

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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, November 4, 2016.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. Please be seated. I'll ask that you be seated at this time and remain seated until such time as our devotional leader has completed his thoughts and his message and indicate it's time for prayer. At that time I'll ask that you re-stand and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance this morning by our Commission Pro Tem, Commissioner Helen Stone.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, it's a pleasure to have with us the Reverend John Henry [sic], who is the Pastor of the White Bluff United Methodist Church. And I'm going to just tell you a little bit about our devotional leader this morning. He's a graduate of Emory University. He's an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, where he has served for 38 years, and he's a Georgian native. He grew up in Buford, Georgia, North Gwinnett High School and attended a number of other colleges, Reinhardt, LaGrange, and as I mentioned, Emory. He's been married for over 33 years, have two childrens -- two kids, and both live in Macon. Well, one in Macon and one is in New York. And it's with great pleasure that he's agreed this morning to come on down and to lead us in our devotion. And at this time I welcome the Reverend John Haney.

Reverend John Haney, said, thank you very much. It's good to be with you, and good to have the opportunity to share with you today both the word and -- and a word of encouragement to all of us. Out of John's gospel are these verses, the light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it. A number of years ago there was a story told by a professor of preaching at Yale Divinity School by the name of Hal -- Halford Luccock. Back in the 50s, before the day of texting and email and cell phones, very few people made long distance calls, they would write letters, and one day Dr. Luccock received a letter from his son asking if they could come for Christmas, and he said -- wrote back and said certainly, but I -- I want to know one thing, he said, I want to know what the girls want for Christmas. If I'm going to do it at my house, I want it -- I want to be the best host that I can be. And so he wrote his dad back and said, dad, what the girls want -- he had two girls, seven and nine years of age, and he said, what the girls want is the world. Most girls do. Most young men want the world as well. And what they wanted was a globe, and so he went out into New Haven, Connecticut shopping and -- and finally found what he thought was the -- the most perfect gift that he could give his granddaughters, and he had it boxed up and brought it home and wrapped it in beautiful Christmas wrapping and put it in the attic waiting for them to come Christmas.

Reverend Haney said, Christmas Eve he went up and got it and brought it and put it under the tree, and the next day being Christmas Day, he wanted to be the -- the best granddad in the world, so he played Santa and gave out the gifts, and he left that one gift until the very end. And finally he handed it to the girls and said to them, said, this is from your granddad and your grandmother. We wanted you to have it. We think it's something that you've wanted, and so they ripped into the paper and opened the box and -- and went in up under that globe and up under the world and lifted it out of the box, and they twirled it around a little bit and sat it on the table and kind of had this look toward each other and went off to play with something else. Dr. Luccock thought, I've done something wrong. They did not like the globe, and so all day long he thought about it. He looked at the globe sitting there on the edge of the table and finally that evening came, and he asked his son if he could put them to bed, and so he took them upstairs to tuck them in, and he said, girls, he said, granddad's done something wrong. You -- you didn't like my gift. What -- what is it that -- that I can correct, that I can make right? And the little girls looked at him and said, grandpa, we love you. We loved our gift, but -- but -- but you gave us a dark world, and we wanted a lighted world.

Reverend Haney said, so the next day he went back into New Haven, and he took that gift back, and he searched until he found the right gift, and he brought it home and boxed it up and wrapped it up and put it under the trees and called the girls in and said, we're going to do this all over again. So they ripped the paper off, they pulled the -- the box open, they reached in and they lifted the -- the globe out, and -- and -- and dangling off the end of the globe was a cord, and they plugged it up and flipped on the switch and the lights came on all over the world. They said, granddaddy, this is what we wanted, and Dr. Luccock said I learned something that Christmas that I probably already knew, and he said what I learned was this, that a lighted world costs more than a dark world. And I submit to you this morning that a lighted community costs more than a dark community.

Reverend Haney said, a couple of months ago we celebrated mission Sunday in the life of our church at White Bluff, and I had over 70 people come in holding up signs like this right here with some area of mission and ministry that our church is involved in. I said to someone later, I said, what would happen in this community if we picked up every church in Chatham County and moved it out? I submit to you this morning, I would not want to live here. We have no idea I don't think what the church means in the community. The light that it brings to the community, that if we did away with it, took them out, and you had these ministries that were no longer done in the community, it would be a darker world than the one we live in. And I submit to you this morning that we do live in a dark world, and working together, I -- I don't know who came up with this thing of separation of church and state, but I'm going to tell you, we're partners in any community, and we need to be and should be partners, working together to bring light into a darkened world. I submit to you today that a light world costs more than a dark world. It costs more in conviction, in commitment and in sacrifice. But I'm willing, and I hope you are to have a lighted world.

Reverend Haney said, thank you for what you do. God Bless you for your servant and your service to this community and may all of us working together bring more light to this community and to this county. May we stand as we pray together?

Reverend Haney gave the invocation as follows:

Gracious Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for a new day. A new day in which to serve You. A new day in which to bring more light into a darkened world. Dear Father I pray for these Commissioners. I pray, oh God, that You will make them fiscally responsible when they're dealing with someone else's money. I pray, dear Father, for the upcoming election. I pray that those are running, their running will be running because they want to serve not because of power and prestige. Lord, I pray for our community. I pray for this county. I pray for this world this morning, that we can bring more light into the places that are dark. Lord, I pray Your blessings upon each of us that we may be a blessing today and not a burden on someone. Dear Father, I thank You for all of Your blessings on us. Help us to look around. Help us to know that we're blessed. Help -- thank you, Dear Father, for bringing us through the tragedy of the hurricane without loss of life. Thank you, Father, for those who have served in this community to clean it up, to get power restored, to get utilities restored, and for those who continue to work hard to make this a better place. May Your blessings be upon us, and as we are blessed, may we be a blessing. For it is in Your name that we pray. Amen.

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

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much for being here.

Reverend Haney said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we're not allowed to compensate you, but on behalf of the Commission, I wanted to present you with a Certificate of Appreciation --

Reverend Haney said, appreciate that.

Chairman Scott said, to let you know on behalf of the entire Comimssion (inaudible).

Reverend Haney said, thank you. Thank you so very much.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

[NOTE: Chairman Scott presented Reverend Haney with 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
 Tony Center, District Three
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 Yusuf K. Shabazz, District Five

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

Not Present: Lori L. Brady, District Six
 Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Commissioner Center said, Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, at this -- at this time I recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. I got a message from Commissioner Brady. She's ill and had to go the doctor today, and I move that we excuse her.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of excusing Commissioner Brady from today's proceeding, indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Farrell said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady is excused. At this time I recognize the Commissioner from the 4th District for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, Commissioner Kicklighter had called and said he was under the weather again today and would like to be excused, and so I make the motion that we excuse --

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- Commissioner Kicklighter from the meeting due to illness.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. There's one person not voting. Motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will recognize our Vice Chair, the Commissioner from the 8th District, Commissioner Thomas, for the purpose of introducing the members of our Youth Commission who are present today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, I'm delighted to introduce to you this morning, Taylor Corbin, she's [sic] a senior attending Savannah Arts Academy and Michaela Bryant, junior attending Bible Baptist. We're delighted to have you with us this morning, and you have the same privileges as we have in asking any questions that you would like, okay?

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Taylor Corbin said, yes, ma'am.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Michaela Bryant said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, welcome.

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[NOTE: Telephone ringing.]

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Scott said, anyone who has a cell phone, that don't have it on vibrate or off, please turn it off at this time. There are signs so indicating.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION OF AND PROCLAMATIONS FOR THE VETERANS COUNCIL'S NEWLY SELECTED VETERAN OF THE YEAR, COL. RICH NOEL AND THE VETERANS PARADE MARSHAL.

Chairman Scott said, the next item on our agenda is the introduction and proclamation for the Veteran Council newly selected Veteran of the Year. And not only do we have the Veteran of the Year, we also have the parade grand marshal. In addition to the parade grand marshal, we also have the honorary parade marshal for the Veteran's Day parade in Savannah on November the 11th. And I want to start with the Veteran of the Year, and I'm just going to read a portion of this proclamation.

Chairman Scott read a portion of the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, to be named Veteran of the Year is a distinguished honor bestowed by the entire membership of the Veterans Council of Chatham County, which is comprised of 27 military veterans organizations, and is worthy of recognition on Veterans Day November 11th, when all of America pauses to commemorate all those who have served in military uniform to defend our nation and preserve its liberty, we now salute COLONEL RICHARD NOEL as the Chatham County 2016-2017 Veteran of the Year; and

WHEREAS, COL Noel is a highly decorated veteran as an aviator, having served 29 years, entering service as a Private E-1 and rising to the rank of full colonel, with several overseas assignments, logging 3,300 hours of flight time, including two tours in Vietnam as an Attack Helicopter pilot with 1,200 hours in combat, during which he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star for Valor, the Army Achievement Medal for Valor and 27 Air Medals; and

WHEREAS, COL Noel, following his active duty, has invested much of his time in the service of fellow veterans, active military, and in the memory of fallen and missing comrades, including his untiring efforts to support today's troops by his volunteer efforts with the USO-Savannah as Events Coordinator, as well as active participation in numerous veterans organizations, including Vice President of Army Aviation Association of America, serving as Adjutant of American Legion at both Post 135 and 1st District levels, VFW Post 660, Savannah Military Officers Association, the 40 & 8 Honor Society, Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, and Chair of Fundraising for the Memorial for the 3rd Inf Div Combat Aviation Brigade; and

WHEREAS, COL Noel, a native Missouri, was stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in 1970, met and married a Savannah native, the former Stephanie Martin, who accompanied her soldier all over the world during their

Army career, and upon leaving active duty, they returned to Savannah in 1995, and they have raised three children and are now enjoying one grandson; and

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

COLONEL RICHARD L. NOEL

as the Veteran of the Year 2016-2017 and extend our commendations for his dedication and commitment to his community and the veterans of Chatham County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 4th day of November 2016.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and Colonel, I'm going to come down in just a few minutes and present you a framed copy of this.

Colonel Richard Noel said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, but -- but before I do, I also want to acknowledge and to welcome the grand marshal. I've known the grand marshal in various capacities over the years. We have some things in common. We were both draftees in the same year. He went on and become -- became RA, became regular Army, and -- and I just want to say a few words about him before I -- we come down.

Chairman Scott read part of the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, to be named Parade Grand Marshal of the Veterans Day Parade in Savannah is a special honor, because November 11th is when America pauses to commemorate all those who have served in military uniform to defend our nation and preserve its liberty, we now salute Raymond Gaster, as 2016 Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal; and

WHEREAS, Ray Gaster was inducted by the draft into the United States Army in 1966 during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Ray Gaster seized the opportunity for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of the Infantry, and then completed Flight School as a helicopter pilot; which earned him an all expense paid trip for a year in Vietnam with the 1st Air Cavalry from 1968-1969, flying Chinooks to transport troops in combat and cargo; earning a Bronze Star for Meritorious Service and 32 Air Medals; and

WHEREAS, Ray Gaster completed his obligated service as a Captain in June 1971, and resumed his college education that was interrupted by the needs of his nation, using the G.I. Bill for Education benefits to complete his Bachelor's Degree at Armstrong State; and continued serving in the Georgia National Guard's 110th Transportation Company piloting sky crane Heavy Lift Helicopters, from 1978 to 1980, when he began his business career; and

WHEREAS, Ray Gaster grew his company into what is now known as Gaster Lumber and Hardware, still serving as its President, which has grown to three store locations, enabling him to support and donate the building needs for many veteran supported and veteran needed projects; and

WHEREAS, Ray Gaster is Charter and Life Member of Chapter 671 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Life Member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, Founding Member of USO Savannah, Chairman of the USO Board since 2003, which has served more than 400,000 active duty soldiers at both Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart as well as the Savannah International Airport, Board of Directors of the National

Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force, Past Chairman of Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, Past Chair of Armstrong State Foundation, Notable and Distinguished Armstrong Alumnus, and currently Chairman of Provident Health at Memorial Hospital, and in his spare time has coached YMCA soccer, volunteer firefighter, United Way volunteer, and past president of Rotary; and

WHEREAS, Ray has three grown children, and he is married to Catherine, who is his ardent supporter.

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

RAY GASTER

As Parade Grand Marshal of the 2016 Veterans Day Parade and extend sincere appreciation for the dedication and service of Ray Gaster to Chatham County and the State of Georgia, to the benefit of veterans of Chatham County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 4th day of November 2016.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and Ray [Gaster], we will also present you with a framed copy of this resolution. I won't read it in it's entirety, and -- and this is sort of a twist on traditions. We have a very accomplished person who have been instrumental in our community, I think for the past eight years. I could be wrong, and it could have been longer, but, it was almost eight years, and she's served as president of Armstrong University. And I'm just going to read a portion of this resolution.

Chairman Scott read a portion of the following resolution:



WHEREAS, to

be named Honorary Parade Marshal of the Veterans Day Parade in Savannah is a special honor, because November 11th is when America pauses to commemorate those who have served in uniform to defend our nation, we now salute Dr. Linda M. Bleicken, President of Armstrong State University, as the 2016 Veterans Day Honorary Parade Marshal; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bleicken joined Armstrong State University on July 1, 2009, becoming the seventh Armstrong president and the first woman to lead the institution since the establishment of Armstrong Junior College in 1935, and during her tenure, President Bleicken has ushered in a new strategic plan that reaffirms the university's commitment to student veterans; and

WHEREAS, President Bleicken has been a tireless advocate for the university veterans off-campus as well, being instrumental in garnering the funding to support the construction of the state of the art Armstrong Liberty Center facility in Hinesville to support the educational needs of Ft. Stewart soldiers and spouse and surrounding counties with a 4-year institution; and

WHEREAS, only once before in the history of Veterans Council has a civilian been so honored, with Dr. Bleicken being the first woman, recognized as an ardent and visible supporter of veterans because of her substantial and tireless support of student veterans. Her leadership took Armstrong from an unranked status with the Military Times Best for Vets Colleges in 2014, to # 12 in 2015, # 7 in 2016, and # 4 for 2017, named a Top 25 Military-Friendly Institution by GI Jobs Magazine, selected by GI Jobs Magazine as a Top 25 School for Security & Corrections and Technology & Communication; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bleicken created a policy to present red, white, and blue honor cords to graduating service members and veterans to be worn during commencement as a token of recognition for their military service to our nation, and enabled a tangible recognition by creating in the ASU budget a fund to provide tuition

assistance to student veterans whose VA benefits are not received by the deadline for tuition payments, thereby preventing them from being dropped from registration and their education plans delayed—the usual automatic consequence for all institutions when non-payment occurs; and

WHEREAS, as a symbol of the respect earned by her support of the ROTC, the US Army Recruiting Command invited Dr. Bleicken to jump with the Army's Golden Knights. Having accepted the invitation, she exited a perfectly good (so they say) airplane while in flight to parachute with the Golden Knights on June 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, her support resulted in the creation of a Military Student Resource and Veterans Services Center on the ASU campus, manned with veteran students and VFW Counselors to help student veterans with issues, from health care, VA benefits, studies, to tuition delays, and on September 17, 2016, President Bleicken was presented with the Beach Institute Education Award at the 19th Annual King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation Annual Awards for outstanding service in education.

WHEREAS, Linda Bleicken and her Aide de Camp Carl Bleicken are a team effort in all they do,

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

DR. LINDA BLEICKEN

as Honorary Parade Marshal of the 2016 Veterans Day Parade and extend sincere appreciation for the dedication and service by Linda Bleicken and her Aide de Camp Carl Bleicken to the benefit of veterans of the Chatham County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 4th day of November, 2016.

ATTEST:

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, I'll ask the members of the Commission if they would join me in presenting these proclamations to these distinguished -- three distinguished individuals. I'm going to start with -- I'm going to start with the Veteran of the Year.

Colonel Noel said, I really appreciate this honor.

Chairman Scott said, and we appreciate you being here.

Colonel Noel said, oh, absolutely.

Chairman Scott said, we appreciate all that you've done for our community and our country --

Colonel Noel said, you're very welcome.

Chairman Scott said, -- and for your service. Thank you so much.

Colonel Noel said, you're very welcome. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, you have the grand marshal?

Commissioner Farrell said, honorary.

Chairman Scott said, Ray [Gaster], on behalf of the entire Commission, Dr. Thomas, our Vice Chair, will present you a certificate -- a proclamation.

Mr. Ray Gaster said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you so very much, and we're so proud of you.

Mr. Gaster said, appreciate you. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, and Dr. Bleicken, Commissioner Farrell will present the proclamation to Dr. Bleicken.

Dr. Linda Bleicken said, thank you, Commissioner.

[NOTE: Unintelligible discussion with Dr. Bleicken while proclamation was being presented to her.]

Dr. Bleicken said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and I -- I invite all of you to make whatever comments you wish to make. Thank you.

Colonel Noel said, thank you.

Mr. Gaster said, thank you very much, I appreciate it.

Chairman Scott said, Dr. Bleicken, I know -- I know this is -- may be the last time that you come before this Commission, so I know that you want to make some comments.

Mr. Douglas Andrews said, let me preface it with just two comments very quickly. Colonel Noel came here in 1970 to Hunter Army Airfield for flight duty, and he met and married Stephanie Martin here in Savannah, which sealed his fate, so when he retired, he came back to Savannah because he married Stephanie, just like I came back because I married Pamela. We overlapped at Hunter back then, but we didn't know each other. And, Ray Gaster, same in the sense that he came back here because he liked Savannah and Chatham County. So, are you a Georgia native?

Dr. Bleicken said, no.

Mr. Andrews said, no. See we're -- we're all transplants, but we're here by the grace of God. Colonel Noel.

Colonel Noel said, I just want to thank you very much for this honor. I appreciate it -- allowing me to be in a position to speak for the veterans and represent the community in Chatham County. It's great honor. Very humbling. Thank you.

Mr. Gaster said, I want to thank the Commission for this honor. It was an honor to serve our country, and I'm proud to be a Vietnam veteran, and it's great working and trying to promote, you know, the Vietnam veterans and doing what we can, you know, that they get the proper respect that's due them, and over the years I -- we've seen that. And we -- we're thankful that we live in the community like Savannah, Chatham County, which honors the veterans and the military that serve our country, and I'm proud to be one. Thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, good job.

Mr. Andrews said, and Dr. -- Dr. Bleicken may I point out is breaking tradition. I named her as honorary parade marshal. She's not a veteran, but she supports veterans. She is a civilian. My mother is a civilian. It took me a long time to get over it, but I did. We got to have civilians, but she's also the first female we've ever had as honorary parade marshal. Last year I broke tradition by naming Service Brewing and Nine Line, who are not members of Veteran's Council organizations. Usually the honorary parade marshal is, but Dr. Bleicken so distinguished herself in her support of student veterans at Armstrong and all that she's done as indicated in the proclamation. I present to you Dr. Bleicken.

Chairman Scott said, in fact I -- when -- when I noted that you were broad -- you were really broadening your horizon. I congratulate and salute you all for --

Mr. Andrews said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, -- including Dr. Bleicken.

Dr. Bleicken said, it has been my honor over these last seven and a half years to not only work with our non-veteran students, but to be able to work and to create pathways for our veteran students. This is a population that has special challenges and often does not see -- they do not see themselves making the transition back into civilian life, and we reach out a hand to our veterans because we believe they are incredibly important, and we want to honor their service. So thank you very much for this honor. It means a great, great deal to me.

Chairman Scott said, doctor, what's your retirement plans?

Dr. Bleicken said, well, I am sort of failing retirement. I will retire officially from Armstrong on June 30th. I will then go on to become president of AALI, which is a leadership organization based in Washington, D.C., that looks to the future to train academic leaders. So I will not leave Savannah. I have lived here now for 26 years, and I absolutely love it. I will commute to -- to Washington, D.C. But thank you and this -- this time in Savannah and certainly at Armstrong has been incredibly important to me and very meaningful. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, very good.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, perhaps we can have you back before you go. Commissioner Center from the 3rd District.

Commissioner Center said, yes, I -- I -- I want to thank all three of the veterans and all veterans, including our Commissioner for your service to our country. It -- it -- it's great, you know, that you now get the -- you know, as we grew up Doug [Andrews] and -- and Ray [Gaster], veterans weren't getting recognition. I think it's great that you get it. And Doctor, I think it's a great year to see women in leadership in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Andrews said, thank you for having us, Mr. Chairman and made us feel welcome.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and we have a comment from the Commissioner from the 1st.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Andrews, would you please tell everyone about the parade?

Mr. Andrews said, I certainly will.

Commissioner Stone said, a little bit.

Mr. Andrews said, and I brought a schedule of events that I failed to hand out to you, but I brought one for each of you. The parade is on -- which day? 11 November, 11th hour, 11th day, 11th month in 1918 when World War I ended. And it kicks off at 10:15, and if you haven't made arrangements to be in the parade yet, we have room for you. You're welcome to it. It starts at Gwinnett and Abercorn, and it will run the usual parade route, and I'm eternally grateful that Mike Brady is our parade adjutant. He's got everything lined up. It's going to be a large parade, probably larger than we've had in several years, and I was looking forward to the -- looking at the calendar in future years. The next Sunday parade is 2018, so it will move off the 11th, 'cause Savannah doesn't like us to have the parade on a Sunday for obvious reasons. So, we always do it on the 11th to recognize veterans.

Commissioner Stone said, and Mr. Chairman, for those of you that have never been to the Veteran's Day Parade, it is one of the most beautiful parades we have here in Chatham County. And, Doug [Andrews], please tell them about the flags on Broughton Street.

Mr. Andrews said, certainly. In fact, let me call our outgoing so to speak in more ways than one, Jim Vejar. Colonel Vejar is in charge of the Broughton Street flags. Will you come up here and explain what you do?

Colonel Jim Vejar said, on the 8th of November, we will put the flags up at 6:00 o'clock at night down Broughton Street. We will use a crew from the labor union, the air conditioners type union, and they take bucket trucks and bring them down, and we'll stream the flags across Broughton Street. They'll stay up until the 16th, when we'll bring them back down again.

Mr. Andrews said, Pipefitters Local 188.

Colonel Vejar said, that's it.

Commissioner Stone said, but -- but --

Mr. Andrews said, and what are the flags?

Commissioner Stone said, what I wanted you to tell them was about the flags.

Colonel Vejar said, oh. All of the flags that are across Broughton Street are flags that were on coffins of individuals who had served in the military -- they are prior veterans. We've got them all the way from World War I, there's two flags from World War I, all the way through present day, Afghanistan. There are thirteen sets of three, so we have quite a representation down there. There are -- I think there are two 48-star flags that are also in that group.

Mr. Andrews said, and -- and basically they are flags that draped the coffins of veterans, and the family members would rather see it hung in glory than sitting in a closet or on somebody's mantel, so they donate those, and we give them a certificate of appreciation for that, and you'll notice that the union were the stars are, there's a protocol for that. They will face north. One year we had a little trouble with that, and we had to redo the flags, but they will be in proper form this year, I know. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Andrews said, any other questions?

Chairman Scott said, we have our Youth Commissioners want to make some comments, and then our Vice Chair.

Youth Commissioner Corbin said, oh, good morning. On behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, we would like to congratulate you on your titles, as well as thank you for serving our country.

Colonel Vejar said, thank you very much.

Mr. Andrews said, thank you.

Youth Commissioner Bryant said, yes. I would just like to say that -- for all your hard work you all have really deserved it, and just thank you for always being persistent and sticking it through.

Mr. Andrews said, thank you.

Mr. Gaster said, appreciate that.

Chairman Scott said, and our Vice Chair.

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to say ditto to everything that has been said this morning. I'm just so excited over the fact that you are being honored here this morning. Well deserved, and we appreciate everything that you have done, and we hope that the future will hold great things for you as well. Thank you.

Mr. Andrews said, thank you, Dr. Thomas.

Chairman Scott said, thank you all.

Mr. Andrews said, and -- and we're proud of Dr. Priscilla and what's she's done with the Youth Commission. We're glad to see these kids here, and they are welcome to come to Veteran's Council. I think we had some communication problems getting some last year --

Commissioner Thomas said, very good.

Mr. Andrews said, but they are welcome to come the 1st Monday of every month, unless that Monday is a holiday like Labor Day, then it's the second Monday. But it's always the first Monday, generally, during the year. Y'all are welcome to come to Veteran's Council meeting.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you very much.

Mr. Andrews said, God bless y'all.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Andrews said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, y'all take note of that, okay?

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2. FOLLOWUP TO SCMPD MONTHLY REPORT DISTRIBUTED AT LAST MEETING BY CHIEF JOSEPH "JACK" LUMPKIN.

Chairman Scott said, the next item we have on our agenda is a follow-up from our last meeting, where we had Chief Lumpkin here, and he was called away before -- and didn't have a chance to make any comments or to answer any questions you may have, although he did leave you with a written copy of his report. And at this time I'm going to call on the Chief to summarize the report and to answer any questions you may have of it. Chief Lumpkin, thank you so much.

Chief Joseph Lumpkin said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. You've seen the report is essentially divided into four areas, part one crime analysis; part two crime an -- that have occurred; Hurricane Matthew; and recruiting and -- and retention. That was Oct -- as of the week of October the 21st. The -- since that time, we have the October complete part one stats and in the unincorporated area, I think we had about a one percent reduction -- a little over one percent reduction in part one, although jurisdictional wide, we experienced significant burglaries during the evacuation and hurricane period. In the unincorporated, though, we were actually down by nine burglaries -- less -- less burglaries than we had the previous year, which was significant. That was not the case for the municipality. We had significant increase in burglaries in -- for -- in the City of Savannah.

Chief Lumpkin said, the part one crime you see is still sig -- really it's 24 more violent crimes through that week in the unincorporated than it was in 2015. If we look closely at it, we've had reductions, I think, in four of the last six months in the unincorporated. Your percentage does not look good whatsoever because of the low number, which is good. Over all experiences, you have small numbers within the -- the county, so any increase, any -- any additional kicks the percentage up. Twenty-four -- twenty-seven percent on twenty-four crimes for the year in violent crimes because of these low denominator.

Chief Lumpkin said, we think in terms of the direction, we are headed in the right directions there. The crimes -- the majority of the crimes occurred in Precinct One, where your increases are, the West Chatham precinct. I'm of the opinion probably that the consultants, Berkshire, is going to recommend a different staffing pattern, a higher plan staffing pattern in that geographical area than we have maintained since 2005. It's -- that's -- is -- the growth of the unincorporated county is not tremendous in terms of population, but that is a lot of geographical area to cover in the west areas. We have approximate -- and there's a map there in your -- that shows you where the burglaries were the last twenty-eight days of the -- the period before October the 21st, and many of those were the burglaries that we were experiencing during the hurricane and evacuation period.

Chief Lumpkin said, we have approximately thirty-five or so officers -- thirty-four officers -- thirty-two, excuse me, in the final phase of training. We are -- probably get at the end of November twenty-six to twenty-eight of those out of training. Some are interrupted and impeded by military service. Yes, ma'am --

Commissioner Stone said, I didn't meant to interrupt, but I was just curious when you finished your statement, how many officers we will be short of filling your -- your team -- your -- your goal?

Chief Lumpkin said, the -- our allocated staff -- my goal is a little higher. The -- we are five short in terms of not being on the payroll as of today, but fifty are -- are still in training. We will always have people in training if you think of an attrition issue. You're always going to have some retiring; you're always going to have some relocate, etcetera. Our goal is to keep our attrition below ten percent -- would -- would be excellent. Georgia's attrition, they tell me, is around twenty percent. I'm not certain the -- I think the county has a significant low over all of workforce attrition, but that's not demonstrated in law enforcement in this state. Communities our size, the communication center type -- the dispatchers tend to have a -- approximately twenty percent attrition rate, police 14 percent.

Commissioner Center said, when you -- when you say the fourteen percent, ten percent, what is the number that you're staffing?

Chief Lumpkin said, right now we're starting at six -- six oh nine.

Commissioner Center said, six oh nine?

Chief Lumpkin said, yes. We have two positions that have been granted through the Governor's Highway Safety which will take us to six eleven, and then we have fifteen that have come through for the COPS program, where we've applied for grants. Both -- so we have seventeen positions within the next month that we'll increase the staffing level, via grants.

Commissioner Center said, that would be to six twenty-six, and -- and I -- I know our Chairman's pointed out, and as we had discussions back and forth for several years on the -- on the merger agreement, that it really would need to be up like seven fifty. Do you -- do you have a -- a goal that you would like us to see in this community? Is it higher than that?

Chief Lumpkin said, well I -- I've asked for a hundred additional. I think that we could utilize that until we complete our culture change. I think if we can get everyone doing culturally what we want them doing, get everyone in the right -- right seats on the buses. That analogy the -- the book -- the management --

Commissioner Center said, right.

Chief Lumpkin said -- book that was written -- right people, right seats, doing what we -- we need them to do. Train -- it takes -- it's a cultural change. I think that we could go to a staffing level and reduce as we get more efficient, we add technology, records management systems would help us to -- to a degree. As we bring on technology, I think you could balance your personnel/staff.

Commissioner Center said, so -- so that goal --

Chief Lumpkin said, but now --

Commissioner Center said, -- would be seven twenty-five, right now.

Chief Lumpkin said, yes. That would be ideal. I could not -- if you gave me a hundred today, we could not hire them.

Commissioner Center said, I understand that.

Chief Lumpkin said, so, it would have to be staged, yes. Ideally, we would have staged then, about another hundred.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

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

Chief Lumpkin said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, Chief, what's your retirement rate as --

Chief Lumpkin said, my rate of retirement?

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

Chief Lumpkin said, I don't have it off the top of my head, but we lose one or two approximately a month to retirement.

Commissioner Holmes said, and experience wise, what -- what -- what are we losing there?

Chief Lumpkin said, you're losing -- typically, you're losing a person who's got 31 years or so experience and is approximately 55 years old. On the city side a little younger on the county side, because you can go a little younger. The -- it -- and -- I -- three to five years in a position -- I like to use the military model where a person works three to five years to get very competent in what he's doing, then he moves or she moves to another -- is the officer's military rotate action of folks. We -- we don't want to lose people, but people, you know, deserve retirement.

Commissioner Holmes said, exactly.

Chief Lumpkin said, and many people who retire now move to another job -- full-time job. They pull their retirement because of our ability to -- to stay healthy and actually work longer. Retirement is not a bad thing. We're going to always lose folks to retirement. Unfortunately, we lose folks otherwise too when they don't do what the characters type of things or the competency -- competency that we should have.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, we're going to unfortunate lose human beings. We hire from the human species, and we don't always do -- no matter what vocation, profession, we don't do what we're supposed to, and I don't think you all want people who aren't competent or who's character is not what -- transparent.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, sir.

Chief Lumpkin said, I think if we work at it, we create that culture, that we can keep it at ten percent or lower. I think it's difficult in this day and age -- and law enforcement agencies all over the country are having a problem recruiting people, and it -- it -- we're working diligently in terms of the -- digital advertisement, going at the millennium [sic] who -- and trying to reach people where they get their information. Going after the -- the sports -- advertising on our local stations when sports -- that's -- the 21 to 30 is the age group that typically are employed by police, although we've had 50 odd year olds to pass our test and come through. It's a physical issue, being able to physically hold yourself, so we have -- we have to use the basketball games or the football games as advertisement. We have to use the newspaper for traditional advertisement, but most of our advertisement now is coming through a digital market, and most of our applicants are coming through that digital market.

Commissioner Holmes said, what's your strategy at -- at -- the employees that you lose on retirement, do you look into your ranks to move someone into that -- 'cause you can't really replace experience, but how do you try to compensate for that experience that you lost?

Chief Lumpkin said, at -- the -- we have a lot of experience, and we have some quality people. I have -- I'm a few days short of twenty-four months, and we have not brought anyone in to take the high ranking positions as the -- although I did offer the position -- a high ranking position, the person did not come after accepting it. You have to balance that with the quality of person that you're going -- in my opinion, that you're going to get because if we'd say we hired a major from outside or assistant chief, that really stops, six, seven promotions down the line. If I promote one of the individuals that are there, then that's six or seven additional promotions. We want to promote the best person or hire the best person that we can get, but if we have -- if it's close between a external person and a internal person, then we're always going to favor the internal person.

Commissioner Holmes said, good enough.

Chief Lumpkin said, although, I would have liked to have brought some person in to --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. I wanted to go back. You said during Hurricane Matthew there was a -- more than a -- a rash or whatever of -- of break-ins and burglaries. Were those concentrated in any particular area?

Chief Lumpkin said, in the City. The -- on your -- your map, I -- I think on this one it shows --

Commissioner Center said, it -- I -- I didn't bring my report from last week. I don't have the map.

Chief Lumpkin said, -- it -- it shows you the area of the Truman and the -- the -- not too far from that you get into the unincorporated county. You can see the significant difference between the city colored portion of it and the county. It's -- we experienced, I think, over a -- like I said, nine more -- nine less in the unincorporated county but a hundred nineteen more than last year in the City of Savannah. While the -- the three years, 2013 through 2015, were essentially the same number of burglaries in the community, it's -- so, 2016 you can contribute to the people not being -- occupying their homes, in my opinion.

Commissioner Center said, have you had success in -- have you had success in finding any of these burglars?

Chief Lumpkin said, pardon?

Commissioner Center said, have we had success in finding any of these particular burglars?

Chief Lumpkin said, we've made some arrests. Burglary on the national level is only solved around eleven, twelve percent, so it -- and burglary -- but -- but -- I better not say what I'm thinking.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 5th District, Commissioner Shabazz for you, Chief.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning.

Chief Lumpkin said, good morning, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I -- the drug check points that were once in place here in Chatham County, are you familiar with that?

Chief Lumpkin said, the what now?

Commissioner Shabazz said, drug check points?

Chief Lumpkin said, no, I'm not fam -- familiar with what you're speaking of.

Commissioner Shabazz said, at one time they had drug checkpoints in certain areas in different communities, especially where there's high drug activity in a high crime area, and they would stop individuals and check them -- if they came through this particular area, they would stop them randomly and check for drugs, weapons. They had designated areas.

Chief Lumpkin said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you're not familiar with that?

Chief Lumpkin said, I -- i know how to do that type of thing. It can't be just specific drug checkpoints, per se. You can set up a -- checkpoints, and you can look for certain indicators.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. At one time they had them, in -- in fact they had signs posted up in the community.

Chief Lumpkin said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, said that this area is a drug checkpoint, and I know that for a fact because the area around my business off of Burroughs and MLK, they had a drug checkpoint right there, and I would see the officers stopping and checking for drugs and guns and other paraphernalias. I wanted to ask you about that. Are we implementing that?

Chief Lumpkin said, well --

Commissioner Shabazz said, and also --

Chief Lumpkin said, we -- we can look at doing that. It's a -- typically, you see it more often with the traffic checkpoint, where we can check for a variety of things, and we have to identify why we are there, and a supervisor actually has a check list to identify why he's there, what they're looking for, and what the scope and scale of it will be.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And even nationally, they have -- there's been some talk about the idea of stop and frisk.

Chief Lumpkin said, stop and frisk --

Commissioner Shabazz said, yeah.

Chief Lumpkin said, -- is technically a process that's recognized that -- by the United States Supreme Court as to whether you do it legally or not. You can stop a person if you can articulate why you're stopping them, but then you have to have a second articulation in order to search him or frisk him or her. The stop and frisk was not declared illegal by the New York decision. In my opinion, it said that what they had done was not appropriate.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. And unannounced road blocks. Unannounced road stopping -- random stopping of cars, checking for ID and driver's license.

Chief Lumpkin said, we have to have articulable suspicion to stop a vehicle.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, and then we can stop it. It doesn't have to arise to a law violation, but we have to be able to articulate why we stopped and that it -- it could be a violation. It's a law violation for -- to have a cracked tail light.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Chief Lumpkin said, or --

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's not what I'm talking about. At one time in Chatham County they would have designated roadblocks.

County Attorney Hart said, they still do that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. But I don't see -- I don't see very much of that anymore.

Chief Lumpkin said, well, it's -- we have what we call a violent crime task force that goes to certain communities, and we actually seek out individuals who we have -- our intelligence tells us are committing crimes. Now, we can throw the broad net out and inconvenience a lot of folks, or we can go target people who intelligence said are the shooters or the drug type. I think legally what is re -- meets the test is that we have intelligence; we go out to individuals; we use hot spots; but in most hot spots in this community and throughout America, most people there are good people and do -- do you want to search all of those?

Commissioner Shabazz said, if it -- if it's going to -- if it's going to weed out bad element, yes.

Chief Lumpkin said, but it very well may be illegal, and that's what we're trying to work that --

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's what I was asking. That's what I was asking you, Chief. At one time they used to have that, and when they would -- when they would do that, and when it came up time for the person who may have had weapons or drugs in the car, they would either abandon the car or either they would try to turn around, and it kind of weeds out those who have bad intentions. Something has to be done because there's too many illegal drugs in the street. There's too much drug proliferation in our communities. Something had to be done. I mean, that's an inconvenience within itself.

County Attorney Hart said, the -- the -- the -- it's still permitted --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, -- to do safety checks, okay?

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and -- and you drive up, let's see your driver's license. Let's make sure you've got insurance.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and if that leads to something else, you know, you've a bunch of guns hanging out of the roof, they can check on that too --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, -- if they've got a reasonable suspicion.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so -- so this -- it was checking for insurance, registration and driver's license, which led to other things. Is that right?

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so we can't do that anymore?

Chief Lumpkin said, no. I didn't say that. I said we can do that.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, but I would -- would -- the preferred method is to focus more on the guy who we think is actually doing the shooting. The preferred method is the -- that we be able to actually get the gun out of the car and charge a person and convict him for that gun, and we're actually trying to sign a contract now for d -- what's called touch DNA, where we can tell who actually has handled the gun and make a charge that -- instead of just putting them in jail to convict them -- over the -- the past, we, in this community arrested a lot of people, but arresting them and having the level of -- of proof necessary for the DA to actually convict them --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Chief Lumpkin said, -- is a different threshold. I can arrest them and they will continue to say, we'll do state time on our head, 'cause we'll go into the jail, we'll do -- be in the jail for a -- a week or two, we'll take our medicals while we're there, and then we'll be right back out because they know we can't put that gun on them. We can't testify that -- that that's their gun -- their gun. Taking a gun out of a car does not necessarily allow us to prosecute that individual. If there's two or three people in the vehicle -- in -- in the car, there's two or three guns, it's the same issue as we dealt with drugs for 40 years.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but it's better than waiting on them to turn their gun in.

Chief Lumpkin said, they're not going to turn their gun in.

Commissioner Shabazz said, exactly.

Chief Lumpkin said, they want to shoot us.

Commissioner Shabazz said, exactly.

Chief Lumpkin said, yeah. Well --

Commissioner Shabazz said, I have -- I have -- I have another question aside from that. Since you've been the Chief here in Savannah, Chatham County, how many new hires have you had?

Chief Lumpkin said, one twenty-seven in 2015, approximately one oh nine, and we'll hire another twenty to twenty-five in December. So it's going to be two fifty to two sixty at the end of the year.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and out of that two fifty -- you said two fifty, approximately?

Chief Lumpkin said, it will be two fifty, two sixty at the end of the year.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how many -- how many minorities in that?

Chief Lumpkin said, I don't have it off the top of my head.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. You don't have it?

Chief Lumpkin said, I don't have it on the top of my head, no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chief Lumpkin said, we do have the -- those figures.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'd like to get those numbers.

Chief Lumpkin said, you'll get them.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'll -- not -- and -- and I'd like to get the numbers of how many minorities and how many non-minorities, and how many women --

Chief Lumpkin said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- that you've hired, and also how many -- out of that minority group, how many of those were African Americans.

Chief Lumpkin said, you'll get them.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how soon can I get that, sir?

Chief Lumpkin said, we'll get it day -- we'll -- by Monday.

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

Chairman Scott said, any further questions of the chief? Thank you, Chief.

Chief Lumpkin said, thank you. Thank you, Commissioners.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, on the agenda, we don't have any Chairman --

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, -- or Commission Items.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Scott said, we have no Tabled or Reconsidered Items.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: a) APPROPRIATE \$4,650 NET ASSETS TO VICTIM WITNESS, b) TRANSFER \$30,200 FROM THE DETENTION CENTER BUDGET TO THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET, c) APPROPRIATE \$18,250 NET ASSETS TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, d) APPROPRIATE \$2,00,000 NET ASSETS FOR TRANSFER OUT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND; 2) IN THE CIP FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$2,000,000 TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND M&O, b) INCREASE THE CIP CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT \$2,000,000; 3) FISCAL YEAR 2017: IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND APPROPRIATE \$89,639 FUND BALANCE TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM; 4) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O TRANSFER \$34,875 FROM FINANCE SALARIES AND BENEFITS TO HUMAN RESOURCES SALARIES AND BENEFITS; 5) IN THE SALES TAX III FUND TRANSFER FUNDS AMONG PROJECTS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM; 6) IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND APPROPRIATE \$2.4 MILLION FUND BALANCE FOR TRANSFER OUT TO THE SOLID WASTE FUND; AND 7) IN THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES \$2.4 MILLION TRANSFER IN FROM SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUN, b) INCREASE REVENUES \$1.1 MILLION APPROPRIATION FROM NET ASSETS, and c) INCREASE EXPENDITURES \$3.5 MILLION FOR THE DR-4284 PRIVATE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT.**

Chairman Scott said, that takes us to our Individual Action Items. Number 1, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer for fiscal year 2016: in the General Fund M&O appropriate \$4,650 net assets to Victim Witness, transfer \$30,200 from Detention Center budget to the Sheriff's budget, appropriate \$18,250 net assets to hazardous materials, appropriate \$2,000,000 net assets for Transfer Out of the Capital Improvement Program, CIP, Fund; in the CIP Fund: increase revenues by \$2,000,000 Transfer in from the General Fund M&O, increase the CIP contingency account \$2,000,000; Fiscal Year 2017: in the Confiscated

Revenue Fund appropriate \$89,639 fund balance to the Counter Narcotics Team; in the General Fund M&O transfer \$34,875 from the Finance salaries and benefits to Human Resource salaries and benefits; and in the Sales Tax III Fund transfer funds amount -- among projects as outlined in the attached memorandum; and 6) in the Special Service District Fund appropriate \$2.4 million fund balance for Transfer Out to the Solid Waste Fund, and in the Solid -- and in -- [NOTE: Chairman omitted this line when reading the Item: in the Solid Waste Management Fund: a) increase revenues \$2.4 million Transfer in] from Special Service District Fund, increase revenues \$1.1 million an appropriate from the net assets, and c) increase expenditures by 3.5 million for the Private Community Department. This is -- the last item that we mentioned is the funds to fund a portion of the clean up in what's referred to commonly as gated communities.

Commissioner Stone said, I make a --

Chairman Scott said, can we have a motion?

Commissioner Stone said, I make the motion, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second.

Commissioner Farrell said, question.

Chairman Scott said, any discussion? Any unreadiness? I recognize the Commissioner from the 4th District.

Commissioner Farrell said, yes, sir. For the benefit of the community, could the -- could County Manager explain the benefit of the two point four million that we're approving here today?

County Manager Smith said, in the total of three point five?

Commissioner Farrell said, and the one point one million?

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Farrell said, that the -- the total is three and a half million. Could you kind of spell that out?

County Manager Smith said, sure.

Commissioner Farrell said, in a little more detail --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- of what that means to the -- to the folks --

County Manager Smith said, sure.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- in Chatham County?

County Manager Smith said, okay. First pass of FEMA, you know, we were approved for public assistance, first for governmental issues, governmental prop -- governmental property damage. Second, we were approved for damage removal, or debris removal in areas on public right of ways in the areas where we serve on public roads. We did and were rejected for gated communities and private roads. So we're making a second application or an appeal to have permitted to get reimbursed seventy-five percent from FEMA to pick up in the gated communities. For instance, The Landings or what's it -- Causton Bluff, and a couple -- So,

Chairman Scott said, Dutch Island. Savannah Quarters.

County Attorney Hart said, Dutch Island.

County Manager Smith said, Dutch Island.

Commissioner Farrell said, Long -- Long Point.

County Manager Smith said, over 20 -- over 20 of them.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, now, you know, we have received, you know, some e-mails and concerns from the general public saying, why would they be treated differently? They are not. They pay the solid waste fee of forty-three -- forty some dollars a year. We pick up trash -- the bulk waste just like we do for all the public roads in the unincorporated area. So, the treatment will be the same. We, I think, sent the proper information, but we have met with the attorney, with FEMA, and, in fact, Hilton Head got approved. We have their application. Hilton Head had done this application before, so we're using some of that. I personally talked to Senator

Isaakson's office last night. Also with Buddy Carter's office, and they reviewed with FEMA in DC what they thought were pluses and minuses of our original application. So, we have a meeting with staff today to put that together along with the attorney's office, and -- and we think we can get a positive result eventually because we -- there is no difference. They are treated the same in the eye -- in the unincorporated area for the forty some dollars for general pickup. You know, we're not picking up in common areas of these gated communities. If they have a park or a clubhouse or anything like that, the gated community has to pick that up. Now, I will also state that anything that a gated community has picked up to date will not be reimbursed. That -- and -- and that's going to be an issue they'll have to take up with their insurance carrier. So, you know, we feel like we have done what we needed to do and will in this next FEMA appeal to treat, you know, all areas the same. Does that answer the question?

Commissioner Farrell said, one follow up question.

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, with a affirmative vote on this issue today, what will folks out in the community see starting, say, Monday?

County Manager Smith said, well, what we've got to do is once you approve this, we have to go back to our contractor, which is Ashbrite, and we've got to look -- we're working in zones, so we will now have to be inclusive in the zones. You may not see something Monday. We're doing what we call first pass, because what we've done in any zones, and there are, I don't know, sixteen, eighteen zones in the county. As we do the first pass, what we're finding is people are still putting things out. I mean, you know, because this is a -- a long process. And then we'll do a second pass, 'cause we've gotten calls saying, now, I've put out a second pile and nobody's picked it up. We got your first one, we're going to be coming back.

County Manager Smith said, now, over the next thirty days, we're going to set deadlines and say you have to have everything out by this date over the next couple of months, because we at some point with FEMA have to stop --

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, -- or they will not reimburse. So, you know, we next week will be, I think, in a better position to be able to say what we expect, but we've got to get with Ashbrite. I've talked with Robert Drewry with Public Works, and they're doing that today. I will also -- I -- I do have to say this, as kind of a caveat to your question. Your allocating three point five million -- three point five million dollars today to help in these communities. We're already at ten million, so we're at thirteen, fourteen million dollars, of which we're anticipating reimbursement.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and we anticipate we're going to have to spend another two.

County Manager Smith said, at least another two, two and a half million dollars, based on estimates that were completed as of this morning by Ashbrite. You know, if you look at the response from FEMA, they estimated in just The Landings as an example, four thousand cubic yards. We think there are as much as two hundred fifty to three hundred thousand cubic yards --

Chairman Scott said, well --

County Manager Smith said, -- and we feel like we are correct.

Chairman Scott said, -- the -- the original -- the original look by Ashbrite was a hundred and seventy-five thousand. This is in the non-public area.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, versus the four thousand that FEMA estimated.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, that's a -- that's a hundred and seventy-one thousand difference.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, and that is, you know, horribly off in their estimates. So, you know, we -- we've come back, but now we have data that can support that. So, you know, we feel like we can do a much better job on the second -- now, I tell you, going through six or seven FEMA processes myself, this is not uncommon that initial applications may be turned down, and you have to go back -- they look for additional information.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, let me recap.

Chairman Scott said, well, we -- we have other -- a lot of other questions.

Commissioner Center said, I can let him have his first. I'll wait till he finishes this.

Commissioner Farrell said, I haven't even finished.

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, I'd just like to be clear that this three and a half million dollars that gets allocated to the -- to the public that they will be included all -- that gated communities in the county will now be included in the zones and be -- and the pick up will start --

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- at the same rate as what's been going on for the past three approximate weeks on the public roads and right of ways.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, is that a fair statement?

County Manager Smith said, with the exception of at least four communities where we do not have agreements. Those will be problematic.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, and I -- and I really don't want to bring those up now. That's something we've got to discuss with those individual neighborhoods, but --

Chairman Scott said, there's a total of 21 communities and --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, -- what you're approving now will be pick up in 17 of the 21.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct.

Commissioner Farrell said, great. So and -- and when do you anticipate incorporating the new areas within the eighteen zones that there'll actually be trucks servicing those? And I won't hold you to it, but when do you anticipate perhaps that those particular citizens will see some of the debris removed from in front of their private residence?

County Manager Smith said, well, I cannot give you a specific date because obviously Ashbrite's looking at now expanding in those zones if they need to bring out additional equipment. So they're doing that, so I don't want to set a false expectation, but I think pretty soon, over the next couple of weeks, you're going to see movement, and -- and -- you know, because we do have -- we've got -- you know, a couple million cubic yards. I mean, if you go to Sallie Mood -- I will say some additional property was found, thank to -- thanks to some organizations this morning that's going to help us. I mean we were -- our big problem is finding the locations to put all of the debris --

Commissioner Farrell said, to stock pile it? Yeah.

County Manager Smith said, oh. I mean, we're -- we're filling up every location we have. That is a big issue for our contractor. So, we're doing that. So I hate to set a -- a false expectation, but they're going to see that -- that, you know, we're still -- you know, I hate to say it again, we're asking for -- for patience, but where we're having real issues of -- public safety issues, right-of-way issues, you know, we're trying to get there first.

Commissioner Farrell said, so this will be the first step in getting that --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- getting that going.

County Manager Smith said, absolutely.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we got Commissioner Shabazz, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Center, in that order, please.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Mr. Smith?

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, why are we even going into these private areas like this?

County Manager Smith said, because we have an obligation to do that. We actually charge all the homeowners in those areas the solid waste fee, and we pick up on a weekly basis.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, why do we have to have legislation to do it?

County Manager Smith said, we don't have to have legislation, it's just a matter of looking at our ordinances, the fact that we have a -- a -- as far as our concerns, by charging the -- the forty some dollars a year, we have a -- a contract with those individual homeowners to continue to do that. We also did it during Hermine. We picked up universally in the unincorporated area, and I also have to say, the attorney reminded me, we're going to go out, and we're taking a risk picking up in these communities. There could -- there is always the possibility that FEMA will not approve this, but we have an obligation to pick up, and we may not be reimbursed. So I have to give you that caveat. That is a risk, but I think it's one we have to take legally, and the attorney agrees.

Commissioner Shabazz said, why are we discussing it?

County Manager Smith said, because we have to have -- this is additional from the first application because they were denied.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it -- it's not funny. I'm saying, because I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm getting at a point here. This is private communities, right?

County Manager Smith said, they're gated communities, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, private communities.

County Manager Smith said, I would -- is that -- would you classify them private? I don't know if that's the right term, but they are gated communities, and I'm not sure of --

Chairman Scott said, well, I -- I think they're gated, private communities --

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- is a fair assessment that has contracts and pay taxes to the county.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. They still pay taxes and are charged the assessments.

Commissioner Shabazz said, stop it. I'm not talking -- please don't do that. I don't understand, it seem -- it seem as though it's a double standard here.

County Manager Smith said, they are treated exactly the same because they pay the same thing, and I'll give you an example. In my home, in the unincorporated area, I just live in a neighborhood that has public streets. I pay the forty some dollars, I pay my taxes, so the county will pick up. They should be treated exactly the same because they pay just like I do. Just like any of us who live outside -- Commissioner Stone -- any of us.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so this is just debris removal?

County Manager Smith said, yes. Just debris removal.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and nothing else?

County Manager Smith said, nothing else.

Chairman Scott said, and only in the unincorporated area.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, and --

County Manager Smith said, and in the public right-of-way that they have taken not from common areas or areas owned by the private company or private HOA, just the items that came from the prop -- the individuals property. If you have a tree that fell or limbs, you bring that to the right-of-way, we only pick that up. We don't pick anything up like by the pool or their clubhouse.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, you have anything else?

Commissioner Shabazz said, no, sir.

County Manager Smith said, okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First question is -- is there a reason why -- and are we looking at why Hilton Head was approved and we're not or whether this number is correct or were there any problems there?

County Manager Smith said, well, we -- we actually have their application. As far as thoroughness, I think we were just as thorough, but some of it is just verbiage. I mean, you know, you've got to look at that, but we believe that the estimates by FEMA were extremely off, and what they said it, it was not to the community's benefit for the county to pick up, because there was a small amount. That was --

Commissioner Stone said, not true.

County Manager Smith said, -- greatly underestimated by FEMA. So, we have good data based on what we've already picked up that has been calculated by GPS and also by cubic yards as it's been dumped.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. My second question, I'm very pleased, and I hope this works out, that Public Works is contracting with some of these companies for the wood, like Southern Pine Company to see if we can make sure that they take some of this wood that, therefore, we don't have to grind it, and they can use it. So, is --

County Manager Smith said, well, we're not doing that, and the reason being is this -- we -- we hired Ashbritt with a turn key service. Once they pick up that debris, it is owned by Ashbritt. Ashbritt can contract with someone --

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, now, we cannot encourage that. That is a -- now, we can say, we've got 50 folks in this county who buy logs and -- and timber and things to go to wherever, but we -- we're not doing that. We -- we hired a contract service, so they -- and in a lot of cases, they may sell those things --

Commissioner Stone said, right.

County Manager Smith said, -- but the rest will be mulched, and then we'll be -- these piles that you see won't stay here. The contractor has to remove it and take it elsewhere.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I understand. I was just looking at maybe a win/win situation --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, -- if it has --

County Manager Smith said, that would be up to the contractor.

Commissioner Stone said, if it has to go through Ashbritt, that's fine --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, -- I was just --

Chairman Scott said, some of that's being -- some of that's being done, Commissioner Stone --

Commissioner Stone said, good.

Chairman Scott said, -- through Ashbritt. We're just not doing it.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. We just don't handle it.

Commissioner Stone said, that's wonderful.

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, I would -- I would like to see some of this wood go to use somewhere other than all of it being ground up into mulch.

County Manager Smith said, and I will tell you, you're seeing individually, a lot of those companies going to individual households that have not only pine, but oak --

Commissioner Stone said, oh, and -- and --

County Manager Smith said, -- and they're actually going and contracting and said, look, we want it, and they give it to them.

Commissioner Stone said, well, there's -- there's pine; there's -- there's oak; there's pecan.

County Manager Smith said, yes. There's very valuable wood.

Commissioner Stone said, there's cedar. We -- we have a -- a wonderful selection on the side of our roads.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, so.

County Manager Smith said, so there's some pluses.

Commissioner Stone said, right.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

County Manager Smith said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, oh, you're welcome. Commissioner Center, then Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to make sure I follow.

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, as I understand, we have public roads in the community, I'm speaking just as to the unincorporated area (inaudible).

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, and we have private roads.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, the roads within the gated communities are considered private roads?

County Manager Smith said, where -- whereby they maintain those roads.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, not the county.

Commissioner Center said, right. But, whether you live on a private road or a public road in the SSD, the unincorporated area, we charge a monthly fee --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- for picking up debris.

Commissioner Center said, no. We charge an annual fee.

Commissioner Center said, oh, we charge an annual fee, a solid waste fee where we pick up debris.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct.

Commissioner Center said, and we set that fee, by the way.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct.

Commissioner Center said, and because of Hurricane Matthew, the amount of debris we have to pick up has increased geometrically, astronomically.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, but, we have set a fee, and we will pick -- no matter whether it's one piece of wood or the pile -- mine stopped, but the green light's on. Can y'all hear me?

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, all right. Well, it's back on. Whether it's one limb or a thousand limbs, we have set a fee and told these people they have to -- they have to use us or -- and we have to pick it up no matter how much it is. Is that correct?

County Manager Smith said, that's -- that's our -- that's how we feel because we have an obligation based on and -- and -- and the attorney may correct me, but it -- it -- to me, we have contracted with those individuals and said we committed to pick up your waste on a regular basis --

Commissioner Center said, right.

County Manager Smith said, -- like Hermine and on a regular basis annually, and every week, and we would continue to do to that, and that's our argument with FEMA.

Commissioner Center said, my -- basically we have told the community you have got to use us to pick it up.

County Attorney Hart said, years -- years --

County Manager Smith said, that's correct.

County Attorney Hart said, years prior to this event, seven, eight, nine years ago, we entered into agreements with the gated communities in which they said -- which we said to them that in the case of a declared emergency, natural disaster, where there would be much debris, that we would step in and assist them in that regard, and those were called right of entry agreements with an indemnification to the county, which was the FEMA rule at that time. To my knowledge, they -- they've added a few things, taken out a few things, but I think our contracts are still substantially in compliance of what the intent of that was, and I -- I -- to be honest with you, I was very surprised we got turned down because this isn't something we dreamed up at the last --

Commissioner Center said, but you're jumping one step ahead of me. I wanted to get to that. Hold on a second. The first obligation is we have told members of the community you just can't let debris pile up. It's got to be handled.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, and we have told them that the county is going to be the one to handle it, and we set the fee.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, so whether it's one limb or a thousand limbs or this current thing, we have said, we will clean it up, and we're -- we're going to clean it up.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, and we have to find funds to clean it up with.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, and what we're doing today when we pass this, is we're transmit -- is we're going into our reserve --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- and there's a little bit extra that we've collected because --

County Manager Smith said, the solid waste and the SSD.

Commissioner Center said, yeah. We've collected a little bit more because the economy's been a little bit better for a while, and we have to go into our reserve to pick this up, and that's what we're going to do.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, and so we're committing to the community we're going to pick it up. The second step that the County Attorney was talking about whether we'll get reimbursed by another agency --

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, -- for the money that we're allocating. And that's a different problem than getting it cleaned up.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, we're going to help the residents.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and let --

Commissioner Center said, and -- and as the Chairman said earlier in the Green Room, we feel obligated to do it, and we're going to do it, and we would have done it --

County Manager Smith said, we feel that we are obligated.

County Attorney Hart said, it's a different --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, it's -- it's a different issue, you're totally correct on that, but they're intertwined.

Commissioner Center said, I understand that.

County Attorney Hart said, because if -- if -- because if you go pick it up and don't have approval, you've -- you've forfeited your right.

Commissioner Center said, you -- you forfeit your right. I mean we're being very careful on how we pick it up because FEMA requires us to jump through very rigid hoops, cross every T the way they want to cross it and dot the Is, and we're learning as we go, because as we said, it's been 29 years or 37 years since we've had something of this magnitude. We want to do it so that we are eligible for reimbursement.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, but we would have done it whether we got reimbursed or not, and we're going to do it --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- whether we get reimbursed or not. So -- but the -- what everybody's reading about in the media and scared about is whether we get reimbursed and in a way it's not just because the debris is so huge, but because we have regulatory loopholes or hoops to jump through that we're been a little more slow --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- than the residents would appreciate.

County Attorney Hart said, yeah. For example, an added cost is you've got to have a monitoring contract with an independent FEMA-approved and certified group that goes out and counts the waste. They -- every haul -- dirt haul, every haul of debris has to have GPS or photo identification. It adds another step. It adds an additional contract. It adds additional expense. We've got that, and we're doing that.

Commissioner Center said, right. And -- and I also want to point out to these gated communities that while they represent maybe 15 percent of the population of the entire unincorporated area, they may represent 30 percent of the revenue to the county for the unincorporated area. They are being helped by the hundred percent of the SSD funds. You know, so we are reaching out and doing something to really help the gated communities in this instance.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, got a couple of question, Mr. Smith. You mentioned just now that FEMA may not pick up this cost.

County Manager Smith said, it's possible.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Then you mentioned the word, risky.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, if FEMA doesn't pick up this cost, can I ask this Board, who picks it up?

County Manager Smith said, the county.

Commissioner Center said, SSD.

County Manager Smith said, SSD.

Commissioner Holmes said, and --

County Manager Smith said, not -- not the General Fund --

Commissioner Holmes said, the SSD.

County Manager Smith said, -- or the M&O but the SSD budget.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. We picking up two point four from the SSD now.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. It's a total of three point five million.

Commissioner Holmes said, three point five million.

County Manager Smith said, the additional -- additional of the eight to ten million you've already approved.

Commissioner Holmes said, and how does our SSD funds look now?

County Manager Smith said, well, this will not exhaust -- now, the Solid Waste Ordinance, it will not exhaust it, but it leaves a couple million dollars there, but I will tell you, as far as SSD, it places SSD in danger, you know, because this is not an M&O function.

Commissioner Holmes said, that's the point --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, -- that's I'm getting to.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, right now. How dangerous are we looking at?

County Manager Smith said, and we're not -- and we're not going after M&O. Yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, you have to go to M&O then?

County Manager Smith said, no. We are not.

Commissioner Holmes said, we're not going to it.

County Manager Smith said, no. We're only using SSD funds from the Solid Waste Ordinance of the forty some dollars a year collected. We -- we have a reserve.

Commissioner Holmes said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, along with general reserves of the Special Service District.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, so we're using a combination.

Commissioner Holmes said, with that said, I just want the public to know that how partnering we are as a government, and when storms come through --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, -- we know it's coming, and this what happens to every county sometime. Normally we don't get this. So there is the reason why we should be partners going into these gated area -- private area, whatever you want to call them, but we do want the citizen to understand that the patient of what happening to us need to be understandable across the board. And I remember we had almost a two-month discussion on that simple \$43 that we keep talking about. See I haven't forgot that forty-three dollar discussion. It's been what, three, four years ago?

Commissioner Stone said, neither have I.

Commissioner Holmes said, I know you haven't. Much discussion, and it was a bad discussion, but you see how important that \$43 come?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, it's -- it's -- it's very important and sometime the citizen don't see what we see when we want to give service, but at the same time, be fiscal.

County Manager Smith said, well, the other thing I think's important to say is the \$43 and some may not want to hear this, but the fact is, if you treat the solid waste portion of Public Works --

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, -- if you were to treat that as an enterprise, it fails.

Commissioner Holmes said, it would fail.

County Manager Smith said, because the \$43 does not cover the cost. So every -- the SSD millage has to pick up the remaining portion.

Commissioner Holmes said, it's a small part of it.

County Manager Smith said, it -- it is not self-sustaining. It does not self-sustain itself.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, for the -- with the forty some dollars.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Thank you, sir.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, I call the question.

Chairman Scott said, and we have a follow-up question from Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th, and another follow-up question from Commissioner Farrell from the 4th. In that order.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so, the SSD is considered to be a -- a fee for unincorporated Chatham County?

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so everyone that lives in the unincorporated area has to pay this fee.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, how much is that fee?

County Manager Smith said, \$43, I believe. Forty-three and some pennies a year.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. What about apartment complexes?

County Manager Smith said, apartment complexes would have to use a commercial vendor, a dumpster, that type operation. This would only be --

Commissioner Shabazz said, no, I'm saying, do they pay the -- do they pay the --

County Manager Smith said, no.

Chairman Scott said, no.

County Manager Smith said, they do not. They have to -- because we don't pick up.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, that has to be done commercially.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, so we -- we -- we only have -- responsible for individual homeowners.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so Lamarville would pay that. Lamarville community? Lamarville.

County Manager Smith said, are they in the city?

Commissioner Shabazz said, unincorporated.

County Manager Smith said, if they are in the county, individual homeowners would pay the \$43 a year.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So the residents of Westlake, that apartment complex, they don't?

County Manager Smith said, no. They do not. That would have to be handled by a commercial vendor. Yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. But the other surrounding communities around that, they would pay for that?

County Manager Smith said, as long -- individual homeowners, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'd like to call the question.

Chairman Scott said, had you not said anything, the question would have been called.

Commissioner Center said, you delayed it.

Chairman Scott said, we're -- we're in the discussion phase here.

Commissioner Farrell said, oh, well, I thought -- I'm -- I'm just ready to vote. Let me rephrase that.

Chairman Scott said, if there's no further questions, no further unreadiness, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

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 \$4,650 net assets to Victim Witness, b) transfer \$30,200 from the Detention Center budget to the Sheriff's budget, c) appropriate \$18,250 net assets to hazardous materials, d) appropriate \$2,000,000 net assets for Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund; 2) in the CIP Fund: a) increase revenues \$2,000,000 Transfer in from General Fund M&O, B) increase the CIP contingency account \$2,000,000; 3) Fiscal Year 2017: in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$89,639 fund balance to the Counter Narcotics Team; 4) in the General Fund M&O transfer \$34,875 from Finance salaries and benefits to Human Resources salaries and benefits; 5) in the Sales Tax III Fund transfer funds among projects as outlined in the attached memorandum; 6) in the Special Service District Fund appropriate \$2.4 million fund balance for Transfer Out to the Solid Waste Fund, and 7) in the Solid Waste Management Fund: a) increase revenues \$2.4 million Transfer in from Special Service District Fund, b) increase revenues \$1.1 million appropriation from net assets, and c) increase expenditures \$3.5 million for the DR-4286 Private Communities Department. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried in a 6-1 vote with Commissioner Shabazz being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

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Fund appropriate \$2.4 million fund balance for Transfer Out to the Solid Waste Fund, and 7) in the Solid Waste Management Fund: a) increase revenues \$2.4 million Transfer in from Special Service District Fund, b) increase revenues \$1.1 million appropriation from net assets, and c) increase expenditures \$3.5 million for the DR-4286 Private Communities Department.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Fiscal Year 2016:

- 1a-c. 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 individual departmental budgets that need to be amended. In some cases this can be accomplished with a transfer between similar departments. In others, an appropriation of net assets is in order. A resolution is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 1d. The Chatham County financial policies provide for the use of unreserved fund balance as a funding source for one-time expenses such as capital improvements. A portion of the favorable budget balance at the end of FY2016 is being transferred to the Capital Improvement Program fund for projects that will require funding because of contracts. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 2a-b. A resolution is attached (the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) to amend the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) fund \$2,000,000.

Fiscal Year 2017:

- 3. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested a Confiscated Fund appropriation of \$79,639 for upgrades to the building access control system, the burglar/fire alarm system and the video/audio security surveillance system. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 4. The Human Resources Director has requested the transfer of a vacant position from the Finance Department to the Human Resources Department. A vacant Sr. Accounting Tech position was budgeted at a starting salary of \$32,397 plus benefits of \$2,478 in the Finance Department. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 5. The Assistant County Engineer has requested project modifications in the Sales Tax III Fund. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 6-7. The FY2017 budget is being amended \$3.5 million to cover expenses related to debris removal and monitoring caused by Hurricane Matthew in private communities. A \$2.4 million fund balance appropriation from the Special Service District Fund and a \$1.1 million net asset appropriation from the Solid Waste Fund will provide the funding to create a new department in the Solid Waste Fund. Resolutions are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

The budget amendment establishes funds in the Confiscated Revenue and the Capital Improvement (CIP) Funds. Funds are available in the General Fund M&O and the Sales Tax III Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2016

- A. Appropriate \$4,650 net assets to Victim Witness.
- B. Transfer \$30,200 from the Detention Center budget to the Sheriff's budget.
- C. Appropriate \$18,250 net assets to Hazardous Materials.
- D. Appropriate \$2,000,000 net assets for Transfer Out to CIP.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FY2016

- A. Increase revenues \$2,000,000 Transfer in from General Fund M&O.
- B. Increase contingency \$2,000,000.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND FY2017

Appropriate \$89,639 to the Counter Narcotics Team.

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2017

Transfer \$34,875 from the Finance Department's salaries and benefits to the Human Resources Department's salaries and benefits.

SALES TAX III FUND FY2017

Transfer funds among projects as outlined in the memorandum attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND FY2017

Appropriate \$2.4 million fund balance for Transfer Out to the Solid Waste Management Fund.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND FY2017

- A) Increase revenues \$2.4 million Transfer in From the Special Service District Fund.
- B) Appropriate \$1.1 million net assets.
- C) Create department DR-4284 Private Communities and increase expenditures \$3.5 million.

- 2. Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT TO NOVEMBER 14, 2016, WITH BANK OF AMERICA TO PURCHASE RADIO EQUIPMENT. THIS AMENDS THE EXPIRATION DATE BY THREE MONTHS.

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 on the Individual Action Calendar. Request the Board approval to extend the equipment lease agreement to November 14, 2016, with Bank of America to purchase radio equipment. This amendment -- this amends the expiration date by three months.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to extend the equipment lease agreement to November 14, 2016, with Bank of America to purchase radio equipment. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy J. Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request an extension of the equipment lease agreement with Bank of America.

BACKGROUND:

On March 27, 2015, the Board of Commissioners approved a lease agreement with Bank of America to purchase radio equipment. This agreement stipulated that purchases would be made and reimbursed by the bank within a 15-month period.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Principal of the lease was \$4,301,351. To date we have purchased \$4,209,958.13 in equipment, leaving a balance of \$91,392.87.
- 2. The agreement was that we would either spend the full amount within 15 months. Any unspent amount would be applied to the debt service.

3. ICS has radio projects they would like to use this money for if we can get an extension on the agreement.

FUNDING:

No funding needed.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Contract extensions require the consent of the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends extending the contract to November 14, 2016.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Amend the contract by extending the expiration date three months.
2. Apply the unspent amount to be debt service.
3. Other directive as given by the Board of Commissioners.

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAVANNAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A TRANSFER OF SPLOST ELIGIBLE FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VOTER-APPROVED REFERENDUM.

Chairman Scott said, Item 3, is to request Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Savannah Economic Development Authority for a Transfer of SPLOST-eligible funds in accordance with the vote -- voter-approved referendum.

Commissioner Center said, so moved.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second.

County Attorney Hart said, prior to the vote, I just wanted to make an announcement, we gave y'all a copy in the Green Room --

Chairman Scott said, any discussion or unreadiness? Counsel.

County Attorney Hart said, prior to -- this morning we gave you a copy of the agreement, the copier inadvertently left out one page. It -- it hasn't changed --

Commissioner Center said, it got stuck there too.

County Attorney Hart said, -- but -- but we got the correct one in the record.

Chairman Scott said, okay. We have a question from Commissioner Shabazz from the 5th.

Commissioner Shabazz said, give me a little insight on this.

Chairman Scott said, this -- this item was on the referendum for SPLOST VI.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, to approve \$15 million for the building and purchasing of an industrial park for industry solicitation with the understanding that it would create jobs. In this account, year to date, we have approximately \$3 million. SEDA has identified some acreage that they would like to acquire for this industrial park, and what they're asking us is to advance the money that we have collected to date of -- in the amount of \$3 million, so that they might proceed with purchasing --

Commissioner Shabazz said, is that --

Chairman Scott said, -- this property for the industrial park.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is that the same thing as the megasite?

Chairman Scott said, no. It has -- has nothing to do with the megasite, and no it's -- it would not be in that magnitude.

County Manager Smith said, these are smaller parcels.

Chairman Scott said, these are smaller parcels.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, the -- the megasite is actually owned by the state.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So is it supposed to generate jobs?

Chairman Scott said, that's correct.

County Manager Smith said, we actually specified manufacturing. So, this would not be warehouses or logistics. We're looking for manufacturing, you know, for skilled folks, you know, higher paid labor force.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. And -- and this was approved by the voters too in that referendum.

County Attorney Hart said, the property's also been -- got all the regulatory requirements, all the wetlands permits, all the things that would take us about two and a half years to get.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions or unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. We have one Commissioner who is not voting.

Commissioner Shabazz said, doctor.

Chairman Scott said, Madam Vice Chair. The motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to request Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Savannah Economic Development Authority for a Transfer of SPLOST-eligible funds in accordance with the voter-approved referendum. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Center was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

To request Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Savannah Economic Development Authority for a transfer of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) eligible funds in accordance with the voter-approved referendum.

BACKGROUND:

In November of 2013, Chatham County approved by a referendum the continued imposition of one cent tax herein called SPLOST. As a part of that referendum, Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA), an instrumentality of the State of Georgia, is authorized to receive tax revenues for uses related to capital outlay projects that enhance economic development in Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County voters elected to impose a one cent tax on November 3, 2013.
2. At that time, as required by law, the County entered into intergovernmental agreements with some municipalities that would receive SPLOST funds.
3. SEDA is the only instrumentality of the state authorized to receive funds in the 2013 referendum that the County has not entered into an intergovernmental agreement with governing the use of those identified tax revenues.
4. SEDA is prepared to use a portion of the funds allotted for capital improvements should the Board approve this Memorandum of Understanding.
5. SEDA is governed by SPLOST law and all expenditures of SPLOST funds will be in accordance with that law that prohibits co-mingling of funds and requires the County's approval for the use of the funds.
6. All of the rights and responsibilities of both parties are outlined in the MOU attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
7. SEDA can receive up to \$15,000,000 under the referendum once all tax revenues are collected, if that should occur. Should it not occur, the MOU has provisions to protect the County's share of SPLOST funds.

8. Approval of this item by the Board will allow SEDA to receive approximately 11 percent of actual revenues collected of the County's portion of the tax to date, not to exceed \$3,000,000.
9. SEDA will use those funds to develop a tract of land with cost exceeding the SPLOST funded portion. The SPLOST funds will pay for approximately \$750,000 used to purchase wetlands credits and \$250,000 in preliminary engineering services as well as a portion of the land acquisition. SEDA will pay for the remaining cost of acquisition.
10. With these professional services arranged, SEDA anticipates that the funds would yield useable tracts of commercial development in approximately 18 months.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Any MOU must be approved by the Board of Commissioners. The MOU would require SEDA to seek future amendments for additional SPLOST funds, should the project require the same and those funds be collected.

FUNDING:

There are \$3,000,000 available to transfer to SEDA at this time for use in development related capital expenditures once permitting and other requirements are met.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve contract between SEDA and Chatham County.
2. Do not approve contract between SEDA and Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

[NOTE: A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is in the Clerk's Commission meeting file.]

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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 is the Action Calendar. No one has indicated the desire to pull anything off, so at this time I'll indicate --

Commissioner Stone said, I'll move -- so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, -- entertain a motion to approve the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 8 and under Item 8 Items A through L. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2016, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2016, as mailed. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 14, 2016 THROUGH OCTOBER 26, 2016.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of October 14, 2016 through October 26, 2016, in the amount of \$9,014,752. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT THE 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to adopt the 2017 holiday schedule. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Carolyn A. Smalls, Human Resources Director

ISSUE:
 To adopt the 2017 holiday schedule.

BACKGROUND:

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners recognizes eleven holidays each year on which County offices are authorized to close. Each year the Board of Commissioners sets the holiday calendar in order to allow departments to schedule business activities.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In accordance with the Personnel Ordinance and Procedures Manual, employees appointed to full-time regular, part-time regular and seasonal positions shall receive regular compensation for eleven holidays per year, or any other day proclaimed by the Board of Commissioners as a holiday.
2. Attached is the proposed holiday schedule for January through December 2016. These holidays are recognized nationally and are not chosen based upon any religious uniqueness.

FUNDING:

No additional funds required. These days are currently budgeted as work days.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt attached schedule.
2. Adopt attached schedule with modifications.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Each year the Board of Commissioners authorizes eleven holidays on which offices are to be closed. It is the policy of the Board to provide paid holidays as an employee benefit. This practice is consistent with other major employers in the local and regional labor market areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

CHATHAM COUNTY
2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Date Observed</u>
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 16
President's Day	Monday, February 20
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September, 4
Veterans Day	Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving	Thursday November 23 Friday, November 24
Christmas Eve	Friday, December 22
Christmas	Monday, December 25

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- 4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO TERMINATE THE WARRANTY PERIOD FOR THE ENTRANCE TO THE RETREAT AT HENDERSON LAKES DEVELOPMENT AND ACCEPT THE QUITCLAIM RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE ACCESS EASEMENT. [DISTRICT 5.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to terminate the warranty period for the entrance to the Retreat at Henderson Lakes development and accept the quitclaim right of way dedication for the improvements within the access easement. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2016

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

ISSUE:

Request Board to terminate the warranty period for the entrance to The Retreat at Henderson Lakes development and accept the quitclaim right of way dedication for the improvements within the access easement.

BACKGROUND:

The Board approved the developer request for the constructed improvements and initiated the twelve month warranty period for the entrance to The Retreat at Henderson Lakes development. The warranty must expire prior to performing a final inspection of the improvements and recording a quitclaim deed dedicating the improvements as right of way to County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Retreat at Henderson Lakes is a multi-family development located on Little Neck Road. The entrance to the development was designed to be dedicated to the County and converted to right of way upon acceptance by the Board. The right of way will also provide access to an adjacent single family development.

2. Staff approved construction plans and issued a permit. The required site improvements are complete. They were inspected and found to be acceptable.
3. The twelve month warranty period was initiated on October 9, 2015. Staff inspected the improvements on October 5, 2016 and created a punch list. Staff inspected the improvements on October 19, 2016 and all punch list items were addressed.
4. The quitclaim deed for the right of way dedication was reviewed and approved by the County Attorney for legal form.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board terminate the twelve month warranty period for the entrance to The Retreat at Henderson Lakes development and accept the quitclaim right of way dedication for the improvements within the access easement.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This action is consistent with the subdivision regulations regarding the dedication of right of way through quitclaim deed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.
District 5

PREPARED BY: Chris Rains

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5. **REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,800 TOWARDS RIGHT OF WAY EXPENSES IN FISCAL YEAR 2017 FOR CANEBRAKE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.
[DISTRICT 6.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to execute a contract with the Coastal Regional Commission to accept grant funds in the amount of \$17,800 towards right of way expenses in fiscal year 2017 for Canebrake Road Improvement Project. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2016

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

ISSUE:

To execute a contract with the Coastal Regional Commission to accept grant funds in the amount of \$17,800 towards right of way expenses in fiscal year 2017 for the Canebrake Road Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Canebrake Road Improvement project will provide roadway, drainage and pedestrian improvements along Canebrake Road from the Coastal Georgia Bamboo Garden west to the intersection of Gateway Boulevard and SR 204. The project consists of improving the existing roadway to provide 11-ft travel lanes (currently approximately 10-ft), a 5-ft sidewalk on the north side of Canebrake Road and an 8- to 10- ft multi-purpose trail on the south side of Canebrake. The trail will be an extension of the Coastal Georgia Greenway and connect to the existing Basin Road Bike Path.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Canebrake Road Improvement Project is currently in the right of way acquisition phase. Staff requested titles to begin the right of way acquisition process on February 22, 2016. To date, 20 titles remain outstanding. Until the titles are received, right of way acquisition activities cannot proceed.

2. The Coastal Regional Commission solicited applications for the grant in September 2016. Staff was notified of the award in the amount of \$17,800 to be used toward right of way acquisition in fiscal year 2017.
3. The County will be reimbursed for right of way costs incurred after the County expends right of way funds in the amount of \$35,600. The total right of way cost estimate for the project is \$375,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To execute a contract with the Coastal Regional Commission to accept grant funds in the amount of \$17,800 towards right of way expenses in fiscal year 2017 for the Canebrake Road Improvement Project.
2. To not accept the award and execute the contract.

FUNDING:

No funding is required to execute the contract.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve and execute contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

District 6

Prepared by: Nathaniel Panther, P.E.

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6. **REQUEST BOARD ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF THE GRANT AWARD OF \$156,928 FROM THE GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT TO FUND TWO FULL-TIME POSITIONS IN THE VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED. THE 25% MATCH IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AS IN-KIND MATCH THROUGH VOLUNTEER HOURS.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to accept and approve the grant award of \$156,928 from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of the VOCA grant to fund two full-time positions in the Victim-Witness Assistance Program of the District Attorney's office. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Cheryl W. Rogers, Victim-Witness Program, Director

ISSUE:

To request the **acceptance and approval of the grant award** from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant to fund two full-time positions. One is a Victim Advocate I (Post Conviction Victim Advocate) in the Victim-Witness Assistance Program and the other is a Community Intervention Specialist with the Youth Intercept Program. Also to authorize the Chairman's signature on any necessary award documents pertaining to this Grant.

BACKGROUND:

In prior years, the Commission has approved this VOCA grant funding for several Victim Advocate positions.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The competitive grant for **\$156,928.00** would include salary and benefits for a Post Conviction Advocate as a Victim Advocate I and a Community Intervention Specialist.

2. The grant requires a 25% match of **\$49,456.00** which is already in place through the Victim-Witness Assistance Program with volunteer hours as in-kind match only. **No additional funds from the County are required.**
3. The VOCA grant runs October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017. It is renewable for at least an additional two years as a continuation grant.
4. The Post Conviction Advocate would make contact with victims and victim's families where parole and pardon notifications are necessary for victim's input and also support. Chatham County continues to see a steady increase in parole considerations and notifications in the past few years. Also, there has been an increase in inmates requesting a pardon on non-violent crimes. The victim's input is very important.
5. The Community Intervention Specialist is currently being funded by the MYVP grant that is in the last year of this funding source. This position works with victims with early victim contact in making outreach at Memorial Medical University Hospital and St. Joseph's/Candler Hospitals. It also offers wrap around services to enroll them in our Violence Intervention Program to assist victims with job training, GTED, life skills classes, etc. to avoid retaliation and the cycle of violence.

FUNDING:

1. No additional County funds are required. The 25% match is currently available through the Victim-Witness Assistance Program as in-kind match through our volunteer hours.
2. The VOCA Grant has been available since 1986 so it has a proven history of providing services to crime victims throughout the nation. Chatham County VWAP has received this grant since 2011.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the grant award for the two VOCA Grant positions through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
2. That the Board not approve the grant award for the two VOCA Grant positions through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board of Commissioners has been the recipient of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds for the past six years and in prior years as well. The application of this grant requires no additional funds from Chatham County and the personnel positions ends if no additional funds are secured from grant sources.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCAAP) GRANT THROUGH THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FOR \$33,499.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to accept a State Criminal Alien Assistance Program grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$33,499. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: John T. Wilcher, Sheriff

ISSUE:

Request Commission acceptance of a State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for \$33,499.00.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County has been awarded a SCAAP grant by BJA. SCAAP provides federal payments to state and localities that incurred correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of state or local law, and incarcerated for at least 4 consecutive days during the reporting period.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

N/A

FUNDING:

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

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board acceptance and approval of grant.
2. Board deny acceptance of grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval of Alternative #1.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to award bids as follows: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$25,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.) Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8 A-L

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2016

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: LINDA CRAMER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$21,412 Deductive Summary Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with Griffin Contracting, Inc., on the Vidalia Canal Extension Drainage Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The Vidalia Canal drains approximately 200 acres within the Ogeechee Farms Subdivision area. The upper portion of the canal requires maintenance and no access road exists in this area. The project will establish a maintenance access road for routine maintenance and improve drainage.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded the project on January 15, 2016. The County issued the Notice to Proceed to the contractor on March 7, 2016. The project was determined to be substantially complete on July 12, 2016.
2. The construction contract was awarded on a unit price basis. As construction progressed, some quantity totals exceeded the contract amount while others were less than the contract amount. The summary change order results from measurement of final quantities installed at unit prices and adjustments to lump sum items resulting from field changes.
3. Contract History:

Original Contract (1/15/16)	\$234,723
Summary Change Order 1(pending)	(-21,412)

Revised Contract Amount \$213,311

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Ogeechee Farms/Vidalia Canal Drainage
(3238066 - 541400 - 3234250)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$21,412 Deductive Summary Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with Griffin Contracting, Inc., on the Vidalia Canal Extension Drainage Improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$37,700 construction contract to B & D Clearing, Inc., to remove structures obtained by the County for construction of the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at US 80 Interchange project.

BACKGROUND: The project involves the removal of structures on 6 parcels and includes duplexes, single family homes, and accessory structures in preparation to certify right of way for construction of the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at US 80 Interchange project. The Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at US 80 Interchange project is in the Coastal Region (CORE) Transportation Improvement Plan for construction in Fiscal Year 2018.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publicly advertised and opened on October 19, 2016. The bid results are as follows:

B & D Clearing, Inc. Black Creek, GA	\$37,700
Complete Demolition Services, LLC Carrollton, GA	\$79,100
Eastern Environmental, Inc. Hampstead, N.C.	\$121,900
** Five Guys Farm, LLC Collins, GA	\$125,626

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2. Staff believes the bid from B & D Clearing is fair and reasonable.
3. It is anticipated that work will begin within 30 days of award of the contract and be complete within 90 days after that.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$37,700 construction contract to B & D Clearing, Inc., to remove structures obtained by the County for construction of the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at US 80 Interchange project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. at US 80 Interchange
(3244220 - 541100 - 3245103)

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$208,900 professional engineering services contract with CHA Consulting, Inc., for design and permitting services associated with the expansion of the Jennifer Ross Complex with additional playing fields and associated improvements.

BACKGROUND: The Jennifer Ross Complex Expansion project will add three multi-purpose playing fields with associated lighting and other improvements. The fields are needed to address the crowding and availability issues with practices and games. The fields will have artificial surfaces which will provide more play time potential, reduce weather impacts, and reduce short term and long term maintenance. The project also includes the design of a supplemental restroom/concession facility.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Quality Based Selection (QBS) process was utilized to select a professional engineering consultant to design improvements at this location. Eight (8) consultants submitted proposals for the work. The proposals were reviewed and ranked by staff according to factors ranging from the firm's qualifications and experience to the firm's understanding of the unique issues associated with this project. The top three (3) scoring firms were then interviewed by the evaluation committee. (See attached matrix for detailed scoring on pages 5-6.) After the scoring was complete, CHA Consulting, Inc., was the highest scoring firm. Following that was the negotiation of final Scope and fee.
2. The negotiated Scope of Work will provide for development of construction plans, permitting of the work, and assistance during the bidding of the project. A database previously developed for Chatham County will be used on the project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$208,900 professional engineering services contract with CHA Consulting, Inc., for design and permitting services associated with the expansion of the Jennifer Ross Complex with additional playing fields and associated improvements.
2. Provide staff other direction.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2014-2020) - Jennifer Ross Complex
(3254250 - 521200 - 3257051)

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$40,800 purchase of a 2017 Ford F-250 XL animal transport vehicle from J.C. Lewis Ford, for Animal Control.

BACKGROUND: The purchase of this vehicle will bring the fleet up to the required standards.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publicly advertised and opened on September 20, 2016. Bid responses are as follow:

O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$40,800
J.C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$40,836
2. On December 4, 2015, the Board approved a local preference policy which, when a non-local firm submits the lowest bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm, who must be within 5% of the lowest responsive responsible non-local, to match the non-local bid. If the local firm agrees to match the lowest bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. J.C. Lewis Ford was offered the opportunity to match the non-local bid submitted by O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc., and they accepted.
3. Staff believes the total pricing of \$40,800 for the 2017 Ford F-250 XL animal transport vehicle to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Animal Control
(3503910 - 542200 - 35030297)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$40,800 purchase of a 2017 Ford F-250 XL animal transport vehicle from J.C. Lewis Ford, for Animal Control.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$1,459,858 construction contract with Preferred Materials, Inc., for the Pavement Rehabilitation 2016 Third Let Project which includes six (6) miles of pavement rehabilitation and resurfacing on 16 County roads.

BACKGROUND: The project involves milling, removal and replacement of base material, patching, crack relief, paving, striping, and replacement of curb and gutter at various locations. The roads were selected based on ratings produced by Engineering Staff using the County Pavement Condition Evaluation System (COPACES). Partial funding for this project comes from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The bid opening was October 18, 2016. The results are as follows:

Preferred Materials, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$1,459,858
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** Carroll & Carroll, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$1,714,714
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2. Staff believes the bid from Preferred Materials is fair and reasonable.
3. The roads included for this project are Beaulieu Farm Bend, Cypress Glen Drive, Garfield Street/Washington Avenue, Green Gate Court, Marcy Circle, McIntosh Drive, Melody Drive, Mulberry Court, Norwood Avenue, Nottingham Drive/Beaumont Drive, Sandlewood Drive, and Whitefield Avenue.
4. The contractor will have 150 calendar days to complete the rehabilitation and resurfacing of the roads after the notice to proceed is issued.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$1,459,858 construction contract with Preferred Materials, Inc., for the Pavement Rehabilitation 2016 Third Let Project which includes six (6) miles of pavement rehabilitation and resurfacing on 14 County roads.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Unincorporated County Roads (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
(3244220 - 541400 - 3245676)

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve award of construction contracts.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval to renew the annual contract with Aetna to provide health insurance coverage to Medicare eligible retirees through a Medicare Advantage with Part D Prescription Drug (MAPD) plan. The 2017 annual contract amount is \$2,238,000.

BACKGROUND: On July 17, 2015 the Board awarded a \$1,953,000 annual contract to Aetna to provide health insurance and prescription drug coverage to Medicare eligible retirees through a Medicare Advantage program. At its inception, this plan covered approximately 476 Medicare eligible retirees and spouses. There are currently approximately 493 retirees covered by the Aetna Medicare Advantage plan.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Aetna Medicare Advantage plan was implemented for Chatham County's Medicare Eligible retirees in order to provide a more robust and cost effective health insurance and prescription drug benefits program to our retirees.
2. The Medicare Advantage plan provides significant cost savings to Chatham County by reducing the County's total plan costs by nearly \$750,000 and reducing its overall OPEB liability by approximately \$55 million.
3. The contract amount for 2017 reflects a 10.7% increase over the 2016 rate. The annual contract amount also reflects an increase in the number of retirees covered under the plan. This rate increase is in line with industry standards and is appropriate for the level of coverage and service provided. The rate increase also reflects an enhanced formulary and lower co-pays that were recommended as a result of an unintended negative effect on the total out-of-pocket maximum amount paid by retirees.
4. The contract renewal will be effective on January 1, 2017.

FUNDING: OPEB Trust Fund Budget
(7861596 - 552200)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to renew the annual contract to Aetna to provide health insurance coverage to Medicare eligible retirees through a Medicare Advantage with Part D Prescription Drug (MAPD) plan in the amount of \$2,238,000.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to renew contracts which provide significant cost savings to the County while providing retirees with robust health and prescription plan coverage at an affordable price. The plan will significantly reduce the County's OPEB liability.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$900 Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with Blu Site Solutions of Savannah, to add portable toilet rental service at the Staff Sgt. Anthony Davis Model Airfield.

BACKGROUND: On June 24, 2016, the Board approved an annual contract with Blu Site Solutions of Savannah to provide portable toilet rental service at various parks and facilities throughout the County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Staff Sgt. Anthony Davis Model Airfield has weekly users and many special events. There are no other restroom facilities available for users of the park.
2. This location was not identified as requiring service when the project was solicited.
3. Staff requested a quote from Blu Site Solutions of Savannah for the additional service. The price provided by Blu Site Solutions of Savannah is in accordance with the contract unit price for the same unit and level of service.
4. The total annual increase for Change Order 1 is \$900:

Original Contract (06/24/2016)	\$13,380
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	\$ 900
Revised Contract Amount	\$14,280

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
(1006100 – 523900)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$900 Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with Blu Site Solutions of Savannah, to add portable toilet rental service at the Staff Sgt. Anthony Davis Model Airfield.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to issue change orders to essential service contracts to recognize changes in scope of services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MELVA SHARPE

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a not to exceed \$4,000,000 construction contract with TIC - The Industrial Company, Inc., to construct a bulkhead along Slip One on Hutchinson Island.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County obtained a permit for the development of Slip One in 2006. The permit is set to expire on December 31, 2016, but the US Corps of Engineers is extending the permit for another year. This is the first phase of the project and is being mostly funded by One Georgia from an award approved by the Board on October, 21, 2016. Construction will begin as soon as possible and is expected to take approximately a year to complete.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project will include the construction of a sheet pile bulkhead along the western and northern portions of the slip. Construction of the marina bulkhead will be in a second phase and funded by the development group.
2. The project was properly advertised and one (1) bid was received and opened on September 28, 2016. The bid is as follows:

TIC - The Industrial Company, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$4,611,260
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3. The soils report indicates that the specified sheet pile lengths will not be achievable once construction begins. Staff discussed the construction with the contractor and the Not to Exceed price is based on the expected lengths that can be placed during construction. This will reduce the submitted bid. If the lengths are achievable, phase one will be shortened to fall within the awarded bid of \$4,000,000.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hutchinson Island (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer (3224985 - 521200 - 32260387)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a not to exceed \$4,000,000 construction contract with TIC - The Industrial Company, Inc., to construct a bulkhead along Slip One on Hutchinson Island.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve awards of Not to Exceed construction contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an \$89,639 purchase for the upgrade of an existing access system, alarm system, and video security system from TYCO Integrated Security for C.N.T.

BACKGROUND: The current access system, alarm system, and video security system hardware is obsolete and parts are no longer available for repair.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. C.N.T. currently operates a building access system, alarm system, and video security system installed and maintained by TYCO Integrated Security.

2. The upgrades to the three (3) systems will integrate with each other and the existing infrastructure that is proprietary to TYCO Integrated Security/ADT.
3. The purchase includes a maintenance contract for all three (3) systems.
4. The current security infrastructure at CNT has both video and access control software, and TYCO owns both the video and the access control platform. These proprietary software applications allow integration on a single Video Monitoring System (VMS) platform that will allow TYCO to use existing infrastructure with the needed upgrades to provide a seamless, uninterrupted integrated security solution for the facility.
5. The video and access control platform are proprietary software applications and owned by TYCO. TYCO is the sole source for this system.

FUNDING: Confiscated Funds - CNT
(2103222 - 542500)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of an \$89,639 purchase for the upgrade of an existing access system, alarm system, and video security system from TYCO Integrated Security for C.N.T.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve upgrades necessary for building security.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an \$80,000 professional design services contract to jB+a, Inc., for Task 1 for the design of a children's garden at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden.

BACKGROUND: The Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden (Bamboo Farm) is owned and operated by the Georgia Board of Regents through the University of Georgia. The Bamboo Farm is located on Canebrake Road in Chatham County. The Board of Commissioners budgeted one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from SPLOST funds for the design and construction of a children's garden at the Bamboo Farm. Staff will provide project management for the design and construction.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A request for proposals (RFP) for design services was issued, proposals were received and scored by the evaluation committee. Following scoring of the proposals, the top three (3) scoring firms were interviewed. (See attached page 14) After combing the scores from the proposals and the interviews, jB+a, Inc. was the highest scoring firm.
2. This project is divided into two (2) tasks. Task 1 includes field survey, schematic design, cost estimating and phasing strategy for the entire children's garden. Task 2 will include final design for phase 1 of the children's garden.
3. Staff reviewed the scope and services of Task 1 and believes they meet the needs of the county. Staff reviewed the fees associated with Task 1 and believes they are fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2014-2020) – Chatham County Cooperative Extension
(3254980 - 521200 - 3256078)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an \$80,000 professional design services contract to jB+a, Inc., for Task 1 for the design of a children's garden at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award design contract to the highest scoring firm.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of \$168,612 to outfit (30) 2017 Ford Explorer law enforcement vehicles for Chatham County Sheriff’s Office from West Chatham Warning Devices.

BACKGROUND: Warning devices are required for all law enforcement vehicles for safety.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The devices are necessary to outfit (30) 2017 Ford Explorers for patrol duty.
2. Bids were solicited from all known vendors and only one bid was received. The bidder was:

West Chatham Warning Devices \$168,612/ (30) 2017 Ford Explorers
Savannah, GA
3. Staff believes the bid by West Chatham Warning Devices to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement
(3234985 - 542200 - 3236060)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of \$168,612 to outfit (30) 2017 Ford Explorer law enforcement vehicles for Chatham County Sheriff’s Office from West Chatham Warning Devices.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of equipment necessary for the outfitting of law enforcement vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with U.S. Prisoner Transport to provide inmate transport for the Chatham County Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: On September 25, 2015, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to U.S. Prisoner Transport.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. U.S. Prisoner Transport has recently provided a notification of price changes associated with transport of inmates due to consumer price index changes and increased transportation costs. As a result, U.S. Prisoner Transport has requested a price increase for the items listed below.
2. Changes in pricing as follows:

Description of Service	Old Price per Unit	New Price per Unit
Interstate - Price per mile (Males/ Females) one-way ground mileage from <u>Pick up point</u> to <u>Drop off point</u>	\$.80	\$.99
Surcharges for Specific day pickup and drop-off/IAD	\$250.00	\$400.00
Minimum Transport Fee Interstate Intrastate	\$300.00	\$400.00 N/A

3. In addition, U.S. Prisoner Transport is adding a short notice fee of \$300 for any notice that is less than ten days in advance.
4. Staff believes U.S. Prisoner Transport’s request for the County to contractually recognize the inmate transport price increases to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 521200)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract with U.S. Prisoner Transport to provide inmate transport for the Chatham County Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders for documented material price increases.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 MARK BUCALO
 PREPARED BY _____
 PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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XI. FIRST READINGS

Chairman Scott said, we have no -- we have no First Readers.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

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

1. **INDIGO HALL II, LLC, REQUESTS REZONING FROM A PUD-B-N (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT-NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) TO A PUD-IS (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT - INSTITUTIONAL) ZONING DISTRICT. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. FILE NO. Z-160420-00041-1. [DISTRICT 4.]**

Chairman Scott said, we're now on Second Readers. First Item is Indigo Hall II, LLC, requests rezoning from a PUD-B-N, planned unit development-neighborhood business to a PUD-IS, planned unit development-institutional zoning district. The MPC has recommend approval. It's file number Z-160420-00041-1. This is in District 4. At this time I recognize our MPC staff for further explanation.

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission. The two items, actually, under Second Reading, both Items 1 and 2, are related to this zoning request. The first item is a rezoning request. As you mentioned the petitioner is requesting to rezone property six point seven two acres, a portion of the Village on Skidaway Island from the current PUD-B-N zoning classification to the PUD-IS classification. This portion of the -- that we're discussing today was rezoned in 1980 to allow neighborhood oriented commercial development at this property. So the petitioner is seeking rezoning to the PUD-IS classification with the intent, which is the second item, of establishing a special use, which in this case is a continuing care retirement facility. The relationship between these two items is that under the PUD-IS zoning classification that the petitioner is seeking, there are a number of uses that are allowed by right, such as cultural facilities, schools and medical offices, and in addition to that, the ordinance states that this body can approve other uses if they find that the development pattern is similar to the surrounding community.

Mr. Lotson said, the Planning Commission did review both the rezoning and the special use request. They are -- they did recommend approval for both. There are a -- a number of development-related conditions associated with the special use, and -- one of which is that the general -- general and specific development plans be brought back before the Planning Commission for review and approval under the -- the criteria that the zoning ordinance lays out for review of special uses, but based on their findings enumerated in the staff report, the Planning Commission is recommending approval for both the rezoning requests from the current PUD-B-N classification to the PUD-IS classification, as well as the request for a special use to establish a continuing care retirement facility on these properties.

Chairman Scott said, any questions of Marcus [Lotson]?

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman? When you're ready, I'll make a motion for approval.

Chairman Scott said, at this time --

Commissioner Shabazz said, what is it zoned --

Chairman Scott said, the Commissioner from the 5th.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what is this property zoned as now? What's the allowment -- what's -- what's -- what is allowed there now?

Mr. Lotson said, under the current zoning, all the uses that are -- are allowed are neighborhood retail type uses. This property, as you can see in the map, is undeveloped and has not been used for those uses over the years, since it was rezoned in 1980. The type of uses that are typically associated with the current zoning are retail oriented.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So, if they rezone it to what -- what they are proposing --

Mr. Lotson said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, it will be residential?

Mr. Lotson said, no, the proposed zoning classification allows several uses, which include cultural facilities, such as museums and theaters. It allows schools, as well as medical offices, but what the petitioner is planning on doing, as I mentioned, is establishing a retirement community there. This Board -- this Board has the authority to approve that use, although it's not a specifically identified use within the zoning classification.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so, a retirement community?

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so that's -- that would be considered somewhat residential.

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but no residential, single family dwellings.

Mr. Lotson said, that's correct.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. It's like apartments.

Mr. Lotson said, very similar. It will be -- there will be an opportunity based on how the petitioner operates the facility for both retirement, memory care, those type uses on the site.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so, retail stores would be allowed there also?

Mr. Lotson said, no, sir. Not if this special use is approved.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Mr. Lotson said, the only thing that would be allowed under the -- what's before you today is the retirement facility.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, okay. We need a motion on Item 1.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what's surround -- what's surrounding this -- what's -- what's going on around this? Is there retail around this? Is there --

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir. The --

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- residential around this? What?

Mr. Lotson said, on the map, the area you see immediately across -- let's see, that's McWhorter Drive, is the Skidaway Village -- the Village at Skidaway which is a number of retail and office type of uses in that area.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Lotson said, churches as well are located within that area.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and this is off Diamond Causeway?

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir. Just outside the gate to The Landings.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. All right. Thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Center said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to rezone from a PUD-B-N, planned unit development-neighborhood business to a PUD-IS, planned unit development-institutional zoning district. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~October 21, 2016~~

AGENDA ITEM: *XII-1*

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2016



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

Indigo Hall II, LLC requests rezoning from a PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development-Neighborhood Business) to a PUD-IS (Planned Unit Development-Institutional) zoning district. The MPC recommends approval. File No. Z-160420-00041-1.

ISSUE:

A request to rezone a 6.72-acre site from PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development-Neighborhood Business) to a proposed PUD-IS (Planned Unit Development-Institutional) zoning classification. The existing Environmental Overlay (E-O) district will remain. A special use to allow a continuing care retirement facility is also proposed if the property is rezoned to PUD-IS. The special use is a separate file (Z-160802-00077-1).

BACKGROUND:

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

The PUD-B-N district is a sub-classification of the PUD-B (Planned Unit Development-Business District). Uses permitted in the PUD-B-N district are those permitted in a third zoning district, B-N (Neighborhood Business). The property is also within an Environmental-Overlay (E-O) zoning district.

The E-O zoning district has some requirements that are in addition to or that may be more restrictive than the underlying base zoning district. The E-O district is not proposed to be eliminated.

On May 17, 2016, the Planning Commission recommended approval of a rezoning of the subject property and the entire 69-acre Village on Skidaway to a zoning district that would have been specific to the Village on Skidaway. The intent of the proposed Planned Unit Development district was "... to support the development of the Village on Skidaway with a mix of planned neighborhood business, office, institutional and limited residential uses. The Village on Skidaway PUD will help to sustain the existing neighborhood business and will allow for limited compatible residential uses within the district." The proposed PUD district would have allowed some uses not presently permitted, including a continuing care retirement facility and upper-story residential in the commercial area east of Lake Street. Additionally, the district would have provided development standards, including yard setbacks and a maximum height limitation.

At the County Commission public hearing and second reading held on June 24, the County Commission Chairman noted that there were two property owners that did not wish to be rezoned to a PUD based on a letter he had received. The County Commission remanded the rezoning petition to MPC.

The petitioner, Indigo Hall, has requested a rezoning to PUD-IS for only the five parcels it seeks to develop. This is the same zoning district that a nearby continuing care retirement facility (The Marshes of Skidaway Island) is zoned.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Public Notice:** All property owners within 300 feet of the Village on Skidaway (not just the subject property) were sent notice of the proposed rezoning on August 10, 2016. Public notice was also posted on the property. For the PUD-IS district request, a neighborhood meeting was not held. However, a neighborhood meeting was previously held on May 10, 2016 at Messiah Lutheran church in the Village.
2. **Existing Zoning and Development Pattern:** The subject property is undeveloped and wooded. The land uses and zoning districts surrounding the subject site include:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	Offices	PUD-B-N/E-O
South	Undeveloped Lot	PUD-B-N/E-O
East	Lake Street/Fuel Station/ Retail/Offices	PUD-B-N/E-O
West	Skidaway Island United Methodist Church	R-1-A/E-O[1]

[1] One-family residential

3. **Existing PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development Neighborhood) Zoning District:**
 - a. **Intent of the PUD-IS District:** Any institutional, professional, or office development consisting of three acres or more.
 - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses permitted within the PUD-IS district are limited to the following:
 - Cultural Facilities: Art galleries, museums, legitimate theaters, libraries, churches, public or private schools (K-12), and other uses similar in character to those listed.
 - Offices of Health Service/Practitioners: Hospitals, physicians, surgeons, dentist and dental surgeons, osteopathic physician, chiropractors, and other licensed practitioners similar to those listed.
 - Health Service Clinic: Including a pharmacy as an accessory use.
 - General Office Uses: Sales representatives, legal service, engineering and architectural accounting, auditing, bookkeeping, finance, real estate, insurance, and other similar in character to those listed.

The petitioner seeks to establish an assisted living facility with memory care and independent living components. Because this use is not specifically identified as a permitted use, it is categorized as "Other Business Uses." Such uses require approval as a Special Use. The petitioner is also seeking approval of this use which would be subject to the approval of the rezoning to PUD-IS. A separate report for the special use request is also on the August 30 agenda. (See File No. Z-160802-0077-1).

- c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the PUD-IS district are not typical of a base zoning district and are, in some instances, lacking. Though not clear, this

may have been done to allow the standards to be determined by the Planning Commission at the time of site plan review.

Instead of yard setbacks, the PUD-IS district requires setbacks from rights-of-way. From an arterial roadway, the setback is 35 feet; from a collector or minor roadway, the setback is 30 feet. A 25-foot vegetative buffer is required along all property lines when uses are not "like-kind" or a "similar type development." When an existing adjacent use is residential, the buffer must be 50 feet. Along rights-of-way, a 25-foot buffer is not required. Additionally, a maximum building height is not identified.

5. **Land Use Element:** The Chatham County-Savannah comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designates the subject property as Commercial-Suburban. The classification is defined as: "Intermediate scale business districts supporting shopping centers and corridor commercial uses." Appropriate land uses, according to the Comprehensive Plan, including "[s]ervice, office and institutional uses permitted as specified by zoning districts." A rezoning to a PUD-IS district would not require a Future Land Use Map change.
6. **Public Services and Facilities:** The property is served by the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Police Department, Southside fire protection and by Utilities, Inc. water and sewer.
7. **Transportation Network:** The subject site has frontage on Commerce Street, a minor roadway. It also has frontage on Lake Street, a private street owned by The Landings. Lake Street provides access to the Village on Skidaway Island and also provides access to residences within The Landings.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the petitioner’s request.
2. Deny the petitioner’s request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Ideally, the originally proposed Village on Skidaway PUD would have been a more appropriate zoning district for the subject property and the entire 69-acre Village on Skidaway. Not only would it have allowed the proposed use specifically -- the continuing care retirement facility -- it would have established a zoning district that was more in keeping with the existing uses and development standards. No uses would have become nonconforming if it had been adopted.

Without a specific PUD, zoning districts that allow the continuing care retirement facility (which is known as a “Home for the Aged and Children” in the existing zoning ordinance) are limited. Some zoning districts are too intense with regard to permitted commercial uses (B-1, B-2 and B-C, for example) and others are too limited in terms of use and not appropriate for a mixed-use village setting (Residential-Agriculture, Residential-Mobile Home, Single-family, for example.)

The PUD-IS district allows office, health-related and cultural facilities, including churches, as a matter-of-right. It does not permit retail or residential; however, this district does allow for the ability to request a “special use.” That is, any use can be proposed in the district would require approval from the Board of Commissioners, who can also require use conditions to achieve the greatest degree of compatibility. The permitted uses are compatible with the Village on Skidaway and would serve the residents of Skidaway Island and southeast Chatham County. As part of the related special use request, conditions can be required, including setting development standards to ensure compatibility with the existing character of the area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the request to rezone the subject property from PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development Neighborhood Business)/Environmental-Overlay (E-O) District to a PUD-IS (Planned Unit Development-Institutional)/E-O District.

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director
Development Services

September 6, 2016

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

	Existing PUD-B-N	Proposed PUD-IS District
Minimum Lot Area	No requirement	No requirement
Minimum Lot Width	No requirement	No requirement
Front Yard Setback	“Development” setback for Residential and Non-residential (as measured from the right-of-way) Arterial Street: 35 Collector Street: 30 Minor Street: 30	Arterial Street: 35 Collector Street: 30 Minor Street: 30
Minimum Side Yard Setback	Only required when adjacent to a residential zoning district. Buildings: 50 ft. Parking Areas: 25 ft.	When the adjacent property is not a like-kind of similar development: 25 feet (or 50 feet if residential)
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	Only required when adjacent to a residential zoning district. Buildings: 50 ft. Parking Areas: 25 ft.	When the adjacent property is not a like-kind of similar development: 25 feet (or 50 feet if residential)
Maximum Height	Two stories (the number of feet within a story is not provided)	No requirement
Maximum Building Coverage	No requirement	No requirement



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DATE: AUGUST 30, 2016
TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:

**Petitioner of Indigo Hall, LLC
Lewis Broadcasting Corporation, J.C. Lewis Investment Co., LLC and The Village at Skidaway Island
Commercial Association, Property Owners
Scott Monson (Thomas & Hutton), Agent
Village at Skidaway
Northwest Corner of Diamond Causeway and McWhorter Drive
File No. Z-160420-00041-1**

MPC ACTION:

Approval of the request to rezone the subject property from PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development Neighborhood Business)/Environmental-Overlay (E-O) District to a PUD-IS (Planned Unit Development-Institutional)/E-O District.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the request to rezone the subject property from PUD-B-N (Planned Unit Development Neighborhood Business)/Environmental-Overlay (E-O) District to a PUD-IS (Planned Unit Development-Institutional)/E-O District.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 11 + Chairman

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FOR APPROVAL: 12

FOR DENIAL: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

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2. INDIGO HALL II, LLC, REQUESTS APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE TO DEVELOP A CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT FACILITY, TO INCLUDE MEMORY CARE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. FILE NO. Z-160420-00077-1. [DISTRICT 4.]

Chairman Scott said, Item 2 under Second Readings, is a related. Indigo Hall, II, LLC requests the approval of a special use to develop a continuing care retirement facility, to include memory care and independent living. The MPC recommends approval. The File Number is Z-160420-00077-1, and it's in District 4. Marcus [Lotson], you have any further comments about this?

Mr. Lotson said, no, sir. Happy to answer any questions though.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Does staff have any questions of MPC staff? Hearing none, at this time I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any further discussion? Any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Motion carries. Thank you, Marcus [Lotson].

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve a special use to develop a continuing care retirement facility, to include memory care and independent living. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-2~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~October 21, 2016~~

AGENDA ITEM: XI-2

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2016



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TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

Indigo Hall II, LLC requests an approval of a special use to develop a continuing care retirement facility, to include memory care and independent living. MPC-160420-00077-1.

ISSUE:

The applicant seeks special use approval to develop a continuing care retirement facility, to include memory care and independent living. This use is categorized as a "Home for Aged and Children" in the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

This request is sought in conjunction with a rezoning of the subject property to a PUD-IS (Planned Unit Development-Institutional) zoning district. (See file Z-160-420-00041-1). The property must be rezoned to PUD-IS in order for this use to be considered.

The property is 6.72 acres in size and includes five parcels and a portion of the private Commerce Street right-of-way that are located within the Village on Skidaway Island, which is at the northwest corner of Diamond Causeway and McWhorter Road. With the exception of the right-of-way, the property is undeveloped and wooded.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Public Notice:** Prior to the Planning Commission meeting, all property owners within 300 feet of the Village on Skidaway (not just the subject property) were sent notice of the proposed special use (and rezoning) on August 10, 2016. Public notice was also posted on the property by the petitioner.
2. **Existing Zoning and Development Pattern:** The subject property is located within the Village on Skidaway, a 69-acre development that includes retail, office and institutional uses. The land uses and zoning districts surrounding the subject site include:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	Offices	PUD-B-N/E-O
South	Undeveloped Lot	PUD-B-N/E-O
East	Lake Street/Fuel Station/ Retail/Offices	PUD-B-N/E-O
West	Skidaway Island United Methodist Church	R-1-A/E-O[1]

[1] One-family residential

3. **Special Use:** The PUD-IS district allows “other business uses” to be approved “where found to be compatible with the overall development plan” (Sec. 4-6.611.a.5.). To determine if the use is compatible, the same criteria used by the Zoning Board of Appeals in Sec. 10-6.2 is applied:

- (a) **The proposed use does not affect adversely the general plans for the physical development of Chatham County, as embodied in this regulations, and in any Master Plan or portion thereof adopted by the Commissioners of Chatham County.**

The proposed use is consistent with the comprehensive Future Land Use Map classification for the subject property, which is Suburban Commercial. The comprehensive Plan states that appropriate uses for this classification include “[s]ervice, office and institutional uses permitted as specified by zoning districts.”

- (b) **The proposed use will not be contrary to the purposes stated for these regulations.**

As provided in Sec. 1-4 (Purpose), “[t]he purpose of these Regulations shall be to encourage such distribution of population and such classification of land use and such distribution of land development and utilization, and such standards for land development, as will lessen and prevent congestion in the streets, help secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; promote the health and general welfare of the citizens of Chatham County; provide adequate light and air; prevent the overcrowding of land; avoid undue concentration of population; prevent urban sprawl; facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks, police, and fire protection, and other public requirements; promote desirable living conditions and the sustained stability of neighborhoods; protect property against blight and deterioration; secure economy in governmental expenditures; conserve the value of building and land; encourage the most appropriate use of land, buildings, and other structures; and for other purposes.

A continuing care retirement facility would not be contrary to the purpose stated.

- (c) **The proposed use will not affect adversely the health and safety of residents and workers in Chatham County.**

A continuing care retirement facility is, essentially, a residential use that will not affect the health or safety of residents, workers or others within the city.

- (d) **The proposed use will not be detrimental to the use or development of adjacent properties or the general neighborhood.**

A continuing care retirement facility will not be detrimental to the use or development of adjacent properties or of the general neighborhood/area. Residents would have the ability to walk to nearby shopping and religious institutions. And older residents in southeast Chatham County will have an additional housing option available that would allow them to remain in the area.

- (e) **The proposed use will not be affected adversely by the existing uses.**

The immediate surrounding uses -- a church and an office -- are compatible with the proposed continuing care retirement facility. Likewise, other uses in the Village on Skidaway are compatible.

- (f) **The proposed use will be placed on a lot of sufficient size to satisfy the space requirements of such use.**

The subject property is 6.72 acres. The development of the continuing care retirement facility will have to comply with all zoning and other development standards.

- (g) **The proposed use will not constitute a nuisance or hazard because of the number of persons who will attend or use such facility, vehicular movement, noise or fume generation or type of physical activity.**

The proposed facility will not be a nuisance or a hazard. A retirement community would likely have fewer residents with their own vehicles. Vehicles are more likely to belong to workers and guests. Because it is a residential community, there would be no nuisances, hazards or fume generation.

- (h) **The standards set forth for each particular use for which a permit may be granted have been met.**

The standards in criteria a-g have been met. In addition to a-g, the additional restrictions and standards can be required to ensure the health and safety of residents and workers, and to protect property values and uses within the general vicinity of the property. As described in #4 below, additional conditions and restrictions can be required to ensure a greater degree of compatibility between the proposed special use and the general vicinity.

4. **Proposed Conditions.**

- a. **Definition of the Use.** The Zoning Ordinance uses an outdated term (Home for the Aged and Children) to identify what is known today as a continuing care retirement facility. It is not defined in the ordinance. This term is also a comprehensive term that includes children.

To avoid the vagueness and confusion that the term "home for the aged and children" may cause, and for the purposes of this particular special use, it is necessary to specify what the actual use is proposed to be -- a continuing care retirement facility (CCRF). This facility will have various housing options that will allow senior residents to age-in-place and include at least two of the following: independent living, assisted living, personal care or memory care. The various housing options allow residents to remain in the community and receive a continuum of care as health-related needs change. Activities and food service are also available for residents.

- b. **Development Standards.** The development standards for the PUD-IS district are not typical of a base zoning district and are, in some instances, lacking. Though not clear, this may have been done to allow the standards to be determined by the Planning Commission at the time of site plan review.

For example, instead of yard setbacks, the PUD-IS district requires setbacks from rights-of-way. From an arterial roadway, the setback is 35 feet; from a collector or minor roadway, the setback is 30 feet. A 25-foot vegetative buffer is required along all property lines when uses are not "like-kind" or a "similar type development." When an existing adjacent use is residential, the buffer must be 50 feet. Along rights-of-way, a 25-foot buffer is not required. Additionally, a maximum building height is not identified.

To be clear about the development standards to be applied, the following are recommended for the continuing retirement care community.

- The 25-foot vegetative buffer on the perimeter of the subject property will also serve as a building setback;
- The 30-foot setback on minor and collector streets to buildings; a 15-foot setback applies to parking areas. The Planning Commission may adjust these setbacks upon review of a general development plan.
- The maximum building height is 45 feet.
- The building coverage (i.e., the area under roof) is 60%.
- The maximum density will be 22 dwelling units per gross acre. A lot area of 2,000 square feet must be available for each full unit. Two non-independent

living units would count as a full unit. Assisted living, memory, care and personal care components are calculated as 0.5 dwelling units. The independent living component is calculated as 1.0 units per gross acre.

c. **Minimum Off-street Parking Standards.**

- Personal Care/Memory Care: No requirement
- Assisted Living Facility: 0.5 spaces per dwelling unit.
- Independent Living: 1.0 spaces per dwelling unit.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the special use as proposed.
2. Approve the special use with alternative conditions.
3. Deny the special use as proposed.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Housing options are limited for Chatham County's aging population, especially for those who may require assistance. A continuing care retirement facility on Skidaway Island provides an opportunity for residents of that area to remain in their community, to be near family and friends, and to continue to be close to services and institutions they have patronized. Because the current Chatham County Zoning Ordinance does not address this particular use well, a special use with conditions that are specific to the Commerce Street location are proposed. These conditions help to ensure that the development will be compatible with the surrounding area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the special use request to establish a continuing care retirement facility with the below conditions:

1. The subject property must be rezoned to a PUD-IS (Planned Unit Development-Institutional) zoning district.
2. A 256-foot vegetative buffer will be required on the perimeter of the property and will also serve as a building setback.
3. As measured from the property line, a 30-foot building setback will be required on minor and collector streets; this can be reduced to a 15-foot setback for parking areas. The Planning Commission may adjust these setbacks upon review of a general development plan.
4. The maximum building height is 45 feet.
5. The maximum building coverage -- the total area under roof -- is 60%.
6. The maximum density will be 22 dwelling units per gross acre. A lot area of 2,000 square feet must be available for each full unit. Non-independent living units (i.e. assisted living, memory care, and personal care) are calculated as one-half unit. Therefore, two non-independent living units would count as a full unit. The independent living component is calculated as one unit.
7. The minimum off-street parking requirements are as follows:
 - a. Personal Care/Memory Care: No requirement
 - b. Assisted Living Facility: 0.5 spaces per dwelling unit
 - c. Independent Living: 1.0 spaces per dwelling unit
8. The general and specific development plans must be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

PREPARED BY: Gary Plumbley, Director
Development Services

September 6, 2016

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES



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 File No. Z-160420-00077-1

MPC ACTION: Approval of the special use request to establish a continuing care retirement facility with conditions.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the special use request to establish a continuing care retirement facility with conditions.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 11 + Chairman

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FOR APPROVAL: 12 FOR DENIAL: 0 ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
 Executive Director

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, what we have left is informational items. Mr. Manager, you have anything that you need to bring to the attention of the Commission?

County Manager Smith said, no, sir. Not at this time.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

- 1. PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M&O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SEE ATTACHED).**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

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2. LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (See Attached.)**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2016

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Annual service agreement for generators	Detention Center	Cummins Power South, LLC	\$6,861	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Wireless security, monitoring and surveillance system	C.N.T.	Presidio Networked Solutions, Inc.	\$6,021	Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.
Competition bumper plates for weightlifting	Weightlifting Center	Quaker Barbell	\$10,765	General Fund/M&O - Weightlifting Center
Rye grass for the Soccer Complex	Recreation	Pennington Seed, Inc.	\$5,270	General Fund/M&O - Recreation
Accident repair to unit#819 - Metro vehicle	Fleet Operations	A & L Autobody, Inc.	\$2,658	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
10 gigabit ethernet upgrade supplies and accessories	I.C.S.	Centrics IT, LLC	\$13,619	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Card access system for Courthouse Renovation project	I.C.S.	SFI Electronics, Inc.	\$9,162	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Project
Labor for replacement of condenser coil for chiller	Facilities Maintenance	Edge Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, LLC	\$4,270	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance
Replacement of all mechanical parts of clock tower at the Old Courthouse	Facilities Maintenance	Americlock, Inc.	\$16,390	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance
Certified Narcotics K-9 to assist Agents with investigations	C.N.T.	Shallow Creek Kennels, Inc.	\$13,500	Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.
120 Quantum tape drive replacements for media storage	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$3,495	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Camera and network equipment for fuel site project	I.C.S.	GHA Technologies, Inc.	\$4,454	CIP - Fleet Operations
Two (2) scanners for Probate Court	I.C.S.	Zones, Inc.	\$3,704	General Fund/M&O - Probate Court
October 2016 tax sale advertisements	Tax Commissioner	Shivers Trading / Operating Company	\$6,865	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Marine fuel for the month of September 2016	Marine Patrol	Thunderbolt Marine, Inc.	\$3,373	General Fund/M&O - Marine Patrol

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Upgrade of the HVAC system at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum	Facilities Maintenance	Rosser International, Inc.	\$23,000	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance
Engine igniter box for helicopter	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$3,950	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
24 tons of industrial grade sand	Mosquito Control	Standard Sand & Silica Co., Inc.	\$4,312	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Door slots for inmate food trays	Detention Center	Delta Metals, Inc.	\$2,500	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
GPS with data collector for surveying	Engineering	Duncan-Parnell, Inc.	\$24,867	SSD - Engineering
Two (2) tandem dump trucks to assist with storm debris removal for Hermine	Public Works	J. Eady Construction	\$21,000	Solid Waste - SSD
Accident repair to unit#3937 - C.N.T. vehicle	Fleet Operations	Rainbow Paint & Body, Inc.	\$8,358	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Software and equipment for Courthouse Renovation project	I.C.S.	SFI Electronics, Inc.	\$9,521	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Project
One (1) knuckle boom truck with operator to assist with storm debris removal for Hermine	Public Works	Bartlett Tree Experts, Inc.	\$18,750	Solid Waste - SSD
Lease of lawn mowers for Henderson Golf Course for September 2016	Recreation	Everbank Commercial Finance, Inc.	\$5,218	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Service fee for online surplus sale for June and July 2016	Purchasing and Contracting	GovDeals, Inc.	\$2,903	General Fund

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, we -- we do need to have an executive session for the purpose of legal and litigation.

Commissioner Center said, do you want a motion? I -- I move we recess to executive session for litigation and real estate?

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, legal. Legal and litigation.

Commissioner Center said, just litigation? Legal.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we recess for the purpose of discussing legal matters.

Chairman Scott said, the motion is that -- is that we go into executive session for the purpose of legal and litigation. Hearing the motion is there any unreadiness? Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. The Commission stands adjourned.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to recess to executive session for the purpose of legal and litigation. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Brady and Kicklighter were not present.]

The Board recessed at approximately 11:10 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION