

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FIRST REGULAR MEETING**

September 04, 2024  
10:00 AM



Fulton County Government Center  
Assembly Hall  
141 Pryor Street SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303



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## **POST AGENDA MINUTES**

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**Scheduled date for ratification: September 18, 2024**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Robert L. Pitts **10:02 a.m.**

**ROLL CALL:** Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Dana Barrett, Commissioner (District 3)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Natalie Hall, Commissioner (District 4)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Vice Chair (District 6)	<b>PRESENT</b>

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recite in unison

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PLEASE SWITCH ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (CELL PHONES, PAGERS, PDAs, ETC.) TO THE SILENT POSITION DURING THIS MEETING TO AVOID INTERRUPTIONS.

IF YOU NEED REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS DUE TO A DISABILITY, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE COMMISSION. FOR TDD/TTY OR GEORGIA RELAY SERVICE ACCESS DIAL 711.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**24-0548 Board of Commissioners**

Adoption of the Consent Agenda - All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion . No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the First Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, and Abdur-Rahman

**Absent:** Ellis, Hall, and Arrington

**24-0549 Board of Commissioners**

Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes. **(SPREAD ON THE MINUTES UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Proclamation recognizing “Yolanda Favors Remembrance Day.” **(Arrington)**  
August 23, 2024

Proclamation recognizing “The Waterboyz Movie Appreciation Day.” **(Arrington)**  
August 24, 2024

Proclamation recognizing “Ronald C. Smith Remembrance Day.” **(Abdur-Rahman)**  
August 27, 2024

**Commissioners' District Board Appointments**

**24-0550 Board of Commissioners**

**BELTLINE TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT (TAD) ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Fulton County Board of Commissioners is responsible for appointing 10 members.

Term = 2 years, with such term commencing upon approval of the Atlanta City Council.

Term below expired: 12/31/2019  
Angelyn A. Dionysatos

**Commissioner Barrett nominated Bridgette Walton for a District appointment to a two-year term, commencing upon approval of the Atlanta City Council.**

**24-0551 Board of Commissioners  
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF  
THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Commission on Disability Affairs shall consist of a total of sixteen (16) members to serve staggered two (2) year terms and appointed as follows:

Term = Staggered two (2) year terms

Term below expires: 12/31/2026  
Vacant (**District 3**)

**Commissioner Barrett nominated Derrick Tuff for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026.**

**Open & Responsible Government**

**24-0552 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of an Indemnification, Maintenance, and Land Use Agreement for Private Improvement (Indemnification Agreement) between Fulton County, Georgia and Kimberly C. Sullivan for the purpose of granting conditional approval to allow stormwater infrastructure to remain within a portion the County's existing sanitary sewer easement at 331 Clipper Bay Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Health and Human Services**

**24-0553 Public Works**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 24RFP140569K-DB, MS4 NPDES Permit Management Oversight and Administration in an amount not to exceed \$64,422.00 with River to Tap, Inc. (R2T) (Roswell, GA), to provide management, oversight, and administration services for the MS4 NPDES required Storm Water Management Program within the unincorporated area of Fulton County on a time and materials basis. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**24-0554 Department for HIV Elimination**

Request approval to amend existing contracts to increase the spending authority of "Ending the HIV Epidemic" grant subrecipients pursuant to the Health Resources and Services Administration award UT8HA3393 in the amount of \$1,901,800.00 in fiscal year 2024. Contracts are 100% grant funded with no Fulton County match. Request authorization for the Chairman to execute contracts with seven selected subrecipients. To protect the interest of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve the contracts as to form and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chair. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

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**Infrastructure and Economic Development****24-0555 Public Works**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 23RFP139483K-DB, TSPLOST Program Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$118,000.00 with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC (GMC), for program management services in the execution of the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST). This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**24-0556 Public Works**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 22RFP148596K-BKJ, Airport Planning and Environmental Consulting in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 with Michael Baker International, Inc. (Norcross, GA) to provide planning services for updating, modifying and implementing the Capital Improvement Program at the Fulton County Executive Airport - Charlie Brown Field. This action exercises the second of three renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Justice and Safety****24-0557 Medical Examiner**

Request approval to renew an existing contract on behalf of the Fulton County Office of the Medical Examiner and the Emory University School of Medicine Office of Graduate Medical Education Department of Pathology to provide clinical education experiences for graduate medical students enrolled in the Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program; and authorizing the County Attorney to make any necessary modifications to the form of the agreements prior to execution by the Chairman to protect the interest of the County. The County is not required to pay any compensation. This action exercises the third of five (5) renewal options. Two (2) renewal options remain. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**24-0558 Medical Examiner**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Fulton County on behalf of Fulton County Office of the Medical Examiner and the Emory University School of Medicine to provide clinical education experiences for students enrolled in, or visiting students participating in, a rotation with the Medical School's M.D. Degree. The County Attorney is authorized approve the Agreement as to form and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution. The County is not required to pay any compensation. Effective upon approval for five (5) years. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**24-0559 Medical Examiner**

Request approval of a contract - Fulton County Office of the Medical Examiner and the Emory University School of Medicine Office of Graduate Medical Education Department of Pathology to provide clinical education experiences for graduate medical students enrolled in the Anatomic Pathology Program; and authorizing the County Attorney to make any necessary modifications to the form of the agreements prior to execution by the Chairman to protect the interest of the County. The County is not required to pay any compensation. This action exercises the third of five (5) renewal options. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**24-0560 Emergency Services**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Fulton County and the City of Atlanta for the provision of Back-Up 911 Service effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2024, with five (5) renewal options ending December 31, 2029. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**24-0561 Juvenile Court**

Request approval of a contract - Juvenile Court, 22RFP048A-CJC, Specific Evidence-Based Delinquency Prevention Programming in the amount up to \$384,860.00 with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC (Powder Springs, GA) to provide ART-Aggressive Replacement Therapy; Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT); Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Multisystemic Therapy (MST). Effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This contract is 100% grant funded. No county funding is required. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**24-0562 Police**

Request approval to apply and accept a grant from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Program for GY2021, GY2022, and GY2023 funds for the total amount of \$456,000.00 for enhancement of the Law Enforcement capabilities. GY2021 award amount is \$46,000.00 and the effective date is 10/01/2021 and ends 06/30/2024. GY2022 award amount is \$329,000.00 and the effective date is 10/01/2022 and ends 05/31/2025. GY2023 award amount is \$81,000.00 and the effective date is 10/01/2023 and ends 09/30/2025. No match required. Reference agenda item # 24-0261. The MOU has been modified from its previous year(s) format to include a performance period end date. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**24-0563 Superior Court Administration**

Request approval of a statewide contract - Superior Court Administration, SWC #47100-GBI0000165-0002, in an amount not to exceed \$142,405.00 with Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, Inc., to purchase medical/drug testing supplies for random drug testing for Superior Court Accountability Courts, State Court and Juvenile Courts. Effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**FIRST REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**24-0564 Board of Commissioners**

Adoption of the First Regular Meeting Agenda. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to adopt the First Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by removing item #24-0577 as requested by Commissioner Thorne. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Absent:** Ellis, and Arrington

**24-0565 Clerk to the Commission**

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

First Regular Meeting Minutes, August 7, 2024

Second Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, August 21, 2024

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to ratify the meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Absent:** Ellis, and Arrington

**24-0566 Board of Commissioners**

Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. **(PRESENTED)**

Proclamation recognizing "Recovery Month." **(Ellis/Pitts)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****24-0567 Board of Commissioners**

Public Comment - Citizens are allowed to voice County related opinions, concerns, requests, etc. during the Public Comment portion of the Commission meeting.

**Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, whether such persons are commenting in-person, via emails or via Zoom or other electronic media (i.e., phone call). Non-Fulton County citizens will only be heard after all in-person Fulton County citizens, representatives of business and organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, have been heard and the time allotted for public comment has not expired, except as otherwise provided in this code section. County staff shall verify the residency of each public speaker prior to such person being heard by the board. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Members of the public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The Public Comment portion of the meeting will not exceed sixty (60) minutes at the First Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed sixty (60) minutes at the Second Regular Meeting. In the event the 60-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office.**

**(CONDUCTED)**

**13 Speakers: Rev. Joseph Williams (South Training Center); Norris Tuggle (South Training Center); Cheryl Petit (Seniors Services); Leslie White (Seniors Services); L.A. Pink (Fulton County Jail); Mike Russell (Audit); Paul Hershey (Fulton Elections and Jail); John T. Fisher III (Mortgage Fraud); Janet Hill (Mortgage Fraud); Maria Gaudio (Item #24-0568); Wanda Chatman (Seniors Services); Rev. Siegfried D. White (Community Needs) and Rev. Carmen Brown (Community Needs)**

**6 Zoom Speakers: Kevin Muldowney (Item #24-0568); Matt Rowenczak (Item #24-0568); Lucia Frazier (Item #24-0568); Joseph Sordi (Fulton County Jail); Ben Howard (Seniors Services) and Derrick D. Blassingame (Fulton County)**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**

**Open & Responsible Government**

**24-0568 Registration & Elections**

Request for approval of a contract between Fulton County Department of Registration & Elections and Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, P.C. in the total amount of \$99,600.00, to be paid in monthly installments of \$24,900.00, for monitors for the Fulton County November 2024 election, pursuant SEB 2023-025 which has been resolved by a reprimand. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Nay:** Thorne, and Ellis

**24-0569 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 22RFP041122C-MH, General Landscaping & Lawn Care Services for Countywide Facilities in the total amount of \$275,270.74 with (A) ReIMAGE General Contractors, LLC (Atlanta, GA), to cover the costs to provide additional on-site landscape/ground maintenance and lawn care services at various sites Countywide. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**Health and Human Services**

**24-0570 Public Works**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 23RFP140862K-CRB, Building Code Administration Services, Construction Management Services and Planning Services in an amount not to exceed \$185,709.50 with Nova Engineering and Environmental, LLC (Kennesaw, GA) to provide building code administration, construction management, and planning services associated with new development and redevelopment activity within the Fulton Industrial District area of unincorporated Fulton County. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington



**24-0571** Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 23ITB08142023A-JWT, Large Water Meter Installation, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, with Jewel of the South, Inc. (Conyers, GA), to provide large water meter installation services. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**24-0572** Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Public Works, 23ITB458876A-KM, Small Water Meter Installation in an amount not to exceed \$620,000.00 with Jewel of the South, Inc. (Conyers, GA), to provide small water meter installation services. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**24-0573** Public Works

Request approval of recommended proposals - Public Works, 24RFP032724K-JA, 2024 Standby Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed of \$2,000,000.00 with (A) Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00; (B) Prime Engineering, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00; (C) Benchmark Management, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00; (D) Gresham Smith (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to provide standby engineering services effective October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**24-0574 Public Works**

Request approval of a Resolution of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to accept the City of Atlanta’s selection of Brown and Caldwell | SL King as the winning bidder of its procurement for program management services for the Tom Low Water Treatment Plant conducted on behalf of the Atlanta Fulton County Water Resources Commission (“AFCWRC”); to authorize the AFCWRC to enter into a contract with Brown and Caldwell | SL King for Program Management Services; to approve the expenditure of Fulton County Capital Improvement Program Funds for such services in the amount of \$2.5 million per year for the initial three year term; to authorize the County Manager to approve the agreement as to content and the County Attorney to approve the agreement as to legal form; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**

**24-0575 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution designating Fulton County, Georgia as a Purple Heart County; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Health and Human Services**

**24-0576 Public Works**

Presentation: Transitioning to Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) water meter reading in 2025. **(PRESENTED)**

**COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**24-0577 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Election Monitors **(Thorne) (REMOVED)**

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER THORNE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**24-0578 Board of Commissioners**

Executive (**CLOSED**) Sessions regarding litigation (**County Attorney**), real estate (**County Manager**), and personnel (**Pitts**). (**APPROVED**)

**PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, Commissioners: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Arrington; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to enter into Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the requests for representation in items #3, #4, #5, and #6 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve settlement in the matter of Court Reporters of the State Court of Fulton County in a total amount of \$45,592.12 with applicable pay rate adjustments as discussed in item #7 in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**ADDED TO THE MEETING**

**Items Added to the Agenda**

**24-0579 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Sheriff's Office outstanding invoices **(Pitts)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve adding item #24-0579 to the First Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Abdur-Rahman

**Nay:** Hall, and Arrington

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to allocate the \$2.137 million to the Sheriff's Office. The motion failed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Barrett, Hall, and Arrington

**Nay:** Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

**Absent:** Thorne, and Ellis

Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Apalachee High School shooting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.