjustments in the digest of a similar nature and to reflect the same in the account as stated.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is in the best interest of Chatham County to have property taxes as outlined herein abated. This property appears to have natural resources on site, and is within close proximity to properties of historical significance and has the potential to be an asset to the County and its land conservation efforts.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The Commission should authorize an abatement of the 2013 taxes in the amount of \$5,638.55 for 194 Battery Circle.
2. The Commission should not authorize an abatement of the 2013 taxes in the amount of \$5,638.55 for 194 Battery Circle.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2016. PETITIONER: BIJALKUMAR K. PATEL, D/B/A PUMP N PANTRY, LOCATED AT 5 GATEWAY BOULEVARD SOUTH, 31419. [DISTRICT 6.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved for Board approval of a transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2016. The petitioner is Bijalkumar K. Patel, d/b/a Pump N Pantry, located at 5 Gateway Boulevard. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2016

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2016. Petitioner: **Bijalkumar K. Patel d/b/a Pump N Pantry** located at **5 Gateway Boulevard South, Savannah, Georgia 31419**.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Patel requests approval for transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with the existing convenience store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Stanford Davidson Smith to Bijalkumar K. Patel.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 6

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

 Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

 Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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- 6. 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 Brady moved for approval to award bids as follows except Item A: (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 Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6 A-N
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 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 annual price agreements for the purchase of various chemicals, in the forms of liquid, pellets and granules from Adapco, Inc., AllPro Vector Group, Clarke Mosquito Control Products, Inc., Univar USA, Inc., and Target Specialty Products for Chatham County Mosquito Control.

BACKGROUND: These chemicals are used to treat immature and adult mosquitoes as part of an integrated mosquito management program.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Pricing quotations require the vendors to commit to holding firm the price for the purchase of the chemicals for a period of one (1) year.

2. The following vendors submitted quotes (see attached matrix for pricing on pages 3-7):

Adapco, Inc.
Sanford, FL

All Pro Vector
Northville, MI

Clarke Mosquito Control Products
St. Charles, IL

Univar USA, Inc.
Chamblee, GA

Target Specialty Products
Houston, TX

3. Staff recommends Adapco, Inc., Clarke Mosquito Control Products, Inc., and Univar USA, Inc., for the purchase of the various types of Altosid larvicide. The pricing offered by the three (3) vendors is the manufacturer's fixed cost. Awarding to three (3) vendors will enable staff to purchase from the vendor that would have the quickest delivery and would give staff several backup vendors for purchase.

4. Staff recommends Adapco, Inc., and Univar USA, Inc., for the purchase of Malathion adulticide and the Etofenprox adulticide. The pricing offered by the two (2) vendors is the manufacturer's fixed cost. Awarding to two (2) vendors will enable staff to purchase from the vendor that would have the quickest delivery and would give staff several backup vendors for purchase.

5. Staff recommendations for the remainder of the items is indicated on the attached recap.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
(1005144 – 531720)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of annual price agreements for the purchase of various chemicals, in the forms of liquid, pellets and granules from Adapco, Inc., AllPro Vector Group, Clarke Mosquito Control Products, Inc., Univar USA, Inc., and Target Specialty Products for Chatham County Mosquito Control.

2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve price agreements for essential and safe chemical products which control the mosquito population in Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____

MARK BUCALO

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$73,318 Deductive Amendment No. 7 to Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) agreement for two (2) new libraries with J.E. Dunn Construction Company d/b/a R.J. Griffin and Company.

BACKGROUND: On June 10, 2011, the Board of Commissioners approved a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) agreement to R.J. Griffin and Company for the new Garden City and Islands

Branch Libraries. On August 9, 2013, the Board of Commissioners approved the guaranteed maximum price for the project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County is being reimbursed for savings secured and coordinated on the project. The savings are attributable to the Islands Library General Conditions, as the project was completed in a shorter time duration than planned.
2. Agreement history:

Original Agreement	(06-10-11)	
Amendment No. 1	(08-09-13)	\$ 8,600,000
Amendment No. 2	(11-22-13)	\$ 139,000
Amendment No. 3	(12-20-13)	\$ 346,468
Amendment No. 4	(01-17-14)	\$ 59,869
Amendment No. 5	(06-13-14)	\$ 240,359
Amendment No. 6	(07-11-14)	\$ 163,683
Amendment No. 7	(Pending)	\$ (73,318)
		\$ 9,476,061

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Garden City and Islands Libraries
(3234980 - 54.13011 - 32360217)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$73,318 Deductive Amendment No. 7 to Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) agreement for two (2) new libraries with J.E. Dunn Construction Company d/b/a R.J. Griffin and Company.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve deductive amendments when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARC BUCALO

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$14,050 Change Order No. 1 to Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc., for repairs at the Causton Bluff Drawbridge for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: On April 1, 2016, the Board approved a sole source contract to Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc. to perform repairs to the Causton Bluff Drawbridge. The contractor has been providing contractual inspection and repairs on the bridge for more than seven (7) years and has a vast knowledge of the condition and maintenance requirements of the bridge.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. During the repair of the frame, the contractor discovered that some of the line boring and pre-fabrication of the clevis pins were not necessary, which results in a \$9,570 deduction from the initial award.
2. Upon further examination, the contractor discovered the foundation under the footers of the frame deteriorated to the degree that repairs are necessary to stabilize the frame. This repair could not have been discovered until portions of the frame were dismantled. The contractor also found two (2) teeth on the ring gear broken and in need of repair.
3. Including the \$9,570 deduction from the original amount, staff is requesting \$14,050 to cover the total cost of the additional scope of repairs of \$23,620.
4. Contract history:

Original Contract	(04-01-16)	\$31,470
Change Order No. 1	(Pending)	\$14,050
		\$45,520

FUNDING: CIP - Bridges
(3504230 - 35030540 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$14,050 Change Order No. 1 to Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc., for repairs at the Causton Bluff Drawbridge for Public Works and Park Services.

2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$36,201 Deductive Summary Change Order No. 3 with a 45 day contract time extension to the contract with McLendon Enterprises, Inc., on the Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND: The section of Wahlstrom Road between the CSX Railroad tracks and the Savannah River is in an area of industrial development. The drainage system which serves the roadway and surrounding properties was undersized and located on private property with no easement. The project addresses this by installing new storm drain lines within the road right-of-way.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded the project March 13, 2015. The County issued the Notice to Proceed to the contractor on August 3, 2015. The project was determined to be substantially complete on April 5, 2016, with punchlist items completed in May.
2. The construction contract was awarded on a unit price basis. As construction progressed, some quantity totals exceeded the contract amount, while others were less than the contract amount. In addition, field conditions resulted in the addition of new items to fully complete the work. The summary change order results from measurement of final quantities installed at unit prices and adjustments to lump sum items resulting from field changes. Lump sum adjustments and unit prices for items not in the contract were negotiated by staff. Staff believes these prices to be fair and reasonable for the material and labor. The net cost of the work covered by the initial contract and change orders no.1 and 2 were a deduct of \$51,741.
3. During the course of the project it was necessary to temporarily plug a side pipe coming into the system to prevent intrusion of contaminants and to remove the plug once the issue with the side pipe had been corrected. These actions add a new pay item to the contract. The total additional cost was \$ 4,740.
4. During the course of the project it was determined that the nature of the traffic in the industrial area in conjunction with the drainage structure proximity to the roadway required the installation of bollards to mark and protect the new structures. This action adds a new pay item to the contract. The total additional cost was \$ 10,800.
5. During the course of project completion, progress was slowed by rainfall, groundwater conditions due to high tides, unknown utility conflicts and the discovery of unknown buried impediments. This reduction in progress results in the need to extend the contract period. Staff recommends that the contract term be extended by 45 days.
6. Contract History:

Original Contract	(3-13-15)	\$445,295
Change Order 1	(11-6-15)	\$ 68,820
Change Order 2	(01-15-16)	\$ 41,899
Change Order 3	(Pending)	<u>\$ (36,201)</u>
		\$519,813

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$36,201 Deductive Summary Change Order No. 3 with a 45 day contract time extension to the contract with McLendon Enterprises, Inc., on the Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvement Project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$29,850 sole source purchase from SecureTech Systems, Inc., of panic alarms and upgrades of existing panic alarms for use at the Montgomery Street Courthouse, the Bull Street Courthouse and expansion of the Pete Liakakis Building.

BACKGROUND: This equipment is used to provide additional security for all who work and enter these buildings with the ability to alert Law Enforcement personnel covertly with the push of a button. The upgrades will not only provide a physical push button but also a computer desktop icon for at risk staff. The Sheriff's Office currently monitors the alert system and will continue to do so with the upgrades. The alert when activated will notify Deputies via a radio announcement that an emergency is declared and the specific location of the incident.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The sole source vendor that installed the current system was used to obtain a quote.

SecureTech Systems, Inc.	\$29,850
Irving, TX	

2. SecureTech Systems, Inc., installed the current Panic Alarm system in use at the Chatham County Courthouse, the Chatham County Juvenile Court and the Bull Street Courthouse. The system is proprietary and the necessary expansion and upgrades can only be installed by SecureTech Systems, Inc. The system expansion/upgrades are compatible with the current radio and repeaters that are already installed in the courthouses.

3. Staff believes the quote of \$29,850 from SecureTech Systems, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Expansion Project
(3244980 - 54.13001 - 32460427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$29,850 sole source purchase from SecureTech Systems, Inc., of panic alarms and upgrades of existing panic alarms for use at the Montgomery Street Courthouse, the Bull Street Courthouse and expansion of the Pete Liakakis Building.
2. Provide staff with other directions.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of necessary equipment for facility security.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$13,380 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Blu Site of Savannah, Inc., to provide portable toilets to various parks and recreational facilities and three (3) recycle/drop-off centers.

BACKGROUND: Portable toilets are located at parks or recreational facilities that either do not have restrooms on the premises or as an addition to regular restrooms. It is more cost effective to contract for rental/service of portable toilets.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff developed specifications which established time and frequency for portable toilet service.
2. An Invitation to Bid was publicly advertised and opened May 24, 2016. Bidders provided a monthly service cost (including unit rental) for standard units serviced twice per week, and handicapped units serviced twice and three times per week depending on location. Quantities were established based on locations. Bid responses are as follows:

Blu Site of Savannah, Inc.	\$13,308
Savannah, GA	
** A-OK Portables, LLC.	\$13,728
Byron, GA	

Nature's Calling, Inc. \$22,884
 Charleston, SC

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- Bidders also provided pricing for units that are required on an "as needed" basis for special events.

FUNDING: •General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation (\$10,680)
 (1006100 - 52.39001)
 •Solid Waste Management (\$2,700)
 (5404501 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval to award a \$13,380 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Blu Site of Savannah, Inc., to provide portable toilets to various parks and recreational facilities and three (3) recycle/drop-off centers.
- Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 MELVA SHARPE

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$52,998 purchase of two (2) additional 2016 Ford F150XL super cab trucks from AutoNation Ford, Marietta, GA, for Marine Patrol.

BACKGROUND: As part of the police merger, the County authorized funding for the purchase of vehicles for Marine Patrol. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the procurement of two (2) vehicles were not accomplished in the last fiscal year. This purchase will bring the fleet up to the required standards.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- Bids were publicly advertised and opened on May 19, 2016. Bid responses are as follow:

AutoNation Ford Marietta, GA	\$52,998
O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$57,752
* Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln Morrow, GA	\$58,262
J.C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$59,322

*MBE firm

- Local Preference did not apply because the local bidder was not within 5% of the non-local bidder.
- Staff believes the pricing offered by AutoNation Ford to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Marine Patrol
 (3503251 - 54.22001 - 3503019Z)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of a \$52,998 purchase of two (2) additional 2016 Ford F150XL super cab trucks from AutoNation Ford, Marietta, GA, for Marine Patrol.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide vehicles for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$70,182 purchase of three (3) replacement 2016 Ford F150XL pickup trucks from J.C. Lewis Ford for Facilities Maintenance and Operations.

BACKGROUND: The purchase of these trucks will replace three (3) trucks that are old and beyond economical repair.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publicly advertised and opened on June 13, 2016. Bid responses are as follows:

O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$70,182
AutoNation Ford Marietta, GA	\$72,558
J.C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$72,922

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 O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc., and they accepted.

3. The Board previously approved at their May 27, 2016, meeting to declare three (3) vehicles as surplus. The vehicles approved were:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN #</u>
304	1997 Ford F150 pickup truck	1FTDF1726VNB43087
308	2004 Ford F150 pickup truck	2FTRF17W54CA32124
311	2000 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W1YX115467

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
(1001565 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of a \$70,182 purchase of three (3) replacement 2016 Ford F150 XL pickup trucks from J.C. Lewis Ford for Facilities Maintenance and Operations.
- Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$79,425 renewal of a sole source annual software license and maintenance agreement to Sungard Public Sector for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: These annual service agreements cover user software licenses and system maintenance required for technical support, bug fixes, and software updates for the Financial Management Information System (FMIS) Finance system which is used by all County departments.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Sungard Public Sector of Lake Mary, FL., is the only company permitted to make changes or updates to their proprietary software, thereby qualifying these agreements to fall under a sole-source procurement.
2. Sungard items increased by 8 percent over the \$73,748.59 amount in 2015.
3. This will be the final year we pay this company for software maintenance as the new system comes online during the coming year.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - I.C.S. (Pending adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget)
(1001535 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$79,425 renewal of a sole source annual software license and maintenance agreement to Sungard Public Sector for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential license agreements and maintenance support contracts.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the annual premium of \$27,656 to ACE/Westchester, for renewal of Mosquito Control aircraft liability and hull (physical damage) insurance coverage for a policy term of one year beginning July 11, 2016 and ending July 10, 2017.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County Risk Management purchases liability and hull insurance to protect highly valued aircraft, the public, and non-employee passengers in the event of an accident. Mosquito Control insures one fixed-wing aircraft and three helicopters with replacement values in excess of \$1.9 million.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current carrier, ACE/Westchester is offering a renewal quotation of \$27,656, which is a reduction in the 2015-2016 premium of \$31,500.
2. The renewal quotation includes Non-owned Aircraft Liability and Physical Damage coverage. These endorsements were included to protect the County's interests with regard to pilot training in non-owned aircraft.
3. The County's insurance broker, USI Insurance Services, LLC., solicited quotes from AIG, Phoenix, and Global Aerospace. Global Aerospace declined to quote. AIG offered a quote of \$43,000 and Phoenix offered a quote of \$40,000. AIG and Phoenix were not competitive with our current carrier.
4. Staff does not recommend purchasing the War Risk/TRIA endorsement.

FUNDING: Risk Management - Premium Insurance
(6259922 - 52.31021)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the annual premium of \$27,656 to ACE/Westchester, for renewal of Mosquito Control aircraft liability and hull (physical damage) insurance coverage for a policy term of one year beginning July 11, 2016 and ending July 10, 2017.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The County has chosen to provide liability coverage for Mosquito Control operations and hull coverage to protect highly valued assets.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$203,477 renewal of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance with Safety National Casualty Corporation for the policy period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND: Since 1990 specific excess insurance has been purchased to fund medical and indemnity (lost wage) expense that exceed annual per claim retention. The County self-funds Workers' Compensation with the assistance of a Third-Party Administrator, Underwriters Safety & Claims.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current carrier, Safety National Casualty Corporation, is offering a renewal quotation with a \$750,000 per claim retention and an annual premium of \$203,477. The expiring annual premium is \$209,484 with a \$750,000 per claim retention.
2. The rate decrease is the first in over five (5) years (-10.5%). Although there has been an increase in salaries (+7%) the rate decrease has resulted in a total premium decrease of \$6,007 (-3%).
3. The State Workers' Compensation Rule 121 requires self-insured government entities purchase excess Workers' Compensation insurance.

FUNDING: Risk Management - Workers Compensation
(6259926 – 51.27008)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$203,477 renewal of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance with Safety National Casualty Corporation for the policy period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The State Workers' Compensation Rule 121 requires self-funded governments purchase Excess Workers' Compensation insurance.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$853,500 construction contract to Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the Chatham County Parking Deck renovations.

BACKGROUND: This project addresses health and safety issues in the parking structure. It will upgrade access equipment and reseal and repair concrete compromised by water intrusions. Rain screens will be installed to mitigate water being blown into the structure. Traffic flow into the parking deck will be reversed to accommodate projected requirements of Georgia Department of Transportation (Martin Luther King Blvd. is a state road) and changes planned by the City of Savannah for Montgomery Street and Martin Luther King Blvd.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised and four (4) bids were received and opened on June 2, 2016. The bids are as follows:

**	Collins Construction Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$853,500
	Southern Preservation Systems Snellville, GA	\$1,005,981
**	E & D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$1,488,700
	Structural Preservation Systems Sarasota, FL	\$1,546,632

** WBE firm

2. Staff finds the bid from Collins Construction Services, Inc., to be fair and reasonable and within the construction estimate.

FUNDING: Parking Garage (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
(5557564 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$853,500 construction contract to Collins Construction Services, Inc., for the Chatham County Parking Deck renovations.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an \$101,000 sole source purchase of 200 refurbished ExpressPoll 5000 precinct check in units, to replace older units used as front line in the polls, from Elections System and Software (ES&S) for the Board of Elections.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Elections utilizes ExpressPoll units in all polling places to locate the voter's information and issue an access card for use in voting on the touchscreen voting units. The ExpressPoll units currently in service are the original ExpressPoll 4000 units received and deployed in 2005 and are based upon a re-purposed mobile tablet with a specially designed attachment base. The connection between the ExpressPoll 4000 and the attachment base is problematic, which can cause the units to encounter errors during operation. Some of the errors that occur can interrupt the processing and require troubleshooting during busy times. The ExpressPoll 5000 was certified for use in the Georgia Election system in 2007 and was designed and built for this purpose. It is a one piece unit which eliminates the problems caused by the base attachment. We will retain some ExpressPoll 4000 units to be used as needed to supplement and backup the polls. The ExpressPoll 5000 units will improve the operation in the polls allowing the poll officials to better serve the voters. This system, at a minimum, will be used through the next Presidential election to be held in 2020.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County has 234 ExpressPoll 4000 units and uses 200 in the polls.
2. The ExpressPoll 4000 has been superceded by the ExpressPoll 5000 and no newer unit will be certified for use in the Georgia election system.
3. The State, in December 2015, lifted the prohibition on purchasing used or refurbished election equipment that met the certification requirements for the Georgia election system.
4. Election Systems & Software has a limited inventory of equipment certified for use in Georgia.
5. This a sole source purchase because this is the only vendor whose system has been tested and approved by the State.
6. The proposed purchase is for 200 ExpressPoll 5000 units to replace a like number of the ExpressPoll 4000 units used in polls. The units will cost \$485 each and will have a one year warranty.
7. The elections staff believes purchasing and utilizing the new ExpressPoll 5000 units will provide improved service to the voters in the polls.

FUNDING: •General Fund/M&O - Board of Elections
(1001400 - 54.25001) \$75,000 (Current Budget)
•General Fund/M&O - Board of Elections
(1001400 - 54.25001) \$26,000 (Pending adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of an \$101,000 sole source purchase of 200 refurbished ExpressPoll 5000 precinct check in units, to replace older units used as front line in the polls, from Elections System and Software (ES&S) for the Board of Elections.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy approve purchases which increase efficiency and reduce cost.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$35,164 sole source purchase to Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation, Inc., for new controllers and hydraulic convertors for the irrigation system at Henderson Golf Course.

BACKGROUND: Henderson Golf Course is a County owned public golf course. The golf course is managed by a private management group. The County has been in the process of upgrading controllers and hydraulic convertors at the golf course.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On October 23, 2015, the Board approved the first upgrade to the new controllers and hydraulic convertors. This procurement is for an additional 6 (six) controllers.
2. The existing control system is an OSMAC model. Any upgrades to the system requires staying with the same model.
3. Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation, Inc., is the authorized regional distributor of the OSMAC Control System, which is the existing control system at Henderson Golf Course.
4. This equipment is necessary to maintain the irrigation system in proper working order and to ensure greens and fairways are kept in pristine condition for the golf members.
5. Staff believes the cost from Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation, Inc., is fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$35,164 sole source purchase to Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation, Inc., for new controllers and hydraulic convertors for the irrigation system at Henderson Golf Course.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to grant funding to procure equipment for the upgrade of Chatham County facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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XI. FIRST READINGS

Chairman Scott said, there are no First Readers.

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XII. SECOND 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.

Note: on 6/23/2016 a letter was received from J. Curtis Lewis, III, on behalf of the owners to request that the Board remand both matters back to the MPC for further consideration.

- 1. THE PETITIONER, SCOTT MONSON, AGENT FOR INDIGO HALL, II, IS REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO CREATE SECTION 4-14 OF CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW PUD ZONING DISTRICT (VILLAGE AT SKIDAWAY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT).
THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
MPC FILE NO. Z-160512-00050-1
[DISTRICT 4.]**

Chairman Scott said, that brings us to the Second Reader.

Mr. Lee Hooper said, good morning. My name is Lee Hooper. I live on 37 Sundew Road, Savannah, Georgia 31411. I note on the Second Reading, this note is somewhat concerning in and of itself. I wasn't aware that this was going to happen, that Curtis Lewis, on behalf of the owners, to request the Board remand both matters back to MPC for further consideration. I'm here because of the fact I represent 71 Sundew residents in regards to the original MPC proposal.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Mr. Hooper said, now, I'm being told here that it's going -- remanded back.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

Mr. Hooper said, I would like to have a clarification, if I could, on -- on what is the reason for it to be -- being remanded back? I mean, I was ready to say I'm -- I'm in favor of the thing as it's going forward as -- as it's been --

Chairman Scott said, there are -- there are some property owners who are involved in the District in which he's rezoning that do not wish to be rezoned, and so we're going to send it back to the Metropolitan Planning Commission for them to work out their differences, and then bring it back to the Commission. So it will be back at some future date. I'm sorry about the inconvenience, and your trip down here, but this was a request from the property owners late yesterday.

Mr. Hooper said, so, then, we're going through the whole process again?

Chairman Scott said, absolutely.

Mr. Hooper said, my -- my request to -- to the Commissioners would be the following then, because I -- I question the protocol. Number one, MPC, when they have their meeting, we get a notice, the people involved. We also get a meeting [sic] after the MPC meeting on when the first hearing is going to be held with Commissioners, you folks, okay?

Chairman Scott said, we don't -- we don't hold a hearing.

Mr. Hooper said, we -- we -- we do -- we get a notice that there will be a -- a First Reading to Commissioners.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

Mr. Hooper said, we get that notice, okay? That -- that's fine, but it also says you can't comment.

Chairman Scott said, not on the First Reading.

Mr. Hooper said, that's what I said. I think it would be appropriate to let us know for the -- when the Second Reading when we can comment, that you are actually going to have a Second Reading. I didn't know this until I called MPC and Mr. Lotson was so -- informed me.

Chairman Scott said, it's -- it's on line.

Mr. Hooper said, okay. We -- the -- the informed people always get the first meeting, the second meeting, but when we can comment, we don't get the second. We don't get that chance. Why? I -- I question that. And so I'll be here for the Second Reading then again.

Chairman Scott said, all right.

Mr. Hooper said, because there's no sense to come to the first if you can't comment anyways.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

County Attorney Hart said, what -- what the gentleman really needs to do is -- is this is going to go back to the MPC.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, and they'll make the adjustments that the MPC, the property owner and other parties have talked about.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

County Attorney Hart said, it will go back before the MPC. It will be voted on. He'll have the right to attend those meetings if he chooses to do that. The MPC will make a decision on that, they then are a recommending body to the Commission, and we will follow the same process we have here. There will be a First Reading, there will be a Second Reading, at the Second Reading, if you have comments you can make them.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Anyway, we -- we appreciate you coming and thank you so much. Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if I may, would it be possible on the -- who sends that notice? The MPC? That -- that -- about having a First Reading?

Chairman Scott said, the MPC, that's correct.

County Manager Smith said, MPC.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, could we just simply ask them to include on that note where it says there will be a First Reading and there's no comments to put it's standard that the Second Reading will follow at the very next meeting, and at that point you can comment?

County Attorney Hart said, I think the notice says that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, I'm not -- I haven't looked at it in a while.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but --

County Attorney Hart said, this was a situation in which the petitioner after discussing things with the County Attorney and with the MPC --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, -- felt that it was best to take his petition back.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, I understand. I'm --

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and -- and we didn't get notice of it until yesterday afternoon.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm -- I understand, no. But I'm just saying where he's said it -- it notified that there's a First Reading --

Commissioner Thomas said, and a second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- and there's no comment, can it -- can we just ask the MPC to put and there is a Second Reading following the first at the next Commission meeting?

County Manager Smith said, we'll have to -- it's not always the next meeting because we have had exceptions to that, so I'll -- I'll talk to MPC staff about it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, are we taking action to remand it?

Chairman Scott said, is there -- yeah, what I -- what I was going to ask, is there any -- if there are any objections to remanding it back to the Metropolitan Planning Commission?

Commissioner Center said, nope.

Chairman Scott said, hearing no objections, it's back to the Metropolitan Planning Commission, Marcus [Lotson].

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~June 10, 2016~~

AGENDA ITEM: **XII-1**

AGENDA DATE: **June 24, 2016**



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

Scott Monson, agent for Indigo Hall, II, is requesting an Amendment to Create Section 4-14 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance to establish a new PUD zoning district (Village at Skidaway Planned Unit Development). The MPC recommends approval.

File No. Z-160512-00050-1

ISSUE:

The request is to establish a new Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district, Village at Skidaway.

BACKGROUND:

The Village at Skidaway is an existing 69-acre development located on Skidaway Island at the northwest corner of Diamond Causeway and McWhorter Road. The Village was zoned PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development - Neighborhood Business) in 1980 to allow for a neighborhood-oriented commercial development with a mix of retail, office and institutional uses.

The PUD-B-N district is a sub-classification of the PUD-B (Planned Unit Development-Business District). Uses permitted in the PUD-B-N district are those permitted in a third zoning district, B-N (Neighborhood Business).

The Village is also within an Environmental-Overlay (E-O) zoning district. This district has some requirements that are in addition to or that may be more restrictive than the underlying base zoning district. The E-O district is not proposed to be eliminated.

In addition to the creation of the PUD, the property is also proposed to be rezoned from its current zoning classification to the proposed Village at Skidaway PUD (File No. 16-0420-00041-1) is also on the May 17 Planning Commission agenda.

A neighborhood meeting was held on May 10, 2015 at Messiah Lutheran Church in the Village. Approximately 50 people, including an MPC staff person, were in attendance.

FINDINGS:

1. The proposed PUD district will allow for a zoning district that supports the vision of the Village of Skidaway. Uses, uses conditions development standards and other site standards would be specific to the Village unlike the PUD-B-N district. The PUD was spurred by a desire to allow uses not presently permitted in the PUD-B-N district and to limit their locations within the Village. The PUD text is attached.
2. The applicant seeks to develop a continuing care retirement residence, which would include independent living and assisted living to allow residents to "age-in-place." A "memory care" unit will also be offered. For zoning purposes, this portion of the residence is proposed to be classified as a personal care home. Watchful oversight will be provided for residents who do not require nursing care.

The zoning ordinance does not specifically address this type of residential development, either collectively or individually. The closest use would be a “Home for the Aged and Children, which is not defined but is permitted in the B-N district. It is assumed that this use does not allow for an independent living component. Independent living allows residents to live within their own dwelling without assistance and an opportunity to participate in the activities and amenities provided by the retirement facility. As health needs change, residents can move into assisted living on the same property.

As proposed, the continuing care retirement residence and personal care home would be limited to Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 shown on the master plan. The Commerce Street right-of-way, from Lake Street to the western boundaries of Parcels 3 and 8 may be quit-claimed to be included in the area to be developed.

3. Definitions are proposed for “continuing retirement care facility” and “assisted living facility.” The “memory care” portion of the retirement residences would be a personal care home, for zoning purposes, which is also defined. Other definitions for proposed uses are also provided. Nearly all of the definitions are new for the zoning ordinance and were developed during the drafting of the New Zoning Ordinances (New ZO). Ideally, these definitions should be placed in the definition section of the zoning ordinance, but the unusual formatting of that section and time constraints did not allow staff that opportunity.
4. Upper-story residential is also a proposed limited residential use that does not exist in the zoning ordinance. Such use would have to be located over a ground floor non-residential use. The master developer, Lewis Broadcasting Corporation, believes there may be an opportunity for this type of development east of Lake Street in the more retail portion of the Village. A standard is proposed to limit upper-story residential to this area.
5. The proposed PUD ordinance is clear that for any specific standards not identified within the PUD, the standards of other applicable sections of the Zoning Ordinance will apply. Furthermore, the PUD standard will apply if there is any conflict with another section of the Zoning Ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the PUD as provided.
2. Approve and amended PUD.
3. Deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Village of Skidaway PUD provides a zoning district that is specific to the existing development and that includes proposed uses and development standards. No existing uses would become nonconforming. The PUD also allows limited residential uses for those of retirement age and that facilitates their ability to “age-in-place” and to be within walking distance of good and services.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission recommends **Approval** of Sec. 4-14, Village at Skidaway Planned Unit Development district.

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director
Development Services

May 17, 2015

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES



CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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

DATE: MAY 17, 2016
 TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
 SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:

Text Amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance
RE: Amendment to Create Section 4-14 (Village at Skidaway Planned Unit Development)
Indigo Hall, II, LLC, Applicant
Lewis Broadcasting Corporation, Master Developer
Scot Monson (Thomas & Hutton), Agent
File No. Z-160420-00041-1

MPC ACTION:

Approval of Section 4-14, Village at Skidaway
Planned Unit Development district.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Section 4-14, Village at Skidaway
Planned Unit Development district.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 10 + Chairman

Tanya Milton, Chairman
Joseph Welch, Treasurer
Travis Cole
Joseph Ervin
Lacy Manigault
Linder Suthers

James Overton
Shedrick Coleman
Ellis Cook
Timothy Mackey
Lee Smith

VOTING FOR MOTION

VOTING AGAINST MOTION

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

Tanya Milton
James Overton
Joseph Welch
Shedrick Coleman
Travis Cole
Ellis Cook
Joseph Ervin
Timothy Mackey
Lacy Manigault
Lee Smith
Linder Suthers

None

*Stephanie Cutter
*Tom Woiwode
*George Woods. III

FOR APPROVAL: 11

FOR DENIAL: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

Sec. 4-14. Village at Skidaway Planned Unit Development.

(a) Established.

The Village at Skidaway Planned Unit Development (Village at Skidaway PUD) is hereby established to support the development of the Village at Skidaway with a mix of planned neighborhood business, office, institutional and limited residential uses. The Village at Skidaway PUD will help to sustain the existing neighborhood business uses and will allow for limited compatible residential uses within the district.

(b) General Provisions.

(1) Conflicts.

In the case of any conflict between a specific regulation set forth in this Section and any regulation set forth elsewhere in this Chapter or this Code, including the Environmental Overlay (E-O) District (Sec. 4-12), the regulation in this Section shall apply.

(2) Measurements.

All measurements shall follow the specific standard required by this Chapter unless otherwise specified below:

- i. **Residential Density.** Density shall be measured as the required area of land per dwelling unit for a given housing type, if any, divided by the total lot area.
- ii. **Building Setbacks.** The setback for any principal use building shall be from the property line. Accessory buildings shall comply with Sec. 3-6.

(c) Administration and Enforcement.

Administration and enforcement of this Section shall follow the process described in Sec. 9 (Administration and Enforcement) of this Chapter.

(d) Master Plan. The land area and parcels included in the master plan is provided on the last page of this Section.

(e) Permitted and Prohibited Uses.**(1) Permitted Uses.**

Table 1 identifies the permitted uses, including use conditions, where applicable. Any use not specifically listed is expressly prohibited unless the Zoning Administrator determines that the use is similar to a permitted use. However, the Zoning Administrator cannot approve the uses or activities specifically prohibited in Sec. 4-14(e)(2).

Use (X) = Permitted (-) = Not Permitted or No Condition	How Permitted	Use Conditions See Sec. 4-14 (3)(2) for prohibited uses and activities
RESIDENTIAL		
Continuing Care Retirement Residence	X	See Sec. 4-14(e)(3)(I)
Upper Story Residential	X	See Sec. 4-14(e)(3)(ii)
CIVIC		
Park/Open Area		
Community garden	X	--
Park	X	--
Personal Care Home, Congregate	X	See Sec. 4-14(e)(3)(I)
Community Services		
Library/Community Center	X	--
Police/fire station or substation	X	--
Post office	X	--
Day Care Services		
Child/adult day care center	X	--
Educational		
School, K-12	X	--
Places of Worship		
All places of worship	X	--
COMMERCIAL		
Office		
Office, general	X	--
Office, medical	X	--
Studio, multimedia production center	X	--
Recreation		
Indoor sports facility	X	--
Theater/cinema/performing arts	X	--
Retail Sales		See Sec. 4-14(e)(2) for prohibited Retail Sales uses and activities
Retail, general	X	--
Art/photo studio or gallery	X	--
Convenience store	X	--
Fuel/gas station	X	See Sec. 4-14(e)(3)(iii)
Food-oriented retail, including grocery	X	--
Pharmacy	X	--

Use (X) = Permitted (-) = Not Permitted or No Condition	How Permitted	Use Conditions See Sec. 4-14 (3)(2) for prohibited uses and activities
Services		See Sec. 4-14(e)(2) for prohibited Service uses and activities
Services, general	X	--
Animal services, indoor	X	--
Bank	X	--
Business support services	X	--
Instructional studio or classroom	X	--
Laundromat	X	--
Personal service shops	X	--
Repair-oriented services	X	--
Vehicle service, minor	X	--
Eating and Drinking Establishments		
Restaurant (with or without alcohol sales)	X	--
Communications		
Wireless Telecommunications Facilities	X	See Section 16.
Utilities		
Utilities, Minor	X	--
OTHER		
Accessory Uses		
Home Occupation	X	See Sec. 2-28, definition for home occupation for uses and standards
Temporary Uses		
Temporary Uses	X	See Sec. 4-14(e)(3)(iv)

(2) **Prohibited Uses and Activities**

The following uses and activities are not permitted:

- i. The sale of adult-oriented material.
- ii. Adult-oriented entertainment.
- iii. Pawn shops.

(3). **Use Conditions.**

i. **Continuing Care Retirement Residence and Personal Care Home.**

- a. A continuing care retirement residence and personal care home are limited to Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. A portion of Commerce Street as shown on the master plan adopted on [insert date of adoption of this ordinance] may be included in the development if the area is quit-claimed.
- b. The independent living portion of a continuing care retirement residence shall be limited to one or more multi-family buildings.

ii. **Upper Story Residential.**

Upper story residential is limited to the area east of Lake Street.

iii. **Fuel Station.**

- a. The fuel canopy shall conform to the setback requirement of the parcel district but can be no closer than 15 feet to any property line.
- b. The only portion of the canopy that can be backlit is the area behind any canopy signage.

iv. **Temporary Uses.**

- a. The following uses are permitted on a temporary basis: 1) Construction offices and construction storage units are allowed during the time of active construction; 2) outdoor religious services and, 3) the sale of seasonal produce and other seasonal items; and,

4) events, such as art shows, car shows or other similar shows if approved by the master developer with written approval provided to the zoning administrator.

(f) General Development Standards.

The following general development standards are specific to the Village at Skidaway PUD and are in addition to the standards provided in this Chapter and elsewhere in this Code. Where there are two standards for the same general development standard, the standard in this Section shall apply.

(1) Residential and Non-residential Development Standards.

Use	Lot Area Per Dwelling Unit (min)	Lot Width (min)	Yard Setbacks (min)	Building Lot Coverage (max)	Height (max)
Residential					
Multi-family	2,400 sf	n/a	Front: 20 ft Side: 15 ft Rear: 25 ft	70%	45 ft.
Upper Story Residential	2,400 sf	See Non-residential	See Non-residential	See Non-residential	See Non-residential
Non-Residential					
Non-residential	n/a	n/a	Front: 20 ft Side: 15 ft Rear: 25 ft	70%	45 ft.

(2) Screening and Buffers.

Screening and buffering shall be required as provided in Sec. 3-12 (Visual Buffers and Screening) of this Chapter with the exception of the following:

- a. Where a non-residential use, mixed use or multi-family use shares a property line with a non-residential, mixed use or multi-family use, no screening or buffering shall be required except for the screening of service and parking areas.

(3) Signage.

Signage shall comply with the requirements of the Neighborhood-Business (B-N) District and the Environmental Overlay District with the exception of the following standards for freestanding signage:

- a. Freestanding signs shall be limited to monument signs with a height not greater than eight (8) feet and a sign area not greater than 40 square feet.

(4) Off-Street Parking and Loading.

Off-street parking and loading shall comply with the requirements of Sec. 6 (Off-street Parking and Loading Requirements) with the exception of the following standards for required off-street parking:

- a. Continuing Care Retirement Residence:
 - i. Nursing Home: No off-street parking required.
 - ii. Assisted Living Facility: 0.5 off-street spaces per dwelling unit.
 - iii. Independent Living: 1.5 off-street spaces per dwelling unit.
 - iv. Employees: One (1) off-street space per employee.
- b. Upper Story Residential: 1.25 off-street spaces per dwelling.
- c. Personal Care Home: One (1) off-street space per employee.

(G) Definitions.

The following definitions are specific to the Village of Skidaway PUD and are in addition to definitions provided in Sec. 2 (Definitions) of this Chapter. Where there are two definitions for the same word, the definition in this Section shall apply.

Animal Services, indoor. Animal grooming, shelter, kennel, day care, veterinary clinic or similar service where the animal care service is provided entirely indoors.

Assisted Living Facility. A facility that provides or arranges for the provision of housing, food service, custodial care and activities for ambulatory adults who may or may not require some degree of medical assistance but who do not require full-time nursing care. Individual living spaces within the facility are self-contained and include, at minimum, a living area, kitchenette, bathroom and sleeping area that may be shared by no more than two (2) persons. Common areas for socializing and a central kitchen and dining room are required. Each unit shall count as one-half (0.5) unit for the purposes of calculating density.

Business Support Services. Includes such uses as photocopy or blueprint service, package shipping, printing and publishing, and mailbox rental.

Child/Adult Day Care Center. A facility that provides care and supervision for more than six (6) children or adults and that is licensed by the State of Georgia. This use is not permitted within a dwelling.

Continuing Care Retirement Residence. A residential development that provides a choice of housing options, continuing care and other services for persons through a contractual relationship, which may include the linesman of the resident. At least two (2) of the following housing options must be provided: independent living, assisted living or nursing facilities. The various housing options allow residents to remain in the community and receive a continuum of care as health-related needs change. For the purpose of this definition, independent living includes all single family, two-family, multi-family housing types and upper-story residential. Density is based on the individual use; an individual independent living unit is the equivalent of dwelling unit.

Convenience Store. A retail establishment of up to 5,000 square feet of floor area that primarily sells food products, beverages, candy, tobacco items, newspapers and magazines, limited personal, household and car care items, and that may include limited on-site food preparation.

Food-oriented Retail. An establishment primarily engaged in the sale of food products for off-premise consumption. This term includes grocery stores, butcher shops, fish and seafood markets, bakeries, produce and fruit markets and similar establishments. This term does not include restaurants, convenience stores, catering establishments, farmer's markets, or package stores.

Indoor sports facility. Include athletic, racquet, swim or health club, gymnastic facility, or similar uses. This term does not include firearm ranges.

Instructional Studios or Classroom. The instruction of dance, yoga, martial arts, music, or similar disciplines in a classroom or studio setting. This term does not include educational sites that are part of a college, university, seminary, primary or secondary school, trade school, or vocational school.

Mixed Use. Any development or building that includes residential and nonresidential principal uses.

Multi-family Residential. A residential building containing five or more dwelling units.

Nursing Home. A state-licensed facility that admits patients by medical referral and for whom arrangements have been made for continuous medical supervision. It maintains the services and facilities for skilled nursing care and rehabilitative nursing care, and has an agreement with a physician and dentist who are available for an emergency and who are responsible for the general medical and dental supervision of the facility as required by Georgia Administrative Code Chapter 290-5-8. Nursing homes typically provide care for bed patients on a long-term basis. For the purposes of this Ordinance, this term includes traumatic brain injury facilities, which are regulated by Georgia Administrative Code Chapter 290-5-53.

This term does not include hospices, hospital, intermediate care facilities, personal care homes, assisted living facilities, or any other type of facility that may be permitted under this Chapter as a nursing home unless it meets the definition of nursing home as set forth in the Georgia Administrative Code and is state-licensed as a nursing home.

Office, general. An establishment generally providing professional services where tangible products are not produced or sold. This term does not include medical offices.

Office, medical. A health care facility in which a doctor, dentist, psychiatrist, psychologist, counselor, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or similar licensed medical provider treats or counsels patients. Also includes birthing centers, urgent care center and ambulatory surgical centers. This term does not include general offices.

Personal Care Home. Any residence or group of buildings, whether operated for profit or not, which undertakes through its ownership or management to provide or arrange for the provision of housing, food, service, custodial care and activities for two (2) or more ambulatory adults who do not require nursing care and who are not related to the owner or administrator by blood, marriage or adoption. The primary goal of this use is to enable residents to live as independently as possible in a watchful and family-like environment. Watchful oversight includes but is not necessarily limited to a daily awareness by the management of the resident's functioning, his or her whereabouts, the ability and readiness to intervene if a crisis arises for a resident, supervision in areas of nutrition, medication and the provision of transient medical care, with a 24-hour responsibility for the well-being of the resident. A congregate personal care home has more than 14 people.

Personal Service Shop. Includes, but is not limited to, such uses as hair salon, barber shop, beauty salon, nail salon, tanning establishment, massage therapy, acupuncture and day spa. This term does not include any service uses that are identified separately.

Pharmacy. An establishment primarily engaged in the preparation and dispensing of prescription medications and the sales of non-prescription medications, medical supplies and equipment.

Place of Worship. Any non-profit religious organization facility operated for worship or promotion of religious activities, including churches and other places of worship and classrooms for religious instruction; and accessory uses on the same site, including living quarters for clergy and child care facilities operating during services/events sponsored by the organization. Other establishments maintained by religious organizations, including full-time educational institutions, day cares, hospitals and other potential related operations (e.g., a recreational camp) are classified separately.

Repair-oriented Services. An establishment offering repair services for personal items such as appliances, bicycles, canvas products, clocks, computers, jewelry, musical instruments, office equipment, electronics, shoes, watches, clothing, locks and furniture. The repair of internal combustion engines, such as those found in lawnmowers, chainsaws, outboard motors, or vehicles are prohibited.

Retail, general. An establishment that sells, leases, or rents new or used products, including wholesaling. This term does not include any retail uses that are identified separately in the Use Table and does not include the sale of products identified in Sec. 4-14(e)(2).

Services, general. An establishment generally providing personal, business or financial assistance to customers where tangible products are not customarily or principally produced or sold. This term does not include personal service shops and any services identified in Sec. 4-14 (e)(2).

Theater/Cinema/Performing Arts. An establishment devoted to the showing of motion pictures or live performances. Does not include adult-entertainment establishments.

Upper Story Residential. One or more residential dwelling units located on a floor above a ground-level non-residential use.

Utilities, Minor. All utility facilities not considered major, including, but not limited to neighborhood-serving facilities such as pump stations, telephone exchanges, community wells, and lift stations.

Vehicle Services, Minor. A facility engaged in the repair and servicing, as described herein, of passenger vehicles for fewer than 15 persons, light and medium truck and other small consumer vehicles, including motorcycles, scooters, mopeds and golf carts that produce relatively low levels of noise, vibration and fumes. Permitted services and repairs include: maintenance; air conditioning, starting and charging services; brake services; oil changes, fluids replacement; exhaust system work; electrical work; shock absorber, spring and strut replacement; tire sales, balancing and installation, wheel alignment; glass services; tune-up services; audio systems and other repairs and services of a similar nature.

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2. **THE PETITIONER, SCOTT MONSON, AGENT FOR INDIGO HALL, II, IS REQUESTING TO REZONE A 69-ACRE SITE FROM PUD-B-N (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT - NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) TO A PROPOSED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (VILLAGE AT SKIDAWAY PUD) ZONING CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. MPC FILE NO. Z-160420-0041-1 [DISTRICT 4.]**

Chairman Scott said, the second First Reader, Scott Monson, Agent for the Indigo Hall, II, LLC, is requesting to rezone a 69-acre site from PUD-B-N, or Planned Unit Development - Neighborhood Business, to a proposed Planned Unit Development at the Village at Skidaway PUD Zoning Classification. The MPC Recommended Approval. The MPC File Number for those who might want to look at it is number Z-160420-0041-1.

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~June 10, 2016~~

AGENDA ITEM: **XII-2**

AGENDA DATE: **June 24, 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:

Scott Monson, agent for Indigo Hall, II, LLC is requesting to rezone a 69-acre site from PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development-Neighborhood Business) to a proposed Planned Unit Development (Village at Skidaway PUD) zoning classification. The MPC recommends **approval**.

File No. Z-160420-00041-1.

ISSUE:

A request to rezone a 69-acre site from PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development-Neighborhood Business) to a proposed Planned Unit Development (Village at Skidaway PUD) zoning classification.

BACKGROUND:

The Village at Skidaway is an existing 69-acre development located on Skidaway Island at the northwest corner of Diamond Causeway and McWhorter Road. The Village was zoned PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development - Neighborhood Business) in 1980 to allow for a neighborhood-oriented commercial development with a mix of retail, office and institutional uses.

The PUD-B-N District is a sub-classification of the PUD-B (Planned Unit Development-Business District). Uses permitted in the PUD-B-N District are those permitted in a third zoning district, B-N (Neighborhood Business).

The Village is also within an Environmental-Overlay (E-O) zoning District. This district has some requirements that are in addition to or that may be more restrictive than the underlying base zoning district. The E-O District is not proposed to be eliminated.

A text amendment to create the Village at Skidaway PUD is also proposed (File No. Z-160512-00050-1) and is scheduled for the May 17 Planning Commission agenda. The text amendment must be approved in order for the property to be rezoned to the proposed classification.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Public Notice;** All property owners within 300 feet of the subject property were sent notices of the proposed rezoning on April 29, 2016. Public notice was also posted in various locations around the site. A neighborhood meeting was held on May 10, 2015 at Messiah Lutheran Church in the Village. Approximately 50 people, including an MPC staff person, were in attendance.
2. **Existing Development Pattern:** The subject property is 69 acres and includes a variety of retail, office and institutional uses. Portions of the Village are undeveloped. The land uses and zoning districts surrounding the subject site include:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	Single-Family (The Landings)	PUD-R/E-O [1]
South	Diamond Causeway/Single-Family Residential	PUD-R/E-O

East	McWhorter Drive/Single-Family Residential (The Landings)	PUD-R/E-O
West	Religious Institution	R-1-A/E-O [2]

- [1] Planned Unit Development-Residential
- [2] One-family Residential

3. **Existing PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development Neighborhood) Zoning District:**

- a. **Intent of the PUD-B-N District:** The PUD-B-N District does not have an intent statement. However, it is a sub-classification of the PUD-B District that has the following “definition”: “A planned, multi-use development classified as either a neighborhood, community, or regional shopping business center or Waterfront Urban Center, Pursuant to the designations identified in Subsection C of this section. A PUD-B development which will consist only of a single sue is not permitted within a PUD-B district.”
- b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the PUD-B-N District are those permitted in the B-N zoning District. The list of uses is attached.
- c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the PUD-B-N District appear in the attached table (Table 1). The PUD-B-N District does not permit more than 4,500 square feet of development (per zoning ordinance Sec. 4-6.69), which is rather limited for a 69-acre development that has not yet been built-out. The total building square footage has already been exceeded.

4. **Proposed Village at Skidaway PUD Zoning District:**

- a. **Proposed Intent of the PUD District:** The proposed intent is “The Village at Skidaway Planned Unit Development (Village at Skidaway PUD) is hereby established to support the development of the Village at Skidaway with a mix of planned neighborhood business, office, institutional and limited residential uses. The Village at Skidaway PUD will help to sustain the existing neighborhood business uses and will allow for limited compatible residential uses within the district.
- b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses proposed within the PUD District are limited residential, institutional, office and retail. A list of the proposed uses and related use conditions, where applicable, are provided with the attached PUD text.
- c. **Development Standards:** The development standards proposed are unique to the property and are shown in Table 1.

5. **Land Use Element:** The Chatham County-Savannah Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designates the subject property as Commercial-Suburban. The classification is defined as: “Intermediate scale business districts supporting shopping centers and corridor commercial uses.”

A more appropriate future land use designation would be Planned Development, even if the property is not rezoned. The definition of Planned Development is: “Areas accommodating cluster development, neo-traditional development, or mixed use development under a unified development plan. A mix of residential, commercial, light industrial, civic, and recreational uses may be appropriate. Such developments are characterized by internal or external linkages among components. This category includes Amenity Communities, Village Centers, Town Centers, and existing residential Planned Unit Developments.”

6. **Public Services and Facilities:** The property is served by the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Police Department, Southside fire protection, and by Utilities, Inc. water and sanitary sewer.

7. **Transportation Network:** The subject site has frontage on Diamond Causeway and McWhorter Drive. The main street within the development, Lake Street, is a private street owned by The Landings that also provides access to residences within The Landings.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

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

Yes _____ No X

2. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would adversely impact adjacent and nearby properties by rendering such properties less desirable and therefore, less marketable for the type of development permitted under the current zoning?
 Yes _____ No X

3. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would generate a type of mix of vehicular traffic on a street or highway that is incompatible with the type of land use development along such street or highway?
 Yes _____ No X

4. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate greater traffic volumes at vehicular access points and cross streets than is generated by uses permitted under the current zoning district to the detriment of maintaining acceptable or current volume capacity (V/C) ratio for the streets that provide vehicular access to the proposed zoning district and adjacent and nearby properties?
 Yes _____ No X

5. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would require a greater level of public services such as drainage facilities, utilities, or safety services above that required for uses permitted under the current zoning district such that the provision of these services will create financial burden to the public?
 Yes _____ No X

6. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would adversely impact the improvement or development of adjacent and nearby properties in accordance with existing zoning regulations and development controls deemed necessary to maintain the stability and livability of the surrounding neighborhood?
 Yes _____ No X

7. Will the proposed zoning district permit development that is inconsistent with the comprehensive land use plan?
 Yes X No _____

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the petitioner’s request as presented.
2. Deny the petitioner’s request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

A rezoning to the proposed PUD would allow for the continued development of the Village of Skidaway in a manner that is consistent with existing development patterns and permitted uses while allowing for limited residential uses. The existing and proposed development would be more consistent with the Planned Development Future Land Use Map classification, therefore a re-designation from Commercial Suburban is appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION:

The MPC recommends **Approval** of the request to rezone the subject property from PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development Neighborhood Business)/Environmental-Overlay (E-O) District to a Village at Skidaway Planned Unit Development/E-O District. Also, **Approval** of a Future Land Use Map classification from Commercial-Suburban to Planned Development.

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director
 Development Services

May 17, 2015

Gregori Anderson, Director
 BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Table 1: Development Standards for Existing PUD-B-N and Proposed PUD Districts

	Existing PUD-B-N	PUD District
Minimum Lot Area	No requirement	Residential: 2,400 sf (min) Non-Residential: n/a
Minimum Lot Width	No requirement	N/A

Front Yard Setback	Residential and Non-residential (as measured from the right-of-way) Arterial Street: 35 Collector Street: 30 Minor Street: 30	Front: 20 ft
Minimum Side Yard Setback	Only required when adjacent to a residential zoning district. Buildings: 50 ft Parking Areas: 25 ft	Residential & Non-residential 15 ft
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	Only required when adjacent to a residential zoning district. Buildings: 50 ft Parking Areas: 25 ft	Residential & Non-residential 25 ft
Maximum Height	Two stories (the number of feet within a story is not provided)	45 ft
Building Coverage	No requirement	70%



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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----- MEMORANDUM -----

DATE: MAY 17, 2016
TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:

Petition of Indigo Hall, LLC
Lewis Broadcasting Corporation, J.C. Lewis Investment Co., LLC and The Village at Skidaway Island Commercial Association, Property Owners
Scott Monson (Thomas & Hutton), Agent
Village at Skidaway
Northwest corner of Diamond Causeway and McWhorter Drive
File No. Z-160420-00041-1

MPC ACTION:

Approval of the rezoning from PUD-B-N/EO to Village of Skidaway PUD/EO. **Approval** of a Future Land Use Map Classification from Commercial Suburban to Planned Development

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the rezoning from PUD-B-N/EO to Village of Skidaway PUD/EO. **Approval** of a Future Land Use Map Classification from Commercial Suburban to Planned Development

MEMBERS PRESENT: 10 + Chairman

Tanya Milton, Chairman
Joseph Welch, Treasurer
Travis Cole
Joseph Ervin
Lacy Manigault
Linder Suthers

James Overton
Shedrick Coleman
Ellis Cook
Timothy Mackey
Lee Smith

VOTING FOR MOTION

Tanya Milton

VOTING AGAINST MOTION

None

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

*Stephanie Cutter

James Overton
 Joseph Welch
 Shedrick Coleman
 Travis Cole
 Ellis Cook
 Joseph Ervin
 Timothy Mackey
 Lacy Manigault
 Lee Smith
 Linder Suthers

*Tom Woiwode
 *George Woods. III

FOR APPROVAL: 11

FOR DENIAL: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
 Executive Director

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, everything else is informational. Mr. Manager, do you have anything that you want to -

County Manager Smith said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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: June 24, 2016

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Two (2) year software license for I.C.S.	I.C.S.	Skillsets Online Corporation	\$4,995	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Parts and labor to replace bearing in parking deck elevator	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Otis Elevator Company	\$4,021	Parking Garage
Conceptual design work for updating the Civil Rights Museum	County Manager	Stough and Williams Design Consultant	\$13,800	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
Robe and mannequin installation at the Civil Rights Museum	County Manager	Coastal Heritage Society	\$2,634	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
Artifact display for Robe at the Civil Rights Museum	County Manger	Coastal Heritage Society	\$3,415	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance and Operations

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Currency counter/ scanner and related supplies	CNT	Cummins-Allison Corporation	\$5,639	General Fund/M&O - CNT
Complete health assessment for 16 CNT lab responders	CNT	Candler Wellness Center	\$6,862	General Fund/M&O - CNT
T-shirts for Mud Run	Sheriff's	Imprint Warehouse	\$4,063	50% Drug/Sheriff

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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: June 24, 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 approximately 85% complete. 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 including survey, environmental and concept development underway. Project will replace the existing bridge to increase the capacity of the Pipemakers Canal.
4. SR 21 at Pipemakers Canal. Board approved design contract with Moffatt & Nichol at their meeting December 18, 2015. Preliminary design including survey, environmental and concept development underway. Consultant is developing alternatives to increase the capacity of Pipemakers Canal either by adding additional box culverts or by replacing the existing box culverts with a bridge.
5. Interstate 16 @ SR307. Lump sum operational and safety improvement project. Chatham County is sponsoring preliminary engineering and GDOT is funding right of way, utility relocation and construction. Traffic Counts and projections complete. Concept recommendation from the traffic study is construction of a Diverging Diamond Interchange. GDOT is currently reviewing the alternatives.
6. Local Roads under Construction.
 - a. Road Resurfacing.
 - I. Resurfacing of Grove Point Road from King George Boulevard to Shore Road was awarded by the Board to Griffin Construction on May 13, 2016. Staff is negotiating scope and fee with Griffin Contracting and coordinating the City of Savannah to pave the remaining portion of Grove Point Road from Shore Road to the end.
 - II. 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.

- III. 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.
 - IV. Staff developing bid documents for approximately 5.3 miles of road resurfacing to include Melody Drive, Marcy Circle, Nottingham Drive, Cypress Glen Drive, Garfield Street, Beaulieu Farm Bend, Whitefield Avenue, Mulberry court, Sandlewood Drive, McIntosh Drive, Norwood Avenue and Green Gate Court. Staff anticipates construction in Fall 2016.
 - b. LaRoche Avenue at Hopecrest Intersection Improvements. Construction is underway and a portion of Hopecrest Avenue is currently closed for construction. Staff anticipates the road will be re-opened to traffic during the week of June 20th.
 - c. Carl Griffin Drive at Chatham Parkway Intersection Improvements. Right of way acquisition is complete. Staff bid the project for construction and only received one bid that was over \$400,000 higher than the engineer's estimate. Staff is currently rebidding the project to obtain a more competitive price for the work.
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. Two roundabouts will be constructed as a part of the project. One will be constructed at SR 30 (approved by GDOT) and the second will be constructed at Meinhard Road (approved by City of Port Wentworth). Preliminary design is complete and right of way plans are underway. Anticipate construction beginning in 2017.
 - b. Quacco Road. Concept phase including traffic counts, database preparation and concept development complete from Highway 17 to bridge over Interstate 95. Traffic study recommends a three-lane section that will function adequately beyond the year 2040. Project is on hold pending direction from the Board.
 - c. Skidaway Road. Project will provide improvements along Skidaway Road from Montgomery Cross Road to Ferguson Avenue. Project includes constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Montgomery Cross Road and Skidaway Road, as well as roadway, drainage and pedestrian improvements along Skidaway Road through the Norwood/Ferguson Intersection. Right of way acquisition is underway and staff anticipates construction beginning in 2017.
 - d. Hill Road. Dirt road paving project. ROW plans are complete and ROW acquisition is underway. Utility coordination and final plans are underway. Majority of acquisitions will require condemnation for title, which could take 12 months or more to complete.
 - e. Bradley Point Sidewalk Improvements. Preliminary plans and environmental permitting underway for the preferred alternative based on comments in support of the alternative received from the March 3rd, 2015 meeting. A third community meeting for the project was held June 22, 2016 at the Frank Murray Center. Project will include constructing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Johnny Mercer Boulevard and Bradley Point Road.
 - f. 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.
 - g. 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 July 6, 2016 at the local GDOT area office. FHWA and CORE MPO are providing partial funding for construction in fiscal year 2017. This portion will construct the trail from Lake Mayer north to DeRenne Avenue. The City of Savannah has committed to constructing the remaining portion of the project from DeRenne Avenue to 52nd Street/Bee Road.
 - h. Crisp and Fisher Street Improvements. Dirt road paving project. Right of way plans and final construction plans underway by staff. Anticipate construction in early 2017.

- i. Garrard Avenue Improvements. Project will provide improvements along Garrard and Lane Avenue from Chatham Parkway to Gamble Road. Preliminary design by staff underway.
- j. Little Neck Road Rehabilitation. Concept development by Hussey, Gay, Bell for future widening and improvements is underway. Project is considering improvements from Highway 17 west to the existing bridge over Interstate 95.
- k. Johnny Mercer Corridor Improvement Project. Staff hired Wolverton and Associates via a Task Order Contract to develop construction plans for upgrading the existing traffic signals and to resurface Johnny Mercer Boulevard from the Walgreens/CVS intersection to Penn Wall Road. Traffic signals will be interconnected and a timing plan will be implemented to provide better operation of the corridor during the AM and PM peak travel times. Preliminary plans are underway.
- l. Berwick Boulevard at US 17 Improvements. Staff hired Moffatt and Nichol utilizing a Task Order Contract to develop intersection improvements to add dual left turn lanes for Berwick Boulevard. Traffic signal upgrades at the intersection are required to accommodate the dual left turning movements. Staff is coordinating the improvement project with GDOT and GDOT is considering funding construction of the improvements. Preliminary plans are underway.
- m. LaRoche Avenue at DeRenne Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrade. Staff hired McGee Partners utilizing a Task order Contract to develop construction plans to upgrade the existing traffic signal equipment to current GDOT standards at the intersection. Preliminary plans are underway.
- n. LaRoche Avenue at Jasmine Avenue Intersection Improvements. Staff hired McGee Partners utilizing a Task Order contract to analyze the intersection and develop improvement alternatives. Based on the analysis, a roundabout will provide a safer and more efficient intersection rather than simply upgrading the existing traffic signal. Staff is developing plans to replace the existing traffic signal with a roundabout. A public information open house regarding the project will be held at the Savannah Christian Campus on DeRenne Avenue on July 19, 2016 from 4 to 6 pm.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 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 by task order.
2. Gateway-Henderson Drainage Improvements. The project will improve portions of the drainage system in the northeast quadrant of I-95 and SR 204. These improvements will benefit both the Henderson community and the Henderson Golf Course. The project includes construction of maintenance access and drainage improvements. Design work and permitting underway by task order and contract.
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. These improvements will be included in the Skidaway Road Improvement project.

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 in summer 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 by task order.
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 by task order.
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 by task order. CSX approval of the project is pending.
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 by task order.
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 complete and project closeout is pending Board approval.
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 completed in summer 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 by task order. Staff anticipates construction to commence in spring 2017.
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 in summer 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.
14. Pipemakers Canal Norfolk Southern Bridges. The project will expand or replace two existing bridges which carry Norfolk Southern tracks across the canal. The existing crossings are bottlenecks which restrict flows in the improved channel sections on both sides. The bridge improvements will eliminate the restrictions and enhance flow characteristics in the channel. Design is underway by task order.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to make a motion.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 6th District for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Brady said, that we go into executive session for the purpose of litigation, personnel and real estate.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

The Board recessed at approximately 12:08 p.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **APPOINTMENTS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to re-appoint Joseph Welch and W. James Overton to the Metropolitan Planning Commission, with terms set to expire December 30, 2018. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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CHATHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to appoint Israel G. Small to the Chatham County Hospital Authority to fill the unexpired term of E. G. Miller. Mr. Small's terms is set to expire October 24, 2016. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. **SALE OF 10 BRIARWOOD**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to execute a Resolution to help a purchaser obtain funding for the purchase of 10 Briarwood Drive. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF JULY, 2016.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION