

1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO  
2 DIRECT THE FULTON COUNTY MANAGER AND COUNTY STAFF TO PROCEED  
3 WITH PLANNING AND SEEKING FINANCING FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION,  
4 AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF A REPLACEMENT FULTON COUNTY JAIL  
5 FACILITY FOR THE APPROXIMATE PROJECT COST OF \$1.685 BILLION  
6 DOLLARS, SUBJECT TO INCREASE OR DECREASE AS CONDITIONS MAY  
7 WARRANT; AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

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9 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners authorized a Jail  
10 Feasibility Study for the Fulton County Jail located at 901 Rice Street, Atlanta, Georgia,  
11 which was completed on February 1, 2023; and

12 WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study concluded that Fulton County should construct a  
13 replacement jail facility (“Replacement Jail Facility”) due to the insufficient capacity and  
14 physical deterioration of the existing jail; and

15 WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study offered three population forecasts for the Fulton  
16 County Jail, including an “Optimal Improvement Forecast” that assumes the Fulton  
17 County Jail’s population returning to pre-COVID levels, a reduction of court case backlog,  
18 an expansion of programs focusing on alternatives to incarceration, and case processing  
19 improvements; and

20 WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study also estimated that bookings at the Fulton  
21 County Jail will grow beyond historic levels, that the Fulton County/Metro Atlanta  
22 populations will continue to grow; and that it is likely the demands on the Fulton County  
23 Jail will continue to grow in the future, among other findings; and

24 WHEREAS, the consultants conducting the Feasibility Study recommended a new  
25 consolidated jail at the Rice Street site, with 21<sup>st</sup> century safety and other necessary  
26 features; and

27 WHEREAS, at the July 12, 2023 Special Called Meeting, the County Manager and

1 County staff discussed the findings of the Feasibility Study with the members of the Board  
2 of Commissioners; and

3 **WHEREAS**, at the July 12, 2023 Special Called Meeting, the County Manager and  
4 County staff also provided to the members of the Board of Commissioners the financing  
5 options and an estimated cost for the Replacement Jail Facility in the approximate amount  
6 of \$1.68 Billion Dollars based on the Optimal Improvement Forecast Model; and

7 **WHEREAS**, with this briefing from the County Manager and County staff, the  
8 members of the Board of Commissioners supported the County taking steps to explore  
9 financing and plan the construction of a replacement jail; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Board of Commissioners discussed having the  
11 County Manager and County staff to move forward to pursue both sales tax and third party  
12 conduit financing options, and to continue planning for a Replacement Jail  
13 Facility for the approximate project cost of \$1.685 Billion.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of  
15 Commissioners hereby directs the Fulton County Manager and County staff to pursue  
16 both sales tax and third-party conduit financing options and to continue planning for a  
17 Replacement Jail Facility for the approximate project cost of \$1.685 Billion, subject to  
18 increase or decrease as conditions may warrant.

19 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its  
20 adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution  
21 are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

22 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2023.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Robert L. Pitts*

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman

ATTEST:

*Tonya R. Grier*

Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Y. Soo Jo*

Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney

