

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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 9:31 a.m. on Friday, September 23, 2016.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. Please be seated. I ask that you be seated for the time being and at such time when our devotional leader has completed his remarks and indicate it's time for prayer, if would you re-stand at that time and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance this morning by the Commissioner from the 6th District, Commissioner Brady.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, we have with us this morning as our devotional leader, a military chaplain, Major Thomas Brannon Bowman. Major Bowman is the wing chaplain with the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia National Guard in Savannah. He supervise all chaplain corp activities with the Wing and provide chaplain support for the men and women of the 165th Airlift Wing; the 224th, the joint -- Joint Communications Support squadron; the 117th Control squadron; the 158th Airlift squadron; and as I mentioned the 170 -- 165th Air Support Operations squadron in the Savannah Air Dominance Center. And Chaplain Bowman is an ordained Presbyterian minister, and he has pastored churches, numerous churches in Alabama, in Hunstville, Montgomery, Monroeville, and in Savannah, and it's with great pleasure this morning that we have him here to lead us in our devotion with his Unit. Chaplain Bowman.

Major Brannon Bowman, Chaplain, Georgia Air National Guard, said, thank you Mr. Chairman. Good morning.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Major Bowman said, good morning. I'm sorry for the view that you have back there, but, I am as Commissioner Scott said, I'm a Presbyterian preacher by training. One of my favorite stories is a little country preacher -- I come from -- from Alabama, a little small town. A little country preacher was speaking in the church. He was going from church to church as kind of a circuit rider, and as he was going to those circuits, he would stop at this one little church, and there would be a handful of folks, about as many as we have Commissioners in front of us, very small congregation, and there's one man that he was desperate to -- to take from his messages something of significance. As he would read the Bible each -- each Sunday for them, he was hoping this one man would hear it, and every Sunday this one man would come up to him afterwards and say hey, you really told them. Every Sunday that he would speak, he would indicate that, well, I hope all these other people were listening because you really told them.

Major Bowman said, well, there was one Sunday when all the harvest was having to come in, and -- and it just so happened that was the only man that made it to church that Sunday, and so the preacher was overjoyed, and he said, this Sunday when I preach, and when I read from the Bible, this man will have no op -- op -- option except to understand that this was for me. And so he preached, and he read from the Bible and then he walked down and shook the man's hand, and the man looked at him and said, it's too bad they weren't here, because if they had been here, you'd have really told them.

Major Bowman said, we're -- we're in a political season. We -- we -- we live in a land where we always see that there's a need for -- for constant improvement, constant change, constant revival, revitalization and renewal. And so often, we -- we believe that good change, lasting change, real improvement would happen if -- if just those people would change, and you can -- you can put in -- in that gap, in that blank, who those people are, but we always tend to point fingers and look and say, if only those people would change then things would be better. Well, I'm reminded of a passage from the Old Testament, Joshua, as he stood before the people of Israel, a very famous passage. You're going to recognize it when I get to that moment, but he's speaking to the -- the people of Israel, and he says, now I gave you a land on which you didn't toil, and I gave you cities on which you didn't build, and you live in them, and you eat from vineyards, and you eat from olive groves that you did not plant. Now, fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourself this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Major Bowman said, and I really do appreciate the way this young leader, this leader who had taken over from Moses as he spoke to the children of Israel, he spoke to them, and he said I can't control ultimately what you do, what those people do. I'm going to tell you what I'm going to do. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. We too often expect and anticipate the revival, renewal, a whole new day will happen when they change, when they come around, when they understand. But we need to always remember the change has to begin in the seat in which we are sitting. It has to begin in our own lives. Now that's a key not only to revival, but also for resiliency because we spend so much time fretting and struggling over what other people are going to do, other people are going to say, how other people are going to live their lives. But the key to being vibrant, the key to being able to stand up each and every day is taking control over what we can take control of, and that is me and my house. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Major Bowman said, this is what God told his people in II Chronicles 7. He said if my people who are called by my name, if they will humble themselves, if they will pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive them their sin, and I will heal their land. He says, if my people will do it, if we do it, if me and my house, if we do it. This is behind the message that Jesus gave when he said, let us remove the log from our own eye before looking after the speck in someone else's, that we would examine our own hearts and our own lives. And I thank you for your service. I thank you that you do each day look and see what it is that you can do to be a better citizen, a better Commissioner, a better member of our community. But let us all be reminded that as for me and -- and our house, we will serve the Lord. Can we pray together.

Major Bowman gave the invocation as follows:

Almighty God, we praise you that in days past you let our fathers into this land. You gave us this rich soil, this mighty nation, that would grow and become what we would enjoy, the vineyards that we did not plant, the harvest that comes in that we did not sow. We thank you, Eternal God, for the promise that you will give your angels charge over us to protect us in all of our ways. And we thank you for how often these angels do not come clad in robes and halos, but they come in the suits and the ties and the dresses of those who serve in offices such as this, and they also come in the boots and the helmets, the uniforms of those who rise up to serve us in your armed forces here in this nation, to watch over us and to guard and to protect us. We ask, Almighty God, that you would be with this Commission as they meet today. That you would give them wisdom and guidance, and that they would be guided by that desire that they would do the best that they can. That they would serve well and faithfully, and by your grace and your power may we as a nation mount up with wings like eagles; may we run and not grow weary; may we walk and not faint, that our land may ever exist in peace and security. We ask for growth of peace throughout our land. We pray for other cities who still this day struggle with peace. We ask, Lord, that you would be with those who lead and those who follow. And we ask that there would be a day that we see fewer and fewer men and women have to risk, even sacrifice their lives, for the sake of freedom and peace both home and abroad. We ask today especially, as we stand here in uniform that you would bless all those who serve today, all those who rise up to heed the call of their nation. Lord God, bless our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and guardians, and bless, Lord God, we pray the United States of America and Chatham County. Amen.

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

Major Bowman said, thank you very much.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott said, Major Bowman, if you could come up, we would like to present you with a Certificate of Appreciation. I don't know how many people have an appreciation for Army chaplains, but I can tell you, those who have ever donned a uniform sometimes the chaplain is the most important person in the company. It's not the company commander, it's not the First Sergeant. It's the Chaplain, the person you seek out for guidance and counseling, and we appreciate your military service, and we also appreciate your willingness to come here today and lead us in our devotion. Thank you so much.

Major Bowman said, thank you -- thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[NOTE: Chairman Scott presented Major Bowman the Certificate of Appreciation.]

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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
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 Yusuf K. Shabazz, District Five
 Lori L. Brady, District Six
 Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

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

Not Present: Tony Center, District Three

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

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

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, we are delighted to have with us this morning two of the Chatham County Youth Commissioners with us, and if I -- I pronounce -- pronounce your name wrong, just correct me, please. Sydnei Richardson, parliamentarian. She attends Savannah Early College; and A'lani -- who do you pronounce your last name?

Chatham County youth Commissioner A'lani Coppock said, A'lani Coppock.

Commissioner Thomas said, Coppock. She's a sophomore attending Savannah Arts Academy. We're delighted to have both of you with us today, and we want you to know that you have the same privileges just as the rest of the Commissioners have in asking questions. Okay? Thank you.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Coppock said, thank you.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Sydnei Richardson said, thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. Good morning.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'm going to recognize the County Manager for the purpose of presentation of service awards.

County Manager Lee Smith said, yes, sir. I'd ask HR Director, Carolyn Smalls to come up. She'll be directing us, and ask the Board to step down for the service award presentations to our team members.

Carolyn Smalls, Human Resources Director, said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, County Manager. It is always my pleasure each month to present the employee service awards of the dedicated Team Chatham members who have provided service to this county. So this morning, I am pleased to present to you, ten team members who will be receiving awards ranging from five years to 25 years. So if you would please stand, our awardees, and as I call your name, please come forward to receive your award.

Ms. Smalls said, and I'll start with 25 years of service. This morning we have Mr. Sylvan Johnson, Public Works Department with 25 years [Applause]. With 20 years of service, Nick Batey, ICS Director [Applause], and also

with 20 years of service Mr. Nathaniel Sanders, Board of Assessors [Applause]. With 15 years of service, Ms. Leanne Riner, Board of Assessors [Applause]; and with 15 years of service Diana Mathews, Tax Commissioner's office [Applause].

Chairman Scott said, Danny [Powers], would you like to come up her and present this?

Tax Commissioner Danny Powers said, no. I'm just here to show my support.

Ms. Smalls said, with ten years of service, Ms. Cynthia Harris, Superior Court [Applause].

Chairman Scott said, Dan [Massey], would you like to come up?

Superior Court Clerk Dan Massey said, no. Thank you.

Ms. Smalls said, with 10 -- with 10 years of service, Mr. Willie Tyler, Jr., CNT [Applause]. And also with 10 years of service Sharleen Simmons, Sheriff's office [Applause].

Chairman Scott said, Sheriff Wilcher, would you like to come up and present the award here?

Ms. Smalls said, with five years of service -- with five years of service, Mary Aimar, Aquatic Center [Applause]; and with five years of service Cathy Hensley, District Attorney [Applause].

Ms. Smalls said, I would like to congratulate all of you and thank you for your service to Chatham County. [Applause.]

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2. PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF 165TH AIRLIFT

Chairman Scott said, next on the agenda we have a proclamation in recognition of the 165th Airlift Wing, Georgia National Guard's 70th anniversary, and I'm going to read a portion of it, and then invite Colonel Gomez to come down and to accept a framed copy.

Chairman Scott read a portion of the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, federally recognized in 1946, the 165th Airlift Wing Georgia National Guard grew from a squadron-sized unit to a group-sized unit in 1958, and became a wing in 1995; and

WHEREAS, initially the unit was designated with a fighter intercept mission and evolved into an airlift mission in 1962 and currently flies the revered C-130H3 "Hercules" cargo aircraft and has responded to its federal mission in war through mobilization and deployment in 1950 in the Korean Conflict; in 2003, for Operation Iraq Freedom and other wartime missions including service in Vietnam; Iraq in Operation Desert Storm; Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom and in other world hotspots; and

WHEREAS, in serving its state mission as a National Guard unit, the wing has responded to the needs of the State of Georgia including the flooding in Albany, Macon and Bainbridge and provided additional security for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, and responded to the call for help in Mississippi and Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, in its seventy years of service, the 165th Airlift Wing has received 11 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards and has indeed lived up to its moto of "America's Best Team; World's Best Airlift."

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

THE 165TH AIRLIFT WING, GEORGIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

in recognition of seventy years of continuous service to the citizens of Chatham County, the State of Georgia and the United States of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 23rd day of September 2016.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, I invite -- I invite the members of the Commission to join me in this presentation. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, I invite you to introduce the members you have with you.

Lieutenant Colonel David Simons said, Mr. Chairman, you have Colonel Hal Davis, who is Commander of the 165th Operations Group.

Chairman Scott said, my notes say Colonel Gomez.

Lieutenant Colonel Simons said, Speedy [Gomez] couldn't make it. We have Lieutenant Colonel Sheldon Wilson, who's Commander of the 158th Airlift Squadron.

Chairman Scott said, would you use the mike?

Lieutenant Colonel Simons said, Sheldon Wilson, who is Commander of the 158th Airlift Squadron. The 158th was the original unit of the 165, before it became the 165th. We have Command Chief Rodney Jenkins, who is our -- just got sworn in -- in a change of authority this past week -- past month, and is our new Command Chief, and then we have First -- yeah -- First Sergeant Keith Edwards who is -- is the First Sergeant for the 165th Airlift Wing Small Wing. I also wanted to say that Commissioner Kicklighter and Commissioner Stone have flown on the C-130 with us -- on our -- when it was a community leader's trip. Commissioner Kicklighter in 2002, Commissioner Stone in 2008.

Chairman Scott said, and they both survived.

Commissioner Holmes said, sir I'd go along with you, but I'm scared of planes.

Colonel Hal Davis said, Mr. Chairman, just a couple brief comments, and members of the Commission. Thank you so much for this honor. We really appreciate it. The men and women of the 165th have had a great 70 years here in a -- an incredibly military supportive town. I can't tell you how much we appreciate that. It's -- everything from our interaction here today, what we've had in the past with the city and the county. Incredible news coverage here in Savannah, and also just when we're out and about in restaurants, members -- or people coming up and saying thank you for your service. I can't tell you how much that means to folks, and it doesn't happen everywhere in this country. It's -- this is a -- this is a fantastic military town. You all are a big part of that, and we appreciate it, and we're very honored to take this today, and we appreciate it and look forward to a very good future here in Savannah. So thank you very much.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, may I?

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't come down because I'm having some problem with my leg.

Colonel Davis said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, I have total knee replacement, but I just want you to know how proud I am of each and every one of you and the services that you render on a daily basis. My husband was in the Air Force, and I always wanted to get in his suit, and -- but you look so good, and we just appreciate everything. It's not a easy task, and what you do, we want to commend you for it. Thank you so very much.

Colonel Davis said, yes, ma'am. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Brady said, Mr. Chairman.

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

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too want to personally thank each and everyone of you and every member of -- of the unit for all the work that you do for the American citizens and for Savannah and Chatham County.

Colonel Davis said, you're welcome. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone, our pro tem, from the 1st District.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, we are very blessed in this community to have -- to be served by Hunter, to be served by you all, and I don't think it's something that anyone in this community takes lightly. The sacrifices that you all make, the sacrifices that your family makes, and I really do appreciate everything that you do. Thank you.

Colonel Davis said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, I don't think that the photographer was introduced, was she?

Lieutenant Colonel Simons said, no, I -- I apologize, Mr. Chairman. That is Amber Williams. We stole her from the -- some fighter wing up in Ohio, when we -- I went to Poland a couple years ago and Amber did such a great job, we recruited her to become the new public affairs manager down here in Savannah.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Commissioner Stone said, wonderful.

Commissioner Thomas said, congratulations.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Anyone else have any comments? If not, I just want to say thank you so much for the taking of your time in being here, and we celebrate with you your 70th year here in Savannah and wish you the very best, and thank you for all that you do.

Colonel Davis said, thank you very much, sir. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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3. PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH.

Chairman Scott said, the next item is a proclamation to recognize suicide prevention month. And we have a proclamation here, and I -- I will read a portion of it.

Chairman Scott read a portion of the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, suicide is a serious public health problem that claims the lives of many each year and touches the lives of countless others, including the families and loves ones affected. Suicide is the 11th leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 3rd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 24; and

WHEREAS, one person commits suicide every 16 minutes and it is critical that we recognize the connections that mental health conditions and substance use disorders have to suicide, as well as how other external factors, including harassment, bullying, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help; and

WHEREAS, together we can get people critical help when they are in crisis and raise awareness of the importance of preventing suicide by reaching out and letting those in need know that they are not alone and by encouraging them to seek assistance because empowering others to find the strength to ask for help and lifting up those who feel alone can save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 23, 2016 as:

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY

in Chatham County and call upon citizens, government agencies, organizations and health care providers to raise awareness of the mental health resources and support services available and encourage all those in need to seek the care and treatment necessary for a long and healthy life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 23rd day of September 2016.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
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Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager.

County Manager Smith said, I just want to let the Board know as late as yesterday Assistant County Managers, Linda Cramer, Michael Kaigler, and I were talking with Gateway, and we have part of the mental health symposium, and I know Commissioner Stone has worked with us very closely over the last year and so has the Chair to look at a 24-hour crisis center not only for diversion, but also for situations like suicide. It looks like it's going to become a reality. They are going to Commissioner Berry as we speak, and we'll be coming back to you in short order to talk about how that would be done in a private/public partnership to get that constructed through Gateway, and I will tell you, we went up to Cobb County and looked at -- at what they're doing, and we're kind of modeling after Cobb. Will be a great addition to our community to save lives. So I just want to let you know that is moving, and we're going to be talking to that before the holidays.

Commissioner Thomas said, great. Wonderful.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone from the 1st.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. I just want to thank you. I mean often times we talk about doing things and it gets put on the back burner, but we are taking some steps now, and I think it's very important to the citizens of this community and their families to recognize this problem, especially with the suicide through mental illness. So thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Is -- is there anybody here from Gateway?

County Manager Smith said, I hope they're in Atlanta talking to the Commissioner. We told them to go.

Chairman Scott said, okay. All right.

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4. THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM (CNT) HAS ACHIEVED STATE OF GEORGIA LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION. THE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED BY CHIEF DAVID LYONS ON BEHALF OF THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AND CNT DIRECTOR RAGAN WILL BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE.

Chairman Scott said, the -- the next item on our agenda is the Counter Narcotics Team, CNT, have re -- have achieved the State of Georgia law enforcement certification. This is a certification process that they have to go through every three years, is that correct, Chief?

Chief David Lyons said, yes, sir. Every three years.

Chairman Scott said, and it's a pleasure to have Chief David Lyons of Garden City with us today, and he's going to present the award to our CNT director, Director Ragan. And Chief Lyons is making this presentation on behalf of the Association of Chiefs of Police and see -- and it's a pleasure to have you here and to present this award.

Chief Lyons said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission, county staff, citizens, it's -- it's a pleasure to be here again to present this award on behalf of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. In my capacity as a member of the Chiefs' Association Board and president or past president, I've traveled across the state doing some of the presentations to other law enforcement agencies across the state, and none give me more pleasure than to present the award of certification to the Chatham -- Chatham County Narcotics Task Force, 'cause this is an unusual organization. This is not your normal police organization. They don't have the same command structure that normal police departments have.

Chief Lyons said, achieving certification through the Georgia Chiefs' Association is not an easy task for whatever a normal police department is. There's a lot of work goes into this, and it's even more difficult if you're an organization like the CNT. So this is a testament to their professionalism and dedication to making this happen, and you as members of the Commission and citizens of Chatham County can be very proud of our Narcotics Task Force for making this happen. And on behalf of the Georgia Chief's Association, it's my pleasure to present to the Commander, this certificate certifying their re-accred -- recertification by the Georgia Chiefs' Association. Commander, congratulations again and good work.

Director Everett Ragan said, thank you. Thank you, sir. [Applause.]

Chief Lyons said, and I'd also like to ask Agent Tony Aikens to come around. I have a Certificate of Appreciation to him as the certification manager. To achieve certification, it has to be top driven. Everybody from, you know, the -- the -- the money people, the -- the County Commission, all the way down through the Commander has to be involved in this and has to -- has to force it downward, but the guy or gal that really makes it happen is the certification manager. They're the ones that -- that bring it all together and -- and get it done, and in this case it's agent Tony Aikens, and I'd like to present him with this Certificate of Appreciation. [Applause.]

Director Ragan said, Mr. Chairman, if I may, just a -- a quick second. It's always an honor to have Chief Lyons in his capacity as a board member for the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, and as a past president. However, it's even special -- more special this time around because as of July at the summer conference of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Chief Lyons is the Police Chief of the Year for the State of Georgia.

Commissioner Thomas said, wow.

Director Ragan said, so I would -- I'd like for the Board to recognize him for -- for that accomplishment that he has. [Applause.] Thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, and congratulations to Chief Lyons. And I personally appreciate your example for other policemen in this community, and your willingness to participate in programs and other activities in trying to foster better communication with the public at large, and thank you so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize our Vice Chair,

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I too want to say thanks to Chief Lyons. He does such an excellent job as chief, and I want you to know that not only is he the chief of Garden City, but he works very closely with me with the children and youth of Chatham County, and that includes Garden City. He's also involved with the senior citizens and so forth and so on. He does an excellent job, and no matter what you call upon him and ask him to assist, if he could do it, he does it, and I want the chief to know that I am extremely proud to be a part of your life and the community and wish to ask that you continue to serve us in the manner that you are. You have been just a wonderful person. Thank you so very much.

Chief Lyons said, thank you, ma'am.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if I may?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. I echo what they said about you, Chief, but I want to commend Director Ragan out there and his staff for all the hard work they've put in to achieve this high award. Very good, and we're always proud of everything that y'all do. Y'all are -- most of your staff are definitely the unsung heroes because they -- undercover out there, and people -- people don't even know everything that they're doing, so. I appreciate everything that y'all do, and, Chief, I do appreciate you too. Thank y'all.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman.

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

Commissioner Holmes said, not related to that, I want to ask for something else if I want to.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, at this time we don't have any Chairman items.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, and at this point, I'll recognize Commissioner Holmes, if you had something you wanted to say.

Commissioner Holmes said, yes. I notice in the audience a couple of young mens who represent a youth group which is United Young group. Mr. Justin Walker and Michael Hamilton, and I ask that can we have them to voice their concern about some problem we having under the recreation department? If we could extend five minutes to them.

Chairman Scott said, is this a problem they're having with the Chatham County Recreation Authority?

Commissioner Holmes said, yes, sir. We met on this issue twice and for some reason it's -- it's still cloudy, and we have heard from all sides except they side, and I think there justification to hear they words, they concern, and I think we need to extend them the time. Even if not an extent of time today, get them five minute to express their concern about the issue.

Chairman Scott said, with all due respect to the Commissioner, if -- if I afford them five minutes, and this item is not on the agenda, then it doesn't give the other side equal time to talk about, but if you -- if you wish at our next meeting, I will put this on the agenda under Commission Items and allow them to come back and have their five minutes, but I would also like to hear from the other side as well in order to be -- in order of fairness.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I want to hear from them too, Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I -- I support Commissioner Holmes on that.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner, do you have a problem with them being at the next meeting?

Commissioner Holmes said, no, sir. I do --

Chairman Scott said, and just simply -- and just simply because when we put this meeting out, if -- if there's folk who wanted to come talk about this, then they have no notice of it, and that's -- that's the only problem with it.

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah. I can -- I can live with that decision.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, I understand that decision, and I appreciate that decision.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, so the next --

Chairman Scott said, can -- can we have the two individuals that you are in reference to to just please stand so --

Commissioner Holmes said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, -- so the public can -- I know who you are, but so the public can know who you are, and we'll invite you back at our next meeting for the purpose of making a presentation. Thank you. We have no tabled items.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you know we got to stop that. We got to stop stuff like this.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner, you -- do you wish to be recognized?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes, I want to be recognized.

Chairman Scott said, well, please, ask -- address the Chair that you --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Can I be recognized?

Chairman Scott said, yes, you can be recognized.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Commissioner Holmes asked to allow these young men to come up and have five minutes. Commissioner Farrell whispered something in your ear, and you just went south on us, man. I don't -- I don't think that we should do it like that.

Chairman Scott said, well --

Commissioner Shabazz said, I think we should honor his request. Those young men may have something to do next meeting.

Chairman Scott said, I appreciate your opinion Commissioner.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you got to stop it, man. We can't continue like that.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner, when -- when you are -- you have until Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. to notify me if you wish to have something put on the agenda. In the absence of that notification, we send the agenda to you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I've seen you --

Chairman Scott said, and then --

Commissioner Shabazz said, I've seen you made exceptions for the Commissioner sitting adjacent to you and other Commissioners up here at the last minute. You honored that request. So I -- I understand what you're saying about getting those requests in on a timely manner, but you have made exceptions in other cases.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, now, I'm -- I'm asking you to make an exception right now. These young men may have something to do next meeting.

Chairman Scott said, your request is denied, Commissioner.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah, I -- I -- I knew it would be.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Scott said, we have no tabled items.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016: IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: a) APPROPRIATE \$101,650 NET ASSETS TO JUVENILE COURT, b) TRANSFER \$9,350 FROM THE DETENTION CENTER TO THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET, c) APPROPRIATE \$1,650 NET ASSETS TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, d) APPROPRIATE \$285,800 NET ASSETS TO TELERIDE, e) TRANSFER \$5,900 FROM RECREATION TO WEIGHTLIFTING CENTER, f) APPROPRIATE \$5,350 NET ASSETS TO DEBT SERVICE, g) INCREASE ENERGY EXCISE TAX REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$189,200; 2) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE**

DISTRICT FUND: a) TRANSFER \$1,500 FROM AUDIT CONTRACT TO FINANCE, b) TRANSFER \$315 FROM CONTINGENCY TO SAGIS; 3) IN THE HOTEL MOTEL FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$413,000; 4) AMEND THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND TO INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$92,561 FOR GRANTS CONTINUING FROM PRIOR YEARS, FISCAL YEAR 2017: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: a) TRANSFER \$22,030 FROM THE CORE MPO DEPARTMENT TO THE OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, b) TRANSFER \$26,290 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL BUDGET; 2) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TRANSFER \$43,470 FROM THE CORE MPO DEPARTMENT TO OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND B) APPROPRIATE \$600,000 FROM THE FUND BALANCE TO TRANSFER OUT TO SOLID WASTE FUND; 3) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$7,000 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM ACCG-GHDP HEALTH PROMOTION & WELLNESS PROGRAM, b) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$53,909 FOR A GRANT AWARD FROM THE GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL; 4) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND TRANSFER \$20,000 FROM THE BUILDING SAFETY SOFTWARE PROJECT AND \$200,000 FROM THE ICS DIGITAL RADIOS PROJECT TO THE POLICE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT; 5) IN THE SOLID WASTE FUND: a) APPROPRIATE \$57,000 NET ASSETS TO SSD DRY TRASH PICKUP AND b) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$600,000 TRANSFER IN FROM THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND.

Chairman Scott said, at this point, we'll go to the next Item, Individual Action. The first Item for Individual Action is as follows: to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer for fiscal year 2016: in the General Fund M&O: and appropriate \$101,650 Net Assets to the Juvenile Court, b) transfer \$9,350 from the Detention Center to the Sheriff's Budget, c) appropriate \$1,650 Net Assets to the Emergency Management, and d) appropriate \$285,800 Net Assets to Teleride, e) transfer \$5,900 from Recreation to Weightlifting Center, f) appropriate \$5,350 Net Assets to Debt Service, increase Energy Excise Tax Revenues and Expenditures by \$189,200; and 2) in the Special Service District Fund: transfer \$1,500 from the Audit Contract to Finance, b) transfer 350 -- \$315 from Contingency to SAGIS; and 3) in the Hotel Motel Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures by \$413,000; and 4) amend the Multiple Grant Fund to increase revenues and expenditures by \$92,561 for grants continuing from prior years. Fiscal Year 2017: 1) in -- in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$22,030 from the CORE MPO Department to Other Community Service -- Services Department, and b) transfer \$26,290 from Contingency to Animal Control Budget; and in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$43,470 from the CORE MPO Department to Other Community Service Department, and b) appropriate \$600,000 from the Fund Balance to Transfer out to Solid Waste Fund. This is to assist in the clean up of the most recent tropical storm. And 3) in the Multiple Grant Fund: increase revenues and expenditures by \$7,000 for a Grant Award from ACCG-GHDP Health Promotion & Wellness Program, and b) increase revenues and expenditures by \$53,909 for a grant award from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; in the Capital Improvement Program Fund transfer \$20,000 from the Building Safety Software Project and \$200,000 from the ICS Digital Radios Project to the -- to Police Vehicle Replacement Project; and in the Solid Waste Fund: appropriate \$57,000 Net Assets to the Special Service District Dry Trash Pickup and b) increase revenues and expenditures by \$600,000 transferred in from the Special Service District Fund.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, do we have a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, I'll make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Brady said, second. Second.

Chairman Scott said, been properly moved and second that we approve Item I for Individual Action. Hearing the motion, is there any discussion? Any unreadiness? All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

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

Commissioner Stone said, could we -- could Mr. Drewry give us a quick update on where we are with that or is that going to be later?

Chairman Scott said, on the clean up?

Commissioner Stone said, uh-huh.

Chairman Scott said, we were going to do it at the end.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, but we can do it now, if you --

Commissioner Stone said, whatever you prefer is fine. I just thought since we just transferred the money.

Mr. Robert Drewry, Director of Public Works said, Chairman, Commissioners, thank you. Robert Drewry, Public Works. First of all I want to thank you for the transfer of these funds. I feel like I'm echoing. Thank you for the transfer of these funds on behalf of the Public Works department and on behalf of the men and women who are out there working six, ten-hour days, are working very hard cleaning up this debris. So, on behalf of them as well, I want to thank you for the transfer. Real quick, the -- the transfer of those funds is going to help pay for the mutual aid. We had multiple counties and cities come in and assist us, and by the mutual aid agreement through Georgia Emergency Management, we are obligated to pay their time and expenses. So, this money obviously will go toward that. We also have incurred some disposal cost for disposing of the yard waste at the interim facility. I intended taking these funds and applying them obviously toward unbudgeted expenses like overtime. Right now we've incurred about \$32,000 worth of overtime.

Mr. Drewry said, also taking these expenses and my intent is to hire five additional knuckle boom trucks and eleven additional tandem dump trucks to help assist with the load. I think I came up here -- or I know when I -- I came up here on -- on the 9th, two weeks ago, I -- I -- I was tempted to tell you there was a lot of debris out there. Well, I will tell you there is still a lot of debris out there. You can ride any of the roads in the unincorporated county and see quite a bit of debris, with the exception of west Chatham. That was moderately hit compared to the rest of the county. We are still working very hard. We have hauled over 1100 truck loads of debris since Labor Day. On an average, that's about -- a little over 70 loads a day -- truck loads of -- of debris a day, and on an average, in a regular day, on a normal pick up on any given day, we are averaging 10 to 12 loads a day. So, we're -- we're seven times that essentially. So, I have to commend my staff. They -- they've gotten this down now its a -- into a rhythm. They know where they're going to do, what they're going to do, and who's going to be out there every day. So, again, I want to thank you for these transfer of funds on behalf of the department. Any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

Chairman Scott said, you -- you estimate what, it's about 70 percent complete now?

Mr. Drewry said, I'm -- I'm estimating -- we have been on 70 percent of the roads. There's still about 25, 30 percent of the roads, maybe even a little bit more that we have not even been on yet, and those areas, we haven't even touched. We aim to progress through those areas. West Chatham we have made a final first pass through west Chatham. So we're 100 percent completed on the west side --

Chairman Scott said, in the Georgetown area.

Mr. Drewry said, the Georgetown, Southbridge, Berwick.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Drewry said, West Lake, those areas. But we still have quite a few roads in the other areas, particularly, the island areas that we have not even been on, and -- and that's where the 25 percent comes from.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any questions of -- Commissioner Brady and then our Youth Commission Richardson.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I appreciate y'all getting into Georgetown, 'cause I have been riding that District every day looking at -- at the debris on the side of the road. However, what I'm hearing now and -- and I'm saying this because I've seen it on the media several times is specific to the Wilmington Island area, and -- and part of the issue has been and -- which I was concerned about in reference to Georgetown was -- is that we got all that rain last week, and it was inundating all these bags of -- of debris that people had picked up which makes it more difficult to pick it up.

Mr. Drewry said, it does.

Commissioner Brady said, so, we do need to have a -- a -- an upcoming conversation about what has happened during this situation, and -- and come to terms on what we need to do in the future.

County Manager Smith said, we had a discussion yesterday, Mr. Chairman, day -- well, last few days, about the budget coming up that we have to look at the sanitation side, you know, because we actually reduced a number of folks in that department back in 2008?

Mr. Drewry said, '10, I believe it was.

County Manager Smith said, '10?

Mr. Drewry said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, so we've got to look at -- we're having a hard time -- this county's urbanizing. People demand more service, and we are falling behind just on our regular service, so we've got to talk about it.

Commissioner Brady said, well, and that was the point in part of my conversations in reference -- specific to the Georgetown area.

County Manager Smith said, yes, ma'am. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Drewry said, I'd like to make one more comment, please, Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Mr. Drewry said, when we're done and all through this, we will be thanking the employees at a gathering, and I would like to extend the invitation to you to please come out and say your appreciation to the employees as well. And we'll let you know and keep you posted on when that's going to be.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you so much.

Mr. Drewry said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, next item on our agenda is the -- yes. I'm -- I'm sorry. Our Youth Commissioner Richardson.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Richardson said, oh, it wasn't -- it wasn't about that. It was about the Juvenile Court.

Chairman Scott said, it was about the Juvenile Court?

Youth Commissioner Richardson said, uh-huh.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Youth Commissioner Richardson said, what would the money be used for that was transferred?

Chairman Scott said, oh my God, we've already -- I got to go back and -- you were talking about under Item 1?

Commissioner Farrell said, it was like 1-A, the \$101,000.

Youth Commissioner Richardson said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, the Manager's finding you an explanation.

County Manager Smith said, this was a -- it's a reoccurring grant for -- on the Juvenile Courts actually have a program that pays for some of the administration in Juvenile Court, and this is a continuing -- we've had this, I think, grant for several years now, so it's a continuing grant as part of the Courts whereby they look at trying to divert instead of jail or detention for juveniles to look at alternative, and alternative programs. In fact, this year we're going to actually have an education advocate out -- you know and -- and try to increase education opportunities for youth that go out and hopefully those would be court-ordered. So, it's just going to be a -- it's a reoccurring grant, and just assist with general administration and the program for juveniles that go to court out there. So.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers for fiscal year 2016: in the General Fund M&O: a) appropriate \$101,650 Net Assets to Juvenile Court, b) transfer \$9,350 from the Detention Center to the Sheriff's Budget, c) appropriate \$1,650 Net Assets to Emergency Management, d) appropriate \$285,800 Net Assets to Teleride, e) transfer \$5,900 from Recreation to Weightlifting Center, f) appropriate \$5,350 Net Assets to Debt Service, g) increase Energy Excise Tax Revenues and Expenditures \$189,200; 2) in the Special Service District Fund: a) transfer \$1,500 from Audit Contract to Finance, b) transfer \$315 from Contingency to SAGIS; 3) in the Hotel Motel Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$413,000; 4) amend the Multiple Grant Fund to increase revenues and expenditures \$92,561 for grants continuing from prior years. Fiscal Year 2017: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$22,030 from the CORE MPO Department to the Other Community Services Department, b) transfer \$26,290 from Contingency to the Animal Control Budget; 2) in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$43,470 from the CORE MPO Department to Other Community Services Department, and b) appropriate \$600,000 from the Fund Balance to Transfer out to Solid Waste Fund; 3) in the Multiple Grant Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a Grant Award from ACCG-GHDP Health Promotion & Wellness Program, b) increase revenues and expenditures

\$53,909 for a grant award from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council ; 4) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund transfer \$20,000 from the Building Safety Software Project and \$200,000 from the ICS Digital Radios Project to the Police Vehicle Replacement Project; 5) in the Solid Waste Fund: a) appropriate \$57,000 Net Assets to SSD Dry Trash Pickup and b) increase revenues and expenditures \$600,000 transfer in from the Special Service District Fund. Commissioner Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present; Commissioner Shabazz was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**AGENDA DATE: September 23, 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 for fiscal year 2016: in the General Fund M&O: a) appropriate \$101,650 Net Assets to Juvenile Court, b) transfer \$9,350 from the Detention Center to the Sheriff's Budget, c) appropriate \$1,650 Net Assets to Emergency Management, d) appropriate \$285,800 Net Assets to Teleride, e) transfer \$5,900 from Recreation to Weightlifting Center, f) appropriate \$5,350 Net Assets to Debt Service, g) increase Energy Excise Tax Revenues and Expenditures \$189,200; 2) in the Special Service District Fund: a) transfer \$1,500 from Audit Contract to Finance, b) transfer \$315 from Contingency to SAGIS; and 3) in the Hotel Motel Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$413,000; and 4) amend the Multiple Grant Fund to increase revenues and expenditures \$92,561 for grants continuing from prior years. Fiscal Year 2017: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$22,030 from the CORE MPO Department to the Other Community Services Department, b) transfer \$26,290 from Contingency to the Animal Control Budget; 2) in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$43,470 from the CORE MPO Department to Other Community Services Department and b) appropriate \$600,000 from the Fund Balance to Transfer out to Solid Waste Fund; 3) in the Multiple Grant Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a Grant Award from ACCG-GHDP Health Promotion & Wellness Program, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$53,909 for a grant award from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; 4) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund transfer \$20,000 from the Building Safety Software Project and \$200,000 from the ICS Digital Radios Project to the Police Vehicle Replacement Project; 5) in the Solid Waste Fund: a) appropriate \$57,000 Net Assets to SSD Dry Trash Pickup and b) increase revenues and expenditures \$600,000 transfer in from the Special Service District Fund.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:**Fiscal Year 2016:**

- 1a-f. The General Fund M&O had a favorable budget balance at the end of FY2016, with actual expenditures at 97% of budget. There are several instances of individual departmental budgets need amendment. In some cases this can be accomplished with a transfer between similar departments. In others, an appropriation of net assets is in order.
- 1g. The amount of Energy Excise tax collected exceeded budget estimates. A portion of the tax is distributed to the municipalities. A budget amendment to recognize the additional revenue is necessary. A resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 2a-b. The Special Service District fund also has a favorable balance at the end of FY2016. Two minor transfers are presented as clean up items.
- 3a. Collections in the Hotel/Motel special revenue fund exceeded estimates. These funds are distributed in accordance with state law. A budget amendment to recognize the additional revenue is necessary. A resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 4. Chatham County has grants continuing from prior years. A resolution to increase the Multiple Grant Fund by \$92,561 and a list of the grants are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

Fiscal Year 2017:

- 1a/2. The Assistant County Manager has requested a transfer from the CORE MPO departments to the Other Community Services departments in the General Fund and the SSD Fund to cover the costs of a Broadband Strategic Plan. A total of \$22,030 is requested from the General Fund CORE MPO department and \$43,470 from the SSD Fund CORE MPO department. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1b. The Director of Animal Control has requested a \$26,290 Contingency transfer to provide funding for a reclassification of an existing employee.

- 3a. Chatham County has received a grant award in the amount of \$7,000 from the ACCG-GHBP Health Promotion & Wellness Program. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 3b. The Chatham County DUI Court has received a \$53,909 grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. 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. In the Capital Improvement Program Fund transfers of \$20,000 from the Building Safety Software project and \$200,000 from the ICS Digital Radios project to the Police Vehicle Replacement project are requested to fund the purchase and installation of police emergency equipment mobile data terminals.
- 5a. The Public Works and Parks Services Director is requesting a \$57,000 appropriation of net assets in the Solid Waste Fund to increase funding for curbside yard waste collection and disposal.
- 5b. The Public Works and Parks Services Director is requesting a \$600,000 appropriation of SSD fund balance to transfer to the Solid Waste Fund to increase funding for cleanup of debris from tropical storm Hermine.

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O, the Special Service District Fund, and the Capital Improvement Program Fund. The budget amendments establish funds in the Hotel/Motel, the Multiple Grant Funds and Solid Waste Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2016

- A. Appropriate \$101,650 net assets to Juvenile Court.
- B. Transfer \$9,350 from the Detention Center to the Sheriff's budget.
- C. Appropriate \$1,650 net assets to Emergency Management.
- D. Appropriate \$285,800 net assets to Teleride.
- E. Transfer \$5,900 from Recreation to Weightlifting Center.
- F. Appropriate \$5,350 net assets to Debt Service
- G. Increase Energy Excise tax revenues and expenditures \$189,200.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND FY2016

- A. Transfer \$1,500 from Audit Contract to finance.
- B. Transfer \$315 from Contingency to SAGIS.

HOTEL MOTEL FUND FY2016

Increase revenues and expenditures \$413,000.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FY2016

Increase revenues and expenditures \$92,561 from continuing grants.

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2017

- A. Transfer \$22,030 from the CORE MPO budget (1007414) to the Other Community Services department budget (1005560).
- B. Transfer \$26,290 from Contingency to Animal Control salaries and benefits.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

- A. Transfer \$43,470 from the CORE MPO budget (2707414) to the Other Community Services Department budget (2705560).
- B. Appropriate \$600,000 fund balance to transfer Out to Solid Waste fund.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FY2017

- A. Increase revenues and expenditures \$7,000 for a grant award from the ACCG.
- B. Increase revenues and expenditures \$53,909 for a grant award to DUI Court.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FY2017

Transfer \$20,000 from the Building Safety Software project (3501921) and \$200,000 from the ICS Digital Radios project (3501923) to the Police Vehicle Replacement project (3503068).

SOLID WASTE FUND FY2017

- A. Appropriate \$57,000 net assets to SSD Dry Trash Pickup (5404502).
- B. Increase revenues and expenditures \$600,000 transfer in from the SSD Fund.

2. Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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2. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Scott said, next we'll have our CNT Director, who is the certified CNT Director Ragan to come up and do his --

Director Ragan said, I'm probably certifiable, but I don't know about -- about -- about certified. The -- we're not quite ready for the Power Point yet. So I got to -- good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission. This is a -- a double monthly report for July and August 2016 since I -- I -- I come before the Commission now every other month. For the two -- for the two months, CNT initiated 175 investigations. So far we've cleared 51 of those. Looking at drugs seized, we'll -- you'll see that we're seizing -- during this period of time we seized more methamphetamine and heroin than we had -- then we was on -- than we did powder cocaine or either crack cocaine. It's the going -- it's the growing trend in the United States with the increase in heroin use and the methamphetamine directly related to the -- the cheapness of the drugs and too, the heroin and methamphetamine now are controlled by the Mexican cartels. They don't have to answer to an -- to the Columbians and it's easier to transport just across the border. So they are involved in the entire thing of -- of growing the opium and producing the methamphetamine. So this -- this -- this is where we're seeing the increase not only in Chatham County but nationwide.

Commissioner Farrell said, do they grow that -- do that grow that in --

Director Ragan said, Mexico?

Commissioner Farrell said, -- Mexico?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir. The -- they -- you know, years ago it used to be the golden triangle, Pakistan, Afghanistan, with the poppies and fields and all growing. Now the -- the -- the climate in Mexico, they have found and determined that it is just as good to grow in -- in those areas. So, they don't have to go all the way to Columbia for the cocaine. It's being grown and processed right in Central America and Mexico. Year to date we've recovered -- we've seized \$583,000 worth of drugs, and drugs purchased we're still purchasing a lot of -- for the month, we purchased again heroin and crack cocaines. Firearms, we got ten for the two months. Persons arrested, we arrested 33. Geographic location of our arrestees again are Savannah, Bloomingdale, Eden, Ellabell, Garden City, Midway, Pembroke, and Thunderbolt. These arrests are not going to be associated with the Power Point, and I'll -- I'll show you -- that I'll show you in a few minutes outlining a case that we just closed up.

Director Ragan said, adopted one case from Metro for trafficking in methamphetamine. Drug complaints we received, one from a -- a political entity, 53 hotline calls, police intel from outside agencies were 11, Crime Stopper complaints, 59. I'll show you one case in our significant events on a -- on a Crime Stopper complaint and what that yield. The next few pages are the complaints and activity in your Districts that we -- we see in our complaints coming in from the hotline and of Crime Stoppers. Hours expended in each precinct, islands and central precincts are again as normal the two leading precincts. And -- and a lot of time spent within the City of Savannah. Again, about 90 percent spent. Municipalities we spent a little over 1,000 hours, SCMPD and all the precincts about 3500 hours, and 177 hours in the unincorporated hours -- unincorporated areas.

Director Ragan said, significant events, you can see, July 14th working at a case around 204 and 95. Over an ounce of methamphetamine, a gun. On 8/19, a heroin case, 700 block of East 34th Street. Over three ounces of heroin and Molly seized in that case. And again I -- I must -- I must reiterate we're seeing -- where we used to get a gram or part of a gram of heroin on our search warrants, we're getting multiple ounces now and at one point we received over -- got over half a kilo. It was a little over a pound of heroin at one time. Again, it's the cheap drug. It's the drug of choice, and it all goes back to the old pill mills and the opioid addiction people have now in -- in the United States.

Director Ragan said, I was able to participate yesterday in the round table discussion with the U.S. Attorney's office in reference to the opioid addiction and heroin addiction and the rampant use of heroin now. So, again, it is a national level. In speaking with some of the -- Ms. Diver from Recovery Place indicating that Chatham County per 100,000 lead in the opioid overdose and death in -- in Georgia per 100,000 people. So, we're seeing it. The last significant event number three, that is in direct -- direct consequence of a Crime Stopper complaint. Individual who was selling out of his car. We made contact. We were able to get him arrested. He had not -- he didn't have one gun on him, he had three guns plus cocaine, heroin and marijuana. So he's -- he was a good one. Again, that was over off the Oak Forest area where there had been numerous shootings that

Metro's been having to deal with that we -- we try to help as much as possible, but -- in that area, and that was a significant Crime Stopper complaint.

Director Ragan said, now, I'm going to do a brief Power Point on a case that started in July -- that we became involved in in July. Effingham County had started an investigation, did not know which way it was going to go, whether it was going to go in Effingham or Chatham County. They had information on a weekly delivery of a pound of methamphetamine coming out of the Atlanta area. They asked for our help. We sat up on it, and we dubbed it Operation Extended Stay. June 12th, 2016, information was these two individuals had traveled to Atlanta, and they were coming back. Did not know whether they were actually going to come into Chatham County or to Effingham. They chose Chatham. Went to one of the hotels out at 204 and 95 to set up a distribution out of a hotel room. They didn't get an opportunity to. We hit them in the car. Over a pound of crystal meth that came out of Atlanta, one gun and Tillman had a -- was wearing a security badge. I guess he thought that gave him some protection from the police. Those two individuals were arrested. We began our investigation on this organization, found out that the drugs had actually come out of Dunwoody. They were of course purchased at a much lower price in Atlanta. They were going to make them a good -- good bit of money out of selling the drugs here in Chatham County. Soon as the -- out of this organization, Atlanta was the hub and the drug -- drug connection we found out was made through one of our old friends, the -- one of the ghost face gangsters.

Director Ragan said, I believe last April I presented a -- gave a presentation on the ghost face gangsters. Again, prison-based drug organization. Back in -- this is some of the slides we gave -- I showed back in 2015. These are members of the ghost face gangsters. These are -- these are local boys, and we hit them pretty hard at that point in time. Some of them are in prison. Found out that --

Commissioner Thomas said, wow.

Director Ragan said, again you've got about 3,000 members throughout the southeastern states. They're heavily involved in drug trafficking and most are career felons, and they gain rank. The more they go to prison, the more time they spend in prison, they gain rank faster in prison. Leads us to Charlie Turnbow. Mr. Turnbow was documented ghost faced. July of 2015 Chatham County he was sentenced to five years armed robbery, an armed robbery conviction. Currently he was -- he is in the Hancock State Prison. He is documented ghost face gangster. We determined that Turnbow was the middle person for these deals for these individuals in Atlanta. How does he middle? He middles because he gets smuggled telephones in, and he makes phone calls out of prison and works through them.

Commissioner Thomas said, how do they do that?

Director Ragan said, Hancock State Prison is in Sparta, Georgia. That's where Charlie -- Charli Boi Turnbow is and one other individual by the name of Donald Crash [Miles]. They arrange drug deals for this organization. We were able make contact, and as Commissioner Kicklighter said, some of my agents live in the shadows. I had an agent to go undercover with this organization and set up communications with these individuals in prison and they middled the deal and the drugs were actually sold to one of my agents. And what -- what do these guys get for it? For each deal they middled, we put \$200 on the books for them in prison so they were getting about 200 bucks a week on their books so they were able to buy the cigarettes and the contraband and everything that they -- they needed in prison. That's how we kept them strung along. This is what -- this is what it cost us to have him middle the deals.

Director Ragan said, this organization went as far as -- south as -- as -- as Glynn Academy -- Glynn County working the FBI joint violence gang task force. They had made a pop on a kilo, same individuals that we were dealing. They turned it over to us and allowed us -- that allowed us to continue on our investigation. June 23rd, that's when that individual was arrested by the FBI. He had already sold us -- this individual had already sold us dope hand to hand to one of my agents, so they allowed us to continue. Here's what we bought that was destined coming into Chatham County that we intercepted. Another four pounds on different occasions of crystal meth coming into Chatham County. Again, purchased hand to hand with one of my agents and the Mexicans -- Hispanics.

Director Ragan said, August the 4th a lot of these arrests came out of Marietta, Cobb and Smyrna. CNT, their task force, Marietta, Cobb and Smyrna, Georgia Drug Task Force conducted search warrants. We did affidavits for our one house that we had identified in there. Based upon our affidavit and what we found at that house, they continued to work through the night. Two more additional search warrants were obtained. Here's what we got, another 18 pounds of crystal meth; seven and a half pounds of cocaine, packaged cocaine. Georgia Department of Corrections working in -- in -- along with us, when we hit those houses, they hit the -- they hit the cell blocks, recovered the smuggled cell -- cell phones in that Turnbow had and that other individual had that was -- had middled the deals. Along with the drugs, 60,000 in currency. You see the weapons that were recovered. Any of those that have ever -- have followed the old El -- El Chapo arrest, the Guzman arrest out of Mexico and some of the places they had hit, you seen the gold inlaid .45 caliber Colts. One of the individuals has -- had one of the those.

Director Ragan said, you also see the top left a shrine they have set up that they pray to their idols. One of the gentlemen there in the black suit and black hat, they pray to him to protect them from the -- the drug police. They offer money. There's alcohol there. They drink a toast to him, that kind of stuff. It didn't -- it didn't help them from CNT. There was two of these shrines in the houses that -- that -- that we hit. Over 22 pounds of

meth seized; 7.6 pounds of cocaine. Street value up to \$1.8 million. September the 21st, which is just this past Wednesday we indicted 11 people and the indictment included people from Chatham, Effingham, Brunswick and Metro Atlanta. These are the individuals indicted. Of course Tillman and Courtney Jones started it. Turnbow's in jail. Miles is in jail. The next two were from -- Jones and Domzalski -- Domzalski was from Effingham. Torres Pineda, Andrea -- Adrian Pineda, Aniceto Cruz, Michael Cruz and Karen Mendez, they are the ones who were actually distributing the drugs coming into Chatham County.

Director Ragan said, CNT again back in April 2015, these are the individuals we had for our ghost faced bust. There we go, and we just like to recognize the County Commission for -- and the drug advisory board for giving us the tools for us to be able to conduct these types of investigations. And that's all I have this morning.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Any questions?

Commissioner Holmes said, job well done.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Director Ragan said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, any questions?

Youth Commissioner Coppock said, can I ask a question?

Chairman Scott said, we have one from our Youth Commission -- Youth Commissioner Coppock.

Youth Commissioner Coppock said, Coppock. What is being done with the drugs that were seized in the seizures?

Director Ragan said, we maintain the drugs till court, and then we have a -- a place that under heavy guard we burn them. They go up in smoke.

Youth Commissioner Coppock said, and I have a -- I had another question. When you said that you put \$200 on the books, and we know that they use this money to buy the cigarettes and the drugs in the jail, well, why do we still put the \$200 on the books?

Director Ragan said, we have to -- they don't know we're the police. We're -- we're undercover, so in order to keep them middling, that -- that's what their -- that's what their price was. I can get you a pound, but it's going to cost you \$170 this week or \$200 this week. What we do in reference to that was we'll give a -- a Green card, and we will give them the number off the Green card, and they're able to give to the commissary in prison. So that's how we have to string them along, four or five times until we were able to finish our investigation. They didn't know we were the police. They thought we were just another drug dealers that they were dealing with.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, our vice Chair, Dr. Thomas, has a question.

Commissioner Thomas said, you made mention about the smuggling of the cell phones and etcetera.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, how easy is that? I mean?

Director Ragan said, it's -- it's -- quite frankly, it's -- we see it quite often, that cell phones are getting into prison. Unfortunately you will see the Department of Corrections and the security staff are doing the -- the best job they possibly can, but you have corrections officers who furnish phones. They bring them in, they sell them. You have people who actually smuggle the phones in, hide them in body cavities, smuggle the phones in, and they get there, and there -- we have -- we have -- the -- the last meth case we had with ghost faced -- faced gangsters were -- we had smuggled telephones into two state prisons, one in Lee County and one in Wilcox County state prisons. And again, they went in and found the phones. They -- they went in and searched cells and found the phones. But -- but you do have phones being smuggled in. Yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, what --

Chairman Scott said, we have Commissioner from the 4th, Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, what's the pen -- penalty for a correction officer who's caught providing contraband to --

Director Ragan said, if you can tie them into -- if we can tie a correction officer into an -- an organization like this, they face the same consequences on conspiracy. I believe it's 20 years to distribute. We can tie them in to

actually conspiracy charges. It is -- it is a felony for them to smuggle contraband in, but we can actually tie them in, and these individuals, like Turnbow who was in -- who is in prison, we actually now can -- will have charged him with a conspiracy -- conspiracy to distribute in Chatham County, four different counts, and all the drugs that we received, that we got, not only the four pounds we bought, but all that we seized, he can be charged with the -- the entire amount. So, that's why we called it Operation Extended Stay. He got five for armed robbery. He's looking at another 20 for what he's doing since he's been in jail. He's earned another 20.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you, Director Ragan. Thank you, Director Ragan.

Director Ragan said, thank you, sir.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

[NOTE: CNT monthly report filed in Clerk of Commission's meeting file.]

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3. BOARD CONSIDERATION TO DIRECT THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE THE SIX MONTH NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE LIVE OAK PUBLIC LIBRARIES, CHATHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD AND REGIONAL BOARD DATED MARCH 26, 2004.

Chairman Scott said, next we have Item 3, Items for Individual Action, Board consideration to direct the County Manager to provide six months notice of termination of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Live Oak Library, Chatham County Library Board and Regional Library dated March 26, 2004.

Commissioner Brady said, do you need a motion?

Chairman Scott said, need a motion.

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

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, with this Memorandum of Understanding, will the library continue to be a county-funded agency or will it be a department under the county?

Chairman Scott said, it will still --

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, county-funded agency.

County Manager Smith said, county-funded agency would be the intent.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so what exactly is this Memorandum? Can -- explain it to me. I -- I've read it, but --

County Manager Smith said, we have a Memorandum that was done, what, 2004, that is well out-dated. The County Attorney, county staff have met, financial folks. It does not clearly define accountability on the side of the Library Trustees, nor does it clearly define roles on our side as the Commission and staff. So, we feel like, in light of recent events, we need to clarify that. We need to do orientations with board members that are appointed and existing board members, Board of Trustees, as well as County Commissioners to instruct all of us on our responsibilities. It's just an old agreement and needs to be updated. I have talked with the other counties, and they feel very similar. Each of us have, Effingham, Liberty and Chatham have a different agreement. They're not tied. They're different agreements to be part of a regional system. So our intent would be to remain a regional system.

County Manager Smith said, I do want to say this, Mr. Chairman, to kind of way lay any fears from the employees. There's some fears that this termination means they lose their jobs. That's not the case. We're serving six months notice to say over this time period we're going to renew the contract or the agreement. So, we want to give assurity to the employees that are there that they're not going to lose their jobs. That's not what this is about. This is clarifying accountability and roles of both agencies.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but -- but --

Chairman Scott said, any further --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Yes. I got -- I got some more. Do you ever consider the effects that -- what happen with the library --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- the library board, what effects it has on the actual employees?

County Manager Smith said, on the who? I'm sorry.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the -- the employees.

County Manager Smith said, the employees? Well, I think it --

Commissioner Shabazz said, or the staff.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm. Our or the library staff themselves? Is that who you're talking about? Library staff?

Commissioner Shabazz said, the library -- the -- those who direct -- are directly affected by it.

County Manager Smith said, well --

Commissioner Shabazz said, have you ever talked with any of them?

County Manager Smith said, we have met -- over the last three months we have had -- we did not invite them, they asked to see county HR department, the County Attorney, myself, my management team, alerting to certain problems. I can't go into the personnel issues, because it -- and I think would -- I think violate the rights of those employees, you know, but many of the things that have come to light recently were discussed by those employees that came to us. So, we're asking, and I -- myself and Mr. Kaigler have met with the attorney for the library board, met with the consultant, and a -- a previous board member of the trustees, and we have asked for issues such as the audit. We do believe there needs to be a formal audit of the library because you give almost \$7.4 million a year to that agency. We're not saying that anything's wrong, but as far as accountability and transparency, we need that. We owe that to the citizens for what we're investing on a annual basis.

County Manager Smith said, but for the employees, obviously, there are major morale issues. This uncertainty scares them. I think you've lost some good employees. I know there have been resignations and terminations. I cannot speak to the validity of those terminations or those reg -- resignations, but I would just say the morale is probably as low as the library has ever seen, and as the Chairman said this morning in the briefing, Julie Walker, who is the state library director, has talked with the County Attorney and myself extensively, and her comment has been that we have, you know, with the library locations and the buildings that you've built, with the library services that we offer, that we're one of the top five if not better library systems in the State of Georgia. So we've got great opportunity. We've asked -- and the library -- state library director is asking for a national search for a new library director, but we need somebody that's got not just library experience, but management experience. That's -- that is, you know, gravely important to make sure the funds are being managed well. You know, we're not implying that there are issues with funds, however, I -- you know, I do believe, when you've got people that are stating that there are issues, you have to investigate it, and we're asking that that be done based on our investment.

Commissioner Shabazz said, before I lose my train of thought on this, what -- is there something in place -- is there a -- a policy in place -- some type of criteria by which we select members to the board? The Commission select members to the board? Is there some type of policy that -- that governs us prohibit from electing someone else -- some people to the board?

County Manager Smith said, well, you have state law, as I understand it, that regulates, correct, board members. I would defer to the County Attorney on that issue.

Chairman Scott said, well, you've got --

Commissioner Shabazz said, like conflict of interest, I'm saying.

County Attorney Hart said, no. What -- what -- what happens basically is you've got a -- an agreement, the joint library agreement, that says the county picks -- Chatham County picks so many --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, the other counties pick so many.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, and the process we follow is a process generally that we follow in -- in all our appointments to boards. You know, it's announced that we've got board vacancies on whatever board it may be. The Chairman generally requests that all the Board members, if they know of somebody that is interested in serving to get their resumes, so that we have the resumes. Those resumes are circulated among the various Commissioners. We hold an executive session --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, the resumes are discussed.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, and once the discussion is over, we open the doors and vote on whoever is going to take place.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay. Okay.

Chairman Scott said, and in the executive session --

Commissioner Shabazz said, what -- what -- what process --

Chairman Scott said, -- if you know of a conflict --

Commissioner Shabazz said, hold on. Hold on. Hold on.

Chairman Scott said, well let me finish --

Commissioner Shabazz said, what constitute a conflict of interest in that case?

County Attorney Hart said, okay. Well, if you know of a conflict of interest, which doesn't -- doesn't necessarily mean it's a legal conflict of interest, in most of the conflicts --

Chairman Scott said, yeah. But if a member of the Commission know of a conflict, in the executive session, is the time to bring it that up.

County Attorney Hart said, they bring that up, and a lot of times, the -- the conflict -- or the perceived conflict is not really a true conflict as much as it is this guy would serve better on this board than this board, and we need somebody badly on this board with his skill sets. So occasionally, you -- as you well know, y'all do not appoint some person to one board because you intend to appoint them to another eventually.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, and --

Commissioner Shabazz said, so, what the Chairman just said is that the time to bring it up is in executive session, but at the time of the executive session, you didn't have knowledge that it was a conflict of interest, so, what do you do in that case?

County Attorney Hart said, well, if it is a true legal conflict of interest, i.e., there's a pecuniary interest involved, and it comes to light, there's only two things that the library member can do. Number one, the library member can make a full disclosure of the potential conflict. The library board at that time could vote to recuse that person from having any say so insofar as whatever subject matter over which he has a conflict of interest in. On the other hand, the -- the board may have a full disclosure of that conflict and vote to go ahead and allow the action to be taken. That is at the discretion of that board within limits, okay? Now, if you're talking about, I'm going to steal some money from you, obviously, you can't break the law and do things like that. If it is a --

Chairman Scott said, but in the past when we know of people who have conflicts, though, generally we instruct the County Attorney to send them a letter of inquiry concerning the conflict and follow it up with an investigation, and if the conflict's made real, then the County Attorney reports back to the Commission in executive session.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and, you know, a typical conflict is -- is some financial thing goes before the board and one bank has got the low bid on whatever services they're providing, and a member of the board also works for that bank, that person discloses the conflict and doesn't vote on the subject matter. And a lot of those things are self-curing just because that they go through a bid process, and you're really talking about a -- a low-end bid. But if it's -- if it's something that's consistent, the Chairman's right, we look at it and take action accordingly.

Chairman Scott said, now we have -- we have Commissioner Farrell next, but I was -- wanted to make sure before he lost his train of thought if he had any follow ups.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, anything else?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. I have something else. What can we put in place to make sure that this never happen again?

County Manager Smith said, well, from our stand point --

Commissioner Shabazz said, or the -- or the -- or the likelihood of it happening.

County Manager Smith said, -- is putting a better Memorandum of Understanding together that, for lack of a better term, has some teeth in it. You know, the one thing that you've done over the last year is begin, as people -- you invest tax dollars in programs, we're putting contracts and Memorandums of Understandings and agreements together that says if you do not do the following things, report, do certain things, we will withhold money. I mean that's -- that's --

Commissioner Shabazz said, does that include --

County Manager Smith said, -- with the recent film issue --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, -- with all these other programs, that's what we've done. And you've got that ability.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Does that include -- does that include regular audits?

County Attorney Hart said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, it's required by state law that the library system undergo an audit annually, okay?

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. When was the last time have they been audited?

County Attorney Hart said, it's in the process of being audited as we speak.

County Manager Smith said, now.

County Attorney Hart said, now.

Commissioner Shabazz said, well when was the last time?

County Attorney Hart said, the previous year.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the previous year?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. They've had an annual audit each year. We do know that.

County Attorney Hart said, the -- the -- the reason -- one of the people that -- that work within the library system that is responsible for gathering the material for the independent auditor to review, the independent auditor says, I want to see this. I want to see this, and -- and gathers it has retired. We just worked out this week -- week a way to bring him back to help us obtain the -- the information or show us where the information is. When I say say us, I mean the auditor, so that we'll have a complete audit. We feel like an audit is -- is imperative to clear the air as to whether there's a fund issue over there. If there is, we'll deal with it accordingly. If there isn't, the people who are -- have at -- at least been innuendo indicated that there may be something awry, then they ought to be cleared on any of that type of thing. You -- you know, you can never guarantee that nothing's ever going to happen because what makes things happen is people, and if you have a good executive director that's a good manager and understands the library system, if you have a professional human resource department, and if you have professional people in finances, and if you have people from the outside checking on that, that's about as good as you can do.

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

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, and then Commissioner Holmes of the 2nd.

Commissioner Farrell said, this week I had a call from a constituent who was concerned what this action may do to the visiting public going to the libraries, and if you could just take a minute and explain what -- what the general user of the library will notice. I -- I think there was some thoughts that it would adversely affect their experience at the library or if that's -- that or the other so.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm. This is an internal process between the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Trustees, so it will be pretty seamless. Clients and customers will notice no difference unless the Trustees were to take some action about operations, and that's up to them. But as far as this Memorandum of Understanding, there should -- there should -- it should be seamless and really unseen.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Manager.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes of the 2nd.

Commissioner Holmes said, let me sort of touch -- touch bases on something here. What I'm hearing is -- and when I first became a County Commissioner, I was told not to get involved with employees, let the employees be handled by the department head and their supervisors, and I'm a pretty disciplined person and obedience person and I -- and I does that. But I think we need to look at employees a little bit more through both of our eyes. What I mean by that is when you lend a ear to employee, and a complaint come to you, and the next two month the same complaint come from another employee, and you wonder are these employees exaggerating how they're being treated, how they being looked at on their job? And I personally want us to step up our concern just like we stepping up our concern for the library. Because the library -- and I heard my colleague Shabazz mention that he was unaware of this, and I've got several calls pertaining this, and I read, I read, and I listen. But anytime you get employees that keep complaining about the same department head or the same supervisor, that's a flag to me, and usually when that flag come up, I'm going to bring it in then, Mr. Smith, the Chairman, for us to address it. The message that I'm hearing in the public, and I think you clarified it just now, is that we trying to exercise our power. And I don't think that's the case that we exercising power. We exercising policy. And I think if it's explained to the public, to the news media, and to the former employees of the library, just what we are doing, I think then the relationship will be built better, so we can move forward together and not in the separate way. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further unreadiness or discussion? Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say something that I asked in pre-agenda, just so it's not misconstrued at all. Under no way, shape or form does this -- is this going to actually close any of our libraries in Chatham County.

County Manager Smith said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and that -- I just want that to be very clear for the public. It's just simply to restructure the current agreement and worst case scenario, I can't envision any of the employees losing jobs, and we are not shutting down anything.

County Manager Smith said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, it's just to restructure the agreement. So.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, good.

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

Commissioner Brady said, I have a question.

Chairman Scott said, the -- the motion carries.

Commissioner Farrell said, somebody didn't vote.

Chairman Scott said, we've got --

Commissioner Farrell said, the 5th District hasn't voted.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we --

Chairman Scott said, the 5th District hasn't voted.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we have a lot of people in the audience.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. The reason why I didn't vote, 'cause see that man right there?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. -- can -- I'm going to reset my thing.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I want to hear what he got to say.

Chairman Scott said, but if you're present, you've got to vote.

Commissioner Shabazz said, can -- can we hear what he has to say?

Chairman Scott said, we have a motion, and we have a vote before us right now.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can -- I would like -- I would like --

Chairman Scott said, and keep in mind what we're voting on is -- this is --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Chairman Scott said, -- this is -- this is no more than to direct the County Manager to serve notice of a six-month notice of a Memorandum of Understanding with the library.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I -- I was waiting for someone to come forward to say something from that board because there's a lot of stuff going on that -- that I need to -- I want to know about. So I'm asking you will you allow him to say something?

Chairman Scott said, at this point it would be out of order.

Commissioner Stone said, can he speak afterwards?

Commissioner Shabazz said, she said can he speak afterwards.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can we get a hand raised to who supports this and who's against it or whatever? Who -- who opposes this? I mean --

Commissioner Shabazz said, I don't want to vote -- I don't want to vote for this till I hear somebody about it.

Chairman Scott said, well, Mr. Attorney, would you --

County Attorney Hart said, yes. Under the Enabling Act, if a motion is made and a second, and the issue is before the Commission for vote, and you are present, unless you have a -- a recusal that you've made and been approved by the Board, you have an obligation to vote. You can vote yes; you can vote no, but you must vote.

Commissioner Holmes said, and can that person speak after the vote is completed?

County Attorney Hart said, that is -- that is --

Commissioner Holmes said, no?

County Attorney Hart said, -- an issue for the Chair.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. This -- this is not a -- a debatable item. This is instructing the -- the Manager for a new agreement. The time you would debate it is when you have a new agreement before you to adopt. Okay. One more time, if you're present --

Commissioner Shabazz said, I just -- I -- I -- I feel a morale obligation not to do that until I hear from someone.

Chairman Scott said, well, you -- you can vote no or yes, but anything short of that, you're in violation of your oath and the county agreement.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and so what happens if I don't vote?

Commissioner Thomas said, oh, Lord.

Commissioner Shabazz said, oh, Lord. That's right. I -- I -- I need to know.

Chairman Scott said, I don't -- I don't know. You could self-destruct. I don't know.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Right.

Chairman Scott said, but in the meantime --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. I hope I don't, but I'm saying, what happens? Do I need to ask the Attorney?

County Attorney Hart said, if you don't vote you're in violation of what you swore you would do, which would be vote on issues that come before the Commission period.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, if you do that consistently, it would be grounds for your removal as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So, this one time it -- it won't be grounds.

County Attorney Hart said, well, one time is not the issue. The issue is whether you're going to do what you said you were going to do.

Commissioner Shabazz said, well, I said I wanted to hear from the --

County Attorney Hart said, that's not the question before you, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- the gentleman.

Chairman Scott said, that's not -- that's not the question before you. The question before you --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. That's -- that's the reason why I'm not voting because I want to hear from these people.

Chairman Scott said, well, you could --

County Attorney Hart said, sir, you have to go through Robert's Rules of Order.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, if we were to adopt that, any time any Commissioner chose not to vote, then they could bring every -- anybody they wish to come before this Commission without being on the agenda, which would not be proper form under Robert's Rules of Order, and it would be an agenda item that was being taken up that was not on the published agenda under the open meetings law. That would not work --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay. Well let me -- let me ask this, can we hear from him after we vote? Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, no. The answer's no. We don't have anything on the agenda that would -- for him to address.

Commissioner Shabazz said, well I have to vote no on that then.

County Attorney Hart said, you do that.

Chairman Scott said, the motion carries.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, could he just speak, please?

Chairman Scott said, no. No, he cannot.

Commissioner Shabazz said, something's -- something's fishy in this. Something real fishy.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Brady moved to Commissioner moved direct the County Manager to provide six months notice of termination of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Live Oak Library, Chatham County Library Board and Regional Library dated March 26, 2004. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-1 vote with Commissioner Shabazz being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3

AGENDA DATE: September 23, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

Request Board consideration to direct the County Manager to provide the six month notice of termination of the Memorandum of Understanding among the Live Oak Public Libraries, Chatham County Library Board and Regional Board dated March 26, 2004.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County shall be responsible for the maintenance and support of public libraries in Chatham County. Currently, Chatham County provides support to the Live Oak Public Libraries Board of Trustees, which is part of a county-wide unified library system, as well as participation in the regional library system consisting of Chatham, Bryan and Effingham counties.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners appoints the Chatham County Library Board that serves as members of the Regional Library Board.

Under the terms of the agreement, Chatham County, in addition to providing financial support, provides capital funding proceeds through SPLOST to make improvements to the Live Oak Public Libraries. The County provides funding for certain administrative personnel to the library. Further, Chatham County has provided self-insured workers' compensation coverage for the employees of the Chatham County library. Under the Memorandum of Understanding, the library is to adopt purchasing policies and procedures used by Chatham County Purchasing Department and conform to the adopted Personnel Policies and Procedures of the Chatham County Board.

Over the years, many of the provisions of this agreement have not been complied with and are outdated. The County Manager and Staff recommend that the Board of Commissioners send notice of termination of the Memorandum of Understanding and be open to negotiation for a new, more comprehensive updated agreement.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County provides support to the Live Oak Public Libraries Board of Trustees.
2. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners appoints the Chatham County Library Board that serves as members of the Regional Library Board.
3. Under the current Memorandum of Understanding Chatham County provides financial support, capital funding proceeds through SPLOST to the Live Oak Public Libraries, and self-insured workers' compensation coverage for the employees of the Chatham County library. Also, the County has provided certain administrative personnel to the library.
4. Many of the provisions of this agreement have not been complied with and are outdated.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Chatham County and its citizens have great interest in maintaining the Live Oak Public Libraries facilities for use by its citizens and would benefit from a Memorandum of Understanding as to the operations of personnel, capital improvements and other related matters related to the library operations.

FUNDING:

Not applicable as the direction of termination of this agreement does not require funds but mere compliance with the six months' notice provisions to terminate the current Memorandum of Understanding.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners direct staff to send notice of termination of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Live Oak Public Libraries.
2. The County Commission decline to direct staff to send notice of termination of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Live Oak Public Libraries.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Scott said, next item is the Action Calendar. No one indicated any desire to vote on anything individually. At this time I'll entertain a motion --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if I may --

Chairman Scott said, -- for approval of the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, may I pull Item 6-E off, please?

Commissioner Farrell said, 6-D?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, E.

Commissioner Farrell said, E.

Chairman Scott said, you can make -- you can make a motion that we approve the Action Calendar with the exception of 6-E.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so moved.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Hearing the motion, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. Now, I'll entertain a motion on Item E.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll -- I'll make -- well, I'm not going to make the motion. Somebody else needs to.

Chairman Scott said, we need a motion to approve Item E, please. 6-E.

Commissioner Brady said, so moved.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and --

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir. Mr. Chairman I just --

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not necessarily against broadband or the study of broadband, but I just don't have enough info on this to in my opinion warrant spending 65,000 for a study right now. So, I'm just going to vote against it. I'm not saying it's bad, but I at this point don't have enough to -- to vote for it. So, thank you.

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

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, we have an Item 7 to request Board approval of Governmental Pole Attachment License Agreement.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, would you -- would you speak to that, please?

County Manager Smith said, sure. The pole agreement is -- first of all, we've got a couple things we're looking at with the Metro and with the Sheriff's office looking at installing cameras in different parts of the county for surveillance. What we have to have is an agreement with Georgia Power where they would install them. There's issues within the agreement that says if a pole becomes bad, we have certain responsibilities. Predominantly what we're looking at now is that the Sheriff's office, and I can't give the locations right now, but, to provide more security, and we absolutely agree with the Sheriff's office that we need additional security in and around the area of the Detention Center and Sheriff's office. Out in the county this will be discussed with Metro and the policy committee moving forward, as to -- particularly as the consultant is talking with us about locations. But staff would have input on that and determine if the investment is worthwhile out in the community, and this would be to recognize crime in areas and also to help with investigations.

Chairman Scott said, okay. It was part of the Action Calendar.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, but the Commissioner wanted an explanation on it.

County Manager Smith said, that's fine. Okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. Appreciate that.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 7 and under Item 6 Items A through J with the exception of Item 6-E. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Brady moved to approve Item 6-E, approval to enter into contract with Magellan Advisors for \$65,500 for consulting services in creating a community Broadband Strategic Plan. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in a 6-2 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Farrell, Brady and Thomas voting yes and Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter voting no. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2016, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2016, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14, 2016.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of September 1, 2016 through September 14, 2016, in the amount of \$8,685,832. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

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3. **REQUEST BOARD ADOPT THE NEW CHATHAM COUNTY-SAVANNAH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. PRESENTATION OF THE PLAN WAS GIVEN AT THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2016, BOARD MEETING.**
NOTE: THE PLAN IS NEARLY 600 PAGES LONG. ONE COPY IS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT [HTTP://WWW.THEMPC.ORG/DOCS/LIT/COMPPLAN/2016/DRAFT.PDF](http://www.thempc.org/docs/lit/compplan/2016/draft.pdf).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to Commissioner moved to adopt the New Chatham County-Savannah Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: September 23, 2016



CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

"Planning the Future – Respecting the Past"

DATE: August 31, 2016
TO: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Thomas Thomson, MPC, Executive Director
SUBJECT:

We are transmitting one copy of the new Chatham County-Savannah Comprehensive Plan to adopt.

On August 30, 2016, the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt a new Comprehensive Plan. This plan provides a unified, long term vision for the City of Savannah and Unincorporated Chatham County in the topics of land use, housing, economic development, transportation, and quality of life. MPC staff coordinated closely with local partners to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan reflects the vision and goals of the *Chatham County Blueprint* and other currently adopted plans.

A widespread community participation effort was used to gather public input which influenced this plan. Key elements of the Comprehensive Plan include the Future Land Use Map (contained in the Land Use chapter) and the Community Vision & Goals. The plan provides additional detail relevant to public policy in the Community Strategic Plan & Work Program chapter. Furthermore, this plan contains the Service Delivery Strategy for both jurisdictions: a document that outlines how all public services are provided to citizens.

A digital copy of the Comprehensive Plan can be downloaded using this link:
<http://www.thempc.org/docs/lit/compplan/2016/draft.pdf>.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs requires that local governments update Comprehensive Plans every five years and provide progress reports on annual basis. Upon adoption of this plan by both Chatham County and the City of Savannah, it will be transmitted to DCA for final review and acceptance.

I am writing to request a time at the September 9th County Commission meeting to present background information on the Comprehensive Plan to the County Commission. This presentation will take approximately 10-15 minutes. I am also requesting that County Commission consider adoption of the Comprehensive Plan on its September 23rd agenda.

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- 4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A \$91,000 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR CEMA FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL BE USED TO ENHANCE THE CURRENT CAPABILITIES OF THE MOBILE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER.**
The Grant is 100% reimbursable. No County match is required.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of a \$91,000 Department of Homeland Security Grant for CEMA for the purchase of equipment which will be used to enhance the current capabilities of the Mobile Emergency Operations Center. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: September 23, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Dennis Jones, Emergency Management Director
SUBJECT: Approval to Accept a Department of Homeland Security Grant
ISSUE:

To obtain approval for the Chatham Emergency Management Agency to accept a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of equipment which will be used to enhance the current capabilities of the Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC).

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County has received an award of \$91,000 through the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for the purchase of cameras and radio equipment to be installed in the MEOC. This technology will enhance digital imaging and allow for expanded communication capabilities.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The addition of this equipment will help address several Target Capabilities as defined by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency's Regional Strategic Plan.
2. The addition of this equipment will assist in ensuring a more comprehensive communications capability with local support partners and other entities across the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network (SEGARRN).

FUNDING:

This grant is 100% reimbursable. No cost match is required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is consistent with the Board's policies to review and accept grants which support county operations and programs.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the HSGP Grant.
2. Do not accept the HSGP Grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Alternative #1.

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**5. REQUEST TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2016.
PETITIONER: BHUMI PATEL, D/B/A GATEWAY CHEVRON, LOCATED AT 2
GATEWAY BOULEVARD, 31419.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the petition of Bhumi Patel, d/b/a Gateway Chevron, located at 2 Gateway Boulevard, for a transfer of a beer and wine retail license for 2016. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: September 23, 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 a transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2016, **Bhumi Patel, d/b/a Gateway Chevron**, located at **2 Gateway Blvd., West, Savannah, Georgia 31419.**

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Patel requests approval of transfer of ownership to Gateway Chevron in connection with a convenience store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. License is being transferred from Pritesh Patel to Bhumi 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 Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham county Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 7

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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- 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:

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval to award bids as follows except for Item 6-E: (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 Center was not present for the vote.]
- b. Commissioner Brady moved to approve Item 6-E, approval to enter into contract with Magellan Advisors for \$65,500 for consulting services in creating a community Broadband Strategic Plan. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in a 6-2 vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Farrell, Brady and Thomas voting yes and Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter voting no. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6 A-J

AGENDA DATE: September 23, 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 a \$290,475 construction contract to Erickson Associates, Inc., for the replacement of boilers at the Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: The boilers were installed in 1992 and have had several repairs. They have reached the end of their useful lives and require replacing.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project will consist of the replacement of all three (3) hot water boilers with sealed combustion boilers and dual fuel burners. All four (4) hot water pumps will be replaced.
2. An Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and a pre-bid conference held in which seven (7) companies were represented. Bids were opened on September 6, 2016. Bid responses are as follows:

Erickson Associates, Inc.	\$290,475
Savannah, GA	

3. Staff, along with the Consultant, reviewed the bid and believes the low bid provided by Erickson Associates, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Detention Center
(3503326 - 542500 - 3503051-8)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$290,475 construction contract to Erickson Associates, Inc., for the replacement of boilers at the Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval for a purchase of (160) 9mm handguns from Ed's Public Safety and the trade-in of 150 handguns to be used by Corrections bureau. The total purchase cost using the trade-ins will be \$23,690.

BACKGROUND: Enforcement personnel transitioned to 9mm weapons in FY 2016. This is a continuation of transitioning for Corrections bureau. These weapons have been shown to be easier to operate than existing weapons. Additionally, the ammunition for these weapons is more readily available and less costly for both duty and training rounds.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were properly advertised and two (2) bids were received and opened on September 13, 2016. The bid response is as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purchase</u>	<u>Less Trade-In</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ed's Public Safety Stockbridge, GA	\$65,440	(\$41,750)	\$23,690
Smyrna Police Distributors Smyrna, GA	\$65,440	(\$38,775)	\$26,665

2. Staff believes the bid of \$23,690 from Ed's Public Safety is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 531700)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval for a purchase of (160) 9mm handguns from Ed's Public Safety and the trade-in of 150 handguns to be used by Corrections bureau. The total purchase cost using the trade-ins will be \$23,690.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$74,134 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Atlantic Waste Services to provide container trash collection service to departments and agencies of Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County currently has 28 locations that require weekly trash container disposal services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County has 28 locations requiring weekly trash collection services.
2. The contractor will furnish trash containers ranging from two (2) to eight (8) cubic yard capacity for locations throughout Chatham County. The pick-up service of each location varies from site to site with each location having a weekly collection schedule. Chatham County does not have the equipment or personnel necessary to provide this service.
3. The bid was properly advertised and publicly opened on August 25, 2016. Bid responses are as follows:

Atlantic Waste Services Pooler, GA	\$74,134
Republic Services of GA Savannah, GA	\$77,211
Waste Management of Georgia, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$181,380
4. Staff believes the bid proposed by Atlantic Waste Services to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING:

- General Fund/M&O - Various
- SSD - Various
- CIP - Various

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$74,134 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Atlantic Waste Services to provide container trash collection service to departments and agencies of Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other directions.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval to rescind the award to Motion Link which was approved on the August 12, 2016 agenda and award an annual contract with renewals options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to CalAmp of Torrance, CA, to provide Automatic Vehicle Location services for the County's portion of SCMPD vehicles with first year costs of \$57,753 and an annual costs thereafter of \$32,508.

BACKGROUND: Section 4 (A) (1) of the intergovernmental agreement regarding SCMPD between the City of Savannah and Chatham County dated February 18, 2016 states "*while it is preferable that all beats that presently encompass both City and Unincorporated County areas be redrawn so that no beats cross jurisdictional lines, MPD, on or before August 31, 2016 will install technology tracking in all MPD vehicles so that it can be readily recorded which vehicles are in which jurisdictions.*"

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) systems was issued, publicly advertised, and mailed to firms that specialize in providing AVL systems to municipal organizations by the City of Savannah and SCMPD. A pre-proposal conference was conducted to discuss the specifications and to resolve any questions or misunderstandings. One firm was represented at the Pre-Proposal Conference.
2. Eight (8) firms responded to the RFP: MotionLink, CalAmp, Synovia Solutions, Cellco Partnerships, Fleet Analytics, goFleet, Zonar Systems, and Air Automatic Tracking. The technical proposals were scored and ranked by an evaluation committee within the City of Savannah Purchasing Department. The evaluation committee conducted firm interviews and demonstrations from vendors. (Please refer to the matrix on page 6 for scoring details of the technical proposals.)
3. Fee proposals were requested from all firms. Each firm was required to state a fixed fee for each contract year and the basis for any subsequent year price adjustments for years 2-5 of the contract term. Proposal results were scored based on factors similar to Chatham County purchasing requirements.

4. The City of Savannah Council approved and awarded a contract to MotionLink on August 4, 2016 at the regular City Council meeting. The Board approved and awarded a contract to MotionLink on August 12, 2016. On September 8, 2016 MotionLink representatives withdrew their offer for contract. The City of Savannah Purchasing department contacted the second vendor, CalAmp and ascertained that they were still interested in the project.
5. Based on the methodology for recommendation of a contract award stated in the RFP and the desire to maintain continuity between all SCMPD vehicles, staff recommends following the Request for Proposal results from the City of Savannah and rescind the contract award to MotionLink and award the contract to CalAmp.

FUNDING:

- SSD/SCMPD – Professional Services Account
(2703200 - 521200)
- Confiscated Funds – SCMPD
(2103200 - 579000)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to rescind the award to Motion Link which was approved on the August 12, 2016 agenda and award an annual contract with renewals options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to CalAmp of Torrance, CA, to provide Automatic Vehicle Location services for the County's portion of SCMPD vehicles with first year costs of \$57,753 and an annual costs thereafter of \$32,508.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential services at the lowest possible cost and to comply with the independence standards of OMB Circular A-87.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval to enter into contract with Magellan Advisors for \$65,500 for consulting services in creating a community Broadband Strategic Plan.

BACKGROUND: It is becoming increasingly important for government involvement in Internet access and planning for communities. With adequate planning and involvement, we can assist in attracting more related business and ensuring equal opportunity for Internet access to all citizens. This research is the first step in identifying our desired goals, as a community, and formulate our strategic plan of action to achieve those goals.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Broadband planning affects all Chatham County citizens.
2. Availability of high-speed broadband attracts related businesses and businesses in need of reliable, high-speed Internet access.
3. Education is impacted by broadband availability and Board of Education representatives have already voiced interest in expanding Internet availability to children in our schools.
4. The City of Savannah issued an RFP for this planning and selected Magellan Advisors to perform the work. It is logical for Chatham County to contract with the same vendor so that there is a concerted community wide effort
5. All jurisdictions involved have committed to share the findings and the opportunity to be part of the resulting action(s).
6. Staff believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING:

- General Fund – Other Community Services - \$22,030
(1005560 - 573000)
- SSD - Other Community Services - \$43,470
(2705560 - 573000) (Pending board approval of budget transfer)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$65,500 contract with Magellan Advisors for assistance in creating our Broadband Strategic Plan.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the procurement of consulting services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval to terminate the \$10,560 annual contract to provide janitorial services at the Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center with Clarks Cleaning, LLC, and approve a \$12,192 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to CKC Enterprises to provide janitorial services at the Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center.

BACKGROUND: On December 18, 2015, the Board approved an annual contract with Clarks Cleaning, LLC, to provide janitorial services at the Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The vendor is not providing the service as specified in the contract. Staff has reached out to vendor many times to try to correct the problem and requested meetings to discuss performance. There has been no response from the vendor. A final meeting date was set for September 14, 2016, and the vendor did not attend. Staff is requesting to terminate their contract.
2. An Invitation to Bid was publicly advertised and opened on August 2, 2015. The responses are as follows:

*	Sparkling Cleaning Service Savannah, GA	\$9,600
*	Clarks Cleaning, LLC Savannah, GA	\$10,560
*	CKC Enterprises Savannah, GA	\$12,192
*	ENIA Cleaning Services Savannah, GA	\$12,995
**	RW Cleaning Services Savannah, GA	\$13,800
	Goodwill of the Coastal Empire, LLC Savannah, GA	\$14,160
**	Right Solutions Janitorial Services Savannah, GA	\$15,600
**	Imagann Cleaning Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$22,470
*	MBE	
**	WBE	

3. The low bidder Sparkling Cleaning Service was not selected due to their inability to meet insurance requirements as specified in the bid document.
4. Staff reviewed the bids and believes the low bid from CKC Enterprises to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O- Weightlifting Center
(1006130 - 522130)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to terminate the \$10,560 annual contract to provide janitorial services at the Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center with Clarks Cleaning, LLC and approve a \$12,192 annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to CKC Enterprises to provide janitorial services at the Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to terminate contracts upon contractor's inability to meet requirements, and to approve annual service contracts to the low responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval to enter into a \$140,896 lease agreement with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, for rental of golf carts at Henderson Golf Course. The agreement will be for 37 months and will be \$3,808 per month.

BACKGROUND: The Henderson Golf Course is a County owned public golf course. The golf course is currently being managed by Chatham County. Under management by Chatham County Staff, a new lease agreement will need to be established for use of the golf carts.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. PNC is the existing provider of golf carts for Henderson.
2. PNC has agreed to provide an agreement with Chatham County for golf cart use.
3. Staff has reviewed the finance agreement and has found it to be acceptable.
4. The golf carts were originally delivered to Henderson in August, 2015.
5. In order to ensure a smooth transition for the members and users of the facility, staff recommends proceeding with the agreement for PNC Equipment Finance.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
(1006100 - 522320)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to enter into a \$140,896 lease agreement with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, for rental of golf carts at Henderson Golf Course. The agreement will be for 37 months and will be \$3,808 per month.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to grant funding to enter into agreements for supplies or equipment at Park Facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of \$293,148 to ARC Government Solutions for outfitting County funded Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department vehicles with Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs).

BACKGROUND: The Intergovernmental agreement outlines a process by which Chatham County will purchase and outfit vehicles with appropriate gear for the purposes of policing within the jurisdiction of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department. These MDTs are part of the standard outfitting of a vehicle under this agreement.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. I.C.S. staff has coordinated with City IT staffing to ensure compatible and interchangeable equipment is purchased.
2. This purchase utilizes the contract currently negotiated between the City of Savannah and the vendor to ensure consistent pricing and equipment.

3. Staff believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Police Vehicles
(3503068 - 542400)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of \$293,148 to ARC Government Solutions for outfitting County funded Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department vehicles with Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs).
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential security hardware.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$57,000 contract to South Coast Logging, Inc., to process and dispose of curbside yard waste for Public Works.

BACKGROUND: Public Works collects yard waste throughout Chatham County and has historically taken the yard waste to the drop off center to be ground into mulch and stockpiled.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On December 18, 2015, the Board awarded a \$97,000 not to exceed contract to Evergreen Tree and Turf for the disposal of curbside yard waste. On January 15, 2016, the Board approved a name change to South Coast Logging.
2. Due to a continued mandate by the Environmental Protection Division, the County is no longer allowed to stockpile large quantities of yard waste. Staff has continued to divert yard waste from the drop off centers to comply with the mandate.
3. The amount of yard waste has increased substantially due to Tropical Storm Hermine.
4. Staff is in the process of soliciting bids for the processing and disposal of the curbside yard waste. Additionally, staff is in the process of preparing property on Bush Road to store and process the curbside yard waste.
5. South Coast Logging, Inc., has agreed to honor the price of \$75 per load that the Board approved on December 18, 2015.

FUNDING: Solid Waste - SSD
(5404502 - 523900)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$57,000 contract to South Coast Logging, Inc., to process and dispose of curbside yard waste for Public Works.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts in order to expedite compliance with mandates.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$266,493 to purchase and install safety devices on fifty-seven (57) law enforcement vehicles for Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department from West Chatham Warning Devices.

BACKGROUND: Warning devices are required for all law enforcement vehicles for safety, to provide a speedy path to crimes scenes/emergencies, and to aid citizens in duress.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The devices are necessary to outfit thirty (30) Chevrolet Caprices and twenty-seven (27) Ford Explorers for patrol duty and are a safety requirement.
2. Bids were properly solicited and received from the following vendor:

West Chatham Warning Devices	\$130,129/ (30) 2017 Chevy Caprice
Savannah, GA	\$136,364/ (27) 2017 Ford Explorer
3. Staff believes the bid by West Chatham Warning Devices to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Police Vehicle Replacement
(3501567 - 542200 - 3503068B)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$266,493 to purchase and install safety devices on 57 law enforcement vehicles for Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department from West Chatham Warning Devices.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of safety and warning devices for law enforcement vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A GOVERNMENTAL POLE ATTACHMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SPECIAL EQUIPMENT ADDENDUMS WITH GEORGIA POWER COMPANY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of a governmental pole attachment license agreement with special equipment addendums with Georgia Power Company. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: September 23, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Assistant County Manager

ISSUE:

Board approval of a Governmental Pole Attachment License Agreement with special equipment addendum with Georgia Power Company.

BACKGROUND:

Georgia Power Company has worked with ACCG and GMA to develop a standard Pole Attachment License Agreement that each City and County can approve.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Pole Attachment License Agreement will allow the County to place certain equipment on power poles owned by Georgia Power Company. This equipment would include security cameras used by law enforcement. There is no associated lease cost.
2. Under the terms of the agreement, Georgia Power may charge the County for "make-ready work" related to the County's equipment, including equipment relocation, and for replacement of poles.
3. The Sheriff's Office has expressed an interest in placing equipment on poles around his complex and approval of this agreement would facilitate that project.
4. The County Attorney's office has approved the proposed Government Pole Attachment License Agreement.

FUNDING:

No funding required; reimbursements for make-ready work would be charged to the user department's budget.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board of Commissioners approves all agreements between Chatham County and other parties.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approval of the Governmental Pole Attachment License Agreement with special equipment addendums with Georgia Power Company, or
2. Provide other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

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XI. FIRST READINGS

1. **TO REPEAL THE CURRENT CHATHAM COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE (FDPO) AND ADOPT A NEW VERSION TO BE APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA).
*NOTE: At the First Reading on July 29, 2016, staff was instructed to submit expeditiously the model ordinance with changes including some of those heard in the Savannah Tech meeting with County Commissioners, FEMA, the State, the Home Builders Association and staff.
Per Board direction the Second Reading will not occur until responses are received from the State and FEMA.***

Chairman Scott said, First Readers, we still have the County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for consideration. It -- we -- you're telling me, Mr. Manager, it will be ready for -- at our next meeting?

County Manager Smith said, for the next meeting, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, I just want to serve notice to that effect.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, okay?

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2. **ADOPT THE 2016 CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE TO REFLECT CHANGES IN RATES AND FEES RESULTING FROM THE BUDGET PROCESS, TO REMOVE SEWER FEES, UPDATE PUBLIC UTILITY PROPERTY TAX, REVISE STATE COURT FEES AND PROPERTY TAX PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR STATE MANDATED CHANGES.**

Chairman Scott said, and then we have a First Reader, to adopt the 2016 Chatham County Revenue Ordinance and to reflect changes in the rates and fees resulting from the budget process, to remove sewer fees, update public utility property tax, revise State Court fees, and property tax penalties and interest for state mandated changes. That's the First Reader. We'll have more discussion at the Second Reading.

AGENDA ITEM: XI-2

AGENDA DATE: September 23, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy J. Davis, Finance Director
Alisa Fish, Assistant Finance Director

ISSUE:

Present the 2016 Chatham County Revenue Ordinance for adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

BACKGROUND:

The County's fiscal 2017 budget was adopted June 24, 2016. The Chatham County Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees resulting from the budget process, to remove sewer fees, update public utility property tax, revise state court fees and property tax penalties and interest for state mandated changes.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees that were incorporated in the County's Fiscal 2017 adopted budget. These changes included Recreation fees. See attachment I (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. Article B has been updated to reflect changes to public utility property tax and to reflect State HB 960 law changes for penalties and interest fees for property taxes. See attachment II (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. Article Q has been amended to remove water fees due to the sale of the water systems. See attachment III (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
4. An updated State Court fees schedule is included in the Ordinance. See Appendix E (attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
5. The Revenue Ordinance has also been forwarded to the County Attorney for review.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

In accordance with adopted financial policies, the Finance Department will submit an updated Revenue Ordinance annually. Amendments to the Ordinance may be submitted throughout the year.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Present the Revenue Ordinance for a First Reading September 23, 2016 and a Second Reading on October 7, 2016.
2. Provide the Finance Department with other guidance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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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.

Chairman Scott said, we have no Second Reading.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, now, we're under Informational Items. Mr. Manager, do you have anything you need to inform the Commission about?

County Manager Smith said, not at this time.

Chairman Scott said, let -- let me mention I -- I know that the Commissioner from the 5th District has left, but if you fail to vote in this meeting, in executive session, the Commission could take whatever actions they deem necessary, including removing you from the Commission. It could be one vote or two votes or several votes, if the Commission deemed to take that action. I would not think that the Commission would be that harsh on one vote, but that is a possibility. That it would be left up to this Commission to whatever action they wanted to take if you were in violation.

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: September 23, 2016

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Replace 160 feet of storm pipe on Garland Drive	Public Works	Savannah River Utilities Company	\$24,535	CIP - Public Works
300 orange traffic cones with reflective collars and black base	Public Works	Transafe	\$3,957	SSD - Public Works
Certified Narcotics K-9 to assist Agents with investigations	C.N.T.	Shallow Creek Kennels, Inc.	\$14,000	Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.
13 hard drives	Detention Center	CDW Government, Inc.	\$2,977	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Office supplies	Detention Center	VIP Printing and Office Supply	\$2,500	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Replace engine head gasket on a Ford F-250 unit #2107	Mosquito Control	Roberts Truck Center, Inc.	\$5,857	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
20 short barreled shotguns	C.N.T.	Craig's Firearm Supply, Inc.	\$17,343	Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.
July 2016 tax sale advertisements	Tax Commissioner	Shivers Trading / Operating Company	\$2,910	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Annual service agreement on uninterruptible power supply for server room	Sheriff's Dept.	Advent Power Protection Systems	\$4,108	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept.
Purchase and installation of ADA compliant doors for the Citizens Service Center	Facilities Maintenance	Savannah Architectural	\$8,806	Occupational Safety
Supplies for the electronic mailing system	Administrative Services	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$2,904	General Fund/M&O - Administrative Services
Shutdown monitor system for helicopter	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$6,045	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Complete health assessments for six (6) lab responders	C.N.T.	Candler Wellness Center	\$2,900	General Fund/M&O - C.N.T.
20 shotgun mounts	C.N.T.	Clyde Armory	\$9,760	Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Engineering services for design of boilers	Aquatic Center	Rosser International, Inc.	\$7,000	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE.

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS

AGENDA DATE: September 23, 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. Final Field Plan Review held for the projects on August 17th and 18th. 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 certification sent to GDOT. FFPR held for August 2, 2016. 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. Initial Concept Team meeting held August 15, 2016. Project will replace the existing bridge to increase the capacity of the Pipemakers Canal. CORE MPO providing partial funding for preliminary engineering for the project in fiscal year 2016.
4. Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase 2-A. Revised concept report approved by GDOT on March 3, 2016. Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) held 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.
5. Interstate 16 at 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. Notice to proceed issued July 21, 2016. Construction underway.
 - II. Construction contract awarded to Preferred Materials by the Board to resurface 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).
 - III. Staff submitted bid documents to Purchasing 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. Pre-bid meeting held September 13, 2016 and bid open is scheduled for September 27, 2016.

- IV. Staff submitted bid documents to Purchasing for approximately 6.0 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. Carl Griffin Drive at Chatham Parkway Intersection Improvements. Right of way acquisition is complete. Staff bid the project twice. All bids received were over \$300,000 above the engineer's estimate. Staff is reviewing the construction plans to determine ways to reduce the bid costs on the project.
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. Board approved Phase 2 design services including preliminary engineering, right of way plans and final construction plans at their meeting on July 15, 2016. Staff is coordinating intersection improvements at Highway 17 with GDOT for construction funding.
 - c. Skidaway Road. Project on hold pending direction from the Board.
 - d. SR21 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. GDOT could not commit to construction funding, so project will be solely locally funded. Staff recommends increasing the capacity of the crossing by adding two additional box culverts to the existing box culverts.
 - e. 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.
 - f. Bradley Point Sidewalk Improvements. Preliminary plans are complete. Environmental permitting and right of way acquisition is 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. Staff anticipates construction beginning in Spring 2017.
 - g. Canebrake Road Improvement Project. Preliminary design is complete for an 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. Project will require acquisition from 31 parcels. Preliminary titles were requested February 22, 2016. To date, staff has received 15 of 31 titles. Project is on hold pending receipt of the titles.
 - h. Crisp and Fisher Street Improvements. Dirt road paving project. Right of way acquisition and preparation of final construction plans underway by staff. Anticipate construction in spring of 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. Staff anticipates construction beginning in Spring 2017.
- 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 complete and right of way acquisition is 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 was held at the Savannah Christian Campus on DeRenne Avenue on July 19, 2016.
- o. Veterans Parkway at Forest River Bridge. Staff is negotiating scope and fee with Moffatt and Nichol to prepare plans to repair the approach slabs for both bridges. Terracon completed a preliminary geotechnical investigation to repair the approach slabs.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: September 23, 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. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Pipemakers Canal CSX Drainage Improvements. The project will relocate and expand the crossing of the Pipemakers Canal by CSX tracks just west of SR 21. The existing trestle crossing is a bottleneck which severely restricts flow from the completed improvements upstream. The proposed improvements will increase capacity and eliminate the restriction. Design is underway by contract.
13. Perry Cove Drainage Improvements. This project will increase culvert capacity downstream of storm pipes across and along US 80 which will reduce local flooding problems. Design is underway by task order. Staff anticipates construction to begin in summer 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, with that I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 6th for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Brady said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that we go into executive session for legal and personnel.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

County Attorney Hart said, and litigation.

County Manager Smith said, litigation.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we go into executive session for the purpose of legal and personnel.

County Attorney Hart said, and litigation.

County Manager Smith said, and litigation.

Commissioner Brady said, and litigation, I'm sorry.

County Manager Smith said, that's okay.

Chairman Scott said, and litigation. Hearing the motion, any discussion? Any unreadiness? All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. We've got somebody who has not voted. There you go. The motion carries, and we're headed for executive session.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

The Board recessed at approximately 11:13 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

**ALBERT J. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY,
GEORGIA**

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION