

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Albert J. Scott called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2016.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. Please be seated. I'll ask that you re-stand and remain standing through the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance this morning by our Commissioner from the 2nd District Commissioner James Holmes.

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II. INVOCATION

Reverend Samuel Young gave the invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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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
Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

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

Not Present: Yusuf K. Shabazz, District Five
Lori L. Brady, District Six

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 2nd District for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman and County Board Members, I ask that Commissioner Shabazz be excused on official business.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Commissioner Shabazz is -- is excused.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved to excuse Commissioner Shabazz from the meeting. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Farrell was not present for the vote; Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I will call on our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas of the 8th District, for the purpose of introducing our Youth Commissioner -- Commissioner who is present today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. Serving with us from the Chatham County Youth Commission is Nafia Hamilton, a senior attending Johnson High School. We're delighted to have her with us this morning. Welcome.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Nafia Hamilton said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you for joining us and please feel free if -- if you have any questions at any time, if you would just get my attention, I will acknowledge you for whatever questions you may have. Thank you so much.

Youth Commissioner Hamilton said, thank you.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**1. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS.**

Chairman Scott said, the next item on the agenda under Proclamations and Special Presentation is something that we look forward to at every meeting, and that's the presentation of service awards. And at this time our HR -- County Manger, if you would -- Ms. Smalls.

County Manager Lee Smith said, we have our HR Director, Carolyn Smalls will be assisting in recognizing our folks this morning. So I'll ask this Board if you could step down and here -- here at the podium, we'll recognize the service award recipients.

Human Resources Director Carolyn Smalls said, good morning everyone.

Members of the Board and Members of the audience collectively said, good morning.

Ms. Smalls said, good morning, Commissioners, County Manager, Lee Smith. I'm very pleased as always to present to you our employee service awards for this month. We have eleven employees who are here this morning to accept their service award for various milestone years of service. So if our award recipients would please stand this morning. You look wonderful, too, by the way. And as I call your names, if you will please come forward and greet the Commissioners and accept your award. And we'll start with twenty-five years of service this morning, two detention center employees with twenty-five years of service. First, Ms. Lynn Webber, Detention Center; Wanda Williams, Detention Center. And with twenty years of service, Mary Ann Boyd, Court Administrator and also with twenty years of service, Deone Wilson, State Court Clerk. With fifteen years of service, Richardean Carpenter, Building Safety and Regulatory Services. And also with fifteen years of service, Tracey Erwin, Child Support Enforcement; and with fifteen years of service, Angela Hollinger, Court Administrator. With ten years of service, Crystal Cooper, Court Administrator. With ten years of service also, Mr. Jefferson Kirkland, Engineering. And with five years of service we have Mr. Curtis Little, Sr., with Parks and Recreation. And last but not least, with five years of service Mr. Michael Lawrence, Public Works [Applause.]

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

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2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 18, 2016, AS "CHATHAM RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION DAY" IN CHATHAM COUNTY. DR. CONNIE COOPER, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, WILL RECEIVE THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Scott said, next on the agenda, is a -- really a tribute to people who have made a difference, I suspect, in the lives of everybody on this Commission, and that is retired educators. Is -- is Dr. Cooper in -- if you like just come up to the mikes there, and I'm going to read a portion of this proclamation for the benefit of our -- folk who are in the audience, as well as those who may be viewing this program so they can have some appreciation for this.

Chairman Scott read a portion of the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, more than 118,000 retired educators have devoted their time, energies, and talents to public education, providing the academic development of millions of outstanding Georgia citizens; 26,000 plus of whom are members of Georgia Retired Educators Association; and

WHEREAS, the retired educators of Georgia donate thousands of hours of volunteer service and make invaluable contributions to the welfare of their respective communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Retired Educators Association seeks to continue its reach into the community to prepare future educators; and serve as an organizational framework the needs of Chatham County's communities; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a day be designated for citizens to express their appreciation for the contributions that retired educators have made and continue to make for the betterment of human lives and for society; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Retired Educators Association has touched and influenced the lives of many over the years and motivating and inspiring their students to use their innate talents and abilities to the fullest and to become responsible, contributing citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, Friday, November 18, 2016 as:

CHATHAM RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION DAY

in Chatham County and call upon all citizens to observe this day in an appropriate manner honoring retired educators.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 18th day of November 2016.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and we even have one on this panel, and we've got one who is a Commissioner-Elect to replace the one on the panel that's a retired educator, so this Commission will be influenced by retired educators for the foreseeable future.

Commissioner Center said, is that the one that's blushing?

Chairman Scott said, and with that, I invite you all to join me as I go down to present a framed copy of this proclamation.

[NOTE: Members of the Board presented the framed proclamation to the Georgia Retired Educators Association.]

President Elect said, Dr. Cooper couldn't be here. I'm the President-Elect.

Chairman Scott said, I understand. I know she's not here. But it is -- it is a pleasure to present this proclamation and to declare today as Retired Educators' Day in Chatham County.

President Elect said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and as President-Elect do you wish to make some comments?

President Elect said, no.

Chairman Scott said, feel free.

President Elect said, no.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you.

President Elect said, thank you.

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3. PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE CALVARY GIRLS SECOND CLASS A STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP. HANNAH HUNTER (HEAD COACH); CHAD CARVER (ASSISTANT COACH).

Chairman Scott said, the next item is a proclamation recognizing the Calvary girls, and this is a repeat -- this is a repeat performance Class A state volleyball champions. And we have a -- a proclamation that will be read and presented by our Commissioner from the 4th District, Commissioner Pat Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman for the honor of reading this proclamation. My family and I have a -- a long association with Calvary, and with great pleasure I will begin.

Commissioner Farrell read the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, Chatham County is fortunate to have among its learning institutions an educational facility that provides education in a family atmosphere with caring, loving, nurturing faculty and staff, and in that spirit, we salute with pride, Calvary Day School; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Dr. John Tippet along with several involved parents, began the process of planning for the creation of a Christian school founded on the developmental principles of Luke 2:52 and since its inception in 1961, Calvary Day School has been dedicated to remaining a deliberately Christian school; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Calvary has enjoyed tremendous athletic and non-athletic team success having finished in recent years as region champions in football, girls basketball, and baseball, and on October 31, 2015, Calvary made its first state appearance in the history of the school and won that unforgettable match and on October 29, 2016, the Calvary Day School Girls Volley Ball Team again claimed the Georgia Volleyball Championship title with a record of 32-6.

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

**CALVARY DAY SCHOOL'S GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

for winning the 2016 Georgia Volleyball Championship and applaud its head coach, Hannah Hunter, and assistant coach, Chad Carver for their skills and leadership making it possible for the team to achieve this high honor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 18th day of November 2016.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

[Applause]

Chairman Scott said, can I ask the coaches to come down and receive a framed copy of this proclamation, and we do have copies for the entire team.

Commissioner Farrell said, and could the --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner would you --

Commissioner Farrell said, could the coaches introduce their championship players today?

Chairman Scott said, I sure hope they will.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, would -- members of the Commission would like to join us please feel free to.

[NOTE: The Chairman and members of the Commission presented the framed proclamation to the coaches.]

Chairman Scott said, it's a pleasure to present this on behalf of the entire Commission, as well as one of your earlier graduates, Commissioner Stone. I don't know if you realize she's a graduate of Calvary. She's -- she's an alumni. And here I also have individual copies for all of the members of the team. Thank you, and feel free to make any remarks, and Commissioner Farrell has insisted that you introduce all of the team members.

Commissioner Holmes said, can they come up here?

Assistant Coach Chad Carver said, yeah, well they can -- we have something for you guys as well, so we wanted to let the girls actually do that.

Coach Hannah Hunter said, and I'll -- I'll introduce them.

Chairman Scott said, these are the individual.

Assistant Coach Carver said, okay. Wonderful.

Coach Hunter said, I'll introduce them, and y'all can come up as I introduce you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Coach Hunter said, I'll start with you. All right. First we have Hannah Carver; she is a senior. And we have a gift for y'all, so we'll let them shake your hands and then give you the gift. Next we have Rachel Hill; she is a senior. Rachel is also going on to play college volleyball at Augusta University. So very exciting. Then we have Lexie Pitts. Lexie is a senior as well. Next we have Kaitlyn Beasley; she is a senior. Then we have Basia Peragine; she is a sophomore. Then we have Southern Britt; she is a senior. Then we have Alena Kramer; she is a senior. Then we have Sara Daniels; she is a junior. Then we have Morgan Pearson; she is a junior. Then we have Claudia Chisolm; she is a senior, and she is going to play at Montevallo University -- or the University of Montevallo.

Commissioner Center said, is she the one we saw on the news?

Coach Hunter said, yes -- yes, sir. Yes. Her and Rachel were both were signing. Then we have Madison Sprosty; she is a sophomore. Then we have Helen Chisholm; she is a sophomore. And last but not least we have Caitlyn Baker, and she is a sophomore. And girls if you would like to go ahead and present the gifts that we have for y'all as well.

[The team presented the Board members with a framed picture of the State Championship team.]

Coach Hunter said, thank y'all.

Commissioner Center said, great.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, four more years now -- four more years, I'll be able to set up my own Calvary volleyball room. I got the volleyball from last year, now this. They just keep coming back. That would be cool.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

County Manager Smith said, thank y'all.

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4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOLFERS:

GENE SAUERS	2016 USGA SENIOR OPEN CHAMPION
DR. DOUG HANZEL	2013 USGA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPION
JACK HALL	2015 CANADIAN SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPION

Chairman Scott said, next we have two very special guests, and we have one person that we wanted to recognize that's not here, and we'll mention that in a few minutes. But it's -- it's a great pleasure to have with us not just a great golfer, but a outstanding citizen of Chatham County and somebody who have offered inspiration to so many with his personal struggles and recovery, and I won't go any deeper than that, and at this time I'm going to recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District for the purpose of introducing our special guests and champions.

Commissioner Center said, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. As -- as we have just recognized a state champion, and we do all the time, not only are these three gentlemen state champions, they have won national championships. Dr. Doug Hanzel called and said he can't make it tonight. I want to start with him and briefly tell you. Dr. Hanzel is a pulmonologist with Southcoast -- Southcoast Health. Been practicing medicine in Chatham County for 20 years, and he's married to his wife, Nancy, and they have two grown children. I just want to very briefly read you his golf history. He's from Ohio. He's an Ohio State High School Champion in 1974; Kent State University golf team where he lettered all four years and two times all conference and was a Mid-American Conference. He was inducted in 2016, this year, into the Northern Ohio Golf Hall of Fame. He will be inducted into the Ohio Golf Hall of Fame, and next year into the Kent State University Athletic Hall of Fame. Dr. Hanzel is a five-time Savannah City Amateur Champion; a four-time Chatham County Amateur Champion; a four-time Oglethorpe Invitational Champion; and eighteen-time Landings Association Club Champion. In the State of Georgia he has won the two -- he won the Georgia State Golf Association Mid-Amateur Championship; three times the Senior Amateur Championship; he's been named five times the Georgia Senior Player of the Year; the two-time Tommy Barnes Award Winner as Most Outstanding Male or Female Amateur of the Year; and with Jack Hall, who's also here today, he has won back to back Georgia State four-ball championships.

Commissioner Center said, on the national level, Dr. Hanzel has qualified for thirty-two different national United States Golf Association events, thirteen US Amateurs, six US mid-amateurs, five US Senior amateurs, five Senior opens, five [sic] US State Team Championships. I know this goes long. One national four-ball team championship, and in 2013, Dr. Hanzel won the highest championship an amateur golfer in the United States can win, and that's the United States Senior Amateur Championship, and he was thereafter named the number one ranked senior amateur in the world. He's the only player in USGA history, and he did this in 2012, to qualify for match play in National Amateur, National Mid-Amateur and National Senior Amateur in the same calendar year. Dr. Hanzel couldn't make it. We have a proclamation that we will -- we will get to him.

Commissioner Center said, and now I want to talk about Jack Hall, and I'm going to read your proclamation in a moment, but Jack, if you'll stand up so we can see you, if you don't mind. Thank you. Jack Hall is a real estate developer here in Chatham County and owns the Jack Hall Construction Company, Inc. He's married to his wife Gaye, and they have two grown children. He's played in eighteen Georgia State Challenge Cup matches, twenty-two United State Golf Association National events. He's won thirty-one club championships. He's a two-time Atlanta Amateur champion, a six-time Georgia State champion; a three-time Oglethorpe Invitational Champion; and in 2015, he won a Canadian Senior Amateur champion, a national championship.

Commissioner Center said, he played at the University of Georgia where he was second team all SEC, second in the NCAA championship, third in an NCAA championship, and they won the conference championship -- he won the conference championship. I just want to read this very quick -- I read -- also, Jack has been ranked for two years in a row in one of the top five senior amateur players, not in Georgia, not in the United States, in the world, and he won the 2015 Canadian Senior Amateur Champion, and just last week he defended with Dr. Doug Hanzel, his Georgia four-ball championship. Do you want me to go down and read his proclamation to him now or go right to Gene [Sauers]? We have a proclamation -- if I --

Chairman Scott said, go ahead.

Commissioner Center said, all right. Do we have the proclamations? Did -- did Gail [Gordon] bring them in?

Chairman Scott said, here.

Commissioner Center said, we have a framed proclamation for you. I'm going to read it to you in just a second. Jack [Hall], if you'll join me. Come on up. And we're going to have this framed and hand it to you.

Commissioner Center read a portion of the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, golf is a sport that promotes and rewards not only physical talent, but also honesty, self control, and considerate behavior toward others and in that regard, we salute Jack Hall who throughout his career, and particularly in winning one of the highest competitive awards a country can bestow, has shown to himself, family, friends, and our community that he demonstrates these honored aspects; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hall a real estate developer and owner of Jack Hall Construction Company, Inc. was a golfer at the University of Georgia from 1975 through 1979 and is a three time Savannah City Amateur Champion and a three time Oglethorpe Invitational Champion; and

WHEREAS, among scores of other championships, he also won the 2013 Georgia Senior Amateur Championship by 12 strokes, the 2015 Georgia Mid-Amateur Championship and also in 2015 shot 7-under par through three rounds to claim the 2015 Canadian Senior Amateur Championship.

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

JACK HALL

for all that he has accomplished and particular for bringing fame and honor to Chatham County by winning 2015 Canadian Senior Amateur.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 18th day of November 2016.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Tony Center, Commissioner
District 3

Mr. Jack Hall said, thank you. I appreciate it. [Applause.]

Mr. Hall said, thank you very much. That's very nice. I appreciate it.

Commissioner Center said, and I -- and I want you to stay, because after we do Gene [Sauers], we might want to take pictures with you.

Mr. Hall said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, any members of the Commission who would like to join us, please do so.

Commissioner Center said, and we have hanging here, this is Jack's -- when you're an amateur, you win a medal, and that is in fact Jack's [Hall] National Amateur medal. Y'all want to take a picture?

[NOTE: Members of the Commission congratulated Mr. Jack Hall.]

Mr. Hall said, thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Do you -- do you wish to say anything?

Mr. Hall said, no. Thank you. Y'all do that too well.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Hall said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm a slow learner, but I eventually learn. I'm just going to stand right here.

Commissioner Center said, and now it takes me -- I want to talk about Gene Sauers. Gene is a Chatham County native, married to his wife Tammy; they have three grown children. Gene competed on the PGA Tour until 2005. In 2006 he was diagnosed with a rare, painful skin condition called Stevens-Johnson Syndrome. His condition worsened when blood vessels in his arms and legs clogged, causing his skin to burn from the inside out, and he was given only a twenty-five percent chance of survival. But he did survive, and he'll tell you he made it through months of hospitalization visualizing golf shots.

Commissioner Center said, Gene is an avid fisherman who has won a number of fishing tournaments. He turned professional golfer in 1984, qualifying on his first attempt. He has won over eight and a half million dollars in prize money. He's a four-time PGA Tour winner; one time Web.com Tour winner. Four times he was in the playoffs for PGA Tour wins, and one time he birdied all four holes in the playoffs, but his competitor eagled the fourth hole. In 2014 after joining the champions tour, he won just shy of one million, and this year Gene won one-point-two million, and finished eighth in the rankings on the entire Senior Tour. And this year also Gene won the highest award a senior golfer can win, the United State Senior Open championship. Now Commissioner Kicklighter and Farrell, you'll like this, Gene played at Benedictine High School and --

Commissioner Farrell said, Military School.

Commissioner Center said, Benedictine Military School and -- and Johnson High School. He won the Region AAA championship -- region AAAA championship and the State AAAA high school championship. He started golf -- his college golf at Alexander City Junior College where he was the outstanding player. He then went to Georgia State [sic-Southern] University and led them to two consecutive TAAC conference championships. He was two years a junior college All American. He finished second in 1982 at the National Junior College Athletic Association Championship. In 1983 he won the individual conference championship and was named his conference's player of the year. In 1983 he won the Georgia Open as an amateur. In 1985 and '86 he won the Georgia Open as a professional. In 1986 he won the PGA Bank of Boston; in 1989 the PGA Hawaiian Open; 1990 the Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic; 1991 the California Winter Tour -- Tournament Championship; in 1998 the Web.com Nike South Carolina Classic; in 2002 the PGA Air Canada Championship; in 2002 Gene was also named the PGA Tour comeback player of the year.

Commissioner Center said, he's won on a local level the Lawton M. Calhoun Award and Savannah, Georgia Athlete of the Year. He's been inducted into the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame, the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame and the Georgia State [sic-Southern] Athletic Hall of Fame. And I asked Gene, and he did, if you see he brought this trophy with him today for winning the United States Senior Open. Gene's name will be engraved forever on that trophy, and if you'll check it when we get down, along with Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, who you all know, and all the golf greats. And Gene if you will come up, I'd like to present your proclamation to you. And I'd also like to point out all three of these gentlemen won their national championships during my one term in office. [Applause.]

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what are they going to do next year?

County Manager Smith said, Mr. Chairman, the County Attorney and I said this is the closest we'd ever be to it. We've already taken a selfie with the trophy.

Chairman Scott said, I don't know if there's a fee for that or not.

County Manager Smith said, I don't know. It doesn't matter now. It's done. It's on Facebook.

[NOTE: The Members of the Commission greeted Mr. Gene Sauers.]

Commissioner Center said, Gene, I'm going to read this to you. Again, I'm going to skip all the biography I just read out. But again --

Commissioner Center read a portion of the following proclamation:



The County of Chatham
Georgia
Proclamation

WHEREAS, golf is a sport that promotes and rewards not only physical talent, but also honesty, self control, and considerate behavior toward others and in that regard, we salute Gene Sauers who throughout his career, and particularly in winning one of the highest competitive award a country can bestow, has shown to himself, family, friends, and our community that he demonstrates these honored aspects; and

WHEREAS, Gene Sauers, a native of Chatham County, started playing golf at the age of nine with his father, is an avid sport fisherman who has won a number of fishing tournaments, but because of his love for the game of golf, became a professional golfer in 1984, qualifying on his first attempt; and

WHEREAS, he has four dozen top-10 finishes in PGA Tour events including four, official wins, including the 1986 Bank of Boston Classic; the 1989 Hawaiian Open; 1990 Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic, and the 2002 Air Canada Championship, being also named the 2002 PGA Tour Comeback Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Gene has been inducted into the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame, the Georgia Southern University Hall of Fame, and the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Gene joined the PGA Champions Tour in 2012, in 2014 winning just shy of \$1 million, and in 2016 winning more than \$1.2 million and the United States Senior Open Championship.

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

GENE SAUERS

for the fame and pride he has brought to Chatham County, in particular by winning the 2016 USGA Senior Open Championship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 18th day of November 2016.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Tony Center, Commissioner
District 3

Mr. Gene Sauers said, thank you, sir. Thank you, Tony. [Applause.]

Commissioner Center said, and can we -- let's get the trophy in the picture. Gene, I know you're important, but we want to see that trophy.

Commissioner Stone said, oops. I didn't realize it came apart.

Commissioner Farrell said, it's a three-layer --

Commissioner Stone said, I'll just slide it like that. Okay.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Mr. Sauers said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, do they have my little thing I was going to put up on the screen? They had a little thing they were going to put up for me. I had a little newspaper article I wanted to put up there. Do you have that thing? Did you put it on the screen?

County Manager Smith said, you got it on there?

Mrs. Catherine Glasby, Public Information Officer said, right there.

Mr. Sam Young said, that's it right there.

Mrs. Glasby said, and then select that one. There you go.

Commissioner Center said, and Mr. Chairman if -- if they can get this -- this photo thing up on the screen, I want to share something with you and my fellow Commissioners and with Gene if -- did it go up?

Mrs. Glasby said, there we go.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Gene [Sauers] is -- I've known Gene for over thirty years, and he's told me that he has become the golfer he has by beating the competition he's played against.

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Chairman Scott said, that doesn't have your name up there.

Commissioner Center said, well let's get to it. This was his first state open championship as a pro. It says Gene Sauers won three and a half thousand dollars. He beat Tommy Aaron, who won the US -- who won the Masters. And if you look down at the strong competition, all the way down at the bottom -- down at the bottom, there's an amateur, Tony Center.

Mr. Sauers said, well, how about that.

Commissioner Center said, and Gene said he owes his -- his competitive strength to beating that competition. Thank you for indulging me.

Mr. Sauers said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Gene [Sauers], you wish to -- you wish to make any remarks? Feel free to.

Mr. Sauers said, no. I just want to thank everybody for -- for having me here, and like I say, I play all -- all around the world, and all around the country, and everybody always asks me where I'm from, and, you know, I tell them I'm from Savannah, and everybody's like oh, we love Savannah. We love Savannah. And -- and all the players, they want to come back to Savannah, so we need to try and get another tournament here, some -- some time or another, but, you know, I don't know [applause]. Everybody love Savannah. Even Tom Watson comes up to me and tells me -- says, Gene, we going -- are we ever going back to Savannah 'cause I love Savannah. And I said, well, Tom, I'm trying to find some people to -- to get this thing going, and maybe -- maybe one day we can get it, but no, all -- all I can do is -- is thank -- thank everybody for having me here today and thank Jack Hall here also. He's -- he's done a lot -- a lot of great things for -- for me and he's -- he's -- he's accomplished a lot as well, so thank y'all very much. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you for taking the time.

Mr. Sauers said, you got it.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. Thank you.

Mr. Sauers said, you got it.

Chairman Scott said, both of you for being here.

Mr. Sauers said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, we really appreciate it. And I want to recognize the Commissioner from the 4th District. He want to say something before you get away.

Commissioner Farrell said, well, Gene, I -- I know you probably don't remember -- don't remember too much, but -- but I recall back in -- when we were young men, and you were playing out at the Wilmington Club in the Michelob Open.

Mr. Sauers said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, and you had the hometown crowd going -- going crazy for you, in -- including me. We were -- we were -- a lot of -- a lot -- a lot of your earliest supporters.

Mr. Sauers said, sure.

Commissioner Farrell said, and you -- you won that. I don't know what the official PGA part of it was because I can only go from memory, but -- but I recall you winning \$5,000 --

Mr. Sauers said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, and that was a --a king's ransom for a young fellow --

Mr. Sauers said, that was awesome.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- back then.

Mr. Sauers said, it was.

Commissioner Farrell said, and we were all real proud of you then and -- and the whole community and the whole country and the whole state are all, you know, very proud of your accomplishments.

Mr. Sauers said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, and the difficulties you've had to -- to go through --

Mr. Sauers said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- to -- to get to the point where you are today.

Mr. Sauers said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, something -- something must be going right --

Mr. Sauers said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- in the Sauers family --

Mr. Sauers said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- and everybody in the community's proud of you.

Mr. Sauers said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, I -- I had --

Mr. Sauers said, thank you, Pat. Thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, I had people from all over the community saying that we need to have -- you need to bring Gene up there. We need -- 'cause everybody -- everybody's living vicariously through your championship in -- in this community and we -- we thank you for an outstanding example.

Mr. Sauers said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, and I'm not sure if we have anyone from the First Tee organization here. I -- I -- before we get away, I'd like for them to -- to come up and say a few words, if it's okay with the Chairman, 'cause they were very -- very excited about the opportunity to -- to be here today also. So.

Ms. Toby Bolton said, I want to thank you guys so much for inviting me. What a wonderful gift you gave me on Wednesday of last week. I'll share just a little bit with you. I am the executive director of the First Tee here. I'm proud to be here in -- living in Savannah for almost a year now, and, unfortunately, five weeks ago, right before Hurricane Matthew hit, the night of, I suffered a stroke, but I have worked myself back, and I'm a fighter.

Commissioner Thomas said, great.

Ms. Bolton said, and -- thank you. And I made it out my second week out of the hospital to see my babies, and I let them know Coach is here for you, and I expect you to continue to hit balls and practice your game, because one day you will be the star. And to get a phone call from you guys last week, it broke me down at my -- at my desk, because since being here -- Savannah, is such a small market for the First Tee. We have some challenges in keeping our chapter viable and alive and -- and our children in this program. This program is an excellent program. We teach them nine core values between respect and responsibility, courtesy and confidence, integrity, honesty and sportsmanship, perseverance and judgment. These are just the same foundations that our parents sent us off to school with, that our great teachers continue to teach us with. This is the inherent value of golf, and this is why it's so important here for us to do something on a national level for golf, for our children, and for our community. And for me to come here and meet you today is so -- so wonderful. I've been to so many clubs that have told me that they have seen him and that we should meet, and for you guys to call me and allow me to come down here to take a few minutes of your time and to introduce you to myself and to my program and to my children. They wish they could have been here, but as you know, they were out of school for two weeks dealing with this hurricane, and they had additional two weeks thrown on them for next

week. My home schoolers weren't able to come down as well, but they send their love, and they know who you are because we -- I have taught them that Savannah produce a lot of great things.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Ms. Bolton said, and a lot of great golfers, and you can add your name to that list. Thank you, sir, so much --

Chairman Scott said, well this --

Ms. Bolton said, -- for allowing me to come down here.

Chairman Scott said, this is a networking opportunity -- since it's a networking opportunity, why don't you invite him to come put on a clinic for First Tee?

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Ms. Bolton said, I would love to have lunch with you, and I would love for you to meet my -- my young participants --

Mr. Sauers said, I'd be honored.

Ms. Bolton said, -- and my young golfers from player all the way up to ace.

Mr. Sauers said, you got it. I'd love it.

Ms. Bolton said, thank you, sir. I appreciate it.

Mr. Sauers said, thank you.

Ms. Bolton said, I'm going to give you my business card.

Mr. Sauers said, okay. Great.

Ms. Bolton said, this is your day, but thank you for allowing me to have a little bit of his day. I appreciate it, and I appreciate the two Commissioners for reaching out to me. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Ms. Bolton said, thank you so much.

County Manager Smith said, turn around we're going to get a picture.

Ms. Bolton said, I would love a photograph. Oh my God. You guys are really going to knock me over.

[NOTE: Coach Bolton and Mr. Sauers had their photograph taken.]

Commissioner Holmes said, she's really enjoying this part. Great.

Ms. Bolton said, thank you so much.

Mr. Sauers said, thank you.

Ms. Bolton said, as an LPGA member it's such an honor to meet someone --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Ms. Bolton said, -- who can have a beautiful trophy like that. Thank you so much. Appreciate it.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Gene.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

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5. PRESENTATION BY SAFETY NET PLANNING COUNCIL ON CAMPAIGN FOR HEALTHY KIDS THAT PROVIDES MEDICAID/PEACHCARE FREE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. SPEAKERS WILL BE CAMPAIGN MANAGER EVA ELMER AND MOBILE ENROLLERS CHLOE LONG AND YAHIRA HERALDEZ.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Next on the agenda we have a presentation by the Safety Net Planning Council on the campaign for Healthy Kids that provides Medicaid/Peachcare free enrollment assistance to families with children. And the Manager, Eva Elmer, would you please come up and introduce those who are with you. I'd -- I don't know if Ms. Long is here. Okay. But introduce --

Ms. Eva Elmer said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- all who is with you and --

Ms. Elmer said, Lisa Hayes, Executive Director of Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council. I am Eva Elmer--

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Ms. Elmer said, -- campaign manager. This is Chloe Long and Yahira Heraldez.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Elmer said, enrollment assistors.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Ms. Elmer said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you all for being here.

Ms. Lisa Hayes said, thank you. And good morning Chairman Scott, Vice Chairwoman Thomas, Honorable Commissioners, we really appreciate your time. My name is Lisa Hayes. As Eva mentioned, I'm Executive Director of Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council. We're here today to provide you with a brief update of the Coastal Campaign for Healthy Kids, a Safety Net program that provides in-person enrollment and renewal assistance to families who children -- who's children are eligible but not enrolled in Georgia's Public Health Insurance Programs, Medicaid and Peachcare for Kids, and to introduce Eva Elmer. As you may recall, in the spring of 2014, Safety Net was invited to partner with Step Up Savannah to provide leadership and project management for the Mayor's campaign for Healthy Kids and Families, an initiative originally funded by the National League of Cities.

Ms. Hayes said, from July 2014 to December 2015, the Mayor's campaign enrolled or renewed in coverage seven -- seventeen hundred and twenty children. Safety Net then secured \$50,000 from the Healthcare Georgia Foundation to continue providing enrollment services in January 2016. And in May this -- this year we were -- were awarded a two-year, five hundred and eighty thousand dollar federal grant through the Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act, which is managed by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services to continue -- to continue the campaign in Chatham County and to expand the campaign to five contiguous counties Bryan, Effingham, Liberty, Long and McIntosh counties. These counties' citizens often frequent our healthcare providers and hospital systems, and so getting them coverage only helps us. Safety Net was one of thirty-nine awardees nationally out of over four hundred applications. The two previous Georgia grantees were located in Atlanta, and we're happy to bring this funding to Coastal Georgia.

Ms. Hayes said, the Mayor's campaign is now called the Coastal Campaign for Healthy Kids, and as of September this year, we've assisted twenty-four hundred and twenty children, which is fourteen hundred and seventy-one families. I turn it over to Eva [Elmer] to briefly tell you about the Coastal campaign.

Ms. Elmer said, thank you, Lisa. As you know, Georgia Public Health Insurance Programs, Medicaid and Peachcare for Kids offer free or low cost health coverage, comprehensive coverage, medical, dental, vision for children -- for children, and a family of four can actually earn up to \$60,000 a year and still qualify for one of these programs. Personal enrollment assistance is the most effective way to help children gain and keep coverage. Many working families do not know they qualify or -- for these programs or face various barriers to enrollment in the application process. As Lisa [Hayes] mentioned, we offer free enrollment and renewal assistance, and we work with many organizations in the community. It's all about collaboration, so our enrollment assistance partners are Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council, St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems, St. Mary's Community Center, Memorial Hospital, Step Up Savannah, Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health, and of course, the County -- Chatham County Health Department.

Ms. Elmer said, our recipe for success is based on two factors. We're very, very good at what we do, and -- the first is building a referral to enrollment network system, where we take enrollment assistance partners, organizations and outreach programs, like the schools, juvenile justice, the libraries, city and county

governments, and we get them to raise awareness for the enrollment assistance opportunities and to actively dig deeper into the communities and to the constit -- constituencies they serve. They refer families to us for enrollment, and we get them enrolled.

Ms. Elmer said, the second is that we offer mobile enrollment. We have our mobile enrollment assisters as I've already introduced, and they will go anywhere -- except someone's home, but they will go. They'll go to a football practice; they'll go to a school; they'll go to a library. We've even met people in McDonald's, homeless shelter. We will go and meet the families where they are, because that is a barrier that we will not have for families if they lack transportation or they lack internet services. So that's how -- and we're very, very good about meeting the families and getting them enrolled. Through the chipper funding, as Lisa [Hayes] said, we've hired these enrollment assisters, and they will be on the job for the next two years.

Ms. Elmer said, the Live Oak Public Libraries have offered a space for us every second Tuesday where we offer evening and Saturday enrollment times for folks that work. We also have a great relationship with our public school system, and we know that research shows that children and teens who have health coverage, visit a doctor more regularly, they are more healthier, they miss fewer days of school, and their long-term economic and health outcomes are far above what it would be if they didn't. Our social workers, school nurses, counselors, parent facilitators, are great champions in referring families to us, and we know -- and we often know that by the time a family comes to us, they're already in some sort of crisis, with their chronic condition, large medical bills. So we're trying to prevent that.

Ms. Elmer said, I have given y'all these packets that I'm hoping you can use. One of them is a laminated form that has all this information. You have all your constituents call, and you know exactly where to send them. We also have our mobile enrollment -- enrollment on the front. We also have information that will give you eligibility information in there, as well as what we call an opt-in form that families can fill out if they would like us to call them and offer enrollment assistance. The Coastal Campaign encourages the County Commission to keep the cause of universal health coverage top of mind and to look for opportunities to communicate to your constituents the importance of gaining and maintaining health coverage. Our work demonstrates that there's a lot of power that local officials have in providing leadership in children and teen health. We would like to -- I -- I have to say this because it was a -- it was -- it was a really telling moment in our journey in this work. The National League of Cities invited Safety Net to teach other cities around the country in a conference last summer in Washington. These cities were Boston, Houston, Dallas, Miami, small cities like Tutwiler, Mississippi; Missoula, Montana, and we were on this panel of about twenty-five other cities. We were -- we were one of five cities and there were about twenty other cities that were there to learn how to do this work on a hyper-local level. Because I know that cities and counties are now asked to take more responsibility for keeping their young people healthy.

Ms. Elmer said, what happened after two days is that we all sat around, and these are folks that come from, you know, executive staff from Mayor's offices, County Commissions, local leaders in the community, and they all said we don't ask the question. We have all these programs for obesity reduction and risk -- keeping -- eating healthy and athletic programs, but we're not asking the simple question, do you have health coverage? Because a lot of times we take for granted that the parents are able to keep the kids covered, but that's not necessarily so. So we would like to ask the County Commission, if, in your athletics programs that you sponsor or any other partnerships that you do that are related to children and teen health, healthy living, active living, and -- and any kind of disease prevention, that you insert -- have the opt-in form that we have as the -- excuse me, the -- excuse me, the campaign form opt-in included in their registration packet. We would be happy to provide all of the materials, and all they would have to do is -- if anyone checks yes, please have someone help -- help us obtain health coverage, we would be happy to pick up the forms and get those kids enrolled. Thank you, and I thank you so much for all of your time today.

Ms. Hayes said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. Anybody have any questions?

Commissioner Thomas said, I -- I don't have a question --

Chairman Scott said, our --

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't have a question --

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, -- but a comment.

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair has a comment and our Youth Commissioner Hamilton has a question or a comment.

Ms. Elmer said, uh-huh.

Commissioner Thomas said, first of all, let me thank you for all of the wonderful things that you are doing in our community and beyond for our children. Without agencies and groups like you, we still will have a lot more work

to do. I think it's excellent, and I'm encouraging and asking all those that can have help and participate to join in this effort so that you can be more successful. Thank you for all that you do.

Ms. Elmer said, thank you.

Youth Commissioner Hamilton said, I just wanted to know is there like an official location where a family could come to if they want -- they like had transportation?

Ms. Elmer said, mm-hmm. Yeah. We -- we have many locations throughout -- there over -- there's seven enrollment assistance partner organizations. They include -- include Curtis V. Cooper, Chatham -- the -- the health departments --

Ms. Hayes said, St. Mary's Community Center.

Ms. Elmer said, St. Mary's Community Center.

Ms. Hayes said, we also have events that are monthly throughout the city. The one that is very easy for people to get to is at the Bull Street Library on the second Tuesday between five -- is it between five and seven?

Ms. Elmer said, between five and eight --

Ms. Hayes said, five and eight.

Ms. Elmer said, -- p.m., and then we have our mobile enrollers, and the mobile enrollers will meet anywhere -- anywhere in -- within the community, and we also have -- have a bilingual mobile enroller. Fifty percent of our enrollment in Chatham County is Hispanic families, Spanish language speakers. So.

Ms. Hayes said, we can make appointments at the school --

Ms. Elmer said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Hayes said, -- and come and meet them in the social workers' office.

Ms. Elmer said, yes.

Ms. Hayes said, that is -- we -- we work with the principals, the school nurses, the parent facilitators, and their advocates.

Youth Commissioner Hamilton said, thank you.

Ms. Hayes said, thanks.

Ms. Elmer said, thank you.

Ms. Hayes said, any other questions?

Chairman Scott said, do you have a card that you could leave with our Youth Commissioner?

Ms. Elmer said, sure.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, and Mr. Chairman, they have the locations on the back of this handout --

Ms. Elmer said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- if the Youth Commission wants one.

