

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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 9:33 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 2016.

Chairman Scott said, good morning and welcome. Please be seated. I'll ask that you take your seat at this time and remain seated. Please cut off or silence all cell phones or other alarming devices. I ask that you remain seated until such time our devotional leader has completed his message and indicated -- indicates that it's time for prayer. At that time if you would you re-stand through prayer and then we will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by the Commissioner from the 4<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Farrell, and that you remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Scott said, it's really a pleasure to have back with us someone I consider a friend, not just to me personally, but to this entire community, Pastor Jim Giddens. For those of you who don't know a lot about him, he is from Valdosta. In fact he attended Valdosta High School. He's a graduate of Georgia Southern University, and he spent a number of years in the paper industry, working of Owens Illinois in the personnel department, but not just only in personnel. He also worked in sales until such time that he felt compelled, and I mean really compelled to enter the ministry. He had a career of twenty some years with a company and moving up. He walked in and resigned to pursue what he considered a higher calling. He went on to the Candler School at Emory University in Atlanta where he graduated and then worked in various church assignments, and he worked here in Savannah as Associate Pastor of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, and this is before he was assigned -- and I think this was in 1987, to Skidaway Island United Methodist Church. Skidaway Island. And he's been there and -- and you might say as the senior active pastor if you just figure from 1988 to 2013, for twenty-five years just during that span. I've had a chance to visit with him in -- at the church. I've been there to -- as he presided over funerals and weddings, and he's a resident of Skidaway Island, unless he's moved, and is a constituent of Commissioner Farrell of the 4<sup>th</sup> District. It's with great pleasure now that I -- that I welcome Pastor Jim Giddens to lead us in a devotion this morning. Pastor Giddens, thank you so much.

Reverend Jim Giddens said, thank you so much for that gracious introduction. I appreciate that. Good morning.

Members of the Commission and Members of the Audience collectively said, good morning.

Reverend Giddens said, it is -- it is good to be here, and thank you for allowing me to come back. Years ago there was a book that was written. It was entitled, *When the Cheering Stopped*, and it was the story of President Woodrow Wilson, prior to World War I, WWI, and what happened after World War I, and it was kind of his story. And when the war was over, President Wilson was a hero for the world. He would go to Paris or London, Rome, and wherever he went, not just in the United States, but he was met with just cheerful mobs. People just went crazy when they saw him, because he had -- they thought so much of him. It was said that in Vienna, there was an orphanage, and it was a large orphanage, and this is right after World War I. They didn't have much, were lucky to have food, and the sister came out and she told -- got -- got all the kids together, and she said this Christmas we're not going to have anything because of the -- the problems we've had with the war and the shortages of everything. And they didn't believe her, because they said, President Wilson was coming, and he would make sure that they had a good Christmas.

Reverend Giddens said, in the United States -- and this -- this went on for about a year, but in the United States, as you will remember -- some of you will remember, or at least you've read about it, that he had opposition in the Senate. The League of Nations folded -- or it never -- it never came about, wasn't ratified, and -- and because of all this, his health started to fail, and he ended up having a stroke, and he was a man that a year earlier was the cat's meow. Everybody just thought he was wonderful, and a year later, he's really in distress. And it's a real sad story about his life and the events that caused his downfall really. And the question comes up, why did the cheering stop? Now some people say that it stopped just because nothing was happening, and they could understand that that was why it was -- the -- the leaders in Europe really didn't want to have any change. They didn't want to change the -- the balance of power. They were satisfied with the way things were. There are some people who say that people didn't want to work together, and that's why it stopped, that they just didn't want to do anything together, and they were divided, and nobody was willing to compromise on anything. And then there are other people who say that nobody was willing to sacrifice, and that that was

probably the real reason that it stopped. But it's a question that comes up of why the cheering stopped from one year to the next. It could have been for one of those reasons.

Reverend Giddens said, it could have been for all of them, or -- or none of them, but I want to share a story with you that I heard a couple years ago. It's a true story. At least I'm told it's a true story. Happened in the Olympics, the Special Olympics. There were nine children who were lined up for the 50-yard dash, and the gun was fired and they started running the race, and about halfway through the race, a little girl fell down, and she scraped her knee, and she started to cry, and the other children turned around. They stopped what -- they stopped the race themselves, and they walked back and they picked her up, helped her up, and one -- one -- somebody tried to dry her face with their hand, and they brushed her knee off where she had fallen on the -- on the pebbles, on the rocks, and they formed a line and each one of them held the other one's hand, and they walked to the finish line. Of course when they walked to the finish line, they all went together, and all nine of them did. So instead of there being one winner, there were nine winners, and the people who were there, the audience, stood up, and they cheered, and they were real happy about what had happened, and for one moment, these kids understood what the Kingdom of God was like, that they stopped and helped each other. First place wasn't everything. In that race everybody mattered. Everybody was important.

Reverend Giddens said, yesterday I had lunch with seven ministers, and we -- there were three Republicans, three Democrats, and one atheist. So as we sat there, somebody made the comment and they said, we probably shouldn't talk about this election, should we? And we agreed that it wasn't a really good thing to do. So we didn't, and we got along pretty good because, I guess, even we knew that things were going to be tough. We are not necessarily united as a people, and I don't know that we're ever going to be united as a people, but the one thing I think that we can do, and the one thing that is required of us, is that we all live in harmony. And when you live in harmony, you respect other people, but more importantly, and I think this was the message that Jesus gave to us, is that we love other people. And when you love somebody, it's pretty difficult to be ugly to them. Could we bow our heads for a moment of prayer?

Reverend Giddens gave the invocation as follows:

Most Gracious God, thank you that we're able to live in a country where we have elections, and we are able to select leadership at all levels in our government. We pray for the people we have selected. We pray that you will wrap your arms around them, that you will give them a sense of calling, a sense of justice, that you will give them a sense of wisdom and fairness. We are reminded that there are people around the world who are not as fortunate as we are, and we ask that somehow you touch those people in different ways that we can't. We hold them up to you. Some we know by name, others we just call statistics, but we hold them up to you. We're blessed, and we are grateful that you have given us this blessing, and we thank you for all the people who throughout the history of our country have made it what it is. For we pray this in Your Holy Name. Amen.

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

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### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Chairman Scott said, before you leave --

Commissioner Center said, before you leave --

Chairman Scott said, -- you've brought on some questions.

Commissioner Center said, yeah. Yeah. Thank you very much.

Reverend Giddens said, sure.

Commissioner Center said, good morning. I'm Tony Center, and I appreciate your remarks very much about post-election harmony. You said there were seven ministers, and one was an atheist. Tell me about the atheist's flock.

Reverend Giddens said, well, I just did that for effect.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Commissioner Stone said, I was wondering about that too.

Reverend Giddens said, you can't believe everything you hear.

Chairman Scott said, now I will present you with a Certificate of Appreciation. You keep coming back, you'll soon (inaudible).

Reverend Giddens said, oh, bless your heart. Thank y'all very much.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

[NOTE: Chairman Scott presented Reverend Giddens with the Certificate of Appreciation.]

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### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chairman Scott said, of course, the pastor has left, but -- and he talked about loving one another. And we were just thinking in terms of it kind of -- every year we have an annual memorial service for fallen firemens, and it's right in front of the main fire station downtown, and this Commission adopts a -- a resolution every year, and I or a member of this Commission attend that ceremony and present that resolution on an annual basis, and when I went to present it last week, it was the most surreal moment that I've experienced in the last three years presenting those resolution because you had a recent fallen fireman, and so the program did not go as usual. The fireman's wife was there, his eight-year-old son, and it -- it goes to show that -- how fleeting life is, and why would the pastor said about loving one another. And then we had Don Logana, who was behind the camera at our last meeting, two weeks ago, who -- who is no longer here. And I just ask that -- if you don't mind, to restand in a moment of silence in honor of those fallens.

[NOTE: A moment of silence was had.]

Chairman Scott said, amen, and thank you.

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### **IV. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Scott said, the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

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

Not Present:      Lori L. Brady, District Six

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### **CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

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

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, we're delighted to have Andrea -- Andrea Linton, who is a junior attending Savannah Early College and Madison Dubois, a sophomore attending Savannah Early College, with us this morning, and we're delighted to have them, and I want them to know that you have the same privileges as we have if you would like to participate in any of the discussions, okay?

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Andrea Linton said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, welcome.

Chairman Scott said, welcome, and we appreciate you being here. I know you would rather be in school. Please feel free to participate in the proceedings. If you have any questions, if you would do a show of hand or something, and I will acknowledge you for whatever comments or questions you may have.

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## V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

### 1. **RECOGNITION OF MRS. ANNA MARIA THOMAS ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES' DEPARTMENT.**

Chairman Scott said, the -- the next item is -- is the recognition of Mrs. Anna Marie [sic] Thomas. Is Anna Marie [sic] here?

County Manager Lee Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, and, I was talking about Anna Marie [sic] in the pre-meeting, and I was really not talking about her so much as I was talking about her father and the years in which I've known the family. And, Anna Marie [sic], have been employed in Chatham County for forty years, since June of 1976, and I'm going to read a portion of a proclamation, and I'm going to ask that the members of the Commission join me in presenting this proclamation to Anna Marie [sic] for her forty years of service.

Chairman Scott read a portion of the following proclamation:



**WHEREAS**, Anna Maria Thomas has had an impressive 40 year career with Chatham County, beginning in June 1976, as the Probate Court Administrator, before transferring to the Information and Communications Services department in April 1986, where she served as the Communications Coordinator, until her retirement in December 2016, and

**WHEREAS**, her work has ushered Chatham County through many decades of new telecommunication technologies, starting with simplistic telephone systems of the 1980s, through to the versatile and modern telecommunications of today; where she has implemented all major upgrades to our telephone systems and countless projects involving new County departments, moves, renovations, and new buildings, and

**WHEREAS**, Anna Maria's ethic and attention to interpersonal relations are unsurpassed; her organization, meticulous follow-through, and a strong focus to the individual, has made her known, far and wide, as a solution and problem solver in all things related to telecommunications, and

**WHEREAS**, she has accumulated a remarkable record of written accolades from those she has touched throughout these past 40 years, stacking commendations from almost every facet of this County, including previous County Managers, Sheriffs, and Court Administrators, and

**WHEREAS**, her spirit and dedication to giving have been repeatedly recognized by March of Dimes, United Way, and the American Red Cross; her volunteerism is so recognized that she was nominated and won national recognition from the National Association of Counties in 1991 as a County "Point of Light -- those average citizens who contribute to their community and country through volunteering."

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

**ANNA MARIA THOMAS**

upon her retirement and express sincere appreciation for more than forty years of dedicated service and extend best wishes for a long, happy, healthy retirement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2016.

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Albert J. Scott, Chairman  
Chatham County Commission

**ATTEST:**

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Gail F. Gordon, Administrative  
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and with that spirit, we really are going to miss her. And she's been dedicated in -- in other ways as an employee. It talks about her effort in the March of Dimes, the American Red Cross, and all the other volunteer organization that has recognized her. And I'll just conclude this with the closing that as Chairman and on behalf of this entire Board of Commission, we do hereby salute Anna Marie [sic] Thomas, upon her retirement and express sincere appreciation for more than forty years of dedicated service and extend best wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

Chairman Scott said, I won't -- I won't even mention her stay as Mayor and what have you of Thunderbolt. Where's your mom?

Ms. Anna Maria Thomas said, she's watching on TV. Hey mom.

Chairman Scott said, stand here in the center so we can get a picture.

Ms. Thomas said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, you got to put a hand on this thing, too. This is yours.

Ms. Thomas said, I know. I worked hard for it.

Commissioner Center said, the ICS department shut down.

Ms. Thomas said, yes. I've got all my ICS friends over here, y'all. The whole department.

Commissioner Farrell said, everything's on auto pilot right now. The computers are running the show.

Chairman Scott said, one more picture. Thank you.

Ms. Thomas said, thank you so much.

Chairman Scott said, Anna Marie [sic], we're going -- [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, we're going to let you say something, but before you do -- but before you do, we want to invite the County Manager to participate to -- to give you the most sought after gift that the County have to offer, and some call it the dreaded lamp.

County Manager Lee Smith said, the dreaded lamp. Good morning. I'm sick, but I'm going to give you a hug.

Ms. Thomas said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, if you get it, you don't have any sick days anyway, so. You're out. We do want to present you with this lamp, and I think they said we had to give you a light bulb. I'll send it to you.

Ms. Thomas said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, you know.

Ms. Thomas said, thank you so much.

County Manager Smith said, but anyway, I try to say something cute about this, but, you know, since I've been here in the last two and a half years, obviously, you've meant a lot to me and to, you know, all of our team. You know, whenever something goes wrong, you think you'd call Nick Batey, but we call you. Sorry, Nick.

ICS Director Nick Batey said, that's right.

Ms. Thomas said, sorry, Nick.

County Manager Smith said, but you've been a real -- you've been a real plus to this group, and when you see people who trust you that much, who love you that much, that's big. That's an honor. So you should feel very, very honored by that -- by that trust and that love. So -- and we present this to you and kind of a light unto your path and you've been instrumental in this community and Thunderbolt and everywhere else and have a family that's shown that same dedication, and we appreciate what you've done.

Ms. Thomas said, thank you so much.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Ms. Thomas said, I appreciate it. Thank you.

County Manager Smith said, you want to say anything?

Ms. Thomas said, no. I did -- 1976 was a long time ago. When I first started, we had manual typewriters, carbon paper, and liquid White Out, and nobody knew what carbon paper was, those young 'ins in my office, you know, carbon paper? What's carbon paper? But we didn't have printers. We had a big, huge printer down in the basement in the print shop, and that's how we made copies, and I just thought that was a cute little story. And now, we send things through the airways. So, it's been a pleasure working for Chatham County for all these years, and I love you and I'll miss you all, and every time I turn this light on, I'll remember my family here. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, we'll always remember you.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you so much.

[Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, I'll ask Nick Batey, Director of ICS to say a few words also.

Mr. Batey said, I couldn't -- I couldn't leave without just saying in this time of millennials and a little bit of entitlement, it's -- it's -- when Anna Maria leaves, we're going to lose this person that -- she's always been -- she's there before seven o'clock every morning. She works really hard. She's been here for forty years, and she still gets up, like every day, like it's her first. Works so hard, and she is so involved in all the departments. I just don't want people to -- to -- to see this and just kind of look away, but really understand how many people I get notes from just saying we -- how much they appreciate what she does. She's always been there to help them, whether they not or needed it or what. She's there, and she'll -- she'll usher them through all the projects. We're missing -- we're going to lose a -- a really great employee, and --

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Mr. Batey said, and we're going to miss you a lot. Thank you.

Ms. Thomas said, thank you. [Applause.]

County Manager Smith said, Mr. Chairman, Board, we've got all the ICS department here, or most of everybody. I think there's probably somebody trying to fix a -- a flaw in something I've done to screw up my, you know, computer, but anyway, we appreciate all of you too for being a support to Anna Maria and vice versa. So, you might be losing somebody, but you've gained a great friend.

Ms. Thomas said, thank y'all.

County Manager Smith said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, now get back to work. Go talk to Frances.

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

Chairman Scott said, under -- under Chairman -- Chairman Items, we don't have anything. And under

Commission Items -- the -- the only thing that I have was -- under Chairman Items, the only thing that I had was really the update and we'll -- on -- on Hurricane Matthew, but we'll get to that on the information section.

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

Chairman Scott said, there's no Commissioner 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 nothing that's been Tabled.

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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 SALES TAX III FUND TRANSFER FUNDS AMONG PROJECTS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM, AND 2) APPROPRIATE \$42,000 TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM.**

Chairman Scott said, and that takes us to Items for Individual Action. And the first is to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in Sales Tax III Fund transfer fund amount [sic] projects as outlined in the attached memorandum, and 2) appropriate \$42,000 to the Counter Narcotics Team. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, move to approve.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Is there any discussion?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 5<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Shabazz.

Commissioner Shabazz said, what's the reason why we're appropriating this forty-two thousand?

County Manager Smith said, it's for a K-9 transport vehicle. Sorry. I thought this was on. A K-9 transport vehicle.

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

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

Commissioner Kicklighter moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers in the Sales Tax III Fund transfer funds among projects as outlined in the attached memorandum, and 2) appropriate \$42,000 to the Counter Narcotics Team. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**  
**AGENDA DATE: December 2, 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 Sales Tax III Fund transfer funds among projects as outlined in the attached memorandum, and 2) appropriate \$42,000 to the Counter Narcotics Team.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The County Engineer has requested project modifications in the Sales Tax III Fund. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested a Confiscated Fund appropriation of \$42,000 for the purchase of a special purpose K9 transport vehicle. Correspondence and a resolution are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

**FUNDING:**

Funds are available in the Sales Tax III Fund. The budget amendment establishes funds in the Confiscated Revenue Fund.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**SALES TAX III FUND**

Transfer funds among projects as outlined in the attached memorandum.

**CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND**

Appropriate \$42,000 to the Counter Narcotics Team.

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. TO REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 BUDGET ADOPTION AND MILLAGE LEVY CALENDAR, AND SET A DATE FOR THE BUDGET GOALS SESSION/RETREAT.**

Chairman Scott said, the second item is to request Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 budget adoption and millage levy calendar, and set a date for the budget goals session/retreat. Mr. Manager, anybody wants to speak to those dates so --

County Manager Smith said, no. This is pretty standard for each year. Obviously, you know, we have the -- the Board reserves the right to be able to alter that schedule in the year based on budget workshops. As new Board members come on this coming year, you know, we're wanting to have some workshops bringing the new members up to date and -- as well as updating existing Board members. So that's a real important issue that we'll bring before you.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 budget adoption and millage levy

calendar, and set a date for the budget goals session/retreat. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**

**AGENDA DATE: December 2, 2016**

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

**ISSUE:**

To request Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar, and set a date for the Budget Goals Session/Retreat.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar are approved by the Board each fiscal year to facilitate timely adoption of the budget and the millage levy.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The FY 2017/2018 (July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018) Budget Adoption and Millage Levy calendar contains the following major target dates:
 

January 9, 2017	-	Budget kickoff meeting
January, 2017	-	Budget workshop with Board of Commissioners
February 10, 2017	-	Cutoff for budget requests
March 1-20, 2017	-	Budget reviews with County Manager and Executive Team
June 9, 2017	-	Public hearing on proposed budget
June 15, 2017	-	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Public hearings on millage levy
June 23, 2017	-	3 <sup>rd</sup> public hearing on millage levy
		Adoption of Fiscal Year 2018 budgets
		Adoption of tax year 2017 millage rates
2. The period from May 25, 2017 through June 23, 2017 is available if the Board wishes to meet with the County Manager, departments or staff to discuss the proposed budget.
3. The Board may elect to hold a Budget Goals Session/Retreat in January 2017 where the Board's goals and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year can be developed. Stated goals and priorities will be utilized by the County Manager to develop the FY 2017/2018 proposed budget. The Board could also have a series of workshops on CIP needs concurrent with the goal session.
4. Approval of the calendar does not preclude the Board scheduling additional workshops prior to budget adoption or amending the target adoption date.
5. The State of Georgia may enforce penalties against counties who do not submit their digest by August 1st.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the FY2017/2018 Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar, and set a date for the Budget Goals Session/Retreat.
2. Amend the calendar.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

State law requires that an annual budget be adopted by the Board for the General Fund and all Special Revenue and Debt Service Funds while a project-length budget should be adopted for construction-in-progress funds. The calendar also provides for levy of millage rates to allow for timely submission of the tax digest to the Department of Revenue.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative 1 and set a date for the Budget Goals Session/Retreat.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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**3. HENDERSON GOLF COURSE UPDATE.**

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**4. REQUEST BOARD DIRECTION FOR MPC TO STUDY AND WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS WITH SANDFLY LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

Chairman Scott said, next is to request Board direction for MPC to study and work with stakeholders with Sandfly Local Historic District. Is there someone from the MPC here?

Interim Executive Director Ms. Melony West said, good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners.

Chairman Scott said, good morning.

Ms. West said, I'm Melony West. I'm the Interim Executive Director for MPC. We understand that Sandfly has approached the County -- excuse me, the County Manager, asking for assistance in doing a study to determine whether they could become a local designated -- and I'm going to screw up the terms now, local historic district. The MPC provides support and assistance to the county on various -- and -- and I'm sorry, I'm not nervous, this is just the way I talk when I'm in front of a group. MPC provides assistance to the county on local and -- and for various planning issues throughout the years. We also are the author of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance and over the years we have worked with several groups in the county, such as Maridon], to make it a designated historic site and to provide it assistance. We are willing to work with the historic -- Sandfly stakeholders to determine their -- do a study to determine their process and to help them work toward the designation if that's what they want. Since we are funded annually by the -- by Chatham County for -- in our operating budget, we could do this at no additional cost to the county.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Stone of the 1<sup>st</sup> District has a question or a comment.

Commissioner Stone said, well -- well actually, in all honesty, I was going to make the motion, but I also think there might be someone from the community that wanted to say something, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if they're present.

Chairman Scott said, is there someone from Sandfly community who wish to make any statement in reference to this?

Mr. Norman Luten said, we do.

Chairman Scott said, if so, please come forward and introduce yourself.

Mr. Luten said, good morning.

Members of the Commission collectively said, good morning.

Mr. Luten said, my name is Norman Luten, Jr., and I'm -- I'm president of the Sandfly Community Betterment Association. As you know that we -- we -- I requested for the community, when the budget session was -- was being amended and planned to fund this particular office. So, I'm pleased to see the progress. I'm pleased to see the progress. I don't want to stop any wheels from turning or anything's being worked to see the futuration of this process. I'm willing to work with the -- with the MPC, and we are -- are welcoming our historic designation whenever the process is completed. I had some questions that some of my neighbor -- neighborhood members wanted to -- some concerns, but I -- I think that we've already solved those questions and -- and -- and I will reserve those questions when situations and problems arise. We are willing to see this process through. We have been steadfast. We have been diligent, and we appreciate the -- the concern and the patience of everyone in this process. I don't have any other questions let -- if anyone have any questions of me while I'm standing here --

Chairman Scott said, just -- thank you, Mr. Luten and --

Mr. Luten said, -- I'll be willing to entertain them. All right.

Chairman Scott said, and please extend our thanks to your community for their patience.

Commissioner Stone said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, and we look forward to making this a reality. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Stone said, yes.

Mr. Luten said, appreciate it.

County Manager Smith said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, I do want to mention, and I want to thank Melony [West] for what she's done. You know after the Board asked about this, we actually went out and got quotes. This study -- this study was going to be thirty -- up to forty thousand dollars. We talked to Melony again, Linda Cramer and I, our Assistant County Manager, and she -- Melony found a way to do it at no additional cost to the county, and for that I really appreciate what she's done. And that's -- that's a big deal.

Chairman Scott said, Melony [West], thank you so much. At this time I'll recognize the Commissioner from the 1st -- I'll get back to you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- for a motion.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I make the motion for approval to move forward with this historic designation for the Sandfly community.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. I have a question for the MPC Interim Director.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, good morning. Good morning.

Ms. West said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, the study is to do what?

Ms. West said, we -- Ellen's [Harris] going don't ask me. No. This is -- this is our historic preservation department manager, but basically, we have to go out and verify all the landowners or property owners. It takes a -- a majority of the property owners to decide that they want this designation. We don't force it on anybody. We don't go in. After that, then we have to go through a series of public meetings to make sure everybody understands what has to be done. We also have to go through the process of writing the ordinance to make sure that it meets all the conditions, and -- and tailor it to the area. 'Cause, we -- you know, we have a -- different Districts within the City of Savannah, and each District has different requirements, which makes it a lot of fun. But -- and then at the end we have to make sure we have -- we present that to the property owners and they all agree with it -- not they all, but the majority agrees with it, and then they can go -- they can get their designation. Is that right?

Commissioner Shabazz said, so -- so what are you looking for -- what are you looking for in this study to make this move forward so that they can get that designation?

Ms. West said, the first -- they went through a process starting in 2008, to get the list of property owners and to verify that they wanted it. We've got to go through and verify that those property owners are still the property owners right now. We've got to redraw the map of the area. Then we'll -- and then -- now you get more technical than I am.

Ms. Ellen Harris said, so, one of the main components of what we'll be doing is developing specific design standards for the area reflecting the character, protecting the character of the District and -- and that goes in the form of an ordinance, which will come back for you for adoption.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So -- you all -- you all have done some work on this already, right?

Ms. Harris said, yes, sir, we have.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. So, what -- what do you think -- what -- in terms of projecting the outcome of this right here? What do you think -- what -- what -- what do you think the chances of this becoming a reality because it -- it means a lot to me as well for them to get that historical designation.

Ms. Harris said, right now, we have the majority property owners' support in the -- in the proposed District, so it's a matter of developing the ordinance, retaining community consensus and bringing it back before you. If -- as -- as -- as long as the majority of property owners are acceptable and supportive of the designation, there's no -- no reason why it -- it -- it -- the designation ordinance won't be back before you within say six to nine months.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further questions? Any unreadiness?

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

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair.

Commissioner Thomas said, I'd like to make a statement.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. In -- in reference to the community at large, I just wanted to say that I've known many of the people that live in the Sandfly area for many, many years, and I've always known them to be hard workers and very supportive, and I'm really delighted to see that they're going after this designation because it is truly a historic area, and I appreciate what you all are doing to help them to receive this.

Ms. West said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you. All in favor of the motion indicate -- any further questions or unreadiness? Okay. All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to move forward with this historic designation for the Sandfly community. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-4**

**AGENDA DATE: December 2, 2016**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager

**FROM:** Melony S. West, Interim Executive Director

**ISSUE:**

Request Board Direction for MPC to study and work with the stakeholders for the Sandfly Local Historic District.

**BACKGROUND:**

Sandfly is a historic community located on the outskirts of Savannah, Georgia. Established by African Americans in the nineteenth century, Sandfly is centered around the intersection of Montgomery Crossroad and Skidaway Road. Sandfly's documented history dates back to 1736 and continues to be a crossroads between the other important historical sites in the area, such as Wormsloe Plantation, Bethesda Home for Boys, Isle of Hope, and Pinpoint.

The Sandfly Community has requested assistance in obtaining the Local Historic District Designation as noted in the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Sandfly is a historic community with a well-documented history that extends back to 1736.
2. The community has expressed an interest in obtaining the Local Historic District Designation.
3. The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) is the author of the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance, and as such, is uniquely qualified to assist the Sandfly Community.

**FUNDING:**

As one of the two major funding sources of MPC, the county receives a variety of services from the MPC, including development services, zoning, stormwater permitting, comprehensive planning, transportation planning, geographic information system support and historic preservation. The MPC has experience and local resources in place specifically to support the efforts of Chatham County for historical planning and preservation. If approved for this project, the MPC will not require any additional funding from the Commission.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve MPC to provide assistance to the Sandfly community to study and work with stakeholders for the Sandfly Local Historic District Designation.
2. Hire an outside consultant to provide the assistance.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board of Commissioners adopted the Historic Preservation Ordinance on November 18, 2005, to protect the historical, cultural and aesthetic heritage of Chatham County. The designation of Sandfly as a Local Historic District would fulfill this goal.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Alternative 1.

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**5. REAFFIRM APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE BONZO REDDICK AS MAGISTRATE PRO TEMPORE AND JUDGE BENJAMIN KARPF AS A PART-TIME MAGISTRATE.**

Chairman Scott said, the -- the next item on our agenda is to confirm the appointment that's been made by the Chief Magistrate of Judge Bonzo Reddick as Magistrate Pro Tem and Judge Benjamin Karpf as part-time Magistrate.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I'll make the motion.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

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

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. I -- before we vote, I'm -- I'm going to just call on Counsel a minute just to give for the public a explanation as to why this is necessary.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, at the end -- we have local legislation that was passed and basically what it says is that the Chief Magistrate selects people who can be pro temps. It -- it's labeled here part-time, and the reason that is is that's how it's referred to in the statute, but it operates basically like we do in Recorder's Court as a fill-in judge, okay? And after she nominates, we re-affirm -- the -- the Commission would then affirm or not affirm the selection. Both of these people have -- have done an excellent job and served for many years in this capacity, but due to the change in the law, at the end of their term, which would be the end of December, we need to -- you -- you -- you need to take action to affirm or not to affirm.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, and --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 5<sup>th</sup> District has a question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, no, Tony [Center] does.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, yeah. Yeah. It --

Chairman Scott said, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

Commissioner Center said, again, making it clear, we don't have any role in picking a name. We just -- we receive names and we say yes or no to whatever names are sent to us.

County Attorney Hart said, that is correct.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, the Commissioner from the 5<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Shabazz has got a question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so what exactly are we -- what are we voting on right now?

Chairman Scott said, what we are doing right now is confirming the appointment that was made by the Chief Magistrate of two individuals to serve as Pro Temps.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so, if this is voted down, then they won't be --

Chairman Scott said, if this was voted down, then she would submit new names.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Okay.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The motion carries. I want to ask, I didn't see any of the -- I didn't see attorney Bonzo Reddick or attorney Benjamin Karpf in the audience.

Commissioner Center said, I don't see them either.

Chairman Scott said, so. I wanted to have them stand if they were present, but I don't see them in the audience.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the reappointment of Bonzo Reddick as Magistrate Pro Tempore and Benjamin Karpf as part-time Magistrate. Commissioners Stone and Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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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, okay. Next item is the Action Calendar. There was no indication of -- any indication of pulling off any item to vote on separate.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'd like to pull number 6-B.

Chairman Scott said, there's a request that 6-B be voted on separate. So I'll ask at this time a motion to approve the Action Calendar in its entirety with the exception of 6-B.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Chairman Scott said, is there a second?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that the Action Calendar be approved with the exception of Item 6-B. Hearing the motion is there any discussion? Hearing none, is there any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the Action Calendar indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The Action Calendar is approved.

#### **ITEM 6-B**

Chairman Scott said, and at this time, I will entertain a motion on Item 6-B.

Commissioner Farrell said, I make the motion that we approved Item 6-B.

Chairman Scott said, is --

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? I recognize the Commissioner from the 7<sup>th</sup> District, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, staying consistent with the past sixteen years of my vote, with this swimming pool that costs county tax payers in excess of one million dollars every year to operate, I oppose this. But -- that's it.

Chairman Scott said, any further discussion or unreadiness?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'd -- I'd like to know why Commissioner Kicklighter oppose this -- this motion.

Chairman Scott said, the Chair asks if the Commissioner from the 7<sup>th</sup> District is willing to respond to that request.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir, I will.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 7<sup>th</sup> for a response.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. It's pretty easy. When I first took office sixteen years ago, we faced a twelve million dollar deficit. We had to face citizens out here from organizations -- wonderful organizations such as the Rape Crisis Center, organizations representing blind people; organizations representing almost every sensitive, heart-wrenching subject you can think of, and we had to cut their funding in order to not raise taxes. Meanwhile, at that point in time, this swimming pool was costing tax payers, I believe at that time, seven or eight hundred thousand a year to operate, losing that, and it -- shortly after that, if not then, now it costs tax payers well over a million dollars a year to operate, and that's without throwing in huge purchases like a hundred and fifty thousand dollars today for a new boiler. I've set on this Board when I watched -- once watched the Commission approve a hundred thousand dollar door for this swimming pool to later remove the door because they had to replace the entire roof for, I believe, three or four million more dollars, and -- so the door was useless. It's a -- pardon the pun, but it's a drain on tax payers, and it's -- it's not getting better, and we need to find a way to make this recreation center, I guess, if you will, more financial feasible and less of a burden on the tax payers. So that's -- that's why I'm voting against it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. Okay. Right.

Chairman Scott said, any further unreadiness?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. So what could be put in place to satisfy the need for recreation at the Aquatic Center often? Maybe if -- if I can get staff or someone to answer that.

Chairman Scott said, we can get --

County Manager Smith said, could you repeat the question?

Chairman Scott said, -- staff to respond.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. What could be in place?

Chairman Scott said, what could be -- what could be put in place to replace the Aquatic Center if you didn't have it? And to give it a little history, the Aquatic Center was built as part of the Olympics.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's right.

Chairman Scott said, some twenty years ago.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, and after the Olympics, the County elected to maintain it. Now, after the Olympics, they could have shuttered it, bulldozed it, or anything else, but, it was part of the Olympic effort, and -- and with that, there -- it's one of the most -- one of the most used facilities in the county, and it hosts swim competitions from around the southeast, and at this point, I'll just recognize the County Manager for any further comments he wants to make if he wants to bring up our recreation director.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I'm going to -- I'm going to also ask does the Aquatic Center generate any revenue in terms -- bring any revenue in?

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is it self-sustaining?

County Manager Smith said, no.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Manager.

County Manager Smith said, it's -- it is not self-sustaining, which is -- and I would liken this to all of our parks. They are not self-sustaining. Quality of life issues, no offense to Commissioner Kicklighter, but pools are pretty

common for municipal governments, county governments to have, golf courses, play grounds, football fields, baseball fields. They do not pay for themselves. It is very, very rare. In my thirty some years, I've -- I've never seen one because it's part of -- if you look at our Blueprint, it's part of the quality of life issue, health and wellness, to reduce other costs. The only thing, and I would ask Stephen Proper, director of recreation to step up to give more details, but the one thing you can do to reduce our obligation on an annual basis would be to increase fees. And I'm not recommending that at this time, I'm just saying, those are things that you can do, but what you have to do is look at the indirect effect that it has on the community as far as health and wellness and -- and that type of thing. So -- but I would ask on the specifics on revenues.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you -- you liken that --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you liken that to parks.

County Manager Smith said, parks.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and what else?

County Manager Smith said, golf courses.

Commissioner Shabazz said, golf courses.

County Manager Smith said, all of our -- because those are all quality of life issues.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. But do they have the expenses that the Aquatic Center --

County Manager Smith said, yes they do.

Commissioner Shabazz said, is it comparable?

County Manager Smith said, they're all -- they're not self-sustaining, and they all do.

Commissioner Shabazz said, but, I'm saying in terms of costs.

County Manager Smith said, well, if you have to look at our recreation budget, it costs more to run the parks. If you look at our total budget --

Commissioner Shabazz said, that's all the parks -- that's all the parks combined.

Recreation Director Stephen Proper said, all the parks.

County Manager Smith said, all the parks.

Mr. Proper said, right.

County Manager Smith said, it costs more, and they're just --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Manager Smith said, -- playgrounds and equipment.

Mr. Proper said, well, the aquatics is a little bit different because it -- you -- you have pools, and you have to have filtration systems and that type of thing and big machinery to make it work. We do bring in -- we -- we do bring in revenues. I don't have that with me right now, but we do bring in revenues, but they -- they do not offset the -- the expense of it. The only thing that we have that -- that really pays for itself is the Tybee Pier, and that's because we have a pretty good contract with the concessionaire. That's the only thing, and -- and the Manager is correct. I've been in it twenty-five years, and I've been Hilton Head, Lumpkin County, City of Savannah and now with Chatham, and none of them paid for itself. It's a quality of life issue. We -- we do have fees that offsets some of the -- some of the costs and expense, but we do not -- as a whole. But it is very -- very much used.

Chairman Scott said, is there any further question? Okay. I'll recognize Commissioner from the 7<sup>th</sup> for an additional question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. After all the revenues at the Aquatic Center, it loses over a million dollars a year. The Weightlifting Center loses -- or was losing back then over a hundred thousand a year. When

I first brought this issue up with these three things, the Tybee Pier lost money every year, and we renegotiated that to turn that into a profit. I, in fairness to this Board, never brought some ideas forward to this group that I brought in the past. There are ways -- examples, Statesboro, Georgia runs a -- I believe --

Mr. Proper said, Splash -- Statesboro (unintelligible).

Commissioner Kicklighter said, a water park that actually makes money.

Mr. Proper said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I brought a gentleman in that used to run the athletic facility for Cleveland Browns that was willing at one point prior to y'all --

Mr. Proper said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- to work to go look at that Aquatic Center to possible combine the amazing Weightlifting Center with that and to turn it into a revenue producing outfit for the county. It was rejected at the time, but when we as a government just settle that we lose on things, that's not a good thing. If -- if it were a private business, it would be bankrupt. But, we have options out there that we should explore and you can only -- need to drive to Statesboro. Maybe you add a slide or two outside somewhere there.

Mr. Proper said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, maybe you combine the nice Weightlifting Center, and you have one nice membership that includes the best pool in the entire coastal empire, along with the best fitness center, and then you don't lose money in our weightlifting center, and you don't lose money at our pool.

Mr. Proper said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, there's things to do to make money and not lose, but I wasn't caring to go into all that. I was just voting against the boiler today.

Mr. Proper said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, 'cause --

Mr. Proper said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but, we need to really --

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- look outside the box because being satisfied with losing a million dollars a year on a pool, that's really just -- it wasn't acceptable sixteen years ago, and it's not acceptable now. So, I -- you know -- but, again, this is a new group, and I feel as if maybe y'all would be open to actually looking at some new ideas.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and that's it. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. The only other facility that we have that's close to this will probably ultimately end up costing us more money than this would be the golf course, and -- and so, at some point we may have to make a decision as to what to do with that as well. Thank you so much.

Mr. Proper said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, if there's no further question -- now this is a maintenance issue that we're voting on. It's -- it's not operational funding or anything else. So, if there's no further question, all in favor of the motion, indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Center said, it says it's coming from SPLOST, so it can't be maintenance.

Commissioner Stone said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, the -- the -- the fund --

Chairman Scott said, it's capital -- it's a replacement boiler.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. It's capital.

County Attorney Hart said, capital.

Mr. Proper said, it's capital out there.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, so, when I said maintenance, it's -- it's replacing a capital piece of equipment.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it was -- we just replaced it a couple of years ago too.

Chairman Scott said, motion carries.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

- a. Commissioner Stone moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 6 and under Item 6 Items A through M with the exception of Item 6-B. Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Farrell moved to approve a \$149,900 construction contract with Mock Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc., for the boiler replacement project at the Aquatic Center. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a five to three vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Farrell and Thomas voting yes; and Commissioners Center, Shabazz and Kicklighter voting no. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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

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- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2016, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2016, as mailed. Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 10, 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 22, 2016.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of November 10, 2016 through November 22, 2016, in the amount of \$7,988,888. Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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- 3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION, COUNTY ATTORNEY AND COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO ENABLE CHATHAM COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2017 LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) PROGRAM WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT).  
[DISTRICT: ALL]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval to authorize the Chairman, Clerk of Commission, County Attorney and County Engineer to Sign All Required Documents to Enable Chatham County to Participate in the 2017 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Program with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**

**AGENDA DATE: December 2, 2016**

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

**ISSUE:**

That the Board authorize the Chairman, Clerk of Commission, County Attorney and County Engineer to Sign All Required Documents to Enable Chatham County to Participate in the 2017 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

**BACKGROUND:**

The LMIG program provides financial assistance to local governments for various roadway projects. It replaced the Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) as well as the State Aid Program.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The application for the 2017 LMIG program requires submission of the projects as estimates for construction. All applications must be submitted by January 1, 2017 or funds are lost for this fiscal year.
2. The LMIG formula amount for Chatham County for 2016 is \$848,124. Chatham County is required to provide a 30% match for this amount.
3. Staff proposes to use the 2017 LMIG funds towards the county's road resurfacing program. In calendar year 2017, staff anticipates resurfacing approximately 6.0 miles of roads at an estimated cost of 2.05 million dollars. Funding will be a combination of LMIG and SPLOST funds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board authorize the Chairman, Clerk of the Commission and County Engineer to sign all required documents to enable Chatham County to participate in the LMIG Program with the GDOT.
2. That the Board not approve participating in the LMIG program.

**FUNDING:**

No funding required to sign the agreement. There will be a 30% local match from SPLOST when projects are awarded.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

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4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A NEW BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2016. PETITIONER: DANIEL JAY CAROLUS, D/B/A KROGER, #609, LOCATED AT 495 JOHNNY MERCER DRIVE, 31410. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of Petitioner Daniel Jay Carolus, d/b/a Kroger #609, for a new beer and wine pouring license for 2016. Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4****AGENDA DATE: December 2, 2016****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager**FROM:** Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services and Joseph Lumpkin, Sr., Chief of Police**ISSUE:**Request Board to approve a new beer and wine pouring license for 2016. Petitioner: **Daniel Jay Carolus d/b/a Kroger #609**, located at **495 Johnny Mercer Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31410**.**BACKGROUND:**

Mr. Carolus requests approval for a new beer and wine pouring license in connection with the existing grocery 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 on the date and time of the hearing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**District 4**

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A NEW BEER, WINE, LIQUOR POURING AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2016. PETITIONER: SHERAH BETH ROSEN, D/B/A BREWER'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL LOCATED AT 5710 OGEECHEE ROAD, SUITE 100, 31405. [DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of Petitioner Sherah Beth Rosen, d/b/a Brewer's Sports Bar &amp; Grill, for a new beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2016. Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5****AGENDA DATE: December 2, 2016****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager**FROM:** Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services and Joseph Lumpkin, Sr., Chief of Police**ISSUE:**Request Board to approve a new beer, wine and liquor pouring and Sunday Sales license for 2016. Petitioner: **Sherah Beth Rosen, d/b/a Brewer's Sports Bar & Grill**, located at **5710 Ogeechee Road, Suite 100, Savannah, Georgia 31405**.

**BACKGROUND:**

Mr. Rosen requests approval for a new beer, wine, liquor pouring and Sunday sales license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. Petitioner also declares that they meet the standards for Sunday Sales under the Chatham County 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 and Sunday Sales.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing on the date and time of the hearing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**District 7**

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

- a. Commissioner Stone moved for approval to award bids as follows with the exception of Item 6-B: (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.) Commissioners Shabazz and Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Farrell moved to approve a \$149,900 construction contract with Mock Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc., for the boiler replacement project at the Aquatic Center. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a five to three vote with Chairman Scott and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Farrell and Thomas voting yes; and Commissioners Center, Shabazz and Kicklighter voting no. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6 A-M**

**AGENDA DATE: December 2, 2016**

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER**

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

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS**

**ITEM A**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to renew building, contents, computer, and related property insurance coverage, in the prorated amount of \$481,468, provided by Cincinnati and Hartford Insurance Companies

based on quotations provided by the County's insurance broker of record, USI Insurance Services, for a seven (7) month period, until July 1, 2017 in order for the renewal to be consistent with the fiscal year.

**BACKGROUND:** The County currently insures \$406.8 million of buildings, contents, and electronic data processing equipment through Cincinnati and Hartford Insurance Companies. The County has chosen

to purchase property insurance coverage through its broker of record, USI Insurance Services. The County has chosen to shift the risk of loss of its buildings, contents and electronic data processing equipment to insurance carriers rather than retain that risk.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Underwriting restrictions with regard to coastal property have significantly limited the number of insurance carriers willing to consider insuring County property. Cincinnati Insurance Company provides the most comprehensive coverage at the most reasonable cost. Cincinnati's coverage is greater with lower deductibles. AMRISC and CAN declined to quote as they were not going to be as comprehensive and competitive as Cincinnati and Travelers. However, their participation enabled our broker to maximize premium decreases and also enhance existing coverage. With the changes in the property market for coastal capacity, we were able to reduce the premium by \$210 on an annual basis, over the expiring premium.
2. Cincinnati has flood coverage for all contents, office equipment and fixtures for all locations insured. Where applicable, flood coverage for buildings is provided under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
3. The Tybee Island Library, Pavilion and various communications equipment located at Fort Street are considered high risk property due to their susceptibility to wind and wave damage. Based on the high risk exposure, these properties are not eligible for coverage under the existing property and contents policies. The Tybee Pier is not insurable. Therefore, The Tybee Pavilion, Library and various communications equipment located at 801 Fort Street are covered under a separate property policy with a renewal date of July 23, 2017.
4. Hartford currently provides coverage for electronic data processing and remains the most competitive in that area.

**FUNDING:** Risk Management Fund - Insurance and Surety Bond Premiums  
(6251595 - 523100)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to renew building, contents, computer, and related property insurance coverage, in the prorated amount of \$481,468, provided by Cincinnati and Hartford Insurance Companies based on quotations provided by the County's insurance broker of record, USI Insurance Services, for a seven (7) month period, until July 1, 2017 in order for the renewal to be consistent with the fiscal year.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** The property risk exposure far exceeds the County's financial ability to retain that exposure. Commercial property insurance is the most economical and comprehensive method to address this risk.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$149,900 construction contract with Mock Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc., for the boiler replacement project at the Aquatic Center.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chatham County Aquatic Center uses a gas boiler system to heat the pool water for both the recreation pool and the lap swimming pool. Currently there are three (3) boilers in place with only one (1) working boiler.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Staff contracted with an engineering firm to develop plans and specifications for the boiler replacement project.
2. The project was properly advertised and five (5) bids were received and opened on November 3, 2016. The results are as follows:

Mock Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$149,900
Southeastern Air Conditioning Company, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$155,350

Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$183,744
Erickson Associates, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$190,000
* Y-Delta, Inc. Statesboro, GA	\$209,600

\*WBE Firm

- Staff along with the consultant reviewed the bids and believes the bid from Mock Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc. to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (1993-1998) - Olympic Pool  
(3214980 - 542500 - 32160028) (Pending Board approval of a budget transfer)

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Board approval of a \$149,900 construction contract with Mock Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc., for the boiler replacement project at the Aquatic Center.
- Provide staff other direction.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to extend the completion date by 90 calendar days on the construction contract with Erickson Associates, Inc., for the boiler replacement project at the Detention Center.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 23, 2016, the Board approved a \$290,475 construction contract to Erickson Associates, Inc., for the replacement of boilers at the Detention Center.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- This project consists of the replacement of all three (3) hot water boilers with sealed combustion boilers and dual fuel burners. All four (4) hot water pumps will be replaced.
- The contractor notified staff of a delay from the factory on the build time for the boilers due to the availability of materials required to construct the boilers. There is not an increase in cost for this change order.
- The completion date for the project is December 30, 2016. Change Order No. 1 will extend the completion date to March 30, 2017.

**FUNDING:** No Additional Funding Required

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to extend the completion date by 90 calendar days on the construction contract with Erickson Associates, Inc., for the boiler replacement project at the Detention Center.
- Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board to approve change orders to a construction contract to allow for completion of the project.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Montgomery Technology, Inc., for changes of replacement parts as needed for repair of the security system at the Sheriff's Complex.

**BACKGROUND:** During FY 2014/2015 a contract was awarded to Montgomery Technology, Inc., for the preventive maintenance and repairs of the security system at the Sheriff's Complex which was installed during the expansion of the facility. The security system controls the flow of employees and inmates. There are 400+ card readers, 600+ cameras, cell door control panels, fence alarms and 1,400 access points integrated into the system. It is essential to the operation of the facility that a contract is in place for preventive maintenance and timely replacement and repairs as necessary. Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Montgomery Technology, Inc., was approved by the Board September 25, 2015 allowing the vendor to supply the necessary parts at an approximate 20% discount per item.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The vendor has requested a modification of the existing parts listing approved in Change Order No. 1. The new price listing contains price increases and decreases for existing items, as well as adds additional items to the list at an approximate 20% discount per item (see attached pages 6-10).
2. These parts will be ordered on an as needed basis.
3. The staff finds these price changes to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M&O - Detention Center  
(1003326 - 522200)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Montgomery Technology, Inc., for price changes of replacement parts as needed for repair of the security system at the Sheriff's Complex.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders for repair and maintenance of necessary security equipment.

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

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

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of \$81,792 purchase of four (4) 2017 Ford Escape SE SUV vehicles from O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc., for Building & Safety, Records Center, and Health Department. Also, declare one (1) vehicle as surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material.

**BACKGROUND:** The one (1) vehicle purchase for the Record Center will replace one (1) that is older and beyond economical repair. The two (2) vehicles for Building & Safety, and the one (1) for the Health Department are new vehicles needed for expanded staff for various duties throughout the County.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Bids were publicly advertised and opened on November 15, 2016. Bid responses are as follows:

O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc.      \$20,448/each  
Hardeeville, SC

J.C. Lewis Ford                      \$21,471/each  
Savannah, GA

2. The purchase of one (1) vehicle for Records Center will replace a vehicle that have high mileage and are beyond economical repair. The vehicle to be declared surplus is:

Unit #	Description	Vin #
368	2003 Mazda Tribune	M47749

3. On December 4, 2015, the Board approved a local preference policy which, when a non-local firm submits the lowest bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm, who must be within 5%

of the lowest responsive responsible non-local. J. C. Lewis Ford is not within the 5% allowed for in the policy.

4. Staff believes \$81,792 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:**

- SPLOST VI (2014-2020) Fleet Vehicle Replacement - \$20,448  
(3254985 - 54.2200 - 3256063)
- Health Department - Reimbursable Expenses - \$20,448  
(1009000 - 572020)
- Building & Safety - Vehicle Replacement - \$40,896  
(2707210 - 542200)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Request Board approval of a \$81,792 purchase of four (4) 2017 Ford Escape SE SUV vehicles from O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc., for Building & Safety, Records Center, and Health Department. Also, declare one (1) vehicle as surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MELVA SHARPE

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$348,800 professional services contract with Greenline Architecture, for architectural and engineering design services for the Juvenile Court Expansion.

**BACKGROUND:** SPLOST V and SPLOST VI referendums allocated funds for the expansion of the Juvenile Court facility. The offices of the Juvenile Courts are operating out of a facility constructed in 1996 and an adjacent office trailer complex. This addition will provide spaces needed for each department's growth within the Juvenile Court, as well as, compliant drug testing facilities on the premises.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The current 28,475 SF Juvenile Court building was constructed in 1996 with a restrictive budget for that time and was fully occupied within the first year of operation.
2. Due to expanding services and personnel since 1996, Juvenile Courts added four modular trailers of approximately 8,000 SF as additional office space.
3. The Juvenile Court departments have a significant need for additional space to accommodate:
  - Growth of current staff;
  - State mandated drug testing facility on the premises;
  - Volunteers associated with the court programs: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Judicial Citizen Review Panels and local child serving agencies;
  - Revised layout to allow for more efficiency within departments.
4. Greenline Architecture was selected through an RFP process and the Board awarded an A/E Services contract for \$334,988 on May 25, 2012.
5. Greenline Architecture performed a Pre-Design Strategic Planning/Needs Assessment Study and determined that the Juvenile Courts would require 13,250 SF more space to satisfy their current needs and 30 years of projected growth. The preliminary design construction cost estimate came in about \$3 million more than originally budgeted. The project was placed on hold until additional funding was secured. Greenline's original contract was closed out and unused design fee returned to SPLOST V funds.
6. In 2013 the facility required an immediate upgrade to the HVAC system (new chillers) and re-roofing that were funded from the SPLOST V funds, with a current balance of \$3.03M.

7. As Greenline performed the Pre-Design Strategic Planning/Needs Assessment Study, Staff requested a fee from Greenline for A/E Services for a reduced scope of 8,200 SF that addresses only the immediate expansion needs of the Juvenile Courts. Staff concurs with the fee submitted.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008-2014) – Juvenile Court Expansion  
(3244980 – 521200 – 3246022)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$348,800 professional services contract with Greenline Architecture, for architectural and engineering design services for the Juvenile Court Expansion.
2. Provide Staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts for professional services design contracts that are in the best interest of the County.

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

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

**ITEM G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$28,000 professional services contract to Barnard Architects to provide design services for a new concession building at Charlie C. Brooks Park for Parks and Recreation.

**BACKGROUND:** The Charlie C. Brooks Park is utilized by Chatham County residents for various activities throughout the year. The two story concession building serves refreshments and the second floor of the building serves as a scorer's press box with views of all four (4) baseball fields.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The current concession building, which was built on a former landfill, has experienced significant settling causing the seams of the structure to begin separate.
2. The project will consist of design, preparation of plans and specifications, and construction administration.
3. A geotechnical survey will be performed on the site to assess the stability of the existing soil.
4. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for design services was issued and three (3) firms responded to the RFP. The evaluation committee evaluated each firm based on experience, qualifications, project understanding, M/WBE participation, and fee proposal. (See attached matrix for scoring details on page 16).

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) - Charlie C. Brooks  
(3234980 - 521200 - 3236020)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$28,000 professional services contract to Barnard Architects to provide design services for a new concession building at Charlie C. Brooks Park for Parks and Recreation.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM H**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$29,284 purchase of a sole source annual maintenance agreement from Palmetto Microfilm Systems, Inc., for I.C.S.

**BACKGROUND:** This maintenance is to provide Chatham County with service, support and upgrades to the latest version. This is required to ensure the smooth, continuous operation of all of our users scanning documents into document imaging.

Chatham County I.C.S. has purchased all Application Extender, or AX licenses from Palmetto Microfilm Systems. I.C.S. has recommended that all departments using document imaging use the AX software as a standard.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. I.C.S. recommends the purchase of Application Extender software for all users scanning documents into document imaging.
2. Palmetto Microfilm Systems, Inc., is the company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$29,284 to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$29,284 purchase of a sole source annual maintenance agreement from Palmetto Microfilm Systems, Inc., for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

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

**ITEM I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to purchase one (1) Ford F-150XL Super Cab 4x4, one (1) Super Crew 4x4, and one (1) Super Crew 4x4 with winch from O.C. Welch for a total of \$85,181 for Mosquito Control and Fleet. Also, declare three (3) vehicles as surplus and approval to sell at a public auction.

**BACKGROUND:** These vehicle purchases will replace three (3) vehicles that are older and beyond economical repair.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Bids were publicly advertised and opened on November 15, 2016. Bid responses are as follows:

	O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	J.C. Lewis Savannah, GA
Description	Price	Price
Ford F-150 XL Super Cab 4X4	\$24,005	\$25,008
Ford F-150 XL Super Crew 4X4	\$28,448	\$29,492
Ford F-150 XL Super Crew 4X4 w/ Winch	\$32,728	\$35,008

2. On December 4, 2015, the Board approved a local preference policy which, when a non-local firm submits the lowest bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm, who must be within 5% of the lowest responsive responsible non-local. J. C. Lewis Ford is within the 5% allowed for in the policy on two (2) of the three vehicles.
3. The local preference bidder did not meet minimum specifications. J.C. Lewis stated that they could not undercoat the vehicles as required. These vehicles go off road in areas with high salt contents. The current trucks are badly rusted. Undercoating will help protect the truck from the environment, abrasion, and harsh chemicals.
4. The purchase of these vehicles will replace vehicles that have high mileage and are beyond economical repair. The vehicles to be declared surplus are:

Unit #	Description	Vin #
2100	2000 Ford F150	A36579
2105	2004 Ford F250	B90324
336	2002 Ford F150	A52988

5. Staff believes \$85,181 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2014-2020) - Fleet Vehicle Replacement  
(3254985 - 542200 - 3256063)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to purchase one (1) Ford F-150XL Super Cab 4x4, one (1) Super Crew 4x4, and one (1) Super Crew 4x4 with winch from O.C. Welch for a total of \$85,181 for Mosquito Control and Fleet. Also, declare three (3) vehicles as surplus and approval to sell at a public auction.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$39,900 purchase of one (1) used non-typical replacement vehicle, for C.N.T., from Fairway Lincoln.

**BACKGROUND:** This unit will be used as a K-9 vehicle. It will be equipped with a custom insert specifically designed for this type vehicle.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. A standing request for "good" used vehicles is in place with local dealers and they are encouraged to let us know when they have a vehicle they feel we should consider.
2. Staff checked with local car dealers that normally respond to bids and came back with this proposal. This proposal provides C.N.T. with maximum flexibility.
3. The Fleet Manager and a representative from C.N.T. selected the following vehicle based on utility and value.
4. Staff believes the total purchase price of \$39,900 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.  
(2103222 - 542200) (Pending Board approval of budget transfer)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$39,900 purchase of one (1) used non-typical replacement vehicle, for C.N.T., from Fairway Lincoln.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM K**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$125,986 purchase of a Ford F-550 Super Duty Truck from Roberts Truck Center for Fleet Operations. Also, to declare a vehicle as surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material.

**BACKGROUND:** The purchase of this vehicle will replace one that is older and beyond economical repair. The vehicle will be used for various duties throughout the County.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. An Invitation to Bid was publicly advertised and opened on November 17, 2015. Responses are as follows:

Roberts Truck Center                      \$125,986  
Garden City, GA

J.C. Lewis Ford                              \$128,561  
Savannah, GA

2. The purchase of the vehicle will replace vehicle that has high mileage and is beyond economical repair. The vehicle to be declared surplus are:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vin #</u>
337	2004 Ford F250	B58456

3. Staff believes the pricing of \$125,986 for these purchases to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2014-2020) - Fleet Vehicle Replacement  
(3254985 - 542200 - 3256063)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Board approval of \$125,986 purchase of a Ford F-550 Super Duty Truck from Roberts Truck Center for Fleet Operations. Also, declare a vehicle as surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material.
- Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM L**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$59,959 purchase of a Ford F-350 Super Duty Truck from Roberts Truck Center for Mosquito Control. Also to declare one (1) vehicle as surplus and approval to sell at a public auction.

**BACKGROUND:** The purchase of this vehicle will replace one that is older and beyond economical repair. The vehicle will be used for various duties throughout the County.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- An Invitation to Bid was publicly advertised and opened on October 25, 2016. Responses are as follows:

Roberts Truck Center                      \$59,959  
Garden City, GA

J.C. Lewis Ford                              \$61,275  
Savannah, GA

2. The purchase of the vehicle will replace vehicle that has high mileage and is beyond economical repair. The vehicle to be declared surplus are:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vin #</u>
2101	2000 Ford F350	C46378

3. Staff believes the pricing of \$59,959 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2014-2020) - Fleet Vehicle Replacement  
(3254985 - 542200 - 3256063)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Board approval of a \$59,959 purchase of a Ford F-350 Super Duty Truck from Roberts Truck Center for Mosquito Control. Also, declare vehicles as surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material
- Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM M**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$193,179 contract to Peek Pavement Marking, LLC, for the restriping of various roads within unincorporated Chatham County for Public Works.

**BACKGROUND:** Each year staff identifies roads requiring restriping. Because the department has no commercial striping equipment, this task is contracted out based on the availability of funding.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Staff has identified approximately 209,990 linear feet of roads that need to be re-striped. Roads will be painted with current GDOT standard High Build paint and Preform Plastic tape. The areas are as follows: portions of Truman Parkway Bridges, Johnny Mercer Boulevard, portion of Little Neck Road and Derrick's Inn Road.
2. On April 1, 2016, the Board approved authorization to the Chairman to sign all required documents to allow Chatham County to participate in the LMIG program with GDOT which provides financial assistance to local Governments for various roadway projects.
3. On June 2, 2016, the County was awarded funding assistance through the LMIG program in the amount of 70% of the project cost not to exceed \$130,000 in total award.
4. The project was properly advertised and one (1) bid was received and opened on November 29, 2016. The results are as follows:

Peek Pavement Marking, LLC	\$193,179
Columbus, GA	

5. Staff believes the bid from Peek Pavement Marking, LLC, to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Public Works  
(3504100 - 541400 - 3503023)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$193,179 contract to Peek Pavement Marking, LLC, for the restriping of various roads within unincorporated Chatham County for Public Works.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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**XI. FIRST READINGS**

1. **THE PETITIONER GJ&L, INC., AS AGENT FOR DANIEL-THATCHER PROPERTIES, IS REQUESTING TO REZONE A 6.6-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED AT 5905 OGEECHEE ROAD, IDENTIFIED AS (PIN 1-1005-07-006) FROM A P-B-C (PLANNED-COMMUNITY BUSINESS) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO A B (BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL.  
MPC FILE NO. Z-161005-00101-1  
[DISTRICT 6.]**

Chairman Scott said, next -- next item is -- is a First Reader, and we have MPC staff, Marcus [Lotson] is with us, and the petitioner is GJ&L, Inc., an agent for Daniel-Thatcher Properties, is requesting to rezone a 6.6-acre

tract of land located at 5905 Ogeechee Road, identified as -- as PIN 1-1005-07-006 from a P-B-C or Planned Community Business zoning classification to a B classification, which is Business classification. The Planning Commission heard detailed evidence and discussion on this and recommended denial, but when they deny something, the person who has petitioned has a right to appeal to the Commission, and that's the First Reader. Marcus [Lotson], do you have anything you want to add on this?

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, not at this time, Chairman, but I'll be happy to answer any questions. But I will say essentially the petitioner is requesting this zoning change to permit a -- a different use that was previously at this property was a auto dealership, and the petitioner's -- is seeking to establish a heavy equipment dealership, which is not permitted in the current zoning classification.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Thank you so much. Now, we'll have a Second Reader at the next meeting with more discussion.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, okay?

**AGENDA ITEM: XI-1**  
**AGENDA DATE: December 2, 2016**



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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

**LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:**

**Petitioner: GJ&L, Inc.**  
**Owner: Daniel-Thatcher Properties**  
**Agent: Attorney Robert McCorkle**  
**5905 Ogeechee Road**  
**PIN: 1-1005-07-006**  
**Lot Size: 6.6 Acres**  
**County Commission District 6 (Shabazz)**  
**MPC-Z-161005-00101-1.**

**ISSUE:**

Rezoning a 6.6-acre tract of land identified as (PIN 1-1005-07-006) from a P-B-C (Planned-Community Business) classification.

**BACKGROUND:**

The subject property is located at 5905 Ogeechee Road, approximately 225 feet west of the east bound U.S. Highway 17/Fort Argyle Road entrance ramp. The property is 6.6 acres in size and is presently occupied by a new/used car dealership. The subject site has been zoned P-B-C since 2003. There have been no rezonings in the immediate vicinity in the last 20 years, with the exception of a property approximately 1,050 feet west of the subject site. This site was rezoned from R-A to P-B-C on April 15, 2005 (File Number Z-041217-50141-1).

- Subject site and Existing Development Pattern:** The subject 6.6-acre site is currently developed as a new/used car dealership. The petitioner has stated that the purpose of the requested rezoning to a B zoning classification is to change the car dealership into a heavy equipment (Case construction equipment) sales, service, and storage facility. Approximately 2.8 acres of the 6.6-acre tract is developed. The remaining 3.8 acres is undeveloped with a large portion delineated as wetlands. The land uses and zoning districts surrounding the subject property include:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	Ogeechee Road Undeveloped Parcel	P-B-C
South	Fountain Road Two Undeveloped Parcels	PUD-M-6 R-A [1]

East	Keller's Flea Market	P-B-C
West	Automobile Sales Lot (presently) Part of the existing dealership	P-B-C

[1] R-A -- Residential Agriculture

2. **Transportation Network:** The subject site has frontage on Ogeechee road, an existing paved public road with a 175-foot right-of-way. Ogeechee Road, at this location, is a four lane divided road with one median cut and is classified as a major arterial. In addition to the existing four lanes, there is an east bound left turn lane and a west bound deceleration lane providing access to the subject site. The Georgia Department of Transportation Traffic Count Map dated 2014 identified a daily average of 31,340 vehicles on Ogeechee Road along the subject site. The subject site presently has two curb cuts on Ogeechee Road. The easternmost curb cut is a right in-right out only and the westernmost curb cut is a bi-directional curb cut with a median break. The petitioner plans to maintain the existing curb cuts for the proposed use.
3. **Public Transportation:** The subject site is served by Chatham Area Transit (CAT) Route 17 Silk Hope. The nearest bus stops are at the intersection of Ogeechee Road at Chevis Road and Ogeechee Road at Fort Argyle Road.
4. **Public Services and Facilities:** The property is served by the Chatham-Savannah Metropolitan Police Department, Southside Fire Department, and Consolidated Utilities water and sewer services.
5. **Land Use Element:** The Tri-Centennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designates the subject property as Commercial Regional. The proposed B (Business) zoning classification is inconsistent with the definition of this land use category. The appropriate land uses within the Commercial Regional classification should provide for regional business hubs supporting development at a scale and intensity capable of serving regional markets.
6. **Existing P-B-C Zoning District:**
  - a. **Intent of the P-B-C District:** "The purpose of this district shall be to provide community shopping facilities consisting of a wide variety of sales and service facilities at locations that will be accessible to a market area containing from 35,000 to 70,000 people."
  - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the P-B-C district appear in the attachment.
  - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the B-C district appear in the attached table (Table 1).
7. **Proposed B Zoning District:**
  - a. **Intent of the B District:** According to the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of the B district is to "create and protect areas in which heavy commercial and certain industrial like activities are permitted."
  - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the B district appear in the attachment.
  - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the B district appear in the attached table (Table 1).

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:**

1. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would create traffic volumes, noise level, odor, airborne particulate matter, visual blight, reduce light or increased density of development that would adversely impact the livability or quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Possible  X
2. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would adversely impact adjacent and nearby properties by rendering such properties less desirable and therefore, less marketable for the type of development permitted under the current zoning?  
Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would generate a type of mix of vehicular traffic on a street or highway that is incompatible with the type of land use development along such street or highway?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

4. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate greater traffic volumes at vehicular access points and cross streets than is generated by uses permitted under the current zoning district to the detriment of maintaining acceptable or current volume capacity (V/C) ratio for the streets that provide vehicular access to the proposed zoning district and adjacent and nearby properties?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

5. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would require a greater level of public services such as drainage facilities, utilities, or safety services above that required for uses permitted under the current zoning district such that the provision of these services will create financial burden to the public?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

6. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would adversely impact the improvement or development of adjacent and nearby properties in accordance with existing zoning regulations and development controls deemed necessary to maintain the stability and livability of the surrounding neighborhood?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

7. Will the proposed zoning district permit development that is inconsistent with the comprehensive land use plan?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Recommend approval of the petitioner's request to rezone the subject property from a P-B-C (Planned-Community-Business) zoning classification to a B (Business) classification.
2. Recommend an alternate zoning classification.
3. Recommend denial of the petitioners' request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The requested rezoning and some of the uses and standards of the district are not consistent with the Future Land Use Regional Commercial designation. When Interstate 95 was constructed, Ogeechee Road much like other primary corridors, was tremendously impacted with the loss of vehicular traffic. As a result, many of the retail commercial uses declined and the corridor began to transition into low end motels and a wide variety of uses of which many were very intense commercial and/or light industrial uses. However, as development within the City of Savannah began to expand, Ogeechee Road has begun another transition to accommodate the demand for retail commercial uses and even multi-family residential apartments. It is anticipated that as the demand for other properties along Ogeechee Road are developed with commercial retail, residential, and other less intensive uses, the development landscape will be such that high intensity business uses will likely be phased out and relocated to more appropriate and less expensive areas. Because of this, it would be inappropriate to facilitate the development of the heavy equipment sales, repair, and storage facility by rezoning the subject site to a B classification.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The MPC recommends **Denial** of the petitioner's request to rezone the subject property (PIN 1-1005-07-006) from a P-B-C (Planned-Community-Business) zoning classification to a B (Business) zoning classification.

PREPARED BY:  Gary Plumbley, Director   
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NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Gregori Anderson, Director   
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES



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

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2016  
TO: CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION  
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

**PETITION REFERENCED:**

Petitioner: GJ&L, Inc.  
Owner: Daniel-Thatcher Properties  
Agent: Attorney Robert McCorkle  
5905 Ogeechee Road  
PIN: 1-1005-07-006  
Lot Size: 6.6 Acres  
County Commission District 6 (Shabazz)  
MPC-Z-161005-00101-1.

**MPC ACTION:**

**Denial** of the petitioner's request to rezone the subject property (PIN 1-1005-07-006) from a P-B-C (Planned-Community-Business) zoning classification to a B (Business) zoning classification.

**MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**Denial** of the petitioner's request to rezone the subject property (PIN 1-1005-07-006) from a P-B-C (Planned-Community-Business) zoning classification to a B (Business) zoning classification.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 10 + Chairman

Tanya Milton, Chairman  
George Woods, Treasurer  
Shedrick Coleman  
Ellis Cook  
Joseph Ervin  
Lacy Manigault  
Linder Suthers

James Overton, Vice Chairman  
Rob Hernandez  
Lee Smith  
Tom Woiwode

**FOR APPROVAL:**   9        **FOR DENIAL:**   2        **ABSTAINING:**   0  

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Respectfully submitted,  
  
Melony West  
Interim Executive Director

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

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

**1. 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, and now we have some Second Readers. The first is request Board approval of the Third Amendment to the Chatham County Employee Retirement Plan Ordinance that addresses follow-up items from the Plan's Second Amendment. Mr. Manager, you want to make any comments to those plans?

County Manager Smith said, no. If you'll see in the report, the agenda -- you'll see a report from the Assistant County Manager, Linda Cramer, and you will see that we were looking at eligible county retirees, defining those benefits, and also looking at accredited service for two percent of the final average earnings up to thirty years. So, we're basically amending that. Also, the Board approved Second Amendment to the Plan, and we have added CEMA, Animal Control, and Marine Patrol effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, and -- so it's also clarifying the addition of those folks.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Is there any question of the Manager? If not, I'll entertain a motion at this time.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, I second it.

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

Chairman Scott said, if you don't mind, I'd like to move down to the third item on the Second Reading. The motion carries.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to approve Third Amendment to the Chatham County Employees' Retirement Plan Ordinance that addresses follow-up items from the Plan's Second Amendment. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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

**AGENDA DATE: ~~November 18, 2016~~**

**AGENDA ITEM: XII-1**

**AGENDA DATE: December 2, 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 under the Plan for Marine Patrol 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 under the Plan for Marine Patrol Employees 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 a 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: Item 3 was heard at this time, prior to Item 2.]

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, Item 2. It's been brought to my attention and shared with members of the Commission in the pre-meeting that the potential of this particular ordinance and it's far reach, that we think it needs additional work, and at this time I'd like to entertain a motion to send this back to the MPC to see if they can narrow the scope of who is permitted to put up signage and perhaps come back at some future date with a further recommendation.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. I recognize the Commissioner from the 5<sup>th</sup> District for the purpose of a question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. The Catholic Diocese of Savannah, they're putting up promotional banners already, right?

Mr. Lotson said, this -- the -- the petitioner, which is St. James School, had been using promotional banners, however, they were not aware that that was not permitted within the zoning ordinance, and they're no longer --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right. And -- and --

Mr. Lotson said, -- no longer doing it at that property.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and they're still up to this -- to this day.

Mr. Lotson said, no. My understanding that they're not up and have not been up for some time. The county --

Commissioner Shabazz said, since when?

Mr. Lotson said, I think it's been many months that I'm aware of. The county enforced the ordinance and the banners were removed at this property.

Commissioner Shabazz said, which property -- which property is that?

Mr. Lotson said, St. James -- St. James Catholic School on Montgomery --

Commissioner Shabazz said, on Montgomery Crossroads?

Mr. Lotson said, -- Crossroads. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and --

Commissioner Shabazz said, those banners were along the playing field there?

Mr. Lotson said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, well, they were -- they were along the field, but they faced out towards public right of way, and that's the contention here. If you have a ball field where you have them facing into a ball field or recreational area --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

County Manager Smith said, that's not an issue. It's that facing out to the public areas.

Chairman Scott said, but this ordinance opened it up beyond schools, and -- and it -- it makes it far reaching. So --

County Attorney Hart said, and it -- and I -- and I'd also like to add that this doesn't stop any church from having a banner that advertises something related to their religious faith, you know, Bible School, or what -- whatever, okay? So, within the confines of the mission of the Church, they can have a temporary sign that is informational announcing, you know, maybe we have church on Wednesday night, but once they step outside of that, then they fall within --

Commissioner Shabazz said, but the banners that were up there are for businesses as well, right?

County Attorney Hart said, correct. And that's -- that's the point.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and so they charge -- they charge for that.

County Attorney Hart said, well, it's -- the IRS probably would say they charge for it, yes.

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

Chairman Scott said, if there's no further question or discussion?

Commissioner Stone said, I have a comment, that's all.

Commissioner Farrell said, I -- I'd --

Commissioner Stone said, in light of the fact that this is going to go back to the MPC --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 1<sup>st</sup>, Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, -- is there a way that other folks -- I know Hesse School is not in compliance of this. I think if -- if St. James has to take theirs down, then they all should take them down until this is resolved.

Commissioner Center said, may I ask that question?

Chairman Scott said, that's -- yeah.

Commissioner Center said, schools, which have their own governing authority, they res -- they still have to abide by our zoning restrictions, don't they?

County Attorney Hart said, well, there's -- there -- excuse me.

Chairman Scott said, before you did -- we have Commissioner Farrell and then Commissioner Center in that order, please.

Commissioner Farrell said, the -- the statement was made a few moments ago that these banners were purchased and in fact, the different families and businesses would donate money to the athletic organization or the school, and in order to show gratitude, the school was letting everybody know that they appreciated the -- these individuals that donated some money. So it wasn't a -- strictly a purchase of a advertisement, it was a donation. But -- so thank you.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, yeah. And -- and that's when I asked you my question, since the schools were brought up, do -- they're separate -- essentially a different governmental authority. They have to abide by our zoning restrictions?

County Attorney Hart said, well, not necessarily. There's a state statute, 20-2-74 that says local school boards are authorized to solicit, accept donations, contributions and gifts of money from any source for purposes of field trips for their students or any educational purpose. The -- the statute is sufficiently vague. If they're putting up signage, we could take the position that they got to comply with the sign ordinance if it's unrelated to -- to the school activity. On the other hand, that -- the Board of Education may take a different position on that. I'll be happy to talk with the school board attorney to try to obtain clarification of what they're -- they're doing. They've always been -- we haven't always agreed, but they've always been cooperative.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, if there's no further dis -- question, the motion before us is to send it back to the MPC for further consideration and narrowing the scope, so we'll send it back from which it came. All in favor indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so if we vote yes on this, what -- what does that mean?

Chairman Scott said, we're sending it back to the MPC for further work -- for further consideration to see if they can narrow the scope of putting up signs and where they can be put up. The motion carries. Marcus [Lotson], you now have this back with you for further work --

Mr. Lotson said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, -- and consideration. And good luck.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved to send the item back to the Metropolitan Planning Commission in order for them to narrow the scope. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM:** ~~XI-2~~

**AGENDA DATE:** ~~November 18, 2016~~

**AGENDA ITEM:** XII-2

**AGENDA DATE:** November 18, 2016



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**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**

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**Robert S.D. Pace, Esq., Agent**

**MPC-160707-00067-1.**

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**FINDINGS:**

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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:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**FROM:** METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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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, amend -- amendment to the Chatham County Soil Erosion and Sediment [sic] Control Ordinance in order to retain "issuing authority" status under the Georgia Erosion and Sediment [sic] Control Act of 1975. And I'll let the County Attorney to speak to this, but it's sort of a one stop permitting issue, and as long as our ordinance mirrors the state statute, then we will be able to issue permits versus folk having to go to the state to get permission. And before we entertain a motion, I'll ask the County Attorney if he has any further comments on it.

County Attorney Hart said, I -- I think you summed it up -- I think you've summed it up. This is a convenience item to our citizens. That means they come to the county and deal with the permit process, and if you did not have issuing authority, that would be dealing with the state, mostly out of Atlanta. So, we -- we're asking you to make some changes in the ordinance so that it mirrors the state Act so that we can maintain eligibility and be an issuing authority.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, is this for the unincorporated area?

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Chairman Scott said, okay. At this time I'll entertain a motion for approval.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

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

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the 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. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-3~~**

**AGENDA DATE: ~~November 18, 2016~~**

**AGENDA ITEM: XII-3**

**AGENDA DATE: December 2, 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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### **XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Hurricane Matthew Update:**

Chairman Scott said, that completes the Second Reading. Next on the agenda is the Hurricane Matthew Update. Mr. Manager, under informational.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. I would ask Robert [Drewry] to step up, but I'll -- before Robert [Drewry] gives you kind of a -- a general overview of what's going on, I -- I want to commend Public Works, and I think we've got our contractors here, Ashbritt and some of the others, and our consultants, and I appreciate the work they're doing. We are recommending to the Board today, if you remember at the last meeting, we said that we were going to have to put out what we call a last put out date --

Chairman Scott said, before you -- before you go there --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, the Manager recommended -- well I -- I suggested a cutoff of --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, -- December 31<sup>st</sup> of -- of any debris being put out and the -- and the Manager came back with a suggestion of January the 2<sup>nd</sup> as the cutoff time for putting out all debris, and un -- unless there's an objection by this Commission, I'd like to just have a -- instruct the Manager to set a January 2<sup>nd</sup> as a cut off for any Matthew debris related activity, because what we're finding now is folk are clearing lots and everything else --

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, -- and putting it out there in the name of the storm in order to avoid the dumping costs that they would have to pay to take it to a -- a land fill, so we want -- we want to put a cut off time on that. So if there's no -- no objection on that, I'm going to instruct the Manager to set January 2<sup>nd</sup> as the cut off date.

County Manager Smith said, I know I've had a -- a question --

Chairman Scott said, is that okay with you?

County Manager Smith said, ab -- absolutely. Yeah. We did have questions of -- you know, how do you know afterwards, and some of our -- our contractors and consultants today -- we've had every Thursday at 11:30, staff have a -- a major meeting with the consultants and contractors, and they will actually go out and mark where the additional piles are after that date, and it will be the responsibility of that home owner to dispose of those items after January 2<sup>nd</sup>. So we'll actually be able to geomark where they are, but we're wanting to expedite this, because remember, we took the short -- basically, it was called the -- Robert [Drewry] -- the -- for -- through -- FEMA. I just absolutely lost the name of the thing. You know, where we were taking the --

Public Works Director Robert Drewry said, the pilot program?

County Manager Smith said, yeah. The pilot program, which gave us more reimbursements. So expediting that will give us and cost us less money -- less money. I will also tell you -- I'll ask Robert [Drewry], if he will talk about some of the gated communities, what we're doing there, but we have to set some sort of date or we'll be doing this for a year. So, I appreciate your -- you know, and Robert will tell you, we've picked up so far over one-point-three million cubic yards. My first estimate was one-point-eight to two million cubic yards, and with all due respect, Robert, to Ashbritt and everyone else, I'll bet you'll have to buy me dinner, because I -- I was right, but I've been through this before, so.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center and Commissioner Holmes in that order, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Commissioner Center said, yeah, well, when Mr. Drewry's finished, Mr. Chairman, I would like to see the faces of the Ashbritt and hear some of the drama and personal experience of picking it up, if it's okay with you. I don't want to put them on the spot, I just -- since they're here, I'd like to hear a little bit about their experiences.

County Manager Smith said, I'd ask Robert Drewry if he would ask them to come up -- have -- and introduce him because --

Commissioner Center said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, -- as soon as this meeting's over, we're doing a -- a real quick conference with the media to give an update, to get the January 2<sup>nd</sup> out there, and we invited the media so we could get some word out, but also get some good public information and all about what we've done so far.

Commissioner Stone said, that's good.

Chairman Scott said, the Commissioner from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District has a question.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Lee.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, what's -- I -- I notice we -- the main site for the debris dumping is Sallie Mood.

County Manager Smith said, that's one of them.

Chairman Scott said, one of several.

Commissioner Holmes said, exactly.

County Manager Smith said, we have -- we have several ---

Commissioner Holmes said, and we've got --

County Manager Smith said, and I'll -- and Robert -- he -- he will go over that.

Commissioner Holmes said, we're using Eisenhower now also?

Mr. Drewry said, no, sir. That's City of Savannah.

County Manager Smith said, City of Savannah.

Commissioner Holmes said, that's City of Savannah.

Mr. Drewry said, the -- the National Guard property.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Mr. Drewry said, is City of Savannah.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Mr. Drewry said, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Mr. Drewry said, I do appreciate the time to say a few words about the debris removal. I -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm going to say as much as I can before I lose my voice. So, please be patient with me. Yeah, I've got to say right off the bat, that the -- the volume of debris is phenomenal. I've -- I've never experienced this before, and -- as well as you, and just -- it's just -- it's just phenomenal. That's all I can say. I -- I would like to say a few comments first, before -- but I want to introduce the contractors. I've got Ashbritt represented by Mr. Dow Knight. He's also got Ben Pelote from Pelote Company represented as well, and Mr. Wes Holden from our -- our debris monitoring company, Thompson Consulting. They're here, as well, to answer, particularly any operational questions.

Mr. Drewry said, couple things I do want to say right off the bat is -- based on the volume of debris, and y'all have heard this, I believe, other -- different places and different locations, there's a model out there that the Corps of Engineers has produced to estimate debris volumes based on hurricanes, and it -- it -- it's a widely accepted model. The county actually ran that model back in 2014, and I'm going to throw some numbers out at you, so hopefully you can keep up. But, in 2014 when they ran the model for unincorporated Chatham County, they were estimating about thirty-eight thousand cubic yards of debris, and that was in 2014. I didn't see any smiles. The model was run again by the Corps of Engineers on October the 8<sup>th</sup>, which is day -- day zero essentially. They ran the model again based on a Category 3 Matthew that was pending, essentially hitting us, and the model revealed three hundred and sixty-seven thousand cubic yards, three hundred and sixty-seven cubic yards county wide, and not just the unincorporated county. I don't have a breakdown for the unincorporated county, but county-wide, three hundred and sixty-seven thousand.

Mr. Drewry said, and -- and I know Mr. -- Mr. Smith indicated that I'll have to buy him dinner because I don't remember the bet, but, yes, we are quickly approaching two million cubic yards of debris. We have blown the model out of the water. I think -- personally, I think they need to recreate the model just based on Chatham County. The model was created based on populations and densities and tree canopy, historical data, but Chatham County's changed the mold. So, I -- I'm -- not -- not something I'm proud of, but, you know, it's just phenomenal, and I think even our contractors who do this for a living and are professionals, are even amazed by the amount of debris that just keeps coming out. Y'all see it. Y'all know it's just -- continues to come out.

Mr. Drewry said, and it's coming up in odd places, along causeways; along dark streets; not in front of residences. It just keeps showing up, and we're talking tree trunks, tree stumps, and that type of debris. So we know we have to as -- as Mr. Smith said set up a final put out date. But right now we have collected a little over one-point-one million cubic yards of debris. That's forty-nine days of operation, a little over twenty-three thousand loads. And, you are correct, Commissioner Holmes, Sallie Mood is -- is one of primary sites. The other site, Riverview and East Pines, I dare say is probably as big, if not larger volume, than the Sallie Mood site, and Scott Stell Park is -- is also a debris site. Not as much used now because it's on the west side and -- and -- and the debris has certainly slowed down on that end.

Mr. Drewry said, we -- Ashbritt and -- and Thompson have both told me that we're nearly a hundred percent complete on the first pass. That means they have made it through almost -- essentially every -- every neighborhood, every zone, first pass in the forty-nine days of operation. There may be some holes out there, some -- some exceptions, and we're finding those as we go along and certainly hitting them quickly, but that's first pass. Now that's with the exception of some of the private communities, gated roads -- gated communities and private roads. We got a late start on those, but even some of those are a hundred percent completed on the first pass.

Mr. Drewry said, we have, and I appreciate your -- your -- your consensus, we are looking at a final put out date of January the 2<sup>nd</sup> to give the unincorporated residents an opportunity through the holidays to put out their debris one last time, and as Commissioner -- Mr. Smith said, after January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the con -- consultants will go out there and geolocate every pile that's out there so that we have a record of where they're at, and -- and start hitting those areas, a zone at a time and making it a -- a pass and being done with it. So that is our plan at this point. I don't think I have anything else to add to it. So I would entertain any questions you may have.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Farrell of the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Farrell said, on the unincorporated public roads, I've noticed quite a few trees that were originally all or partially in the -- on the pavement, and they were cut very close to the white line, and there's still quite a lot of tree trunks if you will, stumps in the right of way that haven't been cut up or anything like that. What is the plan to address those issues while we still have some FEMA cost sharing on removing those debris?

Mr. Drewry said, two -- two points on that, and I -- and -- and that's a good question. The trees that fell on public right of way need to be cut up to the end of the public right of ways. You know, most of the time it's a fence or something like that, cut up to that point and removed. We do know there's some still out there, the trunks are still on private property, and we're trying to identify those locations. Now, they're mostly on secondary routes, collector streets.

Commissioner Farrell said, well, I was referring to in the public right of way between the --

Mr. Drewry said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, between the white line --

Mr. Drewry said, and the right of way.

Commissioner Farrell said, and the end of the right of way.

Mr. Drewry said, yeah. The -- we're identifying --

Commissioner Farrell said, and there's still --

Mr. Drewry said, -- those locations now. And -- and Ashbritt is -- is tasked to do those, to cut them up and remove them.

Commissioner Farrell said, 'cause some of them are dangerously close to the white line. If somebody veered off a little bit, I mean, it could be --

Mr. Drewry said, yes, and -- and we -- we need to know those locations. I'm sure we have them, but we need to know them, and that would be helpful as well.

Commissioner Farrell said, you can start going down Green Island Road. There's quite a few.

Mr. Drewry said, yes. Yeah. We're aware of that one. Yep. And some of them have been placed out there, as you know, particularly on McWhorter.

Commissioner Farrell said, well, I'm talking about the ones that are still attached to their tree stumps that were simply --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Drewry said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- cut off to -- to make --

Commissioner Stone said, and pushed.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- traffic be able to use the pavement. You know, that part of -- of the tree has been removed --

Mr. Drewry said, okay.

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Mr. Drewry said, we'll address those.

Commissioner Farrell said, there's still quite a few trees --

Mr. Drewry said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- that are in our right of ways right up to the white line, and I was just wondering what the plan was to -- to address those?

Mr. Drewry said, well, we need to attack them immediately, and I'll make sure that happens.

County Manager Smith said, yeah. We talked last Thursday in the regular meeting about that very thing. Obviously, it's a -- as we said, it's a public safety issue, so -- and I'll let Ashbritt and the contractors know about that, so it's -- we're trying to prioritize them.

Mr. Drewry said, the second part of that is the stumps you mentioned as well. There -- we know there's some stumps out there. They've identified fifty-one stumps. Stumps are a little bit unique because they are considered hazardous. A FEMA representative actually has to access each one of those stumps as well and identify it and -- and -- and -- and el -- classify its eligibility before the contractors can pick it up. They get photos, they get GPS coordinates on every stump that's in the public right of way. So, they've done that, the report's been sent to FEMA, and we're just waiting on them to say, yep, go for it, and they'll probably want to be on site for each one of them. I -- I don't know, but -- but we'll -- we'll address those too, as well, and they know that.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, do we have contractors that are going to get the stumps up and the --

Mr. Drewry said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- trees?

Mr. Drewry said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, once we give them the green light?

Mr. Drewry said, Ashbritt is tasked to do that as well.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, how you doing, Mr. Drewry?

Mr. Drewry said, well.

Commissioner Holmes said, I -- I heard you say that January 2<sup>nd</sup> is the last day for debris. How -- and how are we going to monitor after January the 2<sup>nd</sup>? What -- what kind of plan? I heard you say something about how you going to plan to do this, but let's say after the 2<sup>nd</sup>, we still got someone dumping. How do we monitor that?

Mr. Drewry said, that -- that's going to be a challenge, and I agree.

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah. Okay.

Mr. Drewry said, it -- first of all, as I said, the debris monitoring contractor will locate everyone of them at -- all those piles that are still remaining after January 2.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Drewry said, and, yes, there will still be piles coming out, I'm sure there will, and as long as we're still in debris pick up mode, they're going to pick them up, 'cause they're in public right of way. We can't stop them. However, at that point -- from that point on, particularly contractors, tree contractors, and lawn care services, I would consider it illegal dumping, and so we would like to approach from that direction.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Mr. Drewry said, if they're still out there dumping tree trunks, stumps and things of that sort.

Commissioner Holmes said, but I heard you say you going to go around and you going to monitor it. Are you taking pictures of these sites before and after?

Mr. Drewry said, I believe that is the plan is to take photos. Yes, it is. Thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. And are -- are you all compiling that in a picture?

County Manager Smith said, step up and introduce yourselves.

Commissioner Holmes said, when you all take pictures, during now --

County Manager Smith said, talk about the map.

Commissioner Holmes said, and then you will take pictures after January the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Wes Holden said, yes, sir. I'm -- I'm Wes Holden with Thompson Consulting, the debris monitor manager.

Commissioner Holmes said, pleasure.

Mr. Holden said, after the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we'll do systematic sweeps of the debris zones. We will use our -- our hand-held software that we use right now for the -- the ticketing. We will locate a pile of debris that's eligible. We will geolocate that spot, take the GPS coordinates, we will take a photo of that pile, and it generates a -- a survey ticket. Once we sweep the entire zone, let's say for example, we identified fifty-five piles, we would then put -- plot those on to a map, store that on the map, share that with the debris contractor, and then perform a final, systematic sweep of that zone --

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Holden said, -- to remove those piles and then work within the Public Works department to then verify that that debris has been removed and close out the zone.

Commissioner Holmes said, those pictures that you're going to take -- the photos, would they be accessible for us? You'll be giving it to our Manager?

County Manager Smith said, well, they'll have it in their system, so they'll be available.

Commissioner Holmes said, are they -- they will -- it will have it in system.

Mr. Holden said, yeah. It will be available, as well as the -- the debris map as well that the -- the Public Works department has.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Okay.

Mr. Holden said, with all of the geolocation areas.

Commissioner Holmes said, thanks.

Chairman Scott said, anything else, Robert [Drewry]?

Mr. Drewry said, nothing else.

Chairman Scott said, any -- Commissioner Stone of the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Stone said, I -- I just want to say thank you. I know this has been an arduous task at best, and I know the demands have been flying from the right and the left, and I know it's been difficult to keep up with --

Mr. Drewry said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, so, I just want to thank you all for keeping us safe --

Mr. Drewry said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, -- and getting as much of this debris up as quickly as possible.

Mr. Drewry said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

County Manager Smith said, yeah, and Mr. Chairman, the -- the -- in commending CEMA, our consultants, the contractors, Robert [Drewry] and all the Public Works, one thing, not just picking this up, but we're trying to negate what we're having to pay. We're over twenty million dollars in costs.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

County Manager Smith said, and every pile that we can certify that FEMA will pay for, we don't pay for, because this is already costing us millions that we won't get back. The Landings has been hit by this; all municipalities; reserves are being drained by some of our smaller municipalities, and I want to thank our staff for doing everything they can in trying to follow the rules. Also, the appeal is still with FEMA. We'll -- in fact, additional data has been -- was sent from the attorney's office. Every time we find additional good information we send that data on to FEMA, so we hope we get positive word. If not, we'll let you know. The next step may be running all the way to D.C., including sending some people up there, because it will be worth it, the investment, to save us millions. So, we're -- we're hoping this is positive, but we just don't have a feel for what FEMA's going to do, and I -- and I think with what Robert [Drewry] brought up on this model, I -- I quite frankly think it has something to do with it, because they -- I think even FEMA never had any idea it would be what it is in our area. And I think that's kind of thrown them for a loop. So, anyway, we appreciate the Board's support.

Commissioner Holmes said, let me ask you one more question, please.

Chairman Scott said, now, we got Commissioner Farrell of --

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Okay.

Chairman Scott said, -- the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, and then we'll get back to you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner.

Commissioner Farrell said, in the last week or two, I've had some conversations, and I just wanted to verify that the information that the Landings provided for this FEMA appeal -- was that taken in and incorporated in our appeal?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, we had maps; we had the letter; there were three sections, and we verified. I talked to Shari Haldeman, and there was, you know, I -- I don't -- I think I've learned to hate Facebook, but people get information out there that's not good, so Shari called me and I -- I want to thank Shari Haldeman and Rex Templeton for staying in touch with us, as well as the other gated communities. But we went through the application and -- and showed them and sent that to them, and it was all included.

Chairman Scott said, you can thank her. She's sitting behind you.

County Manager Smith said, oh, I know she is. I just didn't want to look at her.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. Thank you.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Smith?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, how do park and tree look at this situation with us having such a beautiful county, with all our trees, and we've lost so many during Matthew, how is park and trees looking at this?

County Manager Smith said, I don't know from the standpoint -- you know, it would be one thing for the city because obviously the City of Savannah and, you know, Thunderbolt, and some of the others are known for those tree canopies, and most of our areas, Wilmington Island, and, you know, some of the island locations, are known for those things, but it -- right now, it's just a necessity.

Commissioner Holmes said, have you had any dialogue with park and tree?

County Manager Smith said, we have -- we have -- I don't think we -- Robert [Drewry] --

Commissioner Holmes said, haven't --

County Manager Smith said, I don't think we have had. Not really.

Commissioner Holmes said, not had any?

County Manager Smith said, because right now it's just a necessity of safety, getting the stuff cleaned up, and I think it's something you, you know, you may have like the Tree Foundation, some of the others, of replanting, those kind of things, but I think you will definitely, in the next year, hear those conversations.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, any further questions in reference to Hurricane Matthew clean up? Everybody understand we've instructed staff to establish January 2<sup>nd</sup> as the cut off?

Commissioner Thomas said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, okay. I just want to make sure that that's clear. Okay. Mr. Manager, do you have anything else?

County Manager Smith said, not at this time.

Commissioner Center said, I have a question for the Manager.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 3<sup>rd</sup> has a question.

**Police Consultant Discussion:**

Commissioner Center said, (unintelligible) and then come back to it. Can you give an update on how discussions are going on the police merger equation and talks with the consultant?

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm. Myself, Linda Cramer, and Mark Bucalo from Finance are on that group, along with the City, City Manager, their finance folks, and then Metro, and we have gone through several iterations of what we're looking at to come up with evidence-based information to look at how you divide out what is the city, what is the county, what are our costs. We're kind of grinding it down now where we're getting a little closer to percentages. Some of it's pretty hard to separate when you get into administrative issues, you know, and I think there are definitely going to be some gray areas, where we just have to make a decision. I don't think it's going to be perfect. But, the thing I'm real pleased about is that we're talking about -- when we come back to you and City Council, there will be decisions that this Board and City Council will have to make as to response times. You'll have to say -- at -- we're -- and I'm thinking we'll come back with at least two options, and I'm just using one item on response time, and I will give the example of the area I'm in, in the west

-- in Georgetown and those -- Ogeechee, those have the highest response times because of proximity from not only the precinct, but it's such a large area and rural area. So what we've looked at is to bring back to you and City Council what those response time, based on industry standard, what they should be, and I won't give you the numbers now, because it's still at work, but it may be from this point to this point in minutes or -- and -- or -- or this point, if you want to go to a shorter time, it will require a higher investment of more vehicles, possibly another precinct. It could be a lot of different things, and we're going to bring you those options, but we're bringing that down now where I think in the next few months, we're going to be able to come back to the Board.

County Manager Smith said, so I do feel good about that, and -- and response time is a huge issue that we've got to look at, and the Chief has been very good and Julie [Tolbert] about supplying information. So, you know, we've got meetings coming up. I would suspect we'll probably have five or six more meetings, but we spend, three, four, five hours going over this stuff. So.

Commissioner Center said, I know we've got a brand new Manager over there --

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Commissioner Center said, -- that's jumping into this, and, you know, one of the most tense periods, and it lasted more than a year, which led to friction, you know, we got passed it, but, you know, harsh negotiations, you know, hard feelings, numerous. What's the relationship now talking with -- 'cause you don't just talk with their City Manager, but with staff over there. Do -- do you feel that when we get to the point that we have to make a decision, we'll be able to work with them? Is it going to be testy again? Do you have any feel for that?

County Manager Smith said, I say yes, and because, as we've tried to do here with the county, you know, government's a little -- is different than a business. You know, we say we're going to run government like a business, and in some of our enterprises, you can, but just like earlier, on quality of life issues, it's a little difficult. But when you get into situations like police, you can run those like an enterprise. You can apply some business principles, but Board's have to decide, okay, you know, what's the price of the product? Well, the price of the product is the service that you give out to citizens. So we have to bring that back to you, but the new City Manager, I mean, I already am witnessing where he's looking at all the departments. You know, I -- I saw recently where there were some cuts on Metro and some other departments, but I believe he's -- he and his executive team are looking hard at what the City's costs truly are. That's going to be helpful for us to -- to grind this down to a point where we'll see what we actually should pay, because you remember we talked to you about the fact that they had reserves, which is terrific, but then you have to say, okay, we contributed to that reserve. So what does that mean? Well, I appreciate his -- his taking the stance that he has and getting to real true, what I would call, zero-based budgeting. I think he's trying to move or -- you know, direct investment. So he's doing that. So I -- I think definitely, the attitude -- I know during the storm, it was cooperation ninety-nine-point-nine percent. May have been a little miscommunication. We're all guilty of that, but the communications are better, the meetings we have are better. They are very detailed. It doesn't appear to be political, it appears to be we're talking about business aspect of conducting services in the county and the city. That's terrific. We had a great critique Dennis [Jones] carried on with municipalities the other night, and we were all able to sit there, all the cities and county and say, we thought this was good; we thought this was bad; nobody got upset. It's what -- you critique ourselves because we're not perfect. It's getting better, and -- and so I'm -- I have a very optimistic attitude as far as how we can work together.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Manager.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, if there's no further information, I'm going to recognize Commissioner -- if you have nothing else, Mr. Manager.

County Manager Smith said, no, sir.

**Recreation Resolution Discussion:**

Chairman Scott said, I'm going to recognize Commissioner Farrell from the 4<sup>th</sup> District. He -- he made a request concerning our going on record in support of a joint effort in the areas of recreation with the school system, and with the City of Savannah, and I had the Clerk to go back and pull the minutes when we had that discussion, and we had quite a discussion on it but did not take any action on it, and part of that discussion at that time eluded to the fact that we were focusing on school board, City of Savannah and not all the other municipalities within the county, and that we think it needs to be all inclusive. And, when the school board adopts a resolution, it's focused on school facilities, and when the City of Savannah, it's the City of Savannah. When we adopt a resolution, our resolution have to be far more inclusive than what their resolutions are -- generally are, because we represent and have a part of the county is all the other municipalities, so we think if you're going to do an agreement on recreation, then all the municipalities ought to be at the table as well, so it's not as if it's the county and the City of Savannah doing something. And so, with that, I was going to recognize Commissioner Farrell, because we were going to try to craft something between now and the next meeting.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. For the most of the past calendar year there's been some informal discussions between some Commissioners, some Councilors and some School Board members that wouldn't

it be a great idea if we all resolved to cooperate and work together to provide programming and facilities for all the youth of Chatham County to have a place to play their different organized sports. So, this is just a small step that just would clarify in a very public way the resolve of these Boards, not to the exclusion of any -- any entity that would like to also make that type of pledge. It would certainly be encouraged and welcomed if there were other entities in the county that would -- would also like to make that pledge we'd certainly -- this Commissioner would -- would welcome and encourage that.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, you know, I'm -- I'm hoping that we can craft something similar to what the City of Savannah is taking steps to do and the School Board is set -- taking steps to do to simply resolve at the elected official level that -- that we'll pledge cooperation and -- and -- with the goal of having the youth better served in this community for recreational programs and -- and facilities to be open, and we're looking for coaches and parents to come forward and contact these different entities in an effort to enhance the different sports that they're interested in and their children are interested in. So, hopefully at our next meeting we can -- we can have something that's agreeable to all and make that resolve and get 2017 started off as a great year for recreation.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone, I see you have your pencil up. Do you have --

Commissioner Stone said, yes, sir. If that's a motion, I want to second it, but I also want to make a comment that I was at a neighborhood, Paradise Park Neighborhood Association meeting last night, and the same thing was brought up that the residents are desperately looking for something for these young people to do in the afternoons, and if we can make this work, I think it would be a win/win for the community. So, I wanted to second that if that's your motion.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, I don't know if it's a motion at this point.

Chairman Scott said, no, it's not. It's not a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, but it's certainly -- it's certainly an intention.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, and I'd love to hear from Commissioner Holmes, if he's -- he --

Commissioner Stone said, he's the expert.

Commissioner Farrell said, he --

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner --

Commissioner Farrell said, he and I are -- are -- I think have very similar thoughts on that.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Holmes, you're -- you're recognized.

Commissioner Holmes said, I don't want to -- I don't want to be the expert here, but I do want to --

Commissioner Stone said, you are.

Commissioner Holmes said, -- voice my concern. Commissioner Farrell just touched bases on about five different areas of concern, and when you listen to it, it's -- it's -- it's -- it's what everybody should want, but how do we get there is the question I would ask. I don't like to even much entertain that now because it's larger than what you hear us talking about. Why did this come up? Where do we go from here? Who is involved? When you talk about sport, sport is inclusive of recreation. So I wouldn't want to use the word sport to clarify what we doing, but I would like to use the word recreation for what we're doing, because then recreation cover the whole spectrum of the whole county. The scale of recreation in Savannah and City/County is not balanced. It is sitting uneven for a long time, and if we going to embark upon doing what Commissioner Farrell want, and what we want, and what I want, it's simply to give service to the citizens of Savannah and City.

Commissioner Holmes said, now, how do we get there? That's the question. I don't even much want us to move forward, Commissioner Farrell, until we sit down to a table and work out every kinks you think going to phase us. If you think merging the police department was complicated, this could be more complicated than you think. So, before we go into it coming before the Board and narrow that, we got to go back to the table, Pat [Farrell].

Commissioner Farrell said, I -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm --

Commissioner Stone said, the concept.

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, the concept.

Commissioner Farrell said, let me -- let me make a clarification.

Commissioner Holmes said, the concept is fine.

Commissioner Farrell said, my -- the only thing that I was proposing is that we resolve to cooperate.

Commissioner Stone said, right. The concept.

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, the next step is a -- is what -- is -- I -- I don't want to touch it at this point either.

Commissioner Holmes said, you right.

Commissioner Farrell said, but -- because I'm not -- I don't know what shape it's going to take or what form it would take.

Commissioner Holmes said, correct.

Commissioner Farrell said, it would simply be, you know, that we actually, you know, work with one another and cooperate with our facilities. Perhaps the county has more of a certain facility but not a -- and then somebody else has more programs but not enough facilities, and we do some sharing, and we just communicate well. You know, I think that would be a great first step. You know, where it goes from here would certainly, you know, I -- I wouldn't -- this is a non-binding resolution. It's just a resolution of cooperation and communication and intent. There would be nothing in there that would be binding or -- or at -- at this point. I -- I -- I -- it would just be -- it would just show that there was an intention to -- to use our facilities wisely, to use our resources wisely, and that we wouldn't have overlap or -- or we wouldn't have fields that were padlocked while some other organization was bursting at the seams and needed those facilities. That -- that somehow we could work out some cooperation at the staff level. But this is simply a -- a -- a request for Board consideration that puts it out there that -- that we would like to cooperate as a -- as a governing body with other governing bodies within our county to facilitate having great programs for the youth and have full utilize -- utilization of our facilities. Now, how that actually plays out, would certainly go to the staff level, and they would have to work that out and -- if there was any particular situations then certainly, they would have to follow that -- their own course.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Holmes said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner from the 8<sup>th</sup> District, our Vice Chair, Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sitting here and I'm listening very attentively, and I hear several things, and I don't really think this is as complicated as we may feel. I think the first step as you have said -- both of you have said, would be for the entities involved to come together. That would be the first thing. Sit down and write out all of the essential things that are necessary in order to get to stage A, B, and C. Once that's done, then you'll be able to move forward with the -- maybe the smaller things, but the first thing is that you got to have -- both have the understanding of what the actual needs are for both entities and then go from there. Make that list and get an agreement on whatever it is, and then move forward. I know that you can do it, and as a matter of fact, I'm depending on you to do that. And --

Commissioner Farrell said, well, like I said --

Chairman Scott said, let me --

Commissioner Farrell said, -- the first step would just be the -- to -- to get the Board to just say we'd like to consider that.

Chairman Scott said, we --

Commissioner Farrell said, but getting into all the different steps, that would -- that's going to take considerable --

Commissioner Thomas said, it's going --

Commissioner Farrell said, -- more effort.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, and getting down in the -- into the details. But --

Commissioner Thomas said, right. It will take some time --

Chairman Scott said, now -- now --

Commissioner Thomas said, -- but what I'm saying, you know, is that however or whatever time it's going to take, you start at a certain point and go from there. It can be done. Be positive about it, and just look to the future. It's for the good of the entire community.

Chairman Scott said, I would -- the whole purpose of recognizing the Commissioner from the 4<sup>th</sup> District in the first place was to simply -- as informational item --

Commissioner Farrell said, right.

Chairman Scott said, -- to serve notice that we would -- would work to draft something for consideration at our next meeting, and it sounds like it would be --

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Chairman Scott said, -- quite a discussion at our next meeting. But, I am -- I might also add that as part of our planning process and our comprehensive plan for the entire county, one of the things we charged -- we charged the Manager with putting together that plan was really to take an inventory --

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, -- of all recreation facilities in this county.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's what I'm talking about.

Chairman Scott said, when I say all recreation facilities in this county, we -- we were not talking about the unincorporated area. We were talking about all recreation facilities in all municipalities.

County Manager Smith said, and schools.

Chairman Scott said, and schools. All recreation facilities, period. So, when we start planning and going after or publicizing we're going to build facilities using SPLOST dollars or what have you, we wouldn't duplicate facilities in the same areas. There's some areas that's in dire need of recreation --

Commissioner Thomas said, exactly.

Chairman Scott said, -- facilities. The other areas, who have an abundance of recreation facilities, and in some cases a recreation facilities are not in a population area at all. For instance, you take the Scott Stell Park, for instance. And so that was the purpose of it. And any resolution that we pass ought to be in keeping with that. Now, I don't -- I'm not certain that the School Board resolution and the City resolution has that vision of trying to see and assess what we need in terms of enhancing the quality of life throughout this county, be it a school facility that we can negotiate access too on off seasons and when school is out, as well as facilities and be that Bloomingdale or Port Wentworth or Pooler or Garden City or Thunderbolt or Tybee or any place else in this county that we would be able to put all of it on a chart so you can see where they're at, and then make a determination of what we need to enhance the quality of life, and then we can determine which -- which entity would build that, be it -- be it the City or is that something that the county would undertake. Would that be something that we would include in our next request to the voters in terms of SPLOST spending? So that's really the whole purpose of putting together a plan and a master inventory of recreation facilities in this county, and so, I -- I would like to see our resolution support that effort.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and before we adjourn, I'm going to recognize the County Manager for further comments in terms of information.

County Manager Smith said, yes, sir. All the comments are, I think, definitely on point. The Board had a lot of forethought in this past budget to invest in the study. We have just gotten back the RFPs to bring someone in to -- someone to assist. We have talked to all the municipalities who want to participate, but we need to reduce that down to a document, and hope this resolution and maybe intergovernmental agreement where we have the ability to go on properties. But as part of that inventory, we'll also come back with some recommendations of if there are redundancies, how we might fix those. So then we would come back and hopefully have some sort of working groups between all the municipalities in the county to look at how we do that. And a lot of it is in talking with the schools and municipalities is just sharing the inventory, saying, okay, like right now, the schools charge us, we charge them, we said well, what if we all put our hands up and go, well, let's not charge, and let's see, you know -- you know, because it's the same tax dollars. So, let's look at those things.

County Manager Smith said, so I -- I -- I'm looking forward to starting that right after the first of the year, maybe January, February, but we've got those back. Stephen Proper and purchasing are reviewing those RFPs, and --

so, we -- we need to -- and I agree with the Chair, we need to formalize that in how we're going to work together. But, I think that -- this is an exciting time, particularly given SPLOST in the future.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. Like I say, I -- I see that as like further steps down the road. The only thing I -- I'm asking of -- for Board consideration at our next meeting is that we just resolve to communicate and go in that direction. And nothing else on the first step. Just that -- that's -- that was our intention is to -- is to cooperate and -- and -- and talk and communicate. There would -- you know, I think there's lots and lots of next steps, but, you know, it's always best if -- if -- if -- if we have more people on board than how we've done as a community in -- in -- in my lifetime where one entity goes this way and one entity goes that way, and somebody's doing a cultural center and then somebody else does another one, and they didn't even know they were both doing them. I mean, you know, so, starting with communication is huge at the elected official level, and then -- then we can work out the details as time goes on a little bite at a time, rather than trying to swallow all the -- the elephant in one bite. We'll just go one step at a time.

**Legislative Agenda Discussion:**

Chairman Scott said, okay. The other thing is from -- as far as information, at our next meeting, we'll -- we'll have our state legislators here as our guests, and we will unveil our legislative agenda for the 2017 session, and the County Attorney has got a preliminary list now, and I was going to have him just to talk about some of the stuff on the preliminary list. But between now and our next meeting, we will also try to put together a couple hour workshop so we can bring in all the members of the Commission and so they can go over and ask any questions of anything on the agenda, so when we present it to the legislature, it will not be being presented to the members of the Commission at the same time. Counselor, you have --

County Attorney Hart said, yeah. I -- I'll -- I'll be glad to go over what we currently have as a working list, and obviously, you -- things can be eliminated or things can be added. And generally the things that we have -- have heard the most about, number one, was private communities and declared disasters. I've been in contact with the legislative counsel, attorney general's office, folks from Hilton Head, legislative counsel, and GEMA concerning the possibility of -- of the county supporting the del -- delegation going out with state-wide general act to amend the Emergency Management Ordinance to add language to it that would make it clear and much easier to have gated communities be able to obtain support so that we don't have to go through the experience that we are here, now, and I've been well-received at this point. There's a lot of work to be done, but we'll -- we'll work through that.

County Attorney Hart said, the second thing is we've got a transportation issue. Everybody knows I-16 needs to be widened. Currently there is a plan going into it and widen it. I think the cut off is at the Pooler Parkway. Somebody the other day said they would like to see it go all the way to Pembroke. I think that's all a matter of being able to arrange DOT funding. You know, building a highway and widening it of that -- to the extent of Pembroke versus, just to the Pooler Parkway. It would be a substantial cost, and that may be a -- a -- an initiative that takes more than one legislative term to work -- work through it.

County Attorney Hart said, there's been some discussion about the county creating a county-wide authority -- housing authority. We don't currently have one. The City has one, and the purpose of that would be to try to look at the ability of the county to make property available for redevelopment or assist in redevelopment. There could be a wide variety of things that could be done if you go -- if you decide you want a -- a Housing Authority, probably the first step would be to adopt a general Act of the legislature that is rather vanilla, and then sit down and try to figure out what it is you're actually trying to do at that point. You can modify the authority's use.

Commissioner Farrell said, you -- are you talking about a true county-wide authority or just a unincorporated --

County Attorney Hart said, no.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- county authority?

County Attorney Hart said, no, true -- true county-wide authority. And -- and you know there's some advantages to that from a standpoint that there's financing mechanisms within the authority's discretion that the county could do that, you know, a municipality couldn't do it beyond their jurisdictional limits. So, I mean, it -- it has -- it's an instrument that has potential.

County Attorney Hart said, the -- the other thing we're looking at doing is asking the legislature in regards to public/private partnership financing. There's a limit on the ability of the capacity of the community to issue bonds. I think it's not in excess of forty million dollars or it may be twenty-five million dollars.

County Manager Smith said, it's twenty-five.

County Attorney Hart said, it's twenty-five?

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and I have spoken with the Chair of the committee that deals with that issue, and -- and we've discussed the fact that twenty-five million dollars don't go as far as it used to go, and that in

the larger metropolitan counties, most of the projects exceed twenty-five million, and we would like to see the -- the bonding capacity limit increase to a hundred million dollars or some higher number. There's a limitation on how much you could bond out because you could only bond out certain percentage compared to your property digest, so it keeps you from over extending yourself. I -- I -- I think it would probably be pretty well received. It wouldn't affect the smaller communities. It would be a grade A to the larger communities.

County Attorney Hart said, and the final thing that is currently on the list right now is Recorder's Court and what needs to be done, if anything, legislatively, in regards to Recorder's Court, and that's something that's going to require the City and County to have input because it's -- it's a joint court, okay? And there's also the issue floating around that the City may or may not choose to participate in that in the future, and that would have repercussions of what you need to do legis -- legislatively. There's been some discussion about separating the clerk and management of the administration of the court separate and apart from the judicial judging part. In other words, the administrative staff would operate the day to day functions and administer the court, and the judiciary would be judges and make decision and operate and rule in court. And the administrative function would not be able to invade the province of the judicial process. Really, there needs to be some clarity about what's going -- what the potential is between the municipal -- City of Savannah and the County in the future to try to figure out what needs to be done. There are two --

Chairman Scott said, and we will be meeting with the -- we will be meeting with the City to see if we can get clarification.

County Attorney Hart said, there are two other issues --

Chairman Scott said, on that.

County Attorney Hart said, excuse me. I'm sorry.

Chairman Scott said, I just wanted to make note that we will be meeting with the city to see if we can get clarification on it.

County Attorney Hart said, okay. There is -- there are two other issues, one that was suggested by the County Manager pertaining to how municipal broadband state-wide is going to be used. It -- it's -- and -- and broadband is kind of like a utility. It's important. There's water and sewer, drainage, and it -- it affects economic development, and we're recommending that it needs -- it needs to be studied before you just jump in and -- and decide -- decide what to do. Whether you believe that the County should be a player in that. And that's something to be discussed.

County Attorney Hart said, it was also brought up at the legislative luncheon that, as you know, we had -- the county had put forth the concept of allowing under the confiscated weapons by law enforcement agencies to be destroyed rather than being sold -- sold back to gun dealers and being recycled into the public. It did not pass last session, probably, primarily to the fact that there were so many other issues floating around in that area, and there's a discussion about re -- re-introducing that. The number of weapons that would be generated or confiscated and resold is -- is diminimus to the amount of revenue you receive from it. So, it -- it's not like it's -- we're -- we're losing any real economic benefit should -- should that legislation pass. You -- you know, it just sort of depends on your view of the world, and I'm not going to step into that. That's up to the Commission to decide whether they wish to support that again or whatever. And, beyond that, I don't have anything else. I'd be glad to entertain any comments any of you have.

Chairman Scott said, well, we'll -- we'll talk about it in greater detail at the workshop. I -- I just wanted to let everybody know what the County Attorney had on his list currently.

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**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: December 2, 2016

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Youth soccer officials for various teams	Parks and Recreation	Greater Savannah Soccer Association, Inc.	\$2,975	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Youth soccer officials for fall program	Parks and Recreation	Greater Savannah Soccer Association, Inc.	\$3,698	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Pine straw for flower beds at the Henderson Golf Course	Parks and Recreation	Tidewater Landscape Management, Inc.	\$2,500	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Office supplies	Magistrate Court	VIP Printing and Office Supply	\$2,500	General Fund/M&O - Magistrate Court
1,500 Holoview ID cards	Detention Center	The Police and Sheriff's Press, Inc.	\$4,553	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Asset management software for 30 technicians	I.C.S.	Zoho Corporation	\$21,390	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Traffic signal components for audible pedestrian push buttons on Montgomery Cross Roads at Varnedoe Drive	Engineering	Temple, Inc.	\$18,376	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Road Construction
15 desktop computers for migration of Animal Services and Marine Patrol	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$9,411	General Fund/M&O - Marine Patrol
One (1) server for migration of Animal Services and Marine Patrol	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$8,206	General Fund/M&O - Marine Patrol
Five (5) laptop computers for Sheriff's Office Muster room	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$4,804	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's
Appeals decision forms	Assessor	ACS Government Systems, Inc.	\$4,050	General Fund/M&O - Tax Assessor
Warning lights for newly purchased Facilities Maintenance vehicles	Fleet Operations	West Chatham Warning Devices, Inc.	\$2,710	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance
Cisco wireless controller and range extender for Detention Center	I.C.S.	Centrics IT, LLC	\$3,490	CIP - Detention Center
Stock ID badges	I.C.S.	SFI Electronics, Inc.	\$3,275	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Rebuild dam at Battery Point	Engineering	Sitework Construction, LLC	\$21,831	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Drainage
Removal of unsafe pavers and soil for structural inspection	Engineering	TIC Holding, Inc.	\$20,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Capital Assets
Youth football officials for the month of October	Parks and Recreation	Coastal Football Association	\$5,116	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Youth football officials for the month of September	Parks and Recreation	Coastal Football Association	\$4,264	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
Repair of irrigation pump at the Jennifer Ross Complex damaged by Hurricane Matthew	Parks and Recreation	Tremblay Pump and Motor, Inc.	\$4,738	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Staff promotional assessments	Detention Center	Carl Vision Institute of Government University	\$14,388	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Installation of fire alarm system at the Chatham County Human Resource building	Facilities Maintenance	Southeastern Business Machines, Inc.	\$14,385	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Buildings
Annual maintenance extension of uninterruptible power source batteries for various locations	I.C.S.	Nationwide Power Solutions, Inc.	\$5,149	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Permitting, final construction and bid assistance for Perimeter Road	Engineering	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company	\$14,400	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Buildings

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Scott said, if there's nothing else to come before this Commission, we stand adjourned.

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

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

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**JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION**