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An update on the activities of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority

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Board Meeting Review

The Authority Board of Directors convened on April 9, 2003, for their quarterly meeting.

General Business:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes for the January 8 and January 18, 2003 board meetings. David Williams, executive director of the Authority, presented the proposed 2003-2004 budget. Mr. Williams reported that all costs had been closely examined in order to control spending and that administrative costs had been reduced. The report was unanimously approved.

Financial & Auditor's Reports:

Greg Morgan of Mauldin & Jenkins explained the February 2003 financial reports to the Board. He noted that the investment account contains approximately 4.5 million dollars and continues to be reduced as expenses are paid in association with the historical deed project. Liabilities have been reduced by 3.2 million dollars as a result of paying for the Historical Deed Project. It was noted that the Authority does not have a large cash reserve based on the financial report.

A report on the estimated long-term cost of obtaining historical deed images was requested and concern was expressed that the Authority not be obligated to long-term commitments with the funding of the project

in question related to the sunset of the \$5 fee set to take effect January 1, 2006.

Following his report on the financials, Mr. Morgan presented the Auditor's Report. He pointed out that new auditing requirements make it mandatory that a "Management Discussion and Analysis" be included in the final audit. The MDA is provided as an overview of the Authority's mandated responsibilities and how those responsibilities are managed.

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What a Hit!

The Authority has implemented a web site statistical package in order to track the usage of our site. The following stats cover April 2003.

Unique visitors: 27,462
Page views: 6,719,799
Hits: 27,024,625
Average page views per day: 403,214
Average hits per day: 1,335,408

The statistics show the high value and usage of the system to our users. To highlight a few impressive stats, "average page views per day" has increased by 90% and "average hits per day" has increased by 86% since January 2003. Unique visitors and hits have increased every month since we began gathering statistics.

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Mr. Morgan explained the Authority’s balance sheet to the Board and will provide a historical P/L statement for all board members by the next scheduled board meeting. A cost projection for HB 1582 was also requested. HB 1582, which goes into effect January 1, 2004, will require clerks to transmit lien and plat data to the Authority’s central index. The reports presented by Mr. Morgan were unanimously approved by the Board.

Lien Project:

Phil Kobierowski presented a report on the Lien Project which included a live demonstration of the cross-referencing feature of the lien search. He believes that users will find this new feature to be very advantageous.

Mr. Kobierowski also presented an idea to create Real and Personal Property Indexing Standards for the state of Georgia by combining deed, supplemental deed, lien, and plat indexing standards.

The following four motions were unanimously

approved by the Board:

- a motion to approve the Lien Indexing Standards
- a motion to accept changes made to the County Real Estate Indexing Computer Systems Compliance Guidelines
- a motion to approve changes made to the Guidelines for the Automated Lien Information System
- a motion to approve the Plat Information System Guidelines

Updates on Other On-going Projects:

- SB 50 — John Myers reported on the continuing progress of the statewide implementation of SB 50, the Offender Based Tracking System.
- Network Upgrade Project — Andy Wightwick reported that most counties have been upgraded to DSL and that the remote data facility is operational and data is being accepted in both sites in real time.
- UCC Operations — Mr. Myers reported that the UCC Operations move would take place in April. ■

More new features!

✦ Have you ever wished that you could see a **detailed report of your monthly UCC filings**? If so, your wish has come true. To do this (with the appropriate security-level clearance), simply access www.gsccca.org, click the “Account Management” link on the home page. From the "Account Management" screen, click the “View Reports” link to display the report selector screen. Choose “UCC Filing Detail Report” from the drop-down list of reports and select the desired statement period for the report. Click the “Submit” button and a filing summary screen will appear. You may then click one of the summary lines to see detailed filing information for that item. Click the “View All” link to see all filings appear in a single list. If you have questions on how to access this new feature, contact Customer Support at help@gsccca.org or 800.304.5174.

✦ We’ve also added a new **cross-referencing feature** in the Statewide Real Estate & Lien Index. Beginning this year, the indexes for real estate documents will provide a link to any related documents (i.e. Assignments, Cancellations). This new feature was added due to user feedback and we have already received many positive comments regarding its usefulness. Help us make the system better by continuing to give us your comments.

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UCC reminders

We've received several questions regarding the filing of UCCs in Georgia. As a quick primer, we're providing the following information:

- 1) Financing Statements (formerly known as UCC-1s) may be filed with the clerk of superior court in any county in the state of Georgia.
- 2) Amendments (formerly known as UCC-3s) can only be filed with the clerk of superior court in the county of original filing.
- 3) Attachments are now called UCC Addendums.
- 4) The following are major changes for clerks since recent revisions to the code:
 - Signatures are no longer required on the UCC.
 - SS#/TIN are no longer required on the UCC.
 - UCC-2s are eliminated.
 - UCCs will be filed in the state of incorporation of the business or where the debtor resides if it is an individual.
 - If a filing is rejected by the clerk, the clerk must send a notice to the filing party stating the reasons for the rejection and the date and time the record would have been filed if accepted.
 - The old Georgia UCC form is no longer valid.

The Clerk Resource Center on the Authority's web site will provide additional information. To access this center from our homepage, click "Authority Projects," then click "About the UCC System," and finally click "Clerk Resource Center." If you have additional UCC questions, contact Mike Smith at mike.smith@gsccca.org. ■

Kudos! Kudos!

We're proud of the service we provide and want to share some of the positive comments we frequently receive from users of our system. The following comments were e-mailed to us on May 8, 2003.

AWESOME web site!!! Can't believe how much research I was able to do online! It saved me hours of drive time! You have done a great job and what a wonderful service to offer online. Thanks!!!!!!!!!!

*Laura King
Vice President of
Information Technology
Lockheed Georgia Employees'
Federal Credit Union*

Request for information

A memo was recently mailed to all clerks requesting information for our "Featured Clerk" section on the web site and for updated information for the county pages on the web site. Thanks to the many clerks who have already responded. The changes that you have sent us are currently being made to the site.

If you have not responded, we encourage you to still do so. We want to highlight as many clerks as possible in our "Featured Clerk" section and we want your county pages to have the most updated information. If you have questions or want to update your county's page now or at any time in the future, either fax (404.327.7877) or e-mail Carole Fischbein carole.fischbein@gsccca.org. ■

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