Ms. Elmer said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, I don't think she has --

Commissioner Center said, okay. Do you want to take mine?

[NOTE: Chairman Scott gave Youth Commissioner Hamilton a copy of the handouts.]

Ms. Elmer said, here's our mobile enrollers, Spanish speakers.

Chairman Scott said, again, thank you all very much for being here.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, next on the agenda, is Chairman items. I don't have an item, but I want to make note that Pastor Chester Ellis, who is the Commissioner-Elect from the 8th District is in the audience, and I just want to acknowledge his presence. Commissioner-Elect, would you --

Commissioner Center said, congratulations.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

1. PROCLAMATION (COMMISSIONER FARRELL).

Chairman Scott said, under Commissioner Items, at this point, I'm going to recognize our Commissioner from the 4th District for the purpose of discussion on a proclamation and -- Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. This is just a follow up to a discussion that the Board had about a month ago at the meeting from early October where we discussed participation levels of children in the youth football programs that Chatham County sponsors, and I have been working with staff to have a resolution or proclamation for Board consideration. If -- if they would consider supporting that or not. So this is what was -- we came up with, and I'll be glad to read it and we'll go from there.

Commissioner Farrell read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wants all children who wish to do so to be eligible to participate in Chatham County's recreational football program for our youth regardless of the child's participation in other sports programs, including football through other programs or teams;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is committed to providing an appropriate venue for such children to play football at the recreational level;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that the participation of youth in sports programs such as football is in the best interest of children in that it -- it provides exercise for a healthy body, appropriate social interaction, teaches discipline and teamwork, and provides an alternative to unhealthy activities;

THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the Board of Commissioners desires that all stakeholders involved in ensuring youth participation formulate and promote regularly scheduled games and that children not be prohibited from participating in any game based upon varying participation in a different game by properly scheduling games in accordance with the standards of health and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, Albert J. Scott, Chairman on behalf of the Chatham County Commissioners, do hereby so proclaim our support of youth football programs.

Commissioner Farrell said, so.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- is there a motion on this?

Commissioner Farrell said, I will make a motion for -- for supporting this proclamation, yes.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Stone said, I'll second it.

Chairman Scott said, discussion? I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 2nd.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Commissioner Farrell mentioned, this issue was going on now for about a month and a half maybe two month, and when you read this proclamation, your second and third Whereas, all that's to be crystal clear at what Chatham County should be doing. But when you get to the Therefore, that in itself is contradicting what Chatham County program is about. Now, let me make this very crystal clear to you all, it is not about participation. The word here is very key, participation. We are not denying any one individual or no organization non-participating with our program. We are not denying any organization or any child participating in our tackle football program.

Commissioner Holmes said, I'm going to ask the question to Commissioner Farrell, and then I want a -- an answer to it, if you don't mind.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner, if you don't mind, would you ask the question of the Chair, please?

Commissioner Holmes said, I -- well, I can ask the Chair or either the Manager. This particular organization that you're speaking about, are they participating as we speak now?

Commissioner Farrell said, this is not about any particular organization.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner Farrell, if you -- if you want to respond to that, you may.

Commissioner Farrell said, oh, sure. This -- this is just a -- this is not -- this is not to identify any particular person or team. It has no -- at this point, this is generally just a -- a -- a statement of the intent of how we want to go forward, not -- not -- not anything in the -- it has no bearing on past practices.

Commissioner Holmes said, Commissioner Farrell, what you are asking us to do today will defeat what we have discussed the last three meetings, and the last time this came before the issue. You will be defeating the policy of our department that was put in by our recreation director and his staff. This is what this is asking us to do, to take the policy that our recreation staff and include, you want to take that out so beginning next year, their policy will not be valid to their program. This is what this is saying. This is what this is asking us to do.

Chairman Scott said, the Commissioner from the 2nd, I don't think that it goes that far. I think it makes a recommendation more so than a mandate, but I will let the Manager and Counselor speak to it.

Commissioner Holmes said, I was just about to ask because our director just attend a conference, and when he came back from the conference -- this is the recreation, Georgia Recreation, and he took this up there and he networked with the expert at that conference, him and his staff, and he shared that with me to the input and the vision they have pertaining this same issue here that you have in the proclamation, and Mr. Chairman, could I ask our recreation director, Mr. Steve Proctor [sic] --

Chairman Scott said, let's -- let's address the question to the Manager.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Mr. Manager.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Lee, our recreation director just came back from a conference, State of Georgia recreation conference, him and his staff. He shared some information with me when he came back pertaining to this same issue. And he talked to some expert, networked with some expert, and the information that he shared with me, I would like for him to share it to us at this moment.

County Manager Smith said, Mr. Chairman, if it's appropriate, I'd ask Stephen Proper, recreation director, to step up. As he's stepping up, I do want to point out in talking with the attorney, that this is a proclamation and does not give or force any directive on staff, and I think that was part of why it's a -- a -- a proclamation. The other is -- is we are scheduling a meeting of all the parties involved on this issue, and we are going to use that information, but I'll ask Stephen Proper to come up because it's valid data. So, if -- we'll be doing this meeting in December. So, if it's all right, we'll ask him to step up at this time.

Parks and Recreation Director, Stephen Proper said, this -- this past week, me and my sports director -- or -- or sports supervisor, we -- can y'all hear me good?

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Proper said, okay. We -- we attended the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association conference up in Athens. They had a couple of classes that just dove -- dovetailed in, and we -- we didn't go seek out anything. But we did talk to the -- the instructors. One was just on concussions, and then he -- he's the director of Decatur County, and then we had like a round table discussion, were -- were talking about it, and our situation came up, which is unique, like -- like I've been saying is we're very unique, and, yeah, he strongly -- and I -- I forward an email that he -- he sent to my sports director to the County Manager and to the Assistant County Manager. And basically he's just saying what we've been saying that kids really need a week to rest. Yeah, they -- in fact, a lot of -- I think Commissioner Kicklighter hit -- hit it on -- on it about practices. A lot of these agency even monitors the practice where they -- they have like two -- two heavy practices where they -- they go all out and then every other practice is -- is a soft practice, and we could look at that. That's going to be kind of difficult because we're spread out, but they definitely said that the playing two -- two times in a week was not recommended -- strongly recommended.

Mr. Proper said, the other one was the Falcons' -- we had a Falcons' rep. The Falcons has a community -- community out base -- he's the community director for the -- the outreach program to the communities of Georgia. He -- they -- they try to promote youth and -- youth football around to -- to keep the sport interesting and -- and to -- and to support the Falcons, and he also touched on this, and in -- in fact he says that the Falcons doesn't -- don't even recommend anything ten and under other than flag, which that a -- that's another story, and -- and also he mentioned too, that and -- and -- and we double checked this with the soccer. With soccer, they don't even allow head shots. You know how soccer they -- they hit? Head shots, ten and under, no -- no head shots just because of the concussion issue. And that's -- that's basically it, and I saw -- saw Commissioner

Holmes at the football games, as he's usually there, at -- at the football games. He asked me how the conference was going, and we -- we talked a little bit about this.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman? I just have a question.

Chairman Scott said, I -- I don't know if Commissioner Holmes is finished with his inquiry.

Commissioner Holmes said, just -- just a couple more notes that I want to make clear. Mr. Farrell and I been working together since we came on this Board twelve years ago, and I have supported and looked at him craft his words together in working toward issues. I have learned quite a bit from Pat Farrell when he talking about digging the soil or -- and planting because he is an expert almost in that area, and I respect him and I looked at him in that area. Me and him had talked about gardening and soil. But what I can't understand about this issue here knowing that I love recreation and knowing that I work closely with my colleagues, I cannot sit here and wonder why if I'm interested in recreation and what we can put together from Chatham County, why is it that I'm not included in some of this verbiage? Why wasn't I brought to the table? Why wasn't I asked my input on it? This is not working together to formulate a solution for the betterment of our program. So as the other Board members here, listen to me very carefully. I've been in the recreation extremely all my life. Everything that I bring before you and talk about, it's on facts. It's on my experience, and this is on my vision for us going forward. If we vote this in today, you will be sending our recreation director and his staff backwards, and I don't think we want to do that, because this is the first time we have our recreation director trying to bring in a visionary program. I want us to support him and his vision for what he want his director to go, but if we vote this in today, in favorable, then you will be defeating some of the program and vision that he have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center from the 3rd. Mr. Proctor [sic], you -- do you have a question for him?

Mr. Proper said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, yes, I do. That -- that -- that was -- basically that was my question, as I -- as I -- I'm a wordsmith, I'm not a gardener.

Mr. Proper said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, I'm a recreation person and a wordsmith.

Mr. Proper said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Center said, and I read this as --

Chairman Scott said, if you -- that question would be better asked of the --

Commissioner Center said, I know but I want --

Chairman Scott said, -- Counselor since he -- since he drew it.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Well, whoever can better answer it. I listened to Commissioner Holmes. Do you feel that you cannot enact your vision if we were to vote for this? That -- that -- Commissioner Holmes says if we vote this in, then it -- it changes your direction, and I want to know do you feel that way too?

Mr. Proper said, do you want me --

County Manager Smith said, tell them how you feel about it.

Mr. Proper said, okay. Well, it -- it -- you know, it -- like Commissioner Farrell said, it doesn't direct directly to -- to what we're -- to what we're saying, but I think it -- it -- it does to an extent, and this is the extent is that we do try to -- the reason why we enacted the rule was no malice towards anybody. It -- it was totally the -- the -- what me and my professional staff, we learned through the conferences we go to and the emails we get from GRPA and NRPA, and those -- those are that concussions are a real -- real concern now, and it's on the forefront, and these -- these kids -- and they even talked about how just little hits over and over -- not the big hit that, you know, I've had when I played football, and I'm sure if any of y'all played football also, you had that big hit, where you know something's wrong, no. These are little hits, and if they're cumulative throughout -- and you don't get that rest, you can harm this child. And -- and I -- I don't want that. I got in the -- this business twenty-five years ago to help children, and -- and to -- and -- and that's my feelings, so I -- I think if anything that impedes someone that -- that does not -- it impedes them doing -- having 24 games per season and that type of thing, I -- it -- it does go against my -- the vision of my department.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Mr. Proper said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Did you -- our vice Chair, did you have a question of Mr. Proper?

Commissioner Thomas said, yes. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, while he's in the room.

Commissioner Thomas said, I -- I'm a little floored because I'm - I'm not sure I'm understanding where -- where we're going. I -- I thought that when we were to get together before coming back up today is that both parties would have, you know, had input, come up with an agreement so that you can work together on whatever was brought forth to us today. I'm not sure that I'm hearing that from Coach Holmes, and that -- that gives me, you know, reason for pause, whether we're together on this or we're not together. We don't need to have separate anything. We need to be together on -- on these programs. And so, right now, I'm not sure whether I'm understanding where we are in terms of your togetherness on this.

County Manager Smith said, well, we planned a meeting --

Chairman Scott said, before we --

County Manager Smith said, -- it's been planned for December.

Chairman Scott said, I think -- I think Commissioner Thomas just made a statement. You didn't have a question, did you, Commissioner?

Commissioner Thomas said, huh?

Chairman Scott said, was that a statement? You didn't have a question of anybody?

Commissioner Thomas said, well, yeah. And my -- my question is, where are you? Are you together? That's not what I'm hearing from Coach Holmes. It's seems as though you're not together -- you're still not together.

County Manager Smith said, well, the meeting was planned for December, so we're working on that to bring all the coaches, interested parties, to discuss this issue, as well as other policies for next year for football.

Mr. Proper said, they're -- they're -- they're still -- they're still playing football.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Mr. Proper said, and we're in the playoffs. We're going to have playoffs at Memorial Stadium starting at ten -- ten a.m. if any of you all would like to go. It's -- it's a good program, and -- but -- but we are going to have a meeting with all that's interested -- all parties that -- that are interested, and we're going to put this on the table, and talk about it and -- and come to some kind of understanding that -- like I -- like I do with all the programs. We always have a -- have a post-meeting and a pre-meeting.

Commissioner Thomas said, well, that's what I thought that you all were going to do prior to today, and I'm not sure I'm hearing that today.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, it's a little confusing.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Mr. Proper.

Mr. Proper said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, at -- the -- the next person I want to recognize is Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, but before -- but before I do, let me just mention to you that this came up two meetings ago when Commissioner Shabazz was asking could we vote on it. He and -- to -- to my knowledge, Commissioner Shabazz has not requested anything since that meeting.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, correct.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell requested that this be on the last meeting two weeks ago, and we didn't have the verbiage. He sent me an email on Monday, and I asked Counsel to get with Commissioner Farrell to come up with the verbiage. And so that's why this is on the agenda. He -- he emailed me on Monday and made this request, and I was following up on the request. I just wanted -- so -- so if folk want to understand how we got here, and then -- and then I want to recognize Commissioner Kicklighter because --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Chairman.

Commissioner Farrell said, and I -- and I can try to clarify it some more when you're ready.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Kicklighter

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, sir. I think we can all agree that at times we as a society or a group of people with extremes on both sides. I think there's really a pretty middle of the road answer that -- that pretty much covers the safety for the players and pretty much covers what Commissioner Farrell's trying to accomplish here. And I believe it can be easily done with this amendment to this proclamation that I'm about to offer. I would recommend that we amend the proclamation and add one more Whereas, and have it read: Whereas, no team or individual player may participate in more than one full contact organized football game within a forty-eight hour period. And if more than one game is played within a week, one full contact practice will be removed from that week. Problem solved. I played football as many other people did, and we hit just as hard in practice as we did in a game, if not harder, because we did foolish little drills, which not foolish, it makes you better, where you lay down on the ground and you jump up and you basically run head to head. So, remove one full contact practice if you're going to allow more than one game in a week. This makes sure that it's not done with a back to back days, so we make it at least be seventy-two hours, basically apart, by going over forty-eight, so it would have to be -- it couldn't be back to back. It would solve -- problem solved. And then that does possibly make scheduling difficult, but that would not be Chatham County's problem of how many other sports programs other people participate in. That would actually -- that would actually -- I'm sorry, that's just so distracting when I see legal counsel raising his hand right when I'm in the middle of speaking. I -- I -- I know I legally just -- I know I legally just said something wrong with that one.

Chairman Scott said, I'm not going to recognize him until you complete your thoughts.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah. Yeah. Thank you. But, you know, just eliminate one, make sure they can't play it back to back, eliminate one of the full-contact practices. Scheduling -- you're doing a great job, by the way in your new position to run right into all this heated discussion that we've been having on this, but we schedule like we need to, as he runs Chatham County sports programs, and then it's up to the -- whatever teams to be able to play within those schedules, and it's just that simple, and then this does not -- it shows here that we are all for anybody playing, as long as they obey the safety rules, which is what -- pretty much not allow back to back games, but it would take away one full contact scrimmage during the week if they play in more than one game.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman, I --

Chairman Scott said, okay. Before I -- before I entertain more questions, I want to hear from Counsel.

County Attorney Hart said, sure. First of all, I -- I wasn't raising my hand to interfere with Commissioner Kicklighter, 'cause I happen to agree with some of the things he said, and I want to clarify something too. Commissioner Farrell and Commissioner Holmes are probably two of the most active Commissioners we've ever had for youth sports and have always worked together, and if there was any misunderstanding as between them, that's probably attributable to me. The Chairman was right, two -- two weeks ago or two meetings ago, Commissioner Shabazz had indicated he wanted to do a motion. Subject to that meeting, I was handed a piece of paper that apparently had been worked out suggested language. For whatever reason, the -- the issue did not come up again. Then this week when it came up, basically, what we did was we went back and took what we thought was going to be the issue that was going to be raised and put it in this form, okay?

County Attorney Hart said, now, we purposefully, did not make it a reso -- resolution. We made it a proclamation so that it is a statement by this Board not a policy decision.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, okay? And the thought was we'd wait until December the 5th, get the coaches together, and try to come up with some type of rule. There's merit to what's being said about limiting the number of contact practices during the week. I mean, even at the college level, you don't have contact more than two or three times a week. And when you're teaching kids to play a skilled sport, walk thru's and teaching is as important as contact. And perhaps you can learn a lot more that way. And, you know, I have issues with children at that age concerning whether it's a -- whether we really want them to be in two contact sports within a week. But that's a parental decision for most -- most -- most purposes, okay? But, you --- you absolutely have the right through your staff to come up with a policy rule, and I think this meeting December 5th, we need to give it a chance and see if we can bring back something that will make everybody feel a little bit easier. You know, this -- this -- this type of sport is not like playing volleyball. It's not like playing baseball or softball or basketball. It's a contact sport, and you -- it takes a little bit longer to get over that type of contact than it does these other sports. So, I think what we want is -- is to make sure we've got a good program, we've got youth safety involved, and we need to remember these are children. They're not professional athletes or college athletes or even junior high or high school athletes. They're children. They're learning something so that's -- that's all I have to say about that.

County Attorney Hart said, I think if the Commission doesn't want to act on this, that would be fine. We could still have the meeting and come back and say this is what we worked out among staff and the coaches, and it might put this to rest.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, of the 1st.

Commissioner Stone said, that's a perfect segway into what I was going to ask if maybe we ought to -- ought to just wait. I didn't play football, and -- but I do care about the safety and wellness of our children. So, perhaps the thing to do is just wait until after this meeting takes place. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, I just want to reiterate something here that -- that I keep hearing. It's not about playing back to back. That's not the issue here. See -- see we're -- we're twisting our words. This whole thing came from a team participating in two different leagues. Playing in the county league; playing in the city league. Our director have put in a policy explaining to all organization who participate, you have a choice in who you want to play with. You play with the county or you play with the city. The team make that choice. If you going to play in one program, you cannot play in the other. The reason why is just what we got on the table now. It's about the over wear and tear of a youth body participating in tackle football program. If a child can be allowed to play in the city program and play eight or ten games in a season with the city, and he's allowed to play in the county, and he play eight or ten games in the county, that is twenty game a eight or nine year old athlete is playing. That is too many Ladies and Gentlemens for a youth body to play. We cannot craft any verbiage in here to give okay for a child ten to participate in twenty tackle football game in one season. What are you trying to do with that young kid? Are you trying to destroy him or are you trying to develop him?

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

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In addition to all these great comments, it's a last minute issue with a proclamation that's putting us between our fellow Commissioners, and I agree with Commissioner Stone. Commissioner Holmes told me there's only about three weeks left in the season. Even if we were to pass this proclamation, by the time it rolls through the paperwork, and gets out, the season's going to be over anyway.

Commissioner Holmes said, that's right.

Commissioner Center said, so whatever we decide today is not going to impact this season. I'm hearing there's going to be a meeting of most of the stakeholders on December 5. If I'm correct, our next meeting's December 9? I think five is a Monday.

Clerk said, December 2.

Commissioner Center said, December 2, so it's before that, and then we have one on the 16th? I mean, I would prefer. I -- I -- I don't know if it would be a motion to table, but I would prefer we have this meeting, and then come back before us and we know we're going to decide something at that time. But even if we were -- I'm hearing this is not mandatory. It's just a proclamation of your desires. Yet Mr. Proper says he's going to be affected by it. It may change his rule. We're not going to get a change of rule anyway before December 5, so rather than battle it out now, and I know that's a time-honored government tradition to put it off, I think we should wait until after that meeting to vote on it. If -- if you could withdrawal it, it would be easier. If -- but that -- that was my thoughts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, and then -- and then Commissioner Farrell in that order.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think I thought I was putting out a logical balance there, but Coach Holmes -- Coach -- Commissioner Holmes, you just -- you just swayed me with your argument. I -- I think you're right.

Commissioner Holmes said, I know I'm right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, after listening to it be put that way. Twenty games in a season for a eight or ten year old.

County Attorney Hart said, that's more than the Super Bowl.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I was -- I hate that for Commissioner Farrell, but I was -- just flip flopped on that one, but you just swayed my opinion totally.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, a kid don't need to play twenty games in one season. So.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner -- Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, good -- good job there Coach, Commissioner.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, before we call the question.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. This -- this was simply -- and -- and it's not that I -- all -- all -- all this did was take the decision of children -- whether they play or not out of the hands of government and put it into the hands of the parents. If -- that's -- that's all that this would do, is just -- we're the only organization in the -- in the County, and as far as I know the State that has an exclusion clause in our team participation, and all's I wanted to do was remove that exclusion clause and let the parents and the coaches make up the mind what's best for their children, and not of this -- a -- a third party, such as myself or anyone else. So, again, Commissioner from the 5th District wanted a resolution. I agreed that it should -- we should put it up for consideration, so that's -- that's how I kind of got into it. And -- but hearing the discussion, I will -- I'm going to withdrawal -- withdrawal my -- withdrawal the proclamation from consideration.

Chairman Scott said, no, you have to -- you have to withdrawal your motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, I withdrawal my motion.

Chairman Scott said, is --

Commissioner Stone said, I'll with -- withdrawal my second.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, we'll let it lay.

Chairman Scott said, Commission stand in recess for five minutes.

[NOTE: Recess was taken at 11:02 a.m.; the meeting reconvened at 11:08 when a quorum was had.]

Chairman Scott said, the County Commission will come to order. We have no further 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 Items for consideration.

Clerk said, we don't have a quorum.

County Attorney Hart said, we have one, two, three, four -- we need another one for a quorum.

County Manager Smith said, we need another -- another one for a quorum.

Commissioner Center said, Dean -- Dean's [Kicklighter] in the men's room.

Chairman Scott said, we'll -- we'll send the Sheriff out to arrest them if we have to. Bring him in.

Commissioner Center said, is that what the legislators do?

Chairman Scott said, oh yeah. They'll go in the hall and get you.

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IX. ITEMS FOR *INDIVIDUAL ACTION*

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O TRANSFER \$30,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO RECREATION; AND 2) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND: a) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$6,000 FOR A GRANT AWARD, b) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$20,000 FOR A GRANT AWARD, AND c) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$313,119 FOR GRANT AWARDS FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC).**

Chairman Scott said, okay. We're on now. Items for Individual Action. The first item is to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers in the General Fund M&O Fund transfer \$30,000 from Contingency to Recreation; and 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures by \$6,000 for a grant award, b) increase revenues and expenditures by \$20,000 for a grant award, and c) increase revenues and expenditures \$313,119 for grant awards from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Commissioner Center said, I move that we approve those amendments and transfers.

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. Item one carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers in the General Fund M&O transfer \$30,000 from Contingency to Recreation; and 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$6,000 for a grant award, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$20,000 for a grant award, and c) increase revenues and expenditures \$313,199 for grant awards from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote; Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: *IX-1*

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O transfer \$30,000 from Contingency to Recreation; and 2) in the Multiple Grant Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$6,000 for a grant award, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$20,000 for a grant award, and c) increase revenues and expenditures \$313,199 for grant awards from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Assistant County Manager is requesting a \$30,000 transfer from Contingency to Recreation for the Savannah Parkinson Support Group's "Get Excited and Move (GEM) Exercise Program for Movement Disorders."
- 2a. Chatham County received a \$6,000 grant award from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 2b. Chatham County received a \$20,000 grant award under the 2016 Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Grant program. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
- 2c. Chatham County received VOCA grant awards totaling \$313,119 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple

Grant Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

Transfer \$30,000 from Contingency to the Recreation Department.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

- A. Increase revenues and expenditures \$6,000 for a grant award.
- B. Increase revenues and expenditures \$20,000 for a grant award.
- C. Increase revenues and expenditures \$313,119 for VOCA grant awards.

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 OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE ESTIMATED COST TO PAY EXPENSES RELATED TO HURRICANE MATTHEW (DR-4284).**~~
REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A BUDGET INCREASE OF \$6,577,115 IN THE HURRICANE MATTHEW FUND WITH A TOTAL TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF \$1,993,869, AND A DECREASE OF \$348,094 IN THE SOLID WASTE FUND, WITH CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENTS TO RELATED INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN GENERAL FUND, SSD FUND, HURRICANE MATTHEW FUND AND THE SOLID WASTE FUND.

Chairman Scott said, Item 2, the request Board approval of a budget amendment to increase the estimated cost to pay expenses related to Hurricane Matthew.

Commissioner Center said, I move approval.

Chairman Scott said, before you -- before we entertain a motion, I'm going to invite our finance director up to -- for a further explanation.

Finance Director Amy Davis said, thank you, Chairman. Yes, we are requesting an increase of six-point-six million dollars in our newly formed Hurricane Matthew Fund, and a decrease in the Solid Waste Fund of three hundred and forty-eight thousand. The estimate for the debris clean up has come back again with an increase -- with a total cost estimated cost now of twenty-two-point-two million for the unincorporated area and an estimate of three-point-one million for the private, gated community debris cleanup.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, you have a question of the finance director?

Commissioner Stone said, a question and sort of a ask -- a request for a -- a public statement about this time table of debris pick up.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Ms. Davis said, okay. The normal plan with FEMA for cost recovery is a seventy-five percent cost share with them, and then the twenty -- twenty-five percent remaining would be split between the state and the -- the county. There's an alternative plan that it -- kind of is intended to expedite the whole debris pick up process, and so FEMA will offer you eighty-five percent for the first thirty days; and then the next sixty days, it will be eighty percent; and the remaining three months would be seventy-five percent, for a -- a maximum of a hundred and eight -- a hundred and eighty days.

Commissioner Stone said, so is --

Ms. Davis said, and after the hundred and eighty days, they would not reimburse any further.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. So, will there be a point that we can no longer pick up debris?

Ms. Davis said, after a hundred and eighty days we will not be reimbursed for it.

County Manager Smith said, we would still pick it up, but it will be on our dime.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, but are we -- are we going to make that decision to draw that line in the sand or are we just -- I mean, I'm just trying to know what to tell the constituents.

Chairman Scott said, at some point we will get a recommendation from staff as to when we draw a line in the sand, but we have to some extent with the twenty-two-point-two million and the three-point one million dollar cap. So there cannot be any further expenditures for clean up unless this Commission approves it.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Ms. Davis said, I would also like to say that we believe we can make it in the nine -- the ninety-day period. We're already at seventy percent pick up, and we're not even through the sixty days. So I thank, you know, Robert Drewry, and his staff in Public Works have done an excellent job, as well as our contractors.

Commissioner Stone said, they -- they have done an incredible job, and I always tell any constituent to please ride down Sallie Mood Drive and see the pile of chipped or I guess ground debris, that it is in and of itself it's own mountain. So it -- it really is remarkable what they've done out there to this point.

Chairman Scott said, and the biggest hurdle we have at this point is we're running out of places to lay it down, and -- and that's a major issue with it, is you've got to have some place to lay it down before you can grind it or do anything else with it. And -- and the other thing that people don't understand, is that because we're dealing with a FEMA contract, with a FEMA reimbursement, once the debris is picked up by the contractor, not by us but by the contractor, we don't own the debris.

Commissioner Farrell said, correct.

Chairman Scott said, FEMA -- so they're charged with not only picking it up, but also disposing of it, and -- and this is something else that the public doesn't understand. The county trucks go out and pick it up, and then if we were in turn to divert that debris to a landfill or some other means, that's not going to get reimbursed by FEMA, because FEMA you have to meet certain requirements. The truck have to be inspected once it's unloaded to make sure it's empty. It has to be inspected and estimated in terms of the load when it comes back. It's monitored while it's dumped, and it's also -- it's being monitored by a monitor out in the community while it's being loaded and picked up. And so FEMA is doing all that to make certain that everything is on the up and up and -- and when we go out and pick it up, we're not, and that's the reason in some areas you -- we suspended the weekly debris pick up until the FEMA contractor clears an area, and then we go back to running our normal routes. And folk need to understand that and -- and that's the process, and the Manager set a very ambitious goal to try to get this place cleaned up by the first of the year. It's -- it's possible that we might meet that target, and that's what we're trying to hit for.

Commissioner Stone said, well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In that case, I would make a motion then for approval.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Center said, may I ask you a question?

Chairman Scott said, okay. There's a discussion. Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, and then Commissioner Farrell in that order.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, would it be -- it sounds a little bit crazy probably, but I've said it as an individual. At this point with all the oak trees that are down, I wish that I personally owned a huge warehouse that I could get -- gather all the oaks possible, cut it up into firewood, place it in -- nicely stacked inside a warehouse and sell it. Why can we not do that as a government?

County Manager Smith said, the contractor is doing some of that, and you will -- and I will tell you, there are negotiations that are going on on a daily basis on lots where people are -- you know, these tree companies are actually doing that, stock piling it. But we have a turnkey process for all the stuff that's in the right-of-way that we've been permitted, that it is now owned by that company.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, even the stuff that we're picking up?

County Manager Smith said, we're --

Chairman Scott said, not the stuff that we're -- the county is picking up, but the stuff the contractor is picking up.

County Manager Smith said, right. We're -- most of what we're picking up, like in our regular bulk is not very big.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well, couldn't we --

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and they have the trucks to be able to handle the larger sections.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, larger logs.

County Attorney Hart said, yeah, the larger logs.

County Manager Smith said, and we can't. We just cannot.

County Attorney Hart said, and it's -- it's designed for that, and -- and, you know, we've got a couple of companies here in town that are --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, -- you know, the pine flooring for example?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, while -- well, while we're talking about cost, are any -- are there -- do we -- are there any monies coming from the federal government for like flooded areas, at all or is it just debris pickup?

County Manager Smith said, or you talking about -- well, individual -- there's individual assistance going to people -- to folks.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. I'll get more specific. The Westgate Apartments that flooded so bad. Has it been determined that that was a county canal? Did the county --

County Manager Smith said, there's --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- that -- that was part of if not the problem or what?

County Manager Smith said, there's a -- there's a ditch. Now that ditch was constructed to handle regular rainfall of six to eight inches or something. But obviously, you know, there was eleven to seventeen. There's different estimates. So what we're looking at through engineering is the ditch. It's not really a canal, but sort of -- it's a ditch. I consider it a ditch --

Chairman Scott said, well, it's --

County Manager Smith said, -- that needs maintenance, but most of it goes to CSX, the base of things that we -- we -- we have no way to control that.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, that's a big problem.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well --

Chairman Scott said, let -- let me just further answer your question. That ditch was not designed to retain the water.

County Manager Smith said, huh-uh.

Chairman Scott said, it was designed as a conveyer.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, in other words, the water runs, and it runs on. And -- and what happens with that, you have to convey that water somewhere, and that water flows back under the CSX railroad tracks.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Chairman Scott said, my conversation with engineering is that there -- they found no block in the ditch. Now that doesn't mean that there are no issues, and what they're suggesting, that if there's an issue, it's probably where the culverts go under the CSX railroad.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, or there's -- could be some kind of blockage in a larger canal that takes in all the waste water from Hunter Army Airfield.

County Manager Smith said, right.

Chairman Scott said, because this is where that eventually ends up at. It's sort of like a Pipemakers Canal kind of issue. So the engineering is working with the railroad to inspect the culverts. You can't go on railroad property --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, -- and go to work or do anything else without their permission.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and -- and in some cases their supervision. And you cannot dig up their tracks, either.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Chairman Scott said, and so, they've concluded that there's nothing wrong with the ditch, and -- and now they're looking at is there a possible anything that's prohibiting the water to flow or convey as it should at the railroad track, and from the railroad track, they will go to Hunter, but again, when you get to Hunter --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Chairman Scott said, -- you've got to deal with the military --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Chairman Scott said, -- to get permission to inspect anything on that base.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Chairman Scott said, but they're also coordinating that. Now, they've looked at the -- they've been on Hunter before, not at this particular episode, but before to inspect that --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Chairman Scott said, -- canal. And so now they've concluded there's nothing wrong with the ditch, so now they are looking at the other possible --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- places where you could have blockage.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. And are we also looking at the possibility of utilizing federal funds if -- if it appears that it's out of our hands to just -- the federal funds to possibly buy the complex and tear it down?

County Manager Smith said, no. That's a private complex owned by the Aspen Corporation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, and a lot of folks see it as like a Section Eight housing unit.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, it's not. This housing -- they get one thousand-ninety-eight dollars per unit, and the money comes directly from HUD. HUD funds the apartment or the unit, not the individual.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

County Manager Smith said, a lot of people are asking for vouchers. There's -- you'll have to get in line with everyone else in the voucher system.

Chairman Scott said, in -- in other words --

County Manager Smith said, so this is very different.

Chairman Scott said, -- that -- that entire complex is under a federal contract.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, the entire complex. All hundred units.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, so it's a contract between HUD and the Aspen Corporation for improvements. Now the county is involved in making sure that the things that are being renovated are being renovated to code. So we're doing that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

County Manager Smith said, and we're also working with the health department looking at some of the air quality issues from mold and mildew to make sure things are done appropriately. And we're going to be working with the Aspen Corporation on that. They're supposed to do it with HUD anyway, but we're -- we're asking for a third party so people will trust what's going on.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. So -- so staff said it's basically -- just so it's clear to the public and people that may have lived in there previously --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, basically, we on this particular level of government, we're doing everything humanly possible within our abilities, our elected --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- given --

County Manager Smith said, within our authority.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what we have -- our authority, there you go, to actually do.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and -- and after that it's just above our heads and --

County Manager Smith said, yes. It's -- it's the HUD contract with Aspen Corporation and obviously as far as buy out or selling, that's totally up to the Aspen Corporation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so HUD is actually the ones with the influence if they --

Chairman Scott said, they -- they're the one --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- they decided not to fund unless they somehow fix the issues.

County Manager Smith said, if it doesn't meet their requirement, they will not fund it.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, HUD -- HUD is the one with hammer in this particular case.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. If there's no further questions, we have a --

Commissioner Center said, wait a minute. I have a question.

Chairman Scott said, we have a motion. Is there a second?

Clerk said, there was a second. Commissioner Stone made the --

Commissioner Center said, I'll -- I'll second it, but I have a question.

Chairman Scott said, -- second and then -- and then we have two questions. I have Commissioner Farrell and Commissioner Center, in that order.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. I -- I wanted to get a little feedback from staff. I'm getting a lot of questions from the -- some of the gated communities, such as have we started inside the gated communities, and -- and have all of them been visited or the ones -- I mean, can you just give us a little update on -- from two weeks ago from when we met to -- to now? What's transpired on the ground for -- for the folks with their debris removal? And -- and a follow-up question is I get a lot of questions about the little paper bags with the little lawn clippings. It -- are we handling that separately? Are -- are we going to reinstate our weekly pick up so when someone is raking their lawn and they can put their -- their pine cones and -- and leaf debris -- and matter --

County Manager Smith said, we've already reinstated bulk pick ups. We've started that. Now -- and I will -- kind of with this caveat. If we've got an area where we have not picked up, we are very cautious about picking those things up, because if we pick it up, it's on our dime. So we're cautious. But in neighborhoods where they are cleaning up, we're reinstating where we can. But -- but those paper bags, the things that you put in there, have to meet our standard. 'Cause I've noticed people were putting in large, you know, things. That does not meet the standard. So, you -- you know -- that -- that's a problem. But, the contractor is actually picking up those bags that are stacked with or co-mingled with the debris from their yard. They're picking that up. They're getting that.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. But it's -- we have -- we -- part of our numbers, we have the estimates as far as cost for the -- the private, gated communities, but we've begun that work. So, they're fit -- they're kind of now being retrofitted into the schedule. So some of that work has begun.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. So are they part of the eighteen zones or are they separate zones?

County Manager Smith said, they're part of the eighteen zones.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, now they're going to be --

County Manager Smith said, they're treated just like all the other neighborhoods.

Commissioner Farrell said, so now they opened the -- each zone is completely being --

County Manager Smith said, they're looking at it in each zone where they need to go and prioritizing it. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. And I -- I just want to be clear, and now I'm a little more confused about the reimbursement. Am -- am -- am I correct that the twenty-three or so private or gated communities -- twenty-three is the correct number?

County Manager Smith said, I think it's --

Chairman Scott said, twenty-two-point-two.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, yeah. All right. There's -- there's private, gated communities. All the other work we've done, is being reimbursed by FEMA.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, and the only reason reimbursement is a question are for those gated communities.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, okay. And that's what we filed an appeal -- we're filing an appeal on today?

County Manager Smith said, we are filing today.

Commissioner Center said, okay. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, in -- in fact we signed the appeal yesterday and it's been delivered to the state this morning. We cannot take it directly to FEMA. We have to take it to the state first. The state has to review it and approve it and then they send it to FEMA.

Commissioner Center said, right. But -- but the other portion of the county we are being reimbursed for. That was --

County Manager Smith said, yes. As long as it's following the certi -- the certification process for pick up.

Commissioner Center said, the -- the -- the Chairman spelled out a few moments ago.

County Manager Smith said, that's correct.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion on Item 2? If not, all in favor vote yes, opposed no. Item 2 carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve a budget increase of \$6,577,115 in the Hurricane Matthew Fund with a total transfer from the General Fund of \$1,993,869 and a decrease of \$348,094 in the Solid Waste Fund, with corresponding adjustments to related interfund transfers in General Fund, SSD Fund, Hurricane Matthew Fund and the Solid Waste Fund. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016

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

ISSUE:
 To request approval of a budget amendment to increase the estimated cost to pay expenses related to Hurricane Matthew (DR-4284).

BACKGROUND:
 On October 21, 2016 the Board approved an initial budget of \$15,665,600 in a newly created fund to account for the damage incurred in Hurricane Matthew. On November 4, 2016 the Board approved a \$3.5 million in the Solid Waste fund to pay for debris pickup in private gated communities.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. The current approved budgets are \$15,665,600 in the Hurricane Matthew Fund and \$3,500,000 in the Solid Waste Funds.
 2. The Hurricane Matthew Fund is being used to account for hurricane related expenses in the unincorporated are of the County less the gates communities. Initial budget was estimated at \$15,665,600. Once work began it was quickly determined that the amount of debris was significantly higher than originally estimated. The change in the estimate results in the budget estimate to increase to \$22,242,715 - an increase of \$6,577,115. The County's share is estimated to be roughly \$1.6 million.
 3. FEMA denied eligibility cost recovery for debris cleanup in private communities on October 29, 2016. This decision is being appealed. Until approved by FEMA, a budget of \$3,500,000 was approved by transferring \$2.4 million from SSD and using \$1.1 million of the Solid Waster fund budget.
 4. A summary of the budget amendment request is presented below:

Hurricane Matthew Fund

	Original Budget	Revised	Additional Request
Revenue			
FEMA	13,057,200	17,905,434	4,848,234
GEMA	1,413,200	2,343,412	930,212
County	1,195,200	1,999,869	798,669
Total Revenue	<u>15,665,600</u>	<u>22,242,715</u>	<u>6,577,115</u>

Expenditures	Original Budget	Revised	Additional Request
Salaries & Benefits	2,215,600	2,215,600	-
Debris Cleanup	9,100,000	14,237,115	5,137,115
Monitoring	1,800,000	3,240,000	1,440,000
Administrative Costs	750,000	750,000	-
Insurance Deductibles	200,000	200,000	-
Repairs & Maintenance	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Mutual Aid	100,000	100,000	-
Total Expenditures	<u>15,665,600</u>	<u>22,242,715</u>	<u>6,577,115</u>

Solid Waste

Revenue	Original Budget	Revised	Additional Request
Solid Waste	3,500,000	3,151,906	(348,094)
	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>3,151,906</u>	<u>(348,094)</u>

Expenditures	Original Budget	Revised	Additional Request
Private Property Debris	3,500,000	2,521,525	(978,475)
Private Property Monitoring	-	630,381	630,381
	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>3,151,996</u>	<u>(348,094)</u>

FUNDING:

If the alternative program for debris pickup is elected FEMA will pay 85% of eligible debris expenses for the first 30 days, 80% for days 60-90 and 75% for the next 90 days. An additional 2% will apply if the election is made early. After 180 days FEMA will no longer share the expense of the debris pickup. The remaining 25% of the cost will be allocated between the State of Georgia and the County. Funds are available in the general fund reserve, SSD reserve and Solid Waste reserve.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires all expenditures of the local government to be appropriated by the governing board.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends an amendment to the budget of \$6,577,115 in the Hurricane Matthew Fund with a total transfer from the General Fund of \$1,993,869. Further, staff recommends a decrease of \$348,094 of the transfer to the Solid Waste Fund from the SSD.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the recommendation of staff.
2. Other directive as given by the Board of Commissioners.

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3. TO PRESENT THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 FIRST QUARTER REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, TO THE BOARD FOR INFORMATION.

Chairman Scott said, Item 3, to present the fiscal year 2017 first quarter report dated September 30, 2016, for informational purpose only.

Ms. Davis said, okay. Chairman, Commissioners, thank you. Well, the first quarter, up until Hurricane Matthew went just like we would expect it to go. And we had General Fund revenues of eighteen-point-one million, and that's about ten percent of our budget, which is typical for this time of year. And our expenditures were thirty-eight-point five percent -- thirty-eight-point-five million, twenty-one-point-nine percent of the budget.

Ms. Davis said, and the SSD, we had revenues of two-point-one, or seven percent of -- in revenues and expenditures of five-point-seven million or eighteen-point-two percent. And I would like to point out that these statements were the first statements that were produced with our new financial system, and what used to take six or seven people in my staff to create these statements, only took me two hours, maybe to present them. So I -- I appreciate y'all allowing us to get this new system. We hope to be able to do great things with it and look forward to implementing our HR system in January. I'll keep it brief. Do y'all have any questions on -- on --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone has one.

Commissioner Stone said, just one.

Ms. Davis said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, so, we're pretty much on target? I understand the -- the additional incurred expense due to the hurricane, but we're pretty much on target of where --

Ms. Davis said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, -- from what I read of where you thought we should be?

Ms. Davis said, yes.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Ms. Davis said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further questions? Thank you so much, Amy.

County Manager Smith said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Amy J. Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To present the fiscal year 2017 first quarter report dated September 30, 2016, to the Board for information.

BACKGROUND:

Financial reporting conveys information concerning the position and activities of the county to its citizens and other interested parties. Interim financial reports generally are prepared for use by professional government managers and board members. Such reports monitor levels of year-to-date operations and determine compliance with budgetary limitations.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The First Quarter Report covers the County's funds and activities, presenting budget-to-actual comparisons. Adopted and amended fund budgets are shown.
2. The amended budgets shown herein represent budget transfers approved through September 30, 2016. In some cases, subsequent adjustments have occurred. Year-to-date expenditure and project balances are presented. Open purchase orders and outstanding contractual obligations are not included in the year-to-date expenditure amounts.
3. Notable items include the following:

General Fund M&O

- The General Fund received revenues of \$18.1 million through September 30, 2016 and expenditures were \$38.5 million. This represented 10.3% and 21.9% of budgeted amounts respectively. Cash balances in the fund were positive at the end of the quarter.
- General property tax collections were \$5.3 million or 3.8% of annual budget. The first installment billing for property taxes were mailed in October, due in December.
- Sales and use taxes were \$3.9 million, or 26.2% of budget.
- Recreation revenues all exceeded the expected amounts for a total of 30% of fees collected. Investment income exceeds budget \$743,967 - 312.6% of budget.
- Expenditure variances significantly over the 25% third quarter budget for the following departments and function categories are explained below:
 - Temporary Employee fund is over budget \$5,242. This is primarily due to the summer work program and unallocated expenditures.
 - All other departments were within budget.

Special Service District (SSD)

- Through September 30, 2016, the SSD Fund had received revenues of \$2.1 million, 7% of budgeted amounts. Expenditures of \$5.6 million were recorded or 19.1% of budgeted amounts.

- General property tax collections were \$734,374 or 5% of budgeted revenues. The installment billing for property taxes were mailed in October, due in December.
- As of the end of the first quarter, TAVT collected was \$167,830, or 39.4% of budget.
- Expenditure variances significantly over the 25% first quarter budget for the following departments and function categories are explained below:
 - Finance (False Alarms program) was at 40% of budget due to software renewal costs paid for the full year.
 - \$600,000 was transferred to the Solid Waste Fund to cover the additional costs associated with Tropical Storm Hermine.

SPLOST

- \$17 million was collected in SPLOST VI in the first quarter - \$127.1 has been collected since inception. Nearly \$21 million was spent in all SPLOST accounts in the first quarter, excluding payment to the cities. Payments to the cities were almost \$45 million.

Debt Service

- \$2.8 million was paid, including a \$2.7 million balloon payment for the 2011 Union Mission bonds.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Interim financial reports provide revenue and budgetary oversight by comparing actual receipts or expenditures against budgeted amounts.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

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4. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Scott said, and next the moment that most of you have been waiting on --

Commissioner Center said, that's right. Did -- did he bring a trophy?

Chairman Scott said, is the CNT monthly report. At this time I call on Director Ragan for that report.

CNT Director D. Everette Ragan said, yes, sir. Of course, the first part will not be on the Power Point. We'll go over the -- the -- the numbers, and then we'll get to the -- to the good stuff after that. For the month of September and October we initiated a hundred and eighty-nine cases. We've closed out sixty-nine -- sixty-five of those. Picked up a couple of agency assists. We assisted Georgia Parole with a search of a parolee's residence and Tybee Island Police Department on a hotel at -- drug sales at a local hotel. Both of those will be contained in the Power Point that -- that I'll present later. For the two months, we recovered a hundred and fifty-nine thousand -- a little over a hundred and fifty-nine thousand worth of illegal drugs. Methamphetamine and marijuana have led the way for the last two months. So far for the year, recovering over seven hundred and forty-thousand dollars worth of illegal narcotics, and in this -- these past two months powder cocaine, methamphetamine and -- and marijuana. Still seeing in the -- still working on partial packages coming in from Colorado. We're getting a substantial, eight or nine, ten bundles at a time, five pounds at a time coming in from Colorado with the high grade -- high grade marijuana. So -- so they -- Colorado has now an export business too in -- in their legalized marijuana, they're -- they're sending the good stuff to -- around the nation. We -- we got another four or five pounds yesterday that came in. It was heading out to Port Wentworth. So -- so we are seeing that impacts from the legalized marijuana from -- from the Midwest coming into our area.

Director Ragan said, drugs purchased, we just purchased -- purchased some small amounts of marijuana and powder cocaine and crack cocaine primarily for search warrants to get into the residences. Firearms, picked up ten firearms this past month -- past two months, that's sixty-five for the year that we've taken off the streets of the county. And fifty-nine total arrests the two months, and we're up to two hundred twenty two for the year. The geographic locations of the arrestees most of them are from Savannah this month. We got one -- three that came out of Atlanta, some out of Brunswick, Clyo, Mableton, Midway, Pembroke, Port Wentworth, Richmond Hill, Rincon, Thunderbolt, and Tybee Island. One adoption. We did adopt a case from the Sheriff's Department on an interdiction of methamphetamine that we picked up on that case.

Director Ragan said, drug complaints, we had a total of -- excuse me, one project log, thirty-six hotline calls, police intel from outside agencies was three, the Crime Stopper complaints was seventy-one. Usually on my Power Point I like to do a theme of -- of what we're -- what we've been seeing. This one today will show you a theme of public cooperation and working with Crime Stoppers and -- and people calling in hot lines and the citizens working with us to report illegal narcotics sales. The other -- next -- next few pages are again those are

broken down into your Districts. You'll see some of the complaints we've had, Crime Stoppers and complaints we've had and things that we have done in your Districts. The extended hours expended again you've got the Islands Precinct and Central running neck and neck as much -- by as much time as we spend in both. We're pretty much on the Islands Precinct is always -- we stayed off -- is pretty much off of Pennsylvania Avenue and Skidaway Road off of the -- over in the -- the -- in the state-named streets, primarily is where we're -- we're having those issues. City of Savannah again leads the way in our municipalities spending the most amount of time in. Spend about thirty-five hundred hours in the -- all precincts; thirteen hundred hours in the municipalities; and a hundred and eighty-two hours in the unincorporated area. We got about six hundred -- six thousand and a hundred and eighteen hours different administrative -- case administration, and that's writing reports, our pharmaceutical division. So that's pretty much it for the report.

Director Ragan said, now for the significant events, I'm not going to go over those at this point because I have included those in the Power Point. So, now that we have the new fangled stuff here, let's go with -- we receive an average of forty-five drug complaints per month in the form of CrimeStopper tips, calls into the CNT hot line, the CNT Facebook page and citizen complaints through other police agencies. Each complaint or tip is analyzed for deconfliction, which means we will notify certain agencies to see if they have anything on it, or we'll -- we'll get with Metro to see if they have any street level stuff on -- on the house or the complaint, so we're not all working the same cases, and we're not going to be running into each other when we're going to be doing it. And then we do it for authenticity of the address and then we assign it to an agent.

Director Ragan said, and after receiving -- and -- and this is one, a search warrant on Cartertown Road, Richmond Hill. We know it's in Bryan County and Bryan County Sheriff has been kind enough over the past several years to furnish us with a deputy at no cost to us, and a car and all the equipment, and so occasionally, we will help them out. We received a tip about a -- growing marijuana in Richmond Hill. It's off Cartertown Road. We executed a search warrant, twenty adult-sized marijuana plants, forty-three smaller plants which were being cultivated, all weighing approximately ten and a half pounds. Subjects -- agents also seized an SKS semi-automatic rifle. Two suspects arrested, Jennifer Hurley and Donnie Daughtry. That's a picture of the grow house that they had inside their room. You see the lights, the marijuana, the rifle and some more plants they had in front. He had actual cultivation inside the house. Again, citizen's complaint coming in from Bryan County.

Director Ragan said, Taco Flaco, two-oh-six Seminole Street out off of -- just south of Montgomery Crossroads. Another -- information from an anonymous drug complaint in reference to him. Confirmed that Taco's real name was Jabril Whitehead, and that he was on parole for prior drug charges. That's another thing you will see in this presentation is parole and probation, parole and probation, and multiple arrests. While on parole the Defendant waived his Fourth Amendment right. Those who are not familiar with that, at -- at times of sentencing, one of their conditions of probation is that they will give up their rights to the Fourth Amendment, which means that their parole officer can bring a police officer into their residence at any time without a search warrant and conduct a search of that residence. Mr. Whitehead had consented to that and when we got the anonymous tip, we got with his parole officer, we went and knocked on the door, did a search of the residence. Again, recovered multiple forms of controlled substances, ecstasy and marijuana; two firearms that he had and forty thousand in cash that has been seized by us. Again, Taco Flaco, that's what he had in his house. Again, on parole for drug sales. That is Jabril [Whitehead].

Director Ragan said, again in September, information on Tybee Island -- information of drug sales coming from that -- that Tybee Island Police Department let us know about that a citizen had called them in -- had called in to them. We set up at the Skye Suites Hotel at 905 Butler Avenue; watched what we perceived to be drug activity. Went in and sent an undercover agent in, purchased the drugs, held the room for a search warrant and three people arrested, Charles Riley, Junior; Charles Riley, Senior; and Kayla Payne for possession. Again this was -- was what was off on -- on Tybee Island, 905 Butler Avenue. All three, you got Xanax, you've got Ecstasy rocks and you got marijuana and the cocaine. There's the three of those that we arrested.

Director Ragan said, when you look at some of the -- I guess one of the most hottest areas we have in the -- in the county is really the I-95 and 204 corridor and the hotels/motels. A lot of in and out activities right quick around there. We received several complaints; we conducted several different operations of these locations; arrested nine suspects in three days. All suspects were arrested for possession of methamphetamine. Melody Young, Scott Carter, Thomas Gordon, Laura Hendley, Kristen Sheppard, Shelby Morris, Justin Thompson, Stanley Baldwin and Marcus Logan-Grego. Basically, these people come in and grab a room. Word gets out, they start selling meth out of the hotel rooms or out of the cars in front of the hotel rooms. I said nine arrests in three days. These are the individuals we picked -- we knocked off in that location.

Commissioner Center said, too fast.

Director Ragan said, too fast? I'm so sorry.

Commissioner Center said, we didn't even get to look at them. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, Melody [Young], Scott [Carter], Thomas Gordon. You can -- typical meth looking -- using -- we usually see. You can see by the eyes. You can see by the skin and rough nights.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, and Justin Thompson, Stanley Baldwin and Marcus Logan-Greco. You can see this has taken us all throughout the county. We get over to 204 and 95. We go to -- we go to southside Savannah. We go to -- we go over to Saint Ives, which is in Georgetown now. Again, 116 Sound -- Saint Ives, Crime Stoppers complaint. Identified as a methamphetamine residence belonging to Jason Tillman. Again Tillman's prior CNT arrests and at the time of the investigation was out on bond for a previous CNT case. He was known to distribute methamphetamine, counterfeit money and flee from law enforcement. We were conducting surveillance, saw him leave, got him stopped, CNT detained him, obtained a search warrant at the house, recovered methamphetamine, again, counterfeit money, items -- items possibly associated with the manufacturing of counterfeit money were also seized and turned over to the Secret Service. We got Hamrick, Lingerfelt, and Rachel Pintzner. Jason Tillman, you see his picture. At the time of arrest, he was in possession of a firearm, bullets, methamphetamine, and utilized -- stuff utilized for the manufacturing of counterfeit money. Again, on bond from a prior CNT arrest. Yes.

Commissioner Center said, I see you arrested a number of these people for possession of a firearm. Do they quietly acquiesce when you arrest them or you --

Director Ragan said, most times.

Commissioner Center said, oh. Okay.

Director Ragan said, sometimes they do, sometimes they don't. But most times they do simply because we have more firearms then they have whenever we arrest them.

Commissioner Center said, all right.

Director Ragan said, 'cause we -- we pretty much know. All these individuals when we -- when we do follow-up indictments, they're all charged with possession of a firearm by convicted felons, and we do a -- we have a relationship with the -- with one of our state's attorneys in the U.S. Attorney's office and with ATF and -- and those that we possibly can, we do prosecute under federal cease fire provisions to get them as much possible time as possible.

Director Ragan said, again, another Crime Stopper's tip. Again, we -- we like to give them kudos when we can -- all the time. Again, 630 West 42nd Street. Crime Stoppers tip. Again, conducted a Fourth Amendment -- a Fourth Amendment waiver and -- excuse me -- and search warrant on this, and we seized approximately one-point-five pounds of marijuana, crystal methamphetamine, approximately one pound of marijuana, cocaine, and items commonly used in the distribution of controlled substances. Scott is facing a number of felony drug charges, to include felony trafficking methamphetamine and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. He was actually on probation at the time of this incident and was wanted -- and was wanted by the Chatham County Sheriff's Department for a violation of his probation. Again, this is what we found at Mr. Scott's residence, 630 West 42nd Street, and he's not a happy camper. That's the presentation for this month. Again, it was -- it was a theme that I wanted to do in reference to the -- the cooperation we get from the citizens, the cooperation we get from Crime Stoppers, and again the -- the coordinating theme with that was also the number that are on probation, the number that are on bond, and those that have faced arrests before. So. Any questions?

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

Director Ragan said, and I do love the way it's set up now.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

[NOTE: CNT monthly report filed in Clerk of Commission's 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, the next is the Action Calendar, and we had one request that 7-G be voted on separately. So at this point I would entertain a motion that we approve the Action Calendar with the exception of 7-G.

Commissioner Thomas said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved by our Vice Chair; second by our Pro Tem. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

County Attorney Hart said, executive session will be for litigation only.

Commissioner Center said, you had personnel in our notes.

County Attorney Hart said, no.

Chairman Scott said, the motion carries.

Chairman Scott said, now I recognize the Commissioner from the 7th District for the purpose of making a motion on Item 7-G.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I pulled this just to basically give this great information to the public here about what -- what we're participating in, and -- and with that, I'll just go ahead and make a motion to approve it, and then ask Leon Davenport to come up and explain what it is. Motion to approve.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Commissioner -- Commissioner from the 7th -- Mr. Manager, the Commissioner from the 7th has requested that the County Engineer, Leon Davenport, come up and talk about 7-G.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, he's so instructed.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. He's -- he -- we've called him to the podium. He's prepared to do that at this time.

County Engineer Leon Davenport said, good afternoon, Commissioners -- or morning, I guess it still is. Yes, sixteen and ninety-five have been on the radar of the Department for many years. Obviously, for a long time it was mostly about funding when it came down to being able to make these improvements. In 2015, when they passed the new -- the -- the Transportation Act, House Bill 170, that made it -- the -- the Department have a much better funding source for a lot of projects they wanted to do, and what they've begun to do with a lot of those projects that are solely state-funded is they're trying to look at them in design/build fashion. Now, obviously the design/ build fashion moves those projects along much quicker than it would be if you followed the traditional method of, you know, going through design, bid and construction.

Mr. Davenport said, right now, the way it stands is that from five-sixteen to ninety-five, they're looking at widening that section of interstate to three lanes. At Chatham Parkway and sixteen, they will make some improvements there as well. Three-oh-seven overpass, as you know, which is the -- the design contract that we're awarding today, is to actually replace the entire structure. It's an older structure. Also, to add more ramp space on that -- that interchange because a lot of truck traffic coming off, is actually what's causing a lot of the bottleneck back towards the west. It will be a -- right now the concept is a diverging diamond. The same type of design that's going in at twenty-one and ninety-five. So, you've got that part, and then at ninety-five and sixteen itself, they're actually removing a couple of the clover leafs, that's the concept at this time, putting a couple flyovers for the high demand traffic, which is that coming from Effingham County or the -- from the north getting back on sixteen coming into town, and the outbound sixteen traffic going back towards Bryan County. Those are two of the heaviest movements, and that makes a big difference on all that weaving that's occurring there.

Mr. Davenport said, the last piece of the puzzle right now, and what they're finding by looking at the traffic counts and what is being considered is going to be to extend that three-lane, and I -- I didn't correct, or say anything about it in the pre-meeting, but extend the three-lane all the way to Pooler Parkway at this time. It's a issue in regards to traffic and drop off. So.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Mr. Davenport said, in -- in -- in a nutshell, that's what the Department's looking at now.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. And if I may, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, be -- be -- before the County Engineer -- does anybody have a question of the County Engineer? Thank you.

Mr. Davenport said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize Commissioner Stone and then Commissioner Kicklighter, in that order.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just real briefly, I mentioned this in the pre-meeting. I would like for it to be on -- on the radar here for an HOV lane or a -- a lane that a bus could use if we ever get to the point of a bus route that goes up sixteen. And that's all.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just -- like I said, I wanted to bring that out and spread news, I guess. Also, let the public know that this is something that the Chairman and myself, as well as staff, and this Board has -- has kind of lobbied for better -- better, you know, roadways going out east, west, and as far as ninety-five and everything, and we actually plan to put that as one of our agenda items to lobby the state, I guess, if you will, for them to possibly take that extension, which logically, it should go to Pooler Parkway right now without a doubt, instead of stopping at I-95, but to go on past that on I-16 and go out to Pembroke, because that -- that's actually planning a little bit ahead and hopefully, we'll be able to persuade the state to go ahead and extend it on out, but I want to thank the state for doing what they're doing at this point, and thank this whole body for everything we've done to kind of help push them in that direction a little bit.

Chairman Scott said, did you make a motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and -- I did make a motion.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. Yeah, I'd -- I'd just like to -- to add to the positive comments that my fellow Commissioners have made. I think it's extremely important that we look out ten, fifteen, twenty years at the extraordinary growth in commerce to Chatham County. And in order to continue all those positive aspects of jobs and shopping and recreation in this community, we have to have a system of transportation that will conveniently convey people in and out of our county. We have, I think, a million plus visitors that just come to enjoy our -- our beautiful sights and our county. We have tens of thousands of people that come and work here. Countless numbers of people that come to shop here, so if we neglect our interstates, and if we neglect -- and -- and -- and don't look to the future, we're going to hurt ourselves in the long run. So, however you want to look at it, as a convenience to motorists, or priming and oiling the eco -- economic engine of this community, these are very important issues, and I'm solidly behind everything that can be done at the state and local level to promote better highways. So, thank you for your time.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion or comments? If not, indicate by voting yes, opposed no. item 7-G is passed.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 7 and under Item 7 Items A through G with the exception of Item 7-G. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a six to one vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Item 7-G, a Not to Exceed \$541,165 professional engineering services contract with McGee Partners, Inc., to develop preliminary plans, right of way plans and an approved environmental document for the Interstate 16 at State Route 307 Operational Improvement project. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady 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 NOVEMBER 4, 2016, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2016, as mailed. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a six to one vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 27, 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 9, 2016.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of October 27, 2016 through November 9, 2016, in the amount of \$7,601,753. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a six to one vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD TENTATIVELY SET THE DAYS AND TIME FOR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2017. THE BOARD WILL BE ASKED TO CONFIRM ADOPTION OF THE CALENDAR AT THE FIRST MEETING OF 2017

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to tentatively set the days and time for regular Commission meetings for 2017. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a six to one vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Lee Smith, County Manager

ISSUE:

To tentatively set the days and time for regular Commission meetings for 2017. The Board will be asked to confirm adoption of the calendar at the first meeting of 2017.

BACKGROUND:

The County's Enabling Act requires the action be taken during the first meeting of the Board each year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Enabling Act states:
The Board of Commissioners shall hold two regular meetings each month except as may otherwise be determined by the Board of Commissioners, as the County seat for all matters requiring action of an administrative or policy nature, and for all matters advertised or scheduled for hearing in which the public will be asked to speak for or against the items under consideration, which meetings shall be open to the public. At the first meeting of the Board of Commissioners in January of each year, the Board of Commissioners shall set the days and the time when it will hold its regular meetings. Meeting hours for the public hearings may be changed by action of the Board of Commissioners and may be held at such hour as stated in the public notice of the date and time of such hearing. Special or additional meetings may be held as necessary upon call of the Chairman or any five members of the Board of Commissioners, provided all members of the Board of Commissioners have been notified at least 24 hours in advance of such special or additional meeting, and such notice shall specify the subject matter to be considered.
2. The Commission has met on the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the past except in January, November and December. When possible, the Board holds one meeting during the month of January. The meetings in November and December are held on the first and third Fridays to allow for the holidays. There are five Fridays in September 2017. Changing to the first and third Fridays beginning in October will allow at least two weeks between meetings for the remainder of the year.
3. The Chamber will hold Savannah-Chatham Day in Atlanta on January 26, 2017. This will not conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule.
4. The ACCG District Day at the Capitol (formerly Capitol Connection Conference) will be February 22, March 1 and March 8, 2017, in Atlanta. It has not yet been announced which of these days is designated for Chatham County. However, as all the dates are on Wednesdays, this will not be a conflict.

5. The NACo Legislative Conference will be February 25 - March 1, 2017, in Washington, D.C. This will not conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule.
6. In 1998 the Board asked that in future years meetings not be scheduled on Good Friday. In 2017 Good Friday will be on April 14th. This will conflict with the second and fourth Friday schedule. Since there are five Fridays in April, the Board could have the April meetings on the first and third Fridays.
7. The ACCG Annual Meeting will be April 28 - May 2, 2017 in Chatham County. Changing to the first and third Fridays (above in #6) will eliminate the conflict.
8. The NACo Annual Conference will be July 21 - 24, 2017, in Franklin County, Ohio. This will not be a conflict.
9. The ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference will be October 11 - 13, 2017, in Augusta-Richmond County. This will be a conflict. Changing the schedule to the first and third Fridays in October will avoid the conflict and still allow two weeks between meetings because there are five Fridays in September.
10. Currently the pre-meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to be followed immediately by the regular meeting, generally at 9:30 a.m.
11. A calendar showing County holidays for 2017 and tentative Commission meeting dates is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file.)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Set meeting time to immediately follow 9:00 a.m. pre-meeting and set dates as follows:
 January 20th
 Second and fourth Fridays in February and March
 First and third Fridays in April
 Second and fourth Fridays in May through September
 First and third Fridays in October through December
 Schedule to be confirmed at first meeting of the year, January 20, 2017.
2. Set meeting time and dates as designated by Commissioners, schedule to be confirmed at first meeting of the year, January 20, 2017.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Compliance with the Enabling Act.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative #1.

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAVANNAH PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP CONCERNING THE GET EXCITED AND MOVE EXERCISE PROGRAM FOR MOVEMENT DISORDERS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Savannah Parkinson Support Group concerning the Get Excited and Move Exercise Program for movement disorders. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a six to one vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Assistant County Manager

ISSUE:

Request Board to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Savannah Parkinson Support Group concerning the Get Excited and Move Exercise Program for Movement Disorders.

BACKGROUND:

The Savannah Parkinson Support Group currently operates the Get Excited and Move Exercise Program at the Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center. The exercise program serves citizens with movement disorders. The program has been very successful and is seeing increasing demand. To enable it to reach more participants, the Group has asked the County for financial support so that additional resources can be added.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Savannah Parkinson Support Group currently operates the Get Excited and Move Exercise Program at the Anderson-Cohen Weightlifting Center. In August the program served 146 participants. Demand is growing as area physicians have become informed about this opportunity for their patients.
2. The Savannah Parkinson Support Group is requesting \$30,000 to expand the program to 250 participants. The majority of the funding will be used to pay for exercise coaches.
3. The program is conducted at "nonpeak" hours at the Weightlifting Center. Parks and Recreation staff believe that the program can be expanded to 250 participants without infringing on other program.
4. The MOU attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file) has been developed which outlines the program's goals and targeted service levels. Quarterly reporting will be required outlining attainment of targeted service levels.
5. The program falls under the Health section of the Chatham Community Blueprint through the County's investment in community-based health resources and health strategies to motivate individuals and families.

FUNDING:

General Fund - Recreation budget, pending a budget transfer from General Fund M&O Contingency of \$30,000. 100 6100 523900

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Programs that foster strategies to motivate individuals and families to adopt healthy lifestyle behaviors follow the Chatham Community Blueprint Health vision.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Savannah Parkinson Support Group concerning the Get Excited and Move Exercise program for Movement Disorders, or
2. Provide other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A NEW TRANSMISSION LINE ON CHATHAM COUNTY'S LAKE MAYER PROPERTY. [DISTRICT 1.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an easement with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new transmission line on Chatham County's Lake Mayer property. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a six to one vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

To authorize the Chairman to execute an easement with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new transmission line on Chatham County's Lake Mayer property.

BACKGROUND:

Georgia Power plans to construct a new Little Ogeechee-Truman Parkway 115KV Transmission Line along the Montgomery Crossroads corridor. The new transmission line must cross the parcel owned by Chatham County. Georgia Power requests an easement to construct and maintain the new line.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County owns the parcel known as Lake Mayer. Georgia Power's original plan was to construct the new line on the Lake Mayer property along Montgomery Crossroad. The County denied the original request for easement because it would require the removal of many trees from County property. Georgia Power revised the plan. The new line will now cross at the corners of Chatham County's property and will require the removal of one 14' live oak.
2. Georgia Power will construct the new transmission line to serve the area surrounding Memorial Stadium.
3. The easement was reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to legal form.

FUNDING:

No funds are required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To authorize the Chairman to execute an easement with Georgia Power to construct and maintain a new transmission line on Chatham County's Lake Mayer property.
2. To not authorize the Easement with Georgia Power.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board must approve easements.

RECOMMENDATION:

to approve Alternative No. 1.
District 1

Prepared by: Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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**6. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2016.
PETITIONER: KYLE DAVID POYER, D/B/A CIRCLE K STORE #1872, LOCATED
AT 5520 HIGHWAY 21, 31407.
[DISTRICT 8.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to accept the Petitioner, Kyle David Poyer, d/b/a Circle K Store, 1872's request for new beer and wine retail license for 2016. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a six to one vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2016. Petitioner: **Kyle David Poyer, d/b/a Circle K Store #1872** located at **5520 Highway 21, Savannah, GA 31407.**

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Poyer requests approval for transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with a new convenience store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

District 8

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

Gregori S. Anderson

Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Thomas moved for approval to award bids as follows with the exception of Item 7-G: (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 Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a six to one vote with Commissioner Center being the lone no vote. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Item 7-G, a Not to Exceed \$541,165 professional engineering services contract with McGee Partners, Inc., to develop preliminary plans, right of way plans and an approved environmental document for the Interstate 16 at State Route 307 Operational Improvement project. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shabazz and Brady were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7 A-G

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 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 confirmation of a \$31,339 emergency purchase from Dell Marketing, L.P., for computers, monitors and printers for the Electronic Medical Records system at the Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County decided to terminate with existing EMR company Corizon, leaving Chatham County with 30 days to quote, purchase, and install new equipment for the new vendor Correct Health. This purchase restores the inventory used for the project and purchases additional equipment needed.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Dell Marketing, L.P., has provided the County with all of the computer units due to their quality and life span. The I.C.S. Department has standardized the computers purchased and used in County departments several years ago. Dell Marketing, L.P., is the current State of Georgia contractor for computer equipment, and the County will purchase this equipment on the State contract.
2. This emergency purchase was necessary due to insufficient computer equipment to fully equip jail medical staff for their jobs.
3. This equipment is necessary to access the Electronic Medical Records system. Staff sought emergency approval from the Chairman. The Chairman concurred and signed the emergency approval on November 3, 2016 (see attached page 3).

FUNDING: CIP - Detention Center
(3503326 - 542500 - 3503160)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of a \$31,339 emergency purchase from Dell Marketing, L.P., for computers, monitors and printers for the Electronic Medical Records system at the Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to confirm emergency purchases.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$99,960 renewal of Cisco SmartNet maintenance and support agreement from CDW-G for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The entire County network operates on a Cisco Network and this support is essential to ensure functioning data network operations.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The support is supplied directly from Cisco but through CDW-G, who holds the State of Georgia Contract, which allows us special discounted pricing.
2. This support agreement covers all hardware and software for the Chatham County Cisco data network infrastructure.
3. This maintenance provides hardware and software support, including upgrades and replacements for our Cisco equipment with 24 x 7 tech support, 365 days a year; advanced hardware replacement for any equipment; advanced software configuration; interoperability and upgrade questions via tech support and hardware and software information.
4. The quote represents a savings from our last year's maintenance of \$2,340 due to the State of Georgia Cisco-State & Local Contract pricing.
5. Staff believes the total cost of \$99,960 for SmartNet maintenance to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
(1001535 - 522200)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$99,960 renewal of Cisco SmartNet maintenance and support agreement from CDW-G for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary hardware and software maintenance and support for the County network infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARC BUCALO

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$51,030 purchase of tactical hearing and eye protection equipment from Argus Group Holdings, LLC, for C.N.T.

BACKGROUND: In order to better serve the citizens of Chatham County, members of the C.N.T. High Risk Warrant Team worked with the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) SWAT and conducted a training and evaluation of several different hearing and eye protection equipment and concluded that the Comtac ACH Single Comm System and the Smart Lens Protective Eyewear met or exceeded the performance and quality of all other systems that were evaluated. The hearing and eye protection is worn by agents conducting high risk warrant.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. An invitation to bid was publicly advertised and sent to all known vendors. Only one bid was received. The bid response is as follows:

Argus Group Holdings, LLC	\$51,030
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2. The purchase of hearing and eye protection will help to protect the agents conducting high risk warrants.
3. Staff believes the bid from Argus Group Holdings, LLC, to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: State Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.
(2103222 - 542500)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$51,030 purchase of tactical hearing and eye protection equipment from Argus Group Holdings, LLC, for C.N.T.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$38,473 purchase of two (2) PowerEdge R730 Servers from Dell Marketing, L.P., from the State of Georgia contract, for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: Virtualization allows us to minimize our physical server footprint in the data center and maximize under-utilized hardware for maximum investment return. These two (2) additional virtualization servers are needed for upkeep and expansion of our virtualization capacity.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The State of Georgia awarded this contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
2. Utilizing virtualization technology saves the County money and allows greater flexibility. Our virtual infrastructure is a critical component of our disaster preparedness.
3. The servers come with a three (3) year standard warranty, on site support and mission critical four hour dispatch technical support.
4. Staff believes the cost of \$38,473 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
(1001535 - 542400)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$38,473 purchase of two (2) PowerEdge R730 Servers from Dell Marketing, L.P., from the State of Georgia contract, for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential hardware to run needed software applications used throughout the county.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$31,143 purchase/upgrade of security privacy fencing and secured entry gate from Savannah Fence & Entry Systems, Inc., for C.N.T.

BACKGROUND: The current gate is original to the complex and requires constant maintenance and repair due to age. Parts for the opener are becoming obsolete and hard to locate.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publicly advertised and two (2) bids were received on October 19, 2016. The bid responses were as follows:

Commercial Fence Contractors Orlando, FL	\$28,311
Savannah Fence & Entry Systems, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$31,143

2. The bid from Commercial Fence Contractors did not meet the minimum specifications of the privacy fence and was therefore not acceptable.
3. Staff believes the bid from Savannah Fence & Entry Systems, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.
4. The security privacy fencing, and entry gate is needed to keep the C.N.T. location secure and private.

FUNDING: State Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.
(2103222 – 542500)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$31,143 purchase/upgrade of security privacy fencing and secured entry gate from Savannah Fence & Entry Systems, Inc., for C.N.T.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase and upgrades to maintain access and building security at an acceptable level.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval to extend the annual contract with Public Financial Management, Inc., (PFM) of Atlanta, GA, on a month to month basis to provide financial advisor services for Chatham County pending award of a new contract.

BACKGROUND: The Financial Advisor assists during all phases of financing capital projects. Services include, but are not limited to: Determining the requirement for financing; basic security for the financing; developing a financing plan and schedule; financing documents preparation; obtaining credit ratings and/or credit enhancement to obtain lowest available financing charges; assisting in marketing the issue; providing financial analysis involving such matters as sizing and debt service and handling all details

including the investment of unexpended proceeds in a prudent and cost effective manner consistent with federal tax law and the capital expenditure requirements of the project being financed.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The contract was awarded on April 29, 2011, and has reached the limit of its renewals.
2. An RFP has been issued and responses are due on December 1, 2016. This extension will allow financial advisor services to continue as needed until a new contract can be awarded.
3. The PFM fee is \$1 per \$1,000 bond, either rated or non-rated, with a minimum fee of \$25,000 per transaction and a maximum of \$100,000. These fees are included in the cost of bond issuance. PFM also provides other financial consulting services as needed at \$250 per hour.

FUNDING: Funding for this service will be derived from individual bond issuances.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to extend the annual contract on a month to month basis with Public Financial Management, Inc., of Atlanta, GA, to provide financial advisor services for Chatham County pending award of a new contract.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The recommended selection of a financial advisor is consistent with Board policy relating to selection of firms to provide professional services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a Not to Exceed \$541,165 professional engineering services contract with McGee Partners, Inc., to develop preliminary plans, right of way plans and an approved environmental document for the Interstate 16 at State Route 307 Operational Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The current interchange is capacity constrained and causes delays during the AM and PM peak hours on Interstate 16. The project will provide interchange improvements to increase the capacity and improve traffic flow along the corridor. The improvements are being coordinated with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). GDOT committed to including construction of this project with the Interstate 16 widening project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board previously approved a professional engineering design services contract with McGee Partners, Inc. at their meeting on December 18, 2015, in the amount of \$439,329. Work completed includes concept development, database preparation and preliminary environmental studies and permitting. This work is complete and work on preliminary plans is ready to begin.
2. The negotiated scope and fee includes developing preliminary plans, bridge plans, lighting plans, holding a public information open house as well as developing final right of way plans. The completed plans will be incorporated into GDOT's design-build project for the Interstate 16 widening project. Due to uncertainty in developing alternative concepts, the contract for this phase will be paid on an hourly, not to exceed basis.
3. GDOT will be responsible for right of way acquisition costs, utility relocation costs and construction costs once the preliminary plans and right of way plans are complete.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998–2003) - East/West Corridor
(3224220 - 5212003 - 32250953)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a Not to Exceed \$541,165 professional engineering services contract with McGee Partners, Inc., to develop preliminary plans, right of way plans and an approved environmental document for the Interstate 16 at State Route 307 Operational Improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award professional engineering services contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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XI. FIRST READINGS

1. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN ORDINANCE THAT ADDRESSES FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM THE PLAN'S SECOND AMENDMENT.

Chairman Scott said, we have three First Readers. One is to request Board approval of the Third Amendment to the Chatham County Employees' Retirement Plan Ordinance and address the follow-up items from the Plan's Second Amendment.

AGENDA ITEM: XI-1

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Assistant County Manager

ISSUE:

Request Board approval of the Third Amendment to the Chatham County Employees' Retirement Plan Ordinance that addresses follow-up items from the Plan's Second Amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County has a defined benefit pension plan under which eligible employees receive a retirement benefit based on credited service and average earnings while employed. In May 2016 the Board approved changes to the Plan for the on-boarding of Animal Control and Marine Patrol employees from SCMPD and added provisions for CEMA employees to participate in the County's Plan.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Eligible County retirees receive monthly benefits from the County's defined benefit pension plan based on a formula that combines years of credited service with 2% of final average earnings, up to 30 years, and 1% for years credited thereafter. These benefits accrue over the employee's working career.
2. In May 2016 the Board approved the Second Amendment to the Plan which impacted CEMA, Animal Control and Marine Patrol employees with an effective date of July 1, 2016. The amendment provided that:
 - a. CEMA employees would make a one-time irrevocable election to either:
 - i. Continue participation in the EMA Plan or
 - ii. Begin to accrue retirement benefits under the County's Plan and freeze any accrued benefits in the EMA Plan.
 - b. SCMPD Marine Patrol and Animal Control employees would begin accruing retirement benefits under July 1, 2016 under the County's Plan due to their transfer from the SCMPD under the police merger agreement dated February 22, 2016.
 - c. Those CEMA, Marine Patrol and Animal Control employees who were vested either in the EMA Plan or the City of Savannah's pension plan and who entered the County's Plan would receive five (5) years of vesting credit.
3. Subsequently some questions arose about the treatment of CEMA employees who transfer to other County departments and the retirement age for law enforcement employees that transferred over the SCMPD. To clear up these questions, a Third Amendment was developed and approved by the Pension Board on November 1, 2016.
4. The Pension Board's attorney has drafted the necessary Plan changes outlining the Pension Board's action which are attached and identified as the Third Amendment to the Chatham County Employees' Retirement Plan.

FUNDING:

The Pension Board's actuary Korn Ferry/Hay Group reviewed the impact of these changes and found no immediate cost impact to the County's Plan.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Third Amendment will clear some administrative questions that arose the adoption of the second Plan amendment. It will keep the retirement age for law enforcement on par with the plan provisions that those employees had while with the SCMPD.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approval of the Third Amendment to the Chatham County Employees' Retirement Plan, or
2. Provide other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1 is recommended.

Chatham County Employees' Retirement Plan

Summary of Third Amendment

Effective July 1, 2016, Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department's Marine Patrol Unit ("Marine Patrol Employees") will be employed by Chatham County (the "County"). The Chatham County Employees' Retirement Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2013) (the "Plan") is being amended so that the definitions of early retirement and normal retirement are consistent with the terms under the City of Savannah Employees' Retirement Plan for such employees. The Plan is also being amended to clarify when certain Emergency Management Agency employees are eligible to participate in the Plan and the years of service required for law enforcement officers to qualify for early retirement. The Third Amendment to the Plan amends the Plan in the following manner, effective July 1, 2016:

- **Emergency Management Agency Employees.** The Plan was previously amended to provide that Chatham County Emergency Management Agency employees who made a one-time irrevocable election to continue participation in the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Local Emergency Management Agency Retirement Plan effective as of July 1, 2016 will not participate in the Plan. The amendment modifies Section 1.18 of the Plan to clarify that these employees may participate in the Plan. The amendment modifies Section 1.18 of the Plan to clarify that these employees may participate in the Plan (subject to eligibility requirements) if their employment is transferred from the Emergency Management Agency to another department of the County or their employment with the Emergency Management Agency is terminated and they are re-employed by the County.
- **Early Retirement Date:** The amendment modifies the definition of "early retirement date" in Section 1.14 for Marine Patrol Employees. "Early retirement date" for Marine Patrol Employees is the date when such employees attain age 50 and complete at least 10 years of credited service.
- **Normal Retirement Age:** The amendment modifies the definition of "normal retirement age" in Section 1.26 for Marine Patrol Employees. "Normal retirement age" for Marine Patrol Employees is the date when such employees attain age 55 and complete at least 5 years of credited service.
- **Law Enforcement Officers:** The Amendment clarifies Section 5.9 to be consistent with the current definition of "early retirement" and specifies that the years of service required for law enforcement officers to qualify for early retirement is 10 years, except that it is 15 years for law enforcement officers hired prior to July 1, 2013.
- **Disposition of Assets on Termination:** Section 10.2(a) of the Plan lists the order in which Plan assets are divided if and when the Plan is terminated. This section is being modified to include Marine Patrol Employees such that Marine Patrol Employees who are older have a higher preference to receive Plan assets than Marine Patrol Employees who are younger. The age brackets used in the amendment to determine priority are the same as the age brackets in the City of Savannah Employees' Retirement Plan.

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CHATHAM COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN SO THAT THE DEFINITIONS OF EARLY RETIREMENT AND NORMAL RETIREMENT UNDER THE PLAN FOR MARINE PATROL EMPLOYEES ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS UNDER THE CITY OF SAVANNAH EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SUCH EMPLOYEES. THE AMENDMENT ALSO CLARIFIES WHEN CERTAIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY EMPLOYEES ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAN AND THE YEARS OF SERVICE REQUIRED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO QUALIFY FOR EARLY RETIREMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners in regular session that the Chatham County Employees' Retirement Plan (the "Plan") is hereby amended as follows:

1. By deleting the last sentence of Section 1.18 of the Plan in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

"Notwithstanding the foregoing, any individual who was previously employed by the Chatham County Emergency Management Agency and made a one-time irrevocable election to continue participation in the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Local Emergency Management Agency Retirement Plan effective as of July 1, 2016, shall not be an Employee for purposes of this Plan; provided, however, that if such individual's employment is transferred from the Emergency Management Agency to another department of the County, or such individual's employment with the Emergency Management Agency is terminated and he or she is later reemployed by the County, then such individual shall be an Employee for purposes of this Plan on the effective date of such transfer of employment or reemployment by the County."

2. By deleting the word "or" at the end of the existing Section 1.14(b), by deleting the period at the end of the existing Section 1.14(c) and substituting therefor ";or", and by adding the following new Section 1.14(d) to read as follows:

"(d) for any Participant whose employment with the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department's Marine Patrol Unit was transferred to the County effective as of July 1, 2016, pursuant to that certain Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the day on which the Participant (1) attains age 50, (2) has attained at least 10 Years of Credited Service, and (3) ceases to be employed by the County on or after his or her attainment of such age and Years of Credited Service, but before attainment of Normal Retirement Age. The foregoing shall only apply to Participants whose employment was transferred from the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department's Marine Patrol Unit to the County effective as of July 1, 2016, and shall not apply to any other Participant who is employed by the County in the Marine Patrol Unit on or after July 1, 2016."

3. By deleting the word "or" at the end of the existing Section 1.26(b), by deleting the period at the end of the existing Section 1.26(c) and substituting therefor ";or", and by adding the following new Section 1.26(d) to read as follows:

"(b) for any Participant whose employment with the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department's Marine Patrol Unit was transferred to the County effective as of July 1, 2016, pursuant to that certain Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, the date upon which he or she attains age 55 and completes at least five (5) Years of Credited Service. The foregoing shall only apply to Participants whose employment was transferred from the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department's Marine Patrol Unit to the County effective as of July 1, 2016, and shall not apply to any other Participant who is employed by the County in the Marine Patrol Unit on or after July 1, 2016."

4. By deleting "(10 years for general employee, 15 years for Law Enforcement Officer)" in Sections 5.9(b) and 5.9(f)(2) in their entirety and substituting "(10 years, except 15 years for Law Enforcement Officers hired prior to July 1, 2013)" therefor.

5. By deleting "(10 years for general employee, 15 years for Law Enforcement Officer)" in Section 5.9(c) in its entirety.

6. By deleting Section 5.9(f)(3) of the Plan in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

"(3) In the case of a Deferred Vested Participant with less than 10 Years of Credited Service (15 Years of Credited Service for Law Enforcement Officers hired prior to July 1, 2013), the Participant's spouse/non-spouse designated beneficiary shall receive the lump sum value of the Participant's Required Contributions plus Credited Interest."

7. By deleting Section 10.2(a)(2) of the Plan in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

"(2) To provide immediate normal retirement benefits to eligible employees age 62 or older, eligible Law Enforcement Officers age 55 or older, and eligible Marine Patrol Employees (as defined below) age 55 or older, or those with twenty-five (25) Years of Credited Service on the date of termination of the Plan, without reference to the order in which they shall have attained Normal Retirement Age, and to provide for death benefits for those eligible therefor in this group. For purposes of this Section 10.2(a), "Marine Patrol Employees" means those Participants whose employment with the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department's Marine Patrol Unit was transferred to the County

effective as of July 1, 2016, pursuant to that certain Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department but does not include any other Participant employed by the County in the Marine Patrol Unit after July 1, 2016.”

8. By deleting Section 10.2(a)(4), (5) and (6) of the Plan in their entirety and substituting therefor the following:
- “(4) To provide normal retirement benefits upon attainment of Normal Retirement Age to Employees ages 60 or older but less than 62, to Law Enforcement Officers ages 50 or older but less than 55, and to Marine Patrol Employees ages 50 or older but less than 55 on the date of termination of the Plan, without reference to the order in which they shall reach Normal Retirement Age.
- (5) To provide normal retirement benefits upon attainment of Normal Retirement Age to Employees ages 50 or older but less than 60, to Law Enforcement Officers ages 45 or older but less than 50, and to Marine Patrol Employees ages 43 or older but less than 50 on the date of termination of the Plan, without reference to the order in which they reach Normal Retirement Age.
- (6) To provide normal retirement benefits upon attainment of Normal Retirement Age to Employees below the age of 50, to Law Enforcement Officers below the age of 45, and to Marine Patrol Employees below the age of 43 on the date of termination of the Plan, without reference to the order in which they reach Normal Retirement Age.”
9. This Amendment shall be effective July 1, 2016.

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[NOTE: Chairman Scott read Item 3 into the record prior to reading Item 2 into the Record.]

2. TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE. RE” AMENDMENT TO CREATE SECTION 7-3(c)(6)(3) PROMOTIONAL BANNERS. ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL, APPLICANT, THE MOST REVEREND GREGORY J. HARTMEYER, OFM CONV., BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH AND HIS SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE. ROBERT S.D. PACE, ESQ., AGENT. MPC BOARD RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THE TEXT AMENDMENT. MPC FILE NO. Z-160707-00067-1 [ALL DISTRICTS - UNINCORPORATED AREA.]

Chairman Scott said, and then the second item, Marcus [Lotson], if you want to come up and speak to that briefly concerning the sign ordinance in Chatham County that’s gone before the Metropolitan Planning Commission, which was denied.

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, yes, sir. The Planning Commission made a recommendation of denial regarding this particular Text Amendment. Essentially what the request is -- is related to the amendment is that non-profit organizations be permitted the opportunity to have what the Ordinance calls off-premise signs, which means essentially a banner that promotes a business, and that is what the -- what the petition is about. Typically, that would be -- as it relates to the ordinance, most similar to a billboard, even though it functions differently, and those are not permitted within the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission’s position is that they were concerned, I believe, about the possible proliferation of signage throughout the county if that type if amendment were passed.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. All right. That’s the First Reader, and we will take up the Second Reader at our next meeting, and at that time we’ll have more discussion on all three items.

Mr. Lotson said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, Marcus [Lotson].

AGENDA ITEM: XI-2

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

“Planning the Future – Respecting the Past”

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

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: MELONY WEST, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

Text Amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance

RE: Amendment to Create Section 7-3(c)(6)(e) *Promotional Banners*

St. James Catholic School, Applicant

The Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmeyer, OFM Conv., Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah and his Successors in Office

Robert S.D. Pace, Esq., Agent

MPC-160707-00067-1.

ISSUE:

The request is to establish a new use to permit non-for-profit businesses and civic institutions along major arterial roadways to display promotional banners supporting their activities or event.

BACKGROUND:

St. James Catholic School is located along Montgomery Cross Road and has, for the past several years, sold and displayed banners on their athletic field fence fronting the public right-of-way to local individuals and businesses. The banners serve as advertisement for the individuals and businesses and as a fund-raiser for the school and church.

The banners are treated as off-premises advertisements (billboards) under the current ordinance, and are not permitted in the location and manner in which they have been displayed. Although banners and posters can be displayed internally to the site (such as the advertising placards on the outfield wall of Grayson Stadium), such displays intended to be viewed from off-site are classified in Section 2-63(e) of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance as "Outdoor Advertising or Separate Use Sign[s]."

The petitioner initially proposed creating a new classification of signage to be termed "Off Premise Separate Use Sign" which would be defined by the economic classification of the site property owner (in this case, a non-profit organization). However, the business character of the property owner where a sign is located does not, and should not, determine the type or number of advertising signs posted.

Instead, the petitioner has adjusted the proposed amendment to create a new "temporary" sign usage (rather than attempting to establish a permanent class of banner signs) that could be approved by the Zoning Administrator for up to 60 days. The class of signs, "Promotional Banners," would be permitted on large, fenced parcels fronting on major arterial roadways, and would be limited in both number and size.

FINDINGS:

1. The proposed text amendment would create the following use:

7-3(c)(6)(3) *Promotional Banners*

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2. The proposed use would permit the owner of large, fenced properties bordering on major arterial roadways (as determined by the Street Classification map) to display "Promotional Banners" for businesses sponsoring particular event taking place on the subject property.
3. The proposed temporary sign classification would limit the potential sites of Promotional Banners to properties with at least 300 feet of road frontage that are encompassed by a fence or wall.
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ALTERNATIVES:

1. Recommend approval of the proposed Section 7-3(c)(6)(3) *Promotional Banners*.
2. Recommend denial of the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Signs have been judicially noticed as a form of constitutionally protected speech. As such, the regulations of signage can be a perilous undertaking for local government; treading the line between protecting public properties from encroachment and blight, while at the same time recognizing the protected nature of free speech. In regulating signs, an ordinance must be "blind" to the message and the speaker; within broad limits, an ordinance must treat all signs to the same standard, and that standard must be reasonable, whether the owner of the sign is being paid or not.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Denial of the proposed Section 7-3(c)(6)(e) *Promotional Banners*.

PREPARED BY: Jack Butler, MPC Project Planner
Development Services

October 18, 2016

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES



CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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RECOMMENDATION:

Denial of the proposed Section 7-3(c)(6)(e) *Promotional Banners*.

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**3. AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO RETAIN “ISSUING AUTHORITY” STATUS UNDER THE GEORGIA EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL ACT OF 1975 (O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.).
[ALL DISTRICTS.]**

Chairman Scott said, Item 3, is amendment to the Chatham County Soil Erosion and Sediment [sic] Control Ordinance in order to retain “issuing authority” status under Georgia Erosion and Sediment [sic] Control Act.

AGENDA ITEM: XI-3

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

ISSUE:

To amend the Chatham County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance in order to retain “Issuing Authority” status under the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1975. (O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.).

BACKGROUND:

In order to retain certification as "Issuing Authority", Chatham County is required to amend the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance to incorporate the requirements of the Act (O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq) as Amended January 1, 2016.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) With the certification as Issuing Authority, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) delegates the authority to regulate land disturbing activities. The County must adopt a revised ordinance which meets the current minimum requirements of the Act. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is obligated by law to decertify the County's local program if it does not comply.
- 2) A new requirement of the State law contained in the amended Ordinance provides a new procedure for where to establish a required state waters buffer adjacent to coastal marshlands. Additionally, the update adds certain exemptions to the buffer.
- 3) All other changes are consistent with our current requirements. The State provides a model ordinance which meets the minimum requirements of the Act. The following summary of amendments is derived from the model ordinance and the Act.
 - a. Defines 'ephemeral stream' more precisely.
 - b. Establishes a state water buffer on coastal marshlands and directs that the buffer is -- measures 25' (horizontally) from the coastal marshland-upland interface as determined in accordance with Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the State of Georgia Code, the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970.
 - c. Establishes buffer variances by rule for 'Minor buffer Impacts'.
 - d. Establishes exemptions to the state water buffer for certain activities.
 - e. Allows Chatham County to deny Land Disturbing Activities permits to entities that have two or more violations of previously issued permits of the Erosion and Sedimentation Act permit requirements within three years prior to the date of application for said permit.
- 4) The Act requires that the County adopt the amended ordinance by December 31, 2016.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To adopt the amended Chatham County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance.
2. To not adopt the ordinance.

FUNDING:

None required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

That the Board must approve adopting County ordinances.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

All Districts.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

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

Chairman Scott said, we have no Second Readers.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, this takes us to information, but before I call on the County Manager, I wanted to acknowledge in the audience we have the Commissioner-Elect from the 6th District, Commissioner James Jones -- Commissioner-Elect James Jones. James, stand up.

Commissioner Center said, congratulations.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, congratulations.

Chairman Scott said, at this time I recognize the County Manager for some informational items.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. I've got two items. The first one of which I -- I guess I have a conflict with, but it'll just have to be a conflict. In Georgetown with the traffic, and the new two-oh-four interchange, I -- I do want to appreciate our engineering department working with GDOT to have a -- one of the interchange routes that comes into Savannah. They're preparing that and are about to pave it, so that will give a continuous ride out of Georgetown, because there's a forty-five minute to an hour back up into Georgetown most every morning. So you have to leave before six-thirty or leave after eight-thirty or you're not going to make it. So, they're getting ready -- that should be open in two weeks, which is good news for Georgetown and all the folks coming in. So, I just wanted to make sure people were aware of that. And everybody at Food Lion asks me about it. So, anyway.

County Manager Smith said, the next item is -- you adopted -- recently adopted the -- the new Flood Ordinance, and as part of that you asked the, you know, the staff to look at, you know, the engineering policies. We have on Tuesday, November 22nd, from four to six p.m. at the Frank Murray Center, engineering is holding kind of an open house. From four to five it will be open with exhibits. We will have maps, the language, those things where you can talk to the engineering department about the -- about the policies and verbiage. From five to six Leon Davenport and staff will be giving a Power Point and then will be taking questions and comments to see -- and try to get some understanding, so I think it's a -- I think the way they've set it up is going to be very good, and we're giving opportunity for folks to kind of lend an ear and a comment as to how we're interpreting the Ordinance.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, how --

County Manager Smith said, so, again, that's the 22nd from four to -- from four to six at the Frank Murray Center.

Commissioner Farrell said, and how are we getting the word out to the public? 'Cause I've noticed a memo last week that we were going to have a public hearing on this policy, but this is the first concrete information I've had, and the 22nd is four days from now, so.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. We're using --

Commissioner Farrell said, there was a lot of concerned citizens out there that would probably like to participate in this public hearing, so.

County Manager Smith said, we're going to obviously with the -- obviously with the paper today, and hope that they would -- but we'll be doing a press release today. We'll have it on Facebook, on all of our social media. So, we'll be doing that, and if we know of any interested parties, we're also emailing them -- those who have been involved.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

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 18, 2016****List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$24,999
That Do Not Require Board Approval**

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Repairs to bushing and pins on a Mosquito Control excavator - unit#2160	Mosquito Control	D & E Manufacturing, Inc.	\$2,975	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
11 laptop computers and accessories	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$13,519	CIP - Detention Center
Two (2) Enterprise agreements and processor licenses for data center	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$13,556	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Asbestos remediation for parcel 22 of the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at US 80 Interchange project	Engineering	Savannah Abatement Services	\$5,700	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Jimmy DeLoach
Asbestos remediation for parcel 9 of the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at US 80 Interchange project	Engineering	Savannah Abatement Services	\$7,176	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Jimmy DeLoach
Four (4) security cage trucks	Detention Center	Global Equipment Company, Inc.	\$4,800	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Air handler replacement	Detention Center	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	\$2,712	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Cell phone record charges	C.N.T.	Verizon Wireless Services, LLC	\$11,952	Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.
Cell phone record charges	C.N.T.	T-Mobile USA, Inc.	\$15,300	Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.
Accident repair to unit#1948 - C.N.T. vehicle	Fleet Operations	A & L Autobody, Inc.	\$5,241	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Repairs to engine crank motor on unit#3729 - Sheriff's Office forklift	Fleet Operations	Yancey Bros. Company, Inc.	\$3,619	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Annual software maintenance for security on mobile devices	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$5,614	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Software for four (4) processors in server hardware expansion project	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$3,463	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Maintenance and support for Cisco SmartNet	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions	\$4,621	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Software that protects data and applications against unexpected failure	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$4,559	CIP - Detention Center
Pre-bills and postage for September 2016	Tax Commissioner	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	\$6,870	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
840 cases of bottled water for Trade Center Shelter due to Hurricane Matthew	Purchasing and Contracting	Lewis-Goetz and Company, Inc.	\$2,512	Hurricane Matthew - Purchasing and Contracting

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Design, concept and construction documents for office renovation	Victim Witness	L. Scott Barnard & Associates	\$4,900	Confiscated Funds - District Attorney
Lease of lawn mowers for Henderson Golf Course for November 2016	Recreation	Everbank Commercial Finance, Inc.	\$5,218	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
43 Georgia criminal and traffic laws with manuals for 2016-2017	District Attorney	Lexisnexis	\$2,536	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
12 internal hard drives	Detention Center	CDW Government, Inc.	\$2,748	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Annual maintenance for data center chiller	I.C.S.	Carrier Corporation	\$19,750	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Printing, inserting and mailing of the 2016 final installment tax bills	Tax Commissioner	Diversified Companies, Inc.	\$17,776	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Upgrade firmware for receivers and transmitters	C.N.T.	Savannah Communications & Electronics	\$3,000	General Fund/M&O - C.N.T.
Six (6) replacements of uninterrupted power source batteries that were damaged due to Hurricane Matthew	I.C.S.	Nationwide Power Solutions, Inc.	\$3,116	Hurricane Matthew - I.C.S.
Encoder/decoder and streaming equipment for Commission Chambers system upgrade	County Manager	Rushworks	\$6,988	General Fund/M&O - Public Information
Repairs to engine coolant system on unit#479 - Parks and Recreation Ford F-250	Fleet Operations	Roberts Truck Center, Inc.	\$2,941	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE.

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS
AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016

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

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Jimmy Deloach Parkway Extension and Interchange of Jimmy Deloach Parkway at U.S. 80. Design is on-going. Right of way (ROW) acquisition approximately 85% complete. Final Field

- Plan Review held for the projects on August 17th and 18th. Projects to be let together for construction by GDOT in Fiscal Year 2018.
2. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. Environmental document approved on May 26, 2015. ROW certification sent to GDOT. FFPR held for August 2, 2016. Corrected plans from Final Field Plan Review submitted back to GDOT. GDOT funding construction in Fiscal Year 2017.
 3. SR 25 at Pipemakers Canal. Board approved design contract with Moffatt & Nichol at their meeting November 6, 2015. Preliminary design including survey, environmental and concept development underway. Initial Concept Team meeting held August 15, 2016. Project will replace the existing bridge to increase the capacity of the Pipemakers Canal. CORE MPO providing partial funding for preliminary engineering for the project in fiscal year 2016.
 4. Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase 2-A. Revised concept report approved by GDOT on March 3, 2016. Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) held July 6, 2016 at the local GDOT area office. FHWA and CORE MPO are providing partial funding for construction in fiscal year 2017. This portion will construct the trail from Lake Mayer north to DeRenne Avenue. The City of Savannah has committed to constructing the remaining portion of the project from DeRenne Avenue to 52nd Street/Bee Road.
 5. Interstate 16 at SR307. Chatham County is sponsoring preliminary engineering for this project. GDOT will fund utility relocation, right of way acquisition and construction. Project will be incorporated into GDOT's Design-Build project for I-16 Widening and I-16 at I-95 Interchange Improvement projects. Bridge over I-16 at SR 307 will be replaced and interchange will be converted to a Diverging Diamond.
 6. Local Roads under Construction.
 - a. Road Resurfacing.
 - I. Resurfacing of Grove Point Road from King George Boulevard to Shore Road was awarded by the Board to Griffin Construction on May 13, 2016. Notice to proceed issued July 21, 2016. Construction underway.
 - II. Construction contract awarded to Preferred Materials by the Board to resurface approximately 5.0 miles of road resurfacing to include Al Henderson Boulevard, White Ibis Lane, Zipperer Road, Junco Way, Finn Circle, Sugar Mill Drive, Saint Ives Drive, Valhalla Drive, Hopeton Court and Frontage Road (connects Al Henderson Boulevard) issued on October 4, 2016. Construction underway.
 - III. Construction contract was awarded to Carroll and Carroll by the Board to resurface approximately 5.8 miles of road to include Dinghy Place, Brittlewood Drive, Suncrest Boulevard (south of 80), Kentshire Court, Halifax Road, Ashley Road, Montford Court, Wyckfield Court, Sea Palm Road, Cromwell Road, Pineneedle Drive, Woodridge Drive, Chatsworth Road, Druid Road, Palmetto Cove Road and Woodbine Road. Pre-construction meeting held November 4, 2016 and notice to proceed is pending.
 - IV. Construction contract was awarded to Preferred Materials for approximately 6.0 miles of road resurfacing to include Melody Drive, Marcy Circle, Nottingham Drive, Cypress Glen Drive, Garfield Street, Beaulieu Farm Bend, Whitefield Avenue, Mulberry court, Sandlewood Drive, McIntosh Drive, Norwood Avenue and Green Gate Court. Awaiting contract signatures to schedule pre-construction meeting.
 - b. Carl Griffin Drive at Chatham Parkway Intersection Improvements. Right of way acquisition is complete. Staff bid the project twice. All bids received were over \$300,000 above the engineer's estimate. Staff is reviewing the construction plans to determine ways to reduce the bid costs on the project.
 8. Local Road Projects under Design.
 - a. Benton Boulevard. Project will extend two lanes of Benton Boulevard north from its existing terminus at Highlands Boulevard to State Route 30. Two roundabouts will be constructed as a part of the project. One will be constructed at SR 30 (approved by GDOT) and the second will be constructed at Meinhard Road (approved by City of Port Wentworth). Preliminary design is complete and right of way plans are underway. Anticipate construction beginning in 2017.
 - b. Quacco Road. Concept phase including traffic counts, database preparation and concept development complete from Highway 17 to bridge over Interstate 95. Traffic study recommends a three-lane section that will function adequately beyond the year 2040. Board approved Phase 2 design services including preliminary engineering, right of way plans and final construction plans at their meeting on July 15, 2016. Staff is coordinating intersection improvements at Highway 17 with GDOT for construction funding.

- c. Skidaway Road. Project on hold pending direction from the Board.
- d. SR21 at Pipemakers Canal. Board approved design contract with Moffatt & Nichol at their meeting December 18, 2015. Preliminary design including survey, environmental and concept development underway. GDOT could not commit to construction funding, so project will be solely locally funded. Staff recommends increasing the capacity of the crossing by adding two additional box culverts to the existing box culverts.
- e. Hill Road. Dirt road paving project. ROW plans are complete and ROW acquisition is underway. Utility coordination and final plans are underway. Majority of acquisitions will require condemnation for title, which could take 12 months or more to complete.
- f. Bradley Point Sidewalk Improvements. Preliminary plans are complete. Environmental permitting and right of way acquisition is underway for the preferred alternative based on comments in support of the alternative received from the March 3rd, 2015 meeting. Project will include constructing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Johnny Mercer Boulevard and Bradley Point Road. Staff anticipates construction beginning in 2017.
- g. Canebrake Road Improvement Project. Preliminary design is complete for an extension of the Coastal Georgia Greenway on the southside of Canebrake Road, a 5-ft sidewalk on the northside of Canebrake Road and pavement widening to provide two 11-ft travel lanes. Right of way acquisition and final design underway. Project will require acquisition from 31 parcels. Preliminary titles were requested February 22, 2016. To date, staff has received 27 of 34 titles. Project is on hold pending receipt of the titles.
- h. Crisp and Fisher Street Improvements. Dirt road paving project. Right of way acquisition and preparation of final construction plans underway by staff. Anticipate construction in spring of 2017.
- i. Garrard Avenue Improvements. Project will provide improvements along Garrard and Lane Avenue from Chatham Parkway to Gamble Road. Preliminary design by staff underway.
- j. Little Neck Road Rehabilitation. Concept development by Hussey, Gay, Bell for future widening and improvements is underway. Project is considering improvements from Highway 17 west to the existing bridge over Interstate 95. Public Information Open House for the project to be scheduled in early 2017.
- k. Johnny Mercer Corridor Improvement Project. Staff hired Wolverton and Associates via a Task Order Contract to develop construction plans for upgrading the existing traffic signals and to resurface Johnny Mercer Boulevard from the Walgreens/CVS intersection to Penn Wall Road. Traffic signals will be interconnected and a timing plan will be implemented to provide better operation of the corridor during the AM and PM peak travel times. Preliminary plans are underway. Staff anticipates construction beginning in 2017.
- l. Berwick Boulevard at US 17 Improvements. Staff hired Moffatt and Nichol utilizing a Task Order Contract to develop intersection improvements to add dual left turn lanes for Berwick Boulevard. Traffic signal upgrades at the intersection are required to accommodate the dual left turning movements. Staff is coordinating the improvement project with GDOT and GDOT is considering funding construction of the improvements. Preliminary plans and utility coordination are underway.
- m. LaRoche Avenue at DeRenne Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrade. Staff hired McGee Partners utilizing a Task order Contract to develop construction plans to upgrade the existing traffic signal equipment to current GDOT standards at the intersection. Preliminary plans are complete and right of way acquisition is underway.
- n. LaRoche Avenue at Jasmine Avenue Intersection Improvements. Staff hired McGee Partners utilizing a Task Order contract to analyze the intersection and develop improvement alternatives. Based on the analysis, a roundabout will provide a safer and more efficient intersection rather than simply upgrading the existing traffic signal. Staff is developing plans to replace the existing traffic signal with a roundabout. A public information open house regarding the project was held at the Savannah Christian Campus on DeRenne Avenue on July 19, 2016. Right of way plans are underway.

- o. Veterans Parkway at Forest River Bridge. Staff is negotiating scope and fee with Moffatt and Nichol to prepare plans to repair the approach slabs for both bridges. Terracon completed a preliminary geotechnical investigation to repair the approach slabs.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2016

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager

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

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Ashley Road Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve a drainage system from the Ashley Road cul-de-sac. Design work is underway by task order.
2. Gateway-Henderson Drainage Improvements. The project will improve portions of the drainage system in the northeast quadrant of I-95 and SR 204. These improvements will benefit both the Henderson community and the Henderson Golf Course. The project includes construction of maintenance access and drainage improvements. Design work and permitting underway by task order and contract.
3. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance for two drainage outfalls from Norwood Avenue. Construction of improvements is complete at Norwood Place. Design work, permitting, and acquisitions are underway for the outfall near Skidaway Road. These improvements are currently planned to be included as part of the Skidaway Road Improvement project.
4. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The project will correct inadequate drainage capacity and the lack of maintenance access to the canal. The Board approved a construction contract and work began in December. Construction is now complete and project closeout is underway.
5. Ferguson-Winterberry Outfall Drainage Improvements. The project will improve drainage and provide access for maintenance for the Remington Canal from Ferguson Road to the outfall at Moon River. The outfall passes through the Winterberry private development. Design work is underway by task order.
6. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. Design of a project to expand and relocate an existing outfall channel is underway by task order.
7. Little Hurst Canal. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance along the canal. Field surveying and wetland delineation are complete. Design of improvements at the CSX crossing is underway by task order. CSX approval of the project is pending.
8. Willow Lakes Drainage Improvements. The project will relieve internal drainage issues within the Willow Lakes subdivision. The project will increase the storage capacity of the pond by lowering the existing water elevation. Design work is underway by task order.
9. Concord Road Drainage Improvements. The project will include the replacement of the existing open channel along Concord Road with a closed system and improvements to the outfall system along Penn Waller. Design is underway by task order. Staff anticipates construction to commence in spring 2017.
10. Pipemakers Canal Tidegate Monitoring Improvements. The project will install new gauges and other equipment to monitor water levels and flow rates and detect blockages impacting the operation of the tidegates. Design is underway.
11. Pipemakers Canal Norfolk Southern Bridges. The project will expand or replace two existing bridges which carry Norfolk Southern tracks across the canal. The existing crossings are bottlenecks which restrict flows in the improved channel sections on both sides. The bridge improvements will eliminate the restrictions and enhance flow characteristics in the channel. Design is underway by task order.

12. Pipemakers Canal CSX Drainage Improvements. The project will relocate and expand the crossing of the Pipemakers Canal by CSX tracks just west of SR 21. The existing trestle crossing is a bottleneck which severely restricts flow from the completed improvements upstream. The proposed improvements will increase capacity and eliminate the restriction. Design is underway by contract.

13. Perry Cove Drainage Improvements. This project will increase culvert capacity downstream of storm pipes across and along US 80 which will reduce local flooding problems. Design is underway by task order. Staff anticipates construction to begin in summer 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Scott said, we do have a need for an executive session for legal -- for litigation.

County Attorney Hart said, two -- two litigation issues. It will be very quick. Very quick.

Commissioner Center said, the packet said personnel discussion, also. Open Record Act discussion?

Chairman Scott said, there's no personnel. Legal, litigation. Can we get a motion to that effect?

Commissioner Stone said, I'll make that motion, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Scott said, all in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Brief executive session.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

The Board recessed at approximately 11:53 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 and Brady were not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION