

STATE OF GEORGIA)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CAT), DEMANDING GREATER FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND CLARITY AS TO THE MANAGEMENT OF TRANSIT SERVICES WITHIN CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of Chatham County must annually address the use of public funds for the public transit service provided by the Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of Chatham County, during its July 31, 2026, Board meeting, considered the adoption of the Tax Year 2026 Millage Resolution for the Chatham Area Transit Authority pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32.1; and

WHEREAS, it is the Board's position that the millage rate should reflect the level of service that is being provided to the citizens of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners believe that the citizens of Chatham County, specifically the ridership, have been given an unsustainable lower level of service given the nature of cuts and the number of complaints concerning breakdowns in services by CAT; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioner's believe that to be good stewards of the public fund, that accountability, transparency, and clarity as to both the fiscal and administrative functions of CAT is needed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS DECLARED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners expects with its' approval of the 2026 Millage Rate that a forensic audit be conducted by an outside auditing firm be completed this year to address and clearly identify the funding methods of CAT.
2. That CAT will fully fund the free DOT shuttle and ferry in downtown Savannah.
3. The Board calls for the restoration of all routes that have been cut and a guarantee that no future routes will be cut within this year.
4. The Board expects CAT to identify future funding sources to ensure that the taxpayers will not be on the hook or have to suffer further route cuts or reduced services as a result of lack of funding.
5. The Board demands that the Chatham County staff handle the hiring of the auditing firm that will handle the Independent forensic audit of CAT.
6. Should CAT fail to address any of these requests by the end of this fiscal year, it is the Board's intent to reduce the operating budget for the next fiscal year.
7. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this Resolution, or its application to any person, entity or circumstance, is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the Resolution, or application of the provision to other persons, entities or circumstances, shall not be affected.

SO ADOPTED by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, this _____ day of _____ 2026.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

CHESTER A ELLIS,
Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Attest:

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK

Approved as to form:

R. JONATHAN HART, COUNTY ATTORNEY