

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RECESS MEETING

November 20, 2019

10:00 AM



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



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Amended Ratification date: March 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts **10:00 a.m.**

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

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)	PRESENT
Liz Hausmann, Commissioner (District 1)	PRESENT
Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)	PRESENT
Lee Morris, Vice-Chairman (District 3)	PRESENT
Natalie Hall, Commissioner (District 4)	PRESENT
Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5)	PRESENT
Joe Carn, Commissioner (District 6)	PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited in unison.

ALSO PRESENT: Dick Anderson, County Manager; Patrise Perkins-Hooker, County Attorney; Anna Roach, Chief Operating Officer; Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer; Ellis Kirby, Deputy COO; Pamela Roshell, Deputy COO; Alton Adams, Deputy COO; Harriet Thomas (Office of Chairman Pitts); Edward Leidelmeijer (Office of Commissioner Hausmann); Dianne Fries (Office of Commissioner Ellis); Jenn Thomas (Office of Vice-Chairman Morris); Calvin Brock (Office of Commissioner Hall); Dorsha Simmons (Office of Commissioner Arrington); Hakeem Oshikoya, Finance Director; Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Purchasing Director; Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs; Olympia Billings and Nikki Peterson (Office of the Clerk to the Commission)

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CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

19-0938 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 Recess Meeting Agenda for separate consideration.
(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing items #19-0941 and #19-0952 as requested by the County Manager.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas:	5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn
Did not vote:	1 - Hausmann
Absent:	1 - Arrington

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - “On page 2. Consent Agenda. All matters listed **#19-0938** 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 Recess Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have two items to be removed from today’s Consent Agenda and brought back at a later date. On page 3, **#19-0941** Public Works requests approval to renew an existing contract to provide Water Quality Monitoring Services. On page 5 **#19-0952** Public Works request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Duluth and Fulton County for the maintenance of water system interconnection piping to be constructed on the Rogers Bridge.”

Chairman Pitts - “Alright any other additions or corrections or deletions from the Consent Agenda”

Commissioner Morris - “Move approval.”

Chairman Pitts – Is there a second?

Commissioner Hall - “Second.”

Chairman Pitts - “Alright, properly moved and seconded. Madam Clerk.”

Clerk Grier – “Okay, and the vote is open. And the motion passes. Five yeas, zero nays.

19-0939 Board of Commissioners
[Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes. \(SPREAD ON THE MINUTES UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA\)](#)

Proclamation recognizing "Student Leadership Johns Creek Government Day. **(Hausmann)**
November 14, 2019

Proclamation recognizing "Sharlinda and Q. Parker Appreciation Day."
(Hall)
November 17, 2019

Proclamation recognizing "National Action Network Southeast Regional Conference Days." **(Pitts)**
November 20th-21st, 2019

Commissioners' District Board Appointments

19-0940 Board of Commissioners
[FULTON-DEKALB HOSPITAL AUTHORITY D/B/A GRADY HEALTH SYSTEM \(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA\)](#)

Term = 4 years

Term below expires: 12/31/2019
Ms. Shannon Georgecink **(Ellis)**

Commissioner Ellis nominated Shannon Georgecink for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.

All People are healthy

19-0941 Public Works

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Public Works, Bid# 17ITB110014A-YJ, Water Quality Monitoring in the amount of \$115,864.00 with River 2 Tap, Inc. (Roswell, GA), to provide water quality monitoring services. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. **(REMOVED)**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

19-0942 Public Works

Request approval of an Agreement for River/Lake information Management Services among the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the City of Atlanta, the Atlanta-Fulton County Water Resources Commission (AFCWRC), Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and DeKalb County in the amount of \$100,000; authorize the County Attorney to approve the Agreement as to form and make modifications thereof prior to execution. Effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022, pending AFCWRC budget approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

All People are safe

19-0943 Medical Examiner

Request approval of the Resolution authorizing the execution of the following contracts between Fulton County and the Emory University School of Medicine: (1) Agreement Between Emory University School of Medicine and Fulton County, Georgia Concerning the Fulton County Chief Medical Examiner's Role As Director of Forensic Pathology Training Program; (2) Agreement Concerning Affiliation for Clinical Training of Medical Students Between Emory University School of Medicine and Fulton County, Georgia; and (3) Master Affiliation Agreement Concerning Residency Training Program Between Emory University School of Medicine and Fulton County, Georgia; and that the County Attorney is authorized to make any necessary modifications to the form and substance of the agreements prior to execution by the Chairman to protect the interest of the County. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

- 19-0944 Emergency Management**
Request approval of the attached MOU with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency that will authorize the Director of the Atlanta Fulton County Emergency Management Agency the ability to access the gema.ga.gov and gaemgrants.com, as applicable to access forms, request time extensions and submit requests for reimbursements with supporting documentation for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

All People have economic opportunities

- 19-0945 Planning and Community Services**
The following Minor Subdivision Plat has been certified by the Director of Public Works. This document was recorded at the Courthouse and has been forwarded herewith for confirmation at the Board of Commissioners Meeting. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Minor Plat For TNJS, LLC (Recording of Minor Plat)
Land Lot 23, District 14F
4000 & 3850 Wendell Drive
Zoned M-2 (Heavy Industrial)

Owner/Developer: TNJS, LLC
Purpose: Subdivision of 3.466 acres (3 tracts)
Commission District 6

- 19-0946 Planning and Community Services**
Request approval of the 2020 Zoning, Zoning Modification and Variance public hearing calendars consistent with the recently approved 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting calendar. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

All People trust government is efficient, effective, and fiscally sound

- 19-0947 Finance**
Request approval of the October 2019 Refund Report. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

- 19-0948 Finance**
Request approval of the October 2019 Payment Voucher Expenditure Report. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

- 19-0949 Finance**
No action is requested. This reporting is being provided to meet the quarterly reporting requirement for monetary transfers among budget funds per Board Resolution #09-1262. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**
- 19-0950 Finance**
Request ratification of the October 2019 Grants Activity Report. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**
- 19-0951 Real Estate and Asset Management**
Request approval of a Resolution for a License Agreement between Fulton County and the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family & Children Services for use of County Owned Real Property for the purpose of distributing toys and economic assistance from within a Fulton County-Owned Real Property; to authorize the Chairman or County Manager to execute the License Agreement; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the License Agreement as to form and to make any modifications thereof prior to execution. The Term of the License Agreement is from Execution through March 31, 2020. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**
- 19-0952 Public Works**
Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) between the City of Duluth and Fulton County, Georgia for the maintenance of water system interconnection piping to be constructed on the Rogers Bridge; to authorize the County Attorney to approve the IGA as to form and make any necessary modification thereof prior to execution. **(REMOVED)**
- ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER**
- 19-0953 Human Resources Management**
Request approval to make modifications to the classification section of the Classification and Compensation plan, by adding new titles. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

RECESS MEETING AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

19-0954 Board of Commissioners
[Adoption of the Recess Meeting Agenda. \(ADOPTED AS AMENDED\)](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Morris and seconded by Commissioner Ellis to adopt the Recess Meeting Agenda as amended by revising items #19-0962, #19-0854, #19-0970 as requested by the County Manager; hearing together items #19-0977 and #19-0980 as requested by Chairman Pitts.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn
Absent: 1 - Arrington

Clerk Grier - Bottom of page 5 Recess Meeting Agenda 19-0954. Adoption of the Recess Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and members of the Board we have amendment to today's Recess Meeting Agenda. ”

Chairman Pitts – “Amendments?”

Clerk Grier – “Amendment.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, let me make one statement here before we get into this. At the last meeting there were any number of items to be moved up and I would respectfully ask that we do not or we least refrain from that going forward unless there is a dire, dire emergency. That cost us probably an hour plus of just listening to reports and presentations where no action was required. And there's a, there's a couple alternatives if we want to continue along that line. Which I am prepared to make um as as as suggestions but I think it it um we just need to be careful. Because if one person does it and the next does it we got several move ups and we're it's just it's confusing. Commissioner Hausmann do you want to be heard?”

Commissioner Hausmann - “Yes I do. Because I do agree with you. Um but I, I also want to just say that sometimes when you ask to have something on the Agenda. You, you ask for it to be placed at a certain time because you may have outside folks coming in and if that is told that it will be fine and then when it is printed it is not. Then there are circumstances where sometimes the request does need to be made. So, if we're gonna all work towards this which I am happy to do. I think that the Clerk's Office also needs to assist us and if there is something that we ask for and cannot be accommodated, just let us know and then we can inform whomever the party may be that we've invited to come the appropriate time so they don't have to stay here all day.”

Chairman Pitts - "Thank you Commissioner Hausmann. Madam Clerk continue."

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "Items to be revised on today's Recess Meeting Agenda. On page 8, **#19-0962** Board of Registration and Elections request approval of a state-wide contract to provide temporary staffing services. This item is revised to include the contract compliance information. On page 10, **#19-0854**, Purchasing and Contract Compliance request approval of an Ordinance amending Part I, Subpart B, Chapter 102, Article V, of the Fulton County Code. This item has been revised to amend the purchasing code document. On page 10, **#19-0970**, Real Estate and Asset Management request approval of the lowest responsible bidders to provide on-site tree removal services countywide. This item is revised to update the contract compliance information. And on, we have items to be heard together as requested by Chairman Pitts. On page 12, **#19-0977**, County Manager, presentation: Justice System Dashboard and **#19-0980** Discussion: Follow-up on presentation of Fulton County Justice System: The Way Forward, sponsored by Chairman Pitts. And those are all the amendments I have for today's Recess Meeting Agenda"

Chairman Pitts - "Any other amendments, comments? Anything else?"

Vice-Chairman Morris – "Move approval."

Commissioner Ellis – "Second."

Chairman Pitts – "Alright on the motion to approve as amended. Madam Clerk."

Tonya Grier – "And the vote is open to amend today's Recess Meeting Agenda. And the motion passes. Six yeas, zero nays."

19-0955 Clerk to the Commission
[Ratification of Minutes. \(RATIFIED\)](#)

Recess Meeting Minutes, October 16, 2019
Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, November 6, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Hall to ratify the meeting minutes.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas:	5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn
Did not vote:	1 - Hausmann
Absent:	1 - Arrington

On page six, **#19-0955**, Ratification of Minutes. Recess Meeting Minutes, October 16th, 2019. Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, November 6th, 2019."

Commissioner Ellis – “Move approval.”

Commissioner Hall – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Madam Clerk.”

Clerk Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes. Four yeas, zero nays.”

19-0956 Board of Commissioners
[Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. \(NONE\)](#)

There are no presentation of proclamations and certificates today.”

Chairman Pitts - “Repeat that again.”

Clerk Grier – “We do not” (laughter)

Commissioner Ellis – “Move approval.”

Chairman Pitts – “Praise the Lord.”

Commissioner Hall – (inaudible)

Clerk Grier – “So noted. Five yeas, zero nays.”

Chairman Pitts – “Continue.”

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Board of Commissioners

19-0957 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. At the Regular Meeting, speakers will be heard prior to the zoning portion of the agenda; at the Recess Meeting, prior to the County Manager's Unfinished Business. Before speaking, each participant must fill out a speaker card, located at the entry way, the podium, and the media and court reporter tables. Speaker cards must be submitted to the Clerk's staff, who will accept them on a first-come, first-served basis. Once Public Comment begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted. **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 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting.** Those who could not speak during Public Comment will be allowed to speak first at a subsequent Board meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. **(CONDUCTED)**

7 Speakers: Chief Magistrate Judge Cassandra Kirk (Magistrate Court Funding); Dr. Catherine Christie (Homelessness Budget Allocation); Ms. Tracy Booker (Mammogram Screening Services); Ms. Joyce Smith (Quality Living Services Funding); Ms. Dalyla McGee (Arts Community); Ms. LaRonda Sutton (Arts Community); and Ms. Charlotte Cammon (Quality Living Services Funding)

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier – “Under Public Hearings #19-0957. Public Comment. 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 30 minutes. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board we have received six speaker cards. Will all six speakers please come down. Chief Magistrate Judge Cassandra Kirk, Tracy Booker, Dr. Catherine Christie, Joyce Smith, Dalhia Mcgee and LaRhonda Sutton.”

Chairman Pitts – “Just six today Madam Clerk. Madam Clerk. Just six?”

Clerk Grier – “Just six.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay for your information now. Our rules allow public officials to speak longer than the two minutes for those not um elected officials. We have a two minute clock which is not working so when you have fifteen seconds left in your two

minute period I'll say fifteen seconds and that's a clue to sorta sum up. Judge Clerk. Kirk."

Judge Cassandra Kirk – “Mr. Chairman and Honorable Members of the Commission. Good Morning. My name is Cassandra Kirk. And I, like you, was elected to serve all the residents of Fulton County. I serve as the Chief Magistrate Judge and Court Administrator for the Magistrate Court. With me today are some of the twenty-two judges of the Magistrate Court. If they could, would all of you please stand. We work together to inform, educate and empower our community. And we like you, live, work and play in Fulton County with our families. We sacrifice to serve. The County plays, pays these full-time judges \$125,000 and the part-time judges \$50 an hour. In addition to ensuring that judicial services are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year these judges serve as case expeditors, law clerks and paralegals and administrative support for the court because none of these necessities are provided to your Magistrate Court in this budget. With the budget presented this year, we are slated to fund a court monitoring tool for our Misdemeanor Mental Health Court. But we will not have money to support the operational cost for that program, training for the MMC team nor indigent defense funding for misdemeanor conflict attorneys. The effects of this continued under-funding and under-staffing on the busiest Magistrate Court in Georgia means that Fulton residents and court users do not receive the level of service that they deserve. In many respects, our court epitomizes the experience of contemporary high volume courts. In addition to the crucial role Magistrate play in criminal cases, Magistrate Judges manage a civil caseload that averages approximately 80,000 case filings per year. In small claims, those cases involving demands for money less than 15,000. Landlord tenant and garnishment cases make up about 90% of the total filings. Let's make it practical. Right now there are four full-time judges without adequate computer monitors to efficiently address the ques and sixteen judges have antiquated laptops which cause delays in our twenty-four seven, 365 customer service to crucial law enforcement agencies. Of the additional fifty-eight Magistrate Court designated employees not a one of them supports the administration of Magistrate Court wholly. Here are two examples of how the lack of funding directly impacts the quality of life for our citizens, inconveniencing property owners, self-represented litigants and seniors. In any given month, 500 to 1,000 writs from our landlord tenant cases sit in a cue awaiting action from a judge. Each writ represents a property owner waiting to gain possession of their property. And each brings \$75 into the general fund of the County through the Marshall who is paid to execute that writ and remove the losing party. Approximately 1,000 default requests each month sit in a case management cue awaiting action by a judge. Each represents a county resident who must wait on a judge to have adequate time away from court and associated court paperwork to review and rule on the default request. The Magistrate Court of Fulton County collects millions of dollars; however, Magistrate Court of Fulton County remains vastly understaffed and underfunded. And of those millions of dollars that flow through the Magistrate Court as convenience fees and filings, not a penny of it has made it to the Court despite your resolution requiring such a distribution. These delays can be addressed through adequate staffing with hierarchal responsibility. Submitted Magistrate budget support designing, funding and implementing a modern Magistrate

Court to address the needs and expectations of our court users. And while the court remains at the forefront of the national trend focusing on civil justice reform which directly affect housing, employment, consumer transaction and personal finance, it remains as it has for the last four years, understaffed and underfunded. We request this morning that the Board of Commissioners amend the budget proposed by the finance committee to provide Fulton County Magistrate Court with funds to operate and meet statutory deadlines for the court. With your intervention we will have sufficient means to adequately address the safety of our community as well as provide efficient, timely and appropriate services on behalf of Fulton County. As always, I remain available as to discuss how we can work through this to better serve Fulton County. Thank you for your time.”

Chairman Pitts – “Thank you. Next speaker. Again, I’ll say fifteen seconds when you fifteen seconds remaining on your two minutes.”

Catherine Christie – “Great. Thank you. Good morning distinguished members of the Fulton County Commissioners Board. My name is Dr. Catherine Christie. And I come today to speak on behalf of the most vulnerable citizens in Fulton County. Those would be our homeless. I recently moved back to Atlanta to serve at Mercy Care. And one of the things I’ve noticed coming in from Fulton County up in Alpharetta, is I’ve passed several people sleeping on the streets. What has really concerned me is I see women dispersed throughout that. My role as the Chief Medical officer is to assure that patients who are homeless, underinsured and uninsured receive three types of medical care access. One would be chronic disease management the other would be urgent care and finally preventive care services. To that end, today I request that in your considerations of your budget that you look at allotting funds to purchase and maintain a mobile mammography van. The mobile mammography van that supported this County previously has been decommissioned. Several women in Fulton County would not otherwise have access to this life saving intervention will have challenges getting this preventive screening. We recently, last year 2018 served over 14,000 patients. Over half of them were women. In 2018, we performed 841 mammograms at no charge with a mammogram machine that was brought to our organization. Two-hundred seventy-three of these exams were done on Fulton County women.”

Chairman Pitts – “Fifteen Seconds.”

Catherine Christie – “Overall we serve 1700 women over the age of 40 living in Fulton County. 74% of those experienced homelessness. With all of these priorities, we do have some challenges to think about with preventive care. Thank you.”

Tracy Booker – “Hi. Good Morning. My name is Tracy Booker and I am the Breast and Cervical Cancer Care Coordinator.”

Chairman Pitts – “Speak up a little bit mam.”

Tracy Booker – “I’m sorry. Good Morning. My name is Tracy Booker. I work at Mercy Care. Um Coordinator for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program and speaking based on um on what Dr. Christie said, regarding women who need our services we’ve provided over 23,000 breast exams to women since 1999. Um we’ve provided over 12,000 screening mammograms since 1999. And of those women who received screening mammograms and diagnostic follow-up we diagnosed 124 of those women with breast cancer. And these are women who would have possibly not um diagnosed had it not been for the services that Mercy Care provides. Now I would like to share a story with you real quickly. I’ll call it Jasmine’s story. Um, Jasmine is a 27-year old lady who’s from Augusta, Georgia. Um, in 2018 she discovered a lump in her breast the size of a grape. Um, Jasmine, over the period of time she tried to get care to have the breast the lump examined, but she could not because she didn’t have insurance, nor did she have the money to pay for a um doctor’s visit. So over the period of time, she came to Mercy Care um in 2019 this year March. That lump that was a size of a grape had grown to the size of a small grapefruit. Um and she received the biopsy diagnosis of breast cancer on her 28th birthday. These are the kind of women that we want to be able to services in Fulton County in the Metro Atlanta area and provide the services at Mercy Care Services.”

Chairman Pitts – “Fifteen seconds.”

Tracy Booker – “Thank you.”

Joyce Smith – “Good Morning. I am Joyce Smith, Program Director at Quality Living Services. May I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Commissioners for the support that you have given to QLS in the past. Commissioner Carns, we are pleased to have you as our new commissioner and look forward to the wonderful representation we feel you will provide. The QLS Center, a multi-purpose center located in southwest Atlanta is a symbol of the County’s approach to serving seniors. Our name says who we are, quality services we offer and programs to seniors across the County. Since January of this year we have provided nutritional breakfasts, lunches, excellent activities and programs to more than 819 unduplicated seniors. I repeat 819 unduplicated seniors. I challenge you to match this kind of performance with other Fulton County senior centers. Chairman Pitts you’ve been a fixture around QLS over the years offering your support. As you and the Board deliberate this year’s budget our request is this; that you consider increasing our funding commensurate with the many services we provide and commensurate with the funding received by other senior centers. Again, we thank you

Chairman Pitts – “Fifteen seconds.”

Joyce Smith – “We thank you for your assistance. We thank Commissioner Arrington for always championing our cause and we look forward to funding that will assist us to continue to make a difference in the lives of the seniors we serve. Thank you.”

Dalyla McGee – “Good Morning and thank you to the Honorable Board of Commissioners for welcoming us to speak this morning and share. Um my name is

Dalila McGee. Um, I'm the Development Director here on behalf of Synchronicity Theater. Um now in our 22nd year of creating theater we are here to present smart, gutsy and bold theater that its purpose is to uplift the voices of women and girls across our city um in our local our whole state in the continued national presence. And my purpose here today is very simple. It is here to say thank you with the most sincerity that we can speak. It is thank you to you all that we have been able to continue to produce art and creative works that go deeper than just having fun or creating a fun show but really have changed the lives of our Georgia citizens, our Fulton County citizens and I can speak to myself as well personally. Being someone born and raised in Georgia and being able to see the success I have, mostly due to the arts that I have been able to experience growing up. So thank you all for being great stewards of our County's funds of our citizen's work um and being able to supply. We are blessed to be able to have a Board of Commissioners who are allowing us to do work, do art. Because it is not a common thing, across our whole nation. So thank you for continuing to support the arts. For allowing Synchronicity to do the outreach work that we do um and being great stewards as you have been. So, thank you."

LaRonda Sutton – "Good morning. Good morning. My name is LaRonda Sutton um and I want to say, um I'm a Board Member for the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival. And that young lady that just spoke she was phenomenal with her thanks. So I will be following up doing the same. I just want to thank the Commissioners, all of you for your general, generous support of the arts, culture and entertainment community in Fulton County. I wanna say thank you for your support of the AJFF and the film society. AJFF is the largest film festival in the State of Georgia with 40,000 members and visitors over, over the year. We have um year-round programming. The goal of the festival is to foster dialogue with different communities, different cultures through the lens of Jewish film. So there is uh outreach uh communities for the LGBTQ community, for the African-American community, the Muslim community to make sure of all of us are engaged through the lens of film and creativity and art. Uh we want to thank you for your generous grant uh towards the operating funds. We are celebrating our 20th anniversary and we would like to extend invitations to you all to come see some great movies. Uh the festival this year will be February 10th through February 27th, uh 2020 and it's going to be magnificent. Thank you so much and thank you for your support. You guys have a great day, bye."

Charlotte Cameron – "Good Morning. I am Charlotte Cameron. Service Coordinator and advocate for Quality Living Services better known as QLS. Commissioners we thank you for all that you do. We thank you for your support. Chairman Pitts, you know what QLS is all about. Commissioner Carn, congratulations on your appointments and as time goes on, you will get to know QLS better. Commissioners, all of you are aware there's a huge gap in the allocation of funds in South Fulton County. We were here in December pleading, asking, fighting, begging for more funds. Here, here we are nearing the end of 2019 and we are still trying to get additional funding. Can you please tell me, why we have to fight so hard and our neighbors in North Fulton County do not? I guess it is true that zip codes do matter. Commissioners remember your oath and be fair. We

need, we need, we need additional funding to serve our seniors. Therefore, as James Brown would say.”

Chairman Pitts – “Fifteen Seconds.”

Charlotte Cameron – “Please, please, please give us more funding to serve our seniors in South Fulton County. Thank you.

Chairman Pitts – “Madam Clerk.”

COUNTY MANAGER RENEWAL ACTION ITEMS

All People are safe

19-0958 Police

[Request approval to renew an existing contract - Police Department, Bid # 17ITB103550B-BR, Armed and Unarmed Security Services in the amount of \\$3,200,000.00 with Norred & Associates, Inc. \(Atlanta, GA\) to provide armed and unarmed security services for various County departments. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. \(APPROVED\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn
Did not vote: 2 - Hausmann, Arrington

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - “On page 7. County Manager Renewal Action items under All People are safe **#19-0958**, police request approval to renew an existing contract in the amount of three million two hundred thousand dollars to provide armed and unarmed security services for various County departments.

Commissioner Hall - “Move Approval.”

Chairman Pitts - “Is there a second?.”

Commissioner Arrington - “Second.”

Chairman Pitts - “Alright, properly moved and seconded. Are there any questions, comments or discussions?”

Clerk Grier – “And the vote is open.”

Chairman Pitts – “Just a minute.”

Clerk Grier - “And the motion passes. Four yeas, zero nays.”

All People are self-sufficient

19-0959 Senior Services

Request approval to renew an existing contract – Senior Services, 18ITB114244A-FB, Indigent Burial Services in the amount of \$418,750.00 with Mutual Meadows (Peachtree Corners, GA), to provide dignified professional burial services as a last resort for any deceased person declared indigent or unclaimed Fulton County resident if the death occurred within Fulton County. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. (APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Vice-Chairman Morris to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn
Did not vote: 1 - Arrington

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - “Under all people are self-sufficient #19-0959, senior services. Request approval to renew an existing contract in the amount of four-hundred and eighteen thousand and seven hundred and fifty dollars to provide dignified professional burial services as a last resort for any deceased person declared indigent or unclaimed Fulton County resident.

Commissioner Hall – “Move approval.”

Vice-Chairman Morris – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts - “Properly moved and seconded. Madam Clerk.”

Clerk Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes, six yeas, zero nays.”

19-0960 Senior Services

Request approval to renew an existing contract – Department of Senior Services and Behavioral Health, RFP #19RFP117031A-FB, Food Services Management in the amount of \$996,541.00 with Piccadilly Holdings, LLC (Baton Rouge, LA), to provide food service management and purchase of perishable and non-perishable items for the four (4) senior multipurpose facilities and three (3) Behavioral Health training centers. This action exercises the first of three renewal options, with two renewal options remaining. Effective dates: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. (APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Did not vote: 1 - Ellis

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier – “#19-0960, Senior Services request approval to renew an existing contract in the amount of nine-hundred and ninety-six thousand five-hundred and forty one dollars to provide food service management and purchase of perishable and non-perishable items for four senior multipurpose centers and three Behavioral Health training centers.

Commissioner Hall – “Move Approval.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts - “Any questions? Is there an increase?”

Felicia Strong-Whitaker – “Commissioners, no this is not an increase. The contract didn’t um begin until October of 20.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, okay. Thank you.”

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – “Yes.”

Chairman Pitts - “Alright, the motion is to approve. Let’s vote.”

Clerk Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes, six yeas, zero nays.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION ITEMS

19-0961 Community Development

Request approval to amend an existing 2019 Community Services Program (CSP) contract with Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless, Inc., to increase the funding award by \$63,000 to service more constituents within their current scope of work (rent and utility assistance); authorize the Chairman to execute the amendment. The amendment is effective up through December 31, 2019. (APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "#19-0961 Community Development, request approval to amend an existing 2019 Community Services Program contract with Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless, Inc."

Chairman Pitts - "Alright, entertain a motion to approve."

Commissioner Hall - "Move approval."

Chairman Pitts - "Is there a second."

Commissioner Arrington - "Second."

Chairman Pitts - "Properly moved and seconded. Commissioner Hausmann."

Commissioner Hausmann - "Yes, um I support this item. I think it's um obviously in our core mission to help with this sort of effort but I am curious, is this coming from CSP funds. Um, can you explain to us, um how that came about, please?"

Pamela Roshell - "Pamela Roshell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer. It is not actually coming from CSP Funds. It is extending a CSP contract. The funds are coming from the program enhancement dollars in Community Development."

Commissioner Hausmann - "So what was the original amount of the CSP contract?"

Pamela Roshell - "37,000."

Commissioner Hausmann - "So it puts it up to the maximum of 100?"

Pamela Roshell – “Yes, yes ma’am.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Alright, So, the additional funds that were left over are from where?”

Pamela Roshell – “From the at-risk youth program enhancement dollars.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay, alright thank you.”

Pamela Roshell – “You welcome.”

Chairman Pitts – “The motion before us is to approve. Let’s vote.”

Clerk Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes, unanimously.”

Chairman Pitts - “Continue.”

All People trust government is efficient, effective, and fiscally sound

19-0962 Board of Registration and Elections

[Request approval of a statewide contract - Registration and Elections, 99999-001-SPD0000136-0003, Temporary Staffing - Clerical & Light Industrial in an amount not to exceed \\$6,980,523.00 with Happy Faces Personnel Group, Inc. \(Tucker, GA\), to provide temporary staffing services for Registration and Elections for approximately 340 positions, effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. \(APPROVED\)](#)

ITEM HELD UNTIL AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - “On page 8. All people trust government is efficient, effective, and fiscally sound **#19-0962** Board of Registration and Elections request approval of a statewide contract to provide temporary staffing services.”

Brenda McCloud - “This is for our supplemental staff for our election year 2020 and so we are asking a not to exceed amount for the staffing.”

Chairman Pitts - “Six-million nine eighty-five twenty-three.”

Brenda McCloud - "Yes sir."

Chairman Pitts - "Okay, Commissioner Hausmann, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Carn."

Commissioner Hausmann - "So what is the daily rate for a pole worker?"

Brenda McCloud - "Uh the manager, I believe is 250. Um the assistant manager is 200. The clerk is 175 but they are not included in Happy Faces. They are not paid through Happy Faces because that is a one day um service. So they are contractual. Our, the Happy Faces includes all our supplemental staff throughout the year, every day, as well as early voting staff."

Commissioner Hausmann - "So the daily rate for a pole worker is what?"

Brenda McCloud - "The manager is 250."

Commissioner Hausmann - "No, no. the average pole worker, what is the daily rate?"

Brenda McCloud - "There three different rates because of their positions."

Chairman Pitts - "No, no, the worker, not the 250 to 200, 170. The worker bees."

Brenda McCloud - "No their not pole workers. It varies"

Commissioner Hausmann - "It use to be \$105 if you worked all day in a pole. Back a long time ago when I was involved with that, I'm just curious, what's our current daily rate for a poll worker?"

Chairman Pitts - "Now come on now. This shouldn't be that difficult to know what that."

Brenda McCloud - "I guess it's not considered pole worker. These are every day supplemental staff people and it varies, depending on their positions."

Commissioner Hausmann - "Do we not have pole workers any longer. We use to recruit pole workers from community members. Do we do that anymore?"

Brenda McCloud - "Yes, I and Commissioner Hausmann, I just gave that to you. The poll worker, the Manager is 250, the assistant manager is 225."

Commissioner Carn - "The base poll worker is the Clerk at 175."

Commissioner Hausmann - "The clerk is 175. That's the average person that might be a retiree or whatever that can come in and work the pole just on Election Day or early voting is 175?"

Brenda McCloud - "Yes it is."

Commissioner Hausmann - "Are we getting them all from the temporary agency or are we recruiting in the community as well?"

Brenda McCloud - "No they are not through the temporary agency. This is recruitment outside of that. The only staff that is through the temporary agency is our workers at our elections preparation center and our voter registration division, our administration division. These are people that work every day throughout the election year."

Commissioner Hausmann - "Six million dollars' worth?"

Brenda McCloud - "That is not, not to exceed."

Commissioner Hausmann - "So who, where do we get the workers that actually man the polling locations?"

Brenda McCloud - "Um, we have county workers and workers outside of the community that live in Fulton County."

Commissioner Hausmann - "I'm, I'm sorry, I'm confused because I did think the way we staffed our actual voting locations the polls was supplemented by the Happy Face temporary agency. Is that not true?"

Brenda McCloud - "Uh, no that is not true."

Chairman Pitts - "Question. Is this time-sensitive?"

Brenda McCloud - "Yes we need um our staff to start January 7th for the presidential preference primary to start conducting and because we have not even received our new voting equipment yet we once we do which is probably in December, we're gonna need all hands on deck to prepare for the March election as well as early voting that starts in early March."

Chairman Pitts - "You still have the floor."

Commissioner Hausmann - "Well I, I mean I guess I'm just confused. I understand um that we do have a larger expense during a general election years, especially during a presidential cycle, we all get that. Um but I thought that the temporary agency was not doing our daily prep work for an election. It was manning the polling locations for the actual voting process. So I think I am uninformed then on what we're doing here. And, so my question would be, if this isn't covering the actual election cost, what is that going to be?"

Brenda McCloud - "The election's cost for the year?"

Commissioner Hausmann – “Yeah for the actual voting process, and the early voting and the actual election day cost for staff. Is there going to be an addition to this 6 million dollars that you’re asking for today?”

Brenda McCloud – “No that includes the entire amount.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “That’s not what you just said to us.”

Brenda McCloud – “You were asking about poll workers on election day. Right?”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Correct.”

Brenda McCloud – “Okay, and I gave you the rate.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “And I asked if it was included in the 6 million and you said no.”

Brenda McCloud – “It is not. The 6 million is the Happy Faces for supplemental staff and early voting staff.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “So what are the costs then for the actual workers that will work on the polls and for early voting. That’s what I’m asking what’s our total cost going to be here for staffing?”

Brenda McCloud – “For the poll workers, I did not bring that cost.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, let’s do this. Can we do this? We need some more information here. We can hear from Hall, Carn, Morris and Arrington but it sounds like we’re gonna need so more information. If it’s time sensitive, you suggest that action needs to be taken today. But sounds like we gonna need more information. Hall, Carn, Morris and Arrington if you still want to be heard?”

Commissioner Morris – “Yes.”

Commissioner Hall - “So, you say this staff works everyday?”

Brenda McCloud – “Yes.”

Commissioner Hall – “Can you tell us how long from what period of time, what length of time. When do they work every day?”

Brenda McCloud – “Ok. For next year, we would like for staff to start January 7th and it will be, the contract will be until the end of December simply because we have elections from March through and if we have a general election runoff that is in December, so the contract is from January 7th through December 31st.”

Commissioner Hall – “So we’re basically staffing this department with temporary staff for pretty much the entire year to work every day?”

Brenda McCloud – “Yes.”

Commissioner Hall – “Um why do we not just staff them with normal Fulton County staff instead of temporary staff? If we know that there is a need for them to work every day for an entire year? Can somebody answer that question for me?”

Brenda McCloud – “Well we, we assign over 100 to 200 supplemental staff to assist in various errors of our division to prepare for our elections preparation center with the warehouse and the voting equipment. It need, they need over 3,000 voting, pieces of voting equipment. They need staff.

Commissioner Hall – “Thank you for that, then that leads me to my next question of how often have we staffed year by year with temporary staff in this department? Because after so many instances of staffing every day staff for entire years. It gets to a point where a manager says I just need staff period and they hire full-time permanent staff to do these jobs. So, how often do we do this? Is this something new?”

Brenda McCloud – “Well. Is what?”

Commissioner Hall - “Is this something new?”

Brenda McCloud – “About supplemental staff.”

Commissioner Hall – “Or is this something routine?”

Brenda McCloud – “No this is nothing new.”

Commissioner Hall – “Okay.”

Brenda McCloud – “We’ve been doing this since we’ve started and The Board of Commissioners was so gracious enough to approve permanent staff for us.”

Commissioner Hall – “Up to seven million dollars. This is basically.”

Brenda McCloud – “No, not up to 7 million dollars.”

Commissioner Hall – “No, I know I wasn’t here approving that.”

Sharon Whitmore – “Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Hall – “Yes ma’am.”

Sharon Whitmore – “Um, we approved, I believe sixteen additional positions. Permanent, full-time positions for registration and elections.

Commissioner Hall – “Right.”

Sharon Whitmore – “Recently and these are the positions.”

Commissioner Hall – “But, not temporary right?”

Sharon Whitmore – “No, those are permanent, full-time. That will increase their twenty 365 day employment base on a permanent basis. These positions for the temporary services contract are utilized in presidential election’s year and a statewide election in order to supplement and in essence beef up the staff that are needed throughout the course of the year for each of the individual elections that take place during the full election cycle. So based on Mr. Barron’s analysis that he completed, we did provide him with the requested number of permanent full-time staff to bring his permanent full-time staff levels in line with other jurisdictions in Fulton County and in other places. And so these are the supplemental staff that they request during the presidential and other statewide election cycles.”

Commissioner Hall – “Okay, so now you completely contradicted what was just told to us. Because she said that this staff is needed every single year and this is something that we do on a routine basis. Three hundred and forty positions on a routine basis is, that makes no sense whatsoever, temporaries every single year. I think the problem is, we need a breakdown of exactly what are we spending this money on, how many positions and what period of time, how often? What is the, like Commissioner Hausmann said what are we paying the individual workers? So I think that would kind of put us at ease at least knowing what we are actually voting on. What we’re approving almost 7 million dollars to do and if there is a need for more staff, year to year, then I think that we need to consider that. Thank you.”

Brenda McCloud – “And we can provide that to you.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, Carn, Morris, Arrington and back to Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Carn – “Alright, thank yawl for coming out. Preciate all you do. I know when you think about it. I guess, uh, I’m not gonna mention that. I kinda understand where my colleagues are coming from. And let me just state for the record, I wanna make sure you guys have adequate funding for 2020 here. And I know how important it is. Um, I worked as a poll manager for three years and as a poll worker for five of those. I remember when I started; it was like ninety-dollars for a clerk. I did the clerk for two years and then I moved up to manager and I think it went up to about 180 or 200 dollars, so it’s good to see you guys have kept up with the times. Uh, a couple of

questions that were ask. How many people to do you expect to hire with this six point nine million. That is something everybody is gonna wanna know obviously.”

Brenda McCloud – “It will range, again between our early voting staff, staffing 24 locations, five outreaches, we’re talking about additional technical staff, um public safety staff, over 300 and something staff.”

Commissioner Carn – “And the salary ranges.”

Brenda McCloud – “It varies. What are we talking about? We have several positions, several positions in our department that have different pay ranges.”

Commissioner Carn – “And I think, like Commissioner Hall said you talking 7 million dollars, you was spending 7 million of your money, you would probably want to get a breakdown on your receipt of what you will be getting dollar for dollar. Uh so, maybe how many people, the categories of people, the salaries of the people would be good so we can see where the money is going. A lot of times not so much that you know we don’t want to give staff the money.

Brenda McCloud – “Naw!”

Commissioner Carn – “We want to see what we gonna be spending here so when a resident ask me, so when a resident ask me, looks like you approved 7 million for dollar elections. What’s that money really going towards?” If, we approve it right now. All of us gonna have to say. Well we not really sure exactly. We could give you a vague idea, but I would like to have the break-down so I can show my mayors and the constituents. Now, I understand when you have a presidential year, it’s a different scenario.

Brenda McCloud – “Sure.”

Commissioner Carn – “Voter registration and I know it surges exponentially.”

Brenda McCloud – “Sure.”

Commissioner Carn – “And it takes a huge amount of people to process those things in time and get those cards out which overloads your staff. I understand that. The phone calls and e-mails multiply in a presidential year I get that. Um, Georgia you know is a battleground state. And Fulton County is the center of that you know, and it’s by default, we the biggest county. I get that you need it. Um, also we don’t want the mistakes because the media tends to spotlight Fulton County. You know, in part because their all located here. So we are the easiest place to get to on election night. So we got a lot of factors where I know we need enough coverage and enough money but I think just seeing where it’s gonna go is gonna be, I guess good for everybody as well as for you guys. So when someone ask you well what is this going on, what’s the salary range, who you gonna be hiring and when. So, uh, I think it will be good to get the details and I

wouldn't be against it. I know elections needs additional money and I wanna give it to you but I would like to see what we're spending it on too. So I'm not against you here."

Brenda McCloud – "Absolutely and thank you, Commissioner Carn. And one thing that I wanted to just relate, is that we have estimated a budget of over 11 million dollars to conduct all the elections next year and out of that 11 million, we're saying we would like um not to exceed that 6.9 million for personnel through Happy Faces personnel group out of the 11 million."

Commissioner Carn – "That's was one of my, the Happy Faces group, um I see they are in Tucker, Georgia."

Brenda McCloud – "Yes."

Commissioner Carn – "This is a temp agency, right?"

Brenda McCloud – "It is."

Commissioner Carn – "And, and I don't know how we go about the process here but I imagine it's dozens of temp agencies in Fulton County, I would imagine, right? I'm just curious as you know, do we."

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – "Commissioner we are utilizing the state-wide contract for, for this. The state-wide contract did have several contractors on it. When we first initiated it, we went to all of them and ask them for their hourly rates and Happy Faces had the lowest hourly rate and that's the reason we're using Happy Faces."

Commissioner Carn – "Ok, that's a lot of money here. I just thought. Okay so we attempted to find the local outfits?"

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – "Yes."

Commissioner Carn – "So we attempted to find the local county outfits first and they were higher than the others. Is that what you're saying?"

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – "I didn't say local. I said that there were several the state-wide contract has like four or five temporary contractors on their list."

Commissioner Carn – "Were there any Fulton County contractors?"

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – "I'm not sure if there were any Fulton County. I don't remember or I don't recall but I can go back and look."

Commissioner Carn – "Alright, I'm just curios. Okay that's all I have."

Chairman Pitts – “Okay we have four or five more speakers on this issue. So we’re going to end up needing more information today, if you need it approved today. But the line-up again Morris, Arrington, Hausmann, Ellis and Hall.”

Commissioner Morris – “Well I’ll try to be brief Mr. Chairman. It sounds like you proposing that we may hold this for later in the meeting and maybe get Mr. Barron down here if he is available to help you. I understand what you’re saying; that the poll workers are hired to be poll workers and we pay them separately.”

Brenda McCloud – “Yes, on one day.”

Commissioner Morris – “And we have our permanent staff as the CFO has articulated that we added the sixteen permanent staff and we saw stats that our staff is below other counties in sheer numbers and so that was sorely needed. But here, we’re just using a terribly logical business approach to hire temporary folks from a temporary staffing agency for the unusually large need in this presidential year. We don’t do this to the tune of almost 7 million dollars in other election years when we don’t have a presidential election. So I have no problem with this. I understand what we’re trying to do. It would be helpful for us to understand the roles that you expect these temporary staffers to be played as oppose to the permanent staffers. I think that would alleviate a lot of the confusion here and um and help all of us in understanding what the approach is gonna be here. So, I’m perfectly okay. I do not want to hold this up Mr. Chairman. Um because it’s the last thing we need is a dysfunctional election in 2020. So we need to get these folks ready to go and I’m prepared to go ahead and move this along. Um and if we are going to hold it for later in the meeting, that’s fine.

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, Commissioner Arrington.”

Commissioner Arrington – “I’m gonna yield my time to the next speaker. It’s no way with the information that’s provided today um that I could support this today.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, um Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Commissioner Arrington I am honored that you would yield your time to for me. Thank you very much. You know, I really didn’t know I was opening up a can of worms here. I’ll tell you the purpose of my inquiry was that twenty years ago when I was a community activist if you will. Um, we recruited community members that worked the same poll every election cycle. My father was a poll manager because I recruited him after he retired for fifteen years. We didn’t agree politically on anything. Okay, but he loved working the polls. He saw the same people every day, every election. He knew the people when they came in. It eliminated so many issues that we have today, with folks coming in and if we can’t find them, we don’t know who they are because when you have the same people that work in the polls that know the community. It makes it an enjoyable experience for them and for the people who are voting. It eliminates a lot of issues. So my purpose for asking this question, I understand we gott allocate resources to it. I don’t think anybody disputes that. My question is

where are we getting the people? How can we return to that community base voting where people know each other when they come in to vote and make it a more pleasant experience? Rather than strangers. I go in my own precinct now, I don't really know anybody. I represent that area. I should know those folks in there. So, I just think that we can go back and maybe supplement with temporary workers and I understand that we probably can't fill every position. But what are we doing to go to our civic clubs, our seniors, our high schools because most of the times the schools are closed on Election Day. Those students could probably use one-hundred and twenty bucks. Um, so I, I just want to know what we're doing to reactivate community base voting operations in Fulton County and if we're not, why are we not? And why don't we do some of that? Because I think it makes us stronger. That's my only point."

Chairman Pitts – "Okay two more speakers. I think there's a perfectly logical explanation for this almost seven million dollar expenditure. So if we can get Mr. Barron up here to explain it to us. It will be real simple and we can move forward uh Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Hall."

Commissioner Ellis – "Yeah, I, I share uh Commissioner Morris uh you know sentiment that I think we do need to go ahead and move on this uh hopefully and get whatever issues are needed be addressed, addressed today. Um, as I basically, I basically understand this; we've, we've supplemented, we've added additional full-time staff; which that came before us a few weeks back. Um, In light of sort of the complexities and looking at sort of where we stood up against some of the other places. And then in a presidential cycle, just like we did in 2016, where I believe that we spent about four point seven million or so. Does that sound about right?"

Brenda McCloud – "Four point seven eighty-five, yes."

Commissioner Ellis – "Yeah, four point seven, four point eight million in 2016 through this contract uh for these folks that are more than poll workers. They may work on election day, but their doing a lot of preparatory work leading up to the elections themselves, right?"

Brenda McCloud – "And early voting workers too, that work three weeks straight."

Commissioner Ellis – " And early voting workers, et cetera right, so you know, it'd be nice if we could get a volunteer base you know that could staff all of our elections but candidly I think that ship sailed particularly with the advent of early voting."

Brenda McCloud – "Yes."

Commissioner Ellis - It's just not feasible that you can get somebody that's gonna volunteer their time to work twenty days or whatever it is. Um, and we got new machines we've got an added degree of complexity to it. Um, You know, I want us to go ahead and get if this is what you know the staff and what Board of Elections says is the best and appropriate way for us to go about running the elections and getting it done

right, particularly in this very key transition years as we move towards these new machines. And I am fully supportive of it and prepared to support it today.

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Hall – “I think that we all agree that there is a need but there is also a need to ensure that our constituency understand what we just approved. And so I’m looking forward to that information being received by this Board of Commissioners. Um, Commissioner Carn raised the um concerned about are there any temporary agencies within Fulton County because this appears to be an agency in Tucker, Georgia. And, um I heard your response but my additional question is have we ever bid this out and uh what was the outcome of that? Did we receive any bids from Fulton County based temporary agencies?”

Felicia Strong-Whitaker – Commissioner, no we have not bid this out. Because the rates that the state has are much better rates than we could ever get. Once upon a time maybe fifteen years ago the County did have um temporary contracts in place um but we have not during my tenure. So what we did do is look at the annual rates. The state-wide contract does have like five or six firms on it and we went to all of those firms and we asked for the hourly rates. What I can provide for you is a copy of the contract that we have had for Happy Faces for Registration and Elections. There is about fourteen positions. It has the hourly rates on it and I will provide that.

Commissioner Hall – “Thank you.”

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – “Yes.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, I like to recommend that we hold this until after lunch and, and Ms. Whitaker if ya’ll get with Mr. Barron. Come back with a one pager with, break out this six or seven million dollar. How many at the 250 rate, how many at the 200, and how many at the 175. The sentiment to, to move it forward since you say it’s time sensitive but we need that information. It’s real simple to get. Just do the simple math, okay?”

Brenda McCloud – “No problem.”

Anna Roach – “Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Pitts – “Yes.”

Anna Roach – “Mr. Barron is not available today.”

Chairman Pitts – “Will someone should be able to provide something, either you, the manager or somebody.”

Anna Roach – “Yes sir.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, thank you. Next item Mr. Clerk, Madam Clerk.”

LATER IN THE MEETING:

Alright Mr. Manager, you heard me. Uh let’s go back to the issue with, what was it? Happy Faces. On the uh, that seven million. Is Mr. Barron here? Come on down Mr. Barron. Now you should have, each of you should have in front of you a Fulton County election pay and bill rates proposed for twenty twenty. This, Mr. Barron summarize this for us. I think there is support we just need to understand what’s involved and included in that seven million.”

Richard Barron, Registration and Elections Director – “Yes this is a...Good morning or good afternoon Commissioners. Richard Barron, Director of Registration and Elections. This is a five thousand dollars difference from the request that we made in two thousand eighteen that was approved. If you go back to twenty sixteen um on on this page we’ve requested four point eight million then seventeen, three point nine, six point nine million in twenty eighteen, one point six million this year and six point nine million for twenty twenty. Uh the actual expenses. The most in twenty sixteen we, we spent four point eight million and we know that this year we will go over that. Uh in twenty eighteen when we requested six point nine million we are the actual expenses were three point two six million. This request is for not to exceed. It includes, if you turn to the third page. All of these positions from the Regional Coordinator down to the Voter Education Coordinator, those five positions are would be here from January through the end of December. The positions that are below those, all of those positions work uh at different times during the year. There’s a lot of overtime involved uh in, in all of these positions. Uh especially out at the warehouse, which are some of the full-time temporary positions, when we, when we have to deliver equipment. For example, the, the couriers, they will be, they work days here and there some weeks they may have overtime. So what this adds up to all of these positions the overtime rates, the pay rates and then the rates that we have to pay the Happy Faces to, to do this adds up to that six point nine million under a worst case scenario which is that. Because if we have a, a run-off in January or in July that, that is countywide we expect um a decent turn out, that, that affects the cost. Sometimes we have years where we don’t have a countywide turnout or a countywide run-off or we, we have maybe races that aren’t gonna pull the turnout that would be normal so then and the number of early voting locations also affects the cost. Election Day workers, they are paid out of a separate part of our election budget and not, they aren’t included in this uh in this pay rate or in this Happy Faces request. And I guess I can take any questions that you have.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, Commissioner Arrington and followed by Commissioner Hausmann. Thank you for this.”

Richard Barron – “You welcome.”

Commissioner Arrington - "Uh, thank you, thank you. This uh, this presentation makes sense. This morning's presentation was unintelligent, alright. Um now Security Manager, one, we're only hiring one Security Manager?"

Richard Barron – "Well what that Security Manager does, the Security Manager is in charge of, of recruiting all of the public safety officials that we get to go to all the polling places and to all the early voting locations. Those are the Police officers that we get from different agencies to, to provide security."

Commissioner Arrington – "Okay now I understand we just recently had a problem with some ballot boxes and security. So...is this person going to address a plan for fixing or correcting?"

Richard Barron – "That, yeah that was a theft that happened overnight at Grove Park Recreation Center in the City of Atlanta facility. We typically haven't, we don't provide um security at polling places the day before the election. Though that was, was an event that happened and the police are investigating that to see if they can figure out who, who burglarized that, that facility."

Commissioner Arrington – "Well I would suggest that, we might need some security. Haven't you heard the Ukrainians, the Russians everybody is attempting to elect, uh impact or elections, well so."

Richard Barron – "Yes, well in those carriers that we're purchasing should help that situation."

Commissioner Arrington – "Alright. Well thank you. Um, this presentation makes sense. I could not, there was no way I could support anything that was said this morning, it just."

Richard Barron – "I understand."

Chairman Pitts – "Okay Commissioner Hausmann followed by Commissioner Hall."

Commissioner Hausmann - "Mr. Barron, good to see you."

Richard Barron – "Thanks."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Um, this does make a lot more sense. Okay so you're not even asking us at this point for funding for Election Day or early voting?"

Richard Barron – "No, that, that is in I think our, the total budget that we requested for next year, which would include this which is I think twelve point eight million for all the elections."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Okay."

Richard Barron – “And that is not to exceed is included in that budget.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay. So we could still have a different recruiting effort for Election Day workers?”

Richard Barron – “Yes.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “That might include some community type members that could work over time in all elections if they chose to?”

Richard Barron – “The, the Election Day workers are, we, we train them so they’re, they’re paid on a flat rate system. But yes, we, we do have, we’re gonna need more election workers next year than we have in the past, just because of the nature of our new system.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Right, well ok I do think we should come up with some sort of recruiting effort that tries to bring in community members that know people in the polls, that come in, I think that would be great.”

Richard Barron – “And I think with the voter education people. Our voter education teams that are gonna go out over the next several months before the March election, they will, we will have them work on that as well.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay. So when you go to the temp agencies and you’ve got you know all these people that you need. They’re gonna work for months. Even though they’re through a temp agency, they’re gonna be a regular um employees for us. Do you interview them? Or do they just send you? How, how does that selection work?”

Richard Barron – “Happy Faces is the, they, they screen them, interview them and then, then they send them to us. We, we basically, we contracting the human resources um function to Happy Faces.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Well I, I know this never happens, but should you get someone that’s not a good fit, do you have any uh way to make adjustments?”

Richard Barron – “We can make an adjustment by calling them and make their out that day.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay so as long as we have flexibility, okay.”

Richard Barron – “We have a lot of flexibility and we’ve had really good luck with this, with this company.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Very good. Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Hall – “Alright, um thank you for this. It makes everything make more sense and one thing that I didn’t hear you say is that we have a Presidential Election coming up and so that demands an increase in staffing.”

Richard Barron – “Yes.”

Commissioner Hall – “Right and so um also I wanna just make sure that we check on what your budget ask is because I did not pay attention to your particular budget ask because um I, I didn’t assume there was a need until seeing how you repeatedly actually get temporary staff that work every single day. Um so are you asking for more full-time permanent staff in twenty twenty budget?”

Richard Barron – “No, they way I look at the temporary staff, we, we request temporary staff because if I can’t, I look at positions as to whether I can keep somebody busy in a two year cycle for twenty four months. If we can’t keep that person busy for that amount of time, most of these people we would be able to keep busy for eighteen to twenty months. But we can’t, we can’t keep them busy for two years, so that’s why we keep ‘um on a temporary basis.”

Commissioner Hall – “So for four months they’re not busy and then do you hire them again for eighteen to twenty months?”

Richard Barron – “Well that’s just the way I analyze whether we need a full-time position. Uh these, for twenty twenty all of the, the positions, the five top positions those people will be busy from January to December. The other positions, those ones work periodically during the year. The ones that are below voter education coordinator, starting with fleet coordinator down to early voting assistant.”

Commissioner Hall – “Okay my question was so you employ them from eighteen to twenty months not twenty four months. So for four months they’re not active but do you hire them back again for eighteen to twenty months?”

Richard Barron – “Uh we would for those positions, yes we usually bring, Happy Faces a lot of the people aren’t, aren’t available but yes we continue to bring people back, over and over, again, year after year, yes.

Commissioner Hall – “Over and over again, so there’s only a four month period where there inactive because you only hire them from, for eighteen to twenty months. So perhaps there is a need for you to hire more full-time permanent people when you look at that way.”

Richard Barron – “Yeah um we, we, we can look at that. I when I asked for uh more full-time positions this year I wanted to make, my request was to, I made it in order to make sure that I was being responsible with the money that, that were given. Coming to the Board of Commissioners asking for that and trying to be good stewards of that and one thing that we do when we do this not to exceed is we, we wanna look at it as the

worst case scenario, but then we also if we don't have to spend that we're aren't going to spend that."

Commissioner Hall – "Yeah but you just made it very clear that you do have a need and I would prefer to address your need, get it out of the way so you do not have to keep coming back asking for the same thing over and over. So thank you so much for taking the time to do this on such short notice from this morning to now and it does help bring us to a point where we can make an inform vote. Thank you so much."

Richard Barron – "You're welcome."

Chairman Pitts – "Mr. Carn."

Commissioner Carn – "Alright, thank you. Uh, I agree with everything my colleagues said. Uh this does clarify things. This is a whole lot better and uh I know earlier today they said you were out of town so I guess you flew back in?"

Richard Barron – "Well no we were, we had a regional elections meeting in Lawrenceville today, we were about ten counties there, so."

Commissioner Carn – "Well yeah technically, well I'm glad you're back here. Uh it was very important obviously to get back here. Uh which leads me to my next question, where is Happy Faces?"

Richard Barron – "They oh they aren't here."

Commissioner Carn – "Okay, you know, one of things you know I know the hours late so um you know here you know if, if I'm someone before coming before this Board for something like this with this kind of expenditure, seven million dollars, there about. I guess I'd be here to answer any questions if it were be me. And I've gotten to a point where you know if it's not important enough for you to be here for something, I'm assuming this is a pretty big contract for someone like that. If we had some questions you know after a certain dollar amount I expect to see somebody out in the audience, just in case I had a question for them before I spend this kind of money and you know I'm gonna go along with this but if they don't feel it's important enough for them to be here with a contract this big you know it makes you start to wonder. Um second thing about Happy Faces and I don't have no idea of who they are or what not, I'm assuming they do a great job since you used them before. They're in Tucker, Georgia, correct?"

Richard Barron – "Yes."

Commissioner Carn – "I'd like to see them put forth an effort to attempt to hire temps from Fulton County. Uh so we can have some local folks as, as Commissioner Hausmann spoke, spoke about and in terms of just convenience and logistics and people getting down her to work, I'd, I'd like to see us make a concerted effort to hire County residents."

Felecia Stronger-Whitaker – “They do Commissioner. They do. They’re just located, they’re business is located there but they do hire a lot of Fulton County employees, I mean Fulton County residents, uh.”

Commissioner Carn – “Once you get folks on board. At the end of the day and this is next year.”

Felecia Stronger-Whitaker – “Um huh.”

Commissioner Carn – “End of next year, I’d like to see a percentage of how many County folks we got, Happy Faces was able to hire with our six, six point nine millions dollars. Is that doable?”

Felecia Stronger-Whitaker – “I, I will check with them on that.”

Commissioner Carn – “Alright, thanks.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright.”

Commissioner Morris – “Move approval”

Chairman Pitts – “I’ll second, let’s vote. Madam Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open for item 19-0962. And the motion passes unanimously.”

Chairman Pitts – “Three more items, quickly?”

Tonya Grier – “Yes.”

All people are healthy

19-0907 Public Works

The Department of Public Works and Finance Department request approval of a Resolution to approve a five percent (5%) water and sewer volumetric rate increase for each of the next 3 years; to make the necessary increases to the water and sewer fee schedules; to approve modifications to the water connection fees for North Fulton; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes. The Resolution to authorize increases in water and sewer rates, fees and charges effective January 1, 2020, which are necessary to complete the projects included in the 2020 to 2026 Water and Wastewater Capital Improvements Program. To protect the interest of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve each of these documents as to form and make any necessary modification, prior to execution by the necessary County official. (HELD ON 11/6/19 AND 11/20/19)

A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Hall to hold.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas:	4 - Pitts, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Nays:	1 - Hausmann
Did not vote:	2 - Ellis, Morris

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - “Continuing on page 8 under All people are healthy, #19-0907 Public Works and Finance Department request approval of a Resolution to approve a five percent water and sewer rate increase.

Commissioner Carn – “I thought this was taken off the Agenda, you told me?”

Chairman Pitts – “Just a minute, just a minute.”

Dick Anderson – “Good Morning, Mr. Chairman and commissioners. What we would do is propose to hold this rate increase resolution and bring back at the December 4th Board of Commissioners meeting. In the interim we would plan to meet with the South Fulton Mayors along with Gresham Smith the consultants we’ve engaged to describe the process for collecting city input on growth prospects from and review of their comprehensive plans as well as detail conversations. From meeting with the consultants a week or so ago, they believe that they will have insights by February of 2020. If a major change in the CIP and rate structure is warranted and that will be before the BOC approves the plan issuance of a bond in February and then planned construction start in April for the Big Creek facility. Um, as a practical matter, just to remind you we are about four to five years into this current process. I think this was the first significant issue that I’ve worked personally on uh the rates or the rates study then capacity study and rates study was completed in 2015. And then rates were approved

at a 5 percent increase per year for 2017, 18 and 19. Major construction of course is underway at Little River. The reuse facility is complete. Uh the line repair of course is going on in multiple places. One of the most significant ones being Pine Valley and Union City and then of course the Camp Creek upgrades to the clarifiers. Um, All of which by the way began after we resolved the EPD moratorium that I personally worked on back in 2015. Uh, as we set her today, we are about 7 to 10 MGD below capacity of the 24 MGD at Camp Creek. That equates to give you kind of a point of reference. Um, we generally start the planning work when we get within a facility of this size to 21 or so MGD. So the difference between where we are today and there if you were trying to figure out how many houses is that or how many square feet of building, I have some round numbers that's about sixteen to twenty-five thousand new homes or about fifteen to twenty-four million square feet of business or some combination of both. So really I think that you know this approach uh after meeting with the uh South Fulton Mayors, I believe and hope that they will be satisfied with this that it will be quantitative uh it will provide ample opportunity for their input, growth projections, engineering designs. With the help of Commissioner Carn we've already got some significant input from them uh this week. Uh, so we will be trying to set that meeting up post haste. We also went back and looked at what is the average uh growth for that plant in terms of usage over the last ten to fifteen years. Over the last five years uh it has grown about three percent in usages. So it went from a MGD back when we did this study that I just referenced fifteen point seven four MGD in 2015 to sixteen point three two on average in 2019. Interesting enough it kind of declined in the current between those numbers and then went back up and you can go all the way back to 2005 uh 2006 and find numbers that were fifteen and fourteen point eight five MGD. My point being that over a five year period there's been about a three percent increase in growth of usage at that plant. To get from that current growth average all the way up to where we need to start a planning exercise this is about a twenty-five percent growth, three percent over the last five years you have to go to a twenty-five percent growth over the next five or so in order to reach that critical stage where we would then begin planning so I do honestly I think when we get through receiving all the input, having a discussion with the mayors, looking at these facts you'll have the ability to move forward and then if there's more information that the consultants in their review over the next several months. Come back in February you'll then have the opportunity to review that before you make a decision to issue a bond in February, if you need to make a change. So our again our recommendation is to hold this item."

Chairman Pitts - "All right, it is on the Agenda because it was held at the last meeting; therefore it appears on the Agenda again at this meeting. And your recommendation is that we hold it until um the December meeting which I, I support. In the meantime though there's some timing issues that we need to be aware of from a bonding issuance of bond point of view. But it's also important that we hear from the Mayors and that meeting has to take place between now and our meeting in December. I want to make it real clear about that. That meeting has to take place. There was a snafu actually was to be tomorrow night but half of them are out of town. But when they get back now the ball is gone be in their court. I'll attend those meetings with you and I'm convinced, once they understand the sensitivity of this, the timeliness of it, they get the information and

insured that the study will take place; we'll be able to move forward at that meeting in December. So we'll hold today but questions and comments need to be put on the record. Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Carn and Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Thank you Mr. Chair um and thank you Mr. Manager. You know the, I think we really talking about two different issues. And I really think the one force today we should deal with and dispense with today and the other is something that can be worked through on its own, through a separate course. This matter is to specifically support the funding for a plan that was approved in April of 19, 2017 by the full Board of Commissioners after a thorough very logical review of the entirety of the system. Um, full Board supported it. Um, so it was, I'd hope that we are not turning this into something that it doesn't need to be. It's a very logical thing. We shouldn't work on sort of antidotal stuff but really on the factual pieces of things. Um, and we have an area where we got, we had a clear, clear need. Those were identified via the study, via the consultant brought forward to us and it was approved. Um, this is a very you know it is a system and um you know right or wrong. The weight of where the systems you know kind of capacity rest is in sort of this particular base. And I think roughly sixty-five percent of all our customer base is in kind of the northern element and probably about eighty-five percent of the revenue associated with this fund comes from that northern base. Just in terms of the mix of the customers both number as well as type and usage. Uh, so there's some clear needs there and that's where it gets paid by that rate base. Um, so I would just hope that, I would like to see us move forward with it and then sanction the study, uh, for uh the South Fulton basin and then see what additional needs come out of that, if any. And then we have another CIP of you know that is associated with that if it is needed. It's a very, just the same process we went through here and I don't think we need to turn this into something it isn't to delay uh kind of what has already been established and the only, only reason we are coming back to this today was we, we agreed to phase the rate pieces of this. We could have did it all back in, I believe when we approved it in 2017, right.”

Dick Anderson – “Right.”

Commissioner Ellis – “And, we said that not let's lay it all on uh our rate base now. Let's hold it and then come back and let's see. Let's Firm up those cost and then we'll come back at it again so that we're not overcharging our rate payers. So, I mean this is just to dispense with something that we have already approved as necessary. So if we do indeed hold it. Uh, I am not certainly prepared to hold it after the December, December 4th meeting. Whatever needs to take place, takes place. If people can't make themselves available then we need to move forward on this. Then we can still do the study and still can be, the other needs can be addressed. So, uh, let's just kind of keep a very kind of factual approach to this would be my ask and uh and let's just get, get everybody's needs can be addressed in a, in a, fair manner. Like I think they've been, been addressed all along. So, uh, the additional thing that I would note is that in terms of just kind of the take you back you know kind of, kind of a few years back when this whole thing was being discussed. We, there was a recognition that we had really an excess capacity within the South Fulton basin. To the extent that we sold capacity to a

city outside of Fulton County and when the vote came forward to you know enter into that particular agreement to sell capacity you know from that South Fulton basin to another city it was approved. And it was approved by you know your predecessor, you know Commissioner Carn. So, it was a very logical you know, laid out thing and I don't think nothing is here suggesting that our capacity our waste water capacity in South Fulton is inhibiting growth. We have adequate capacity. I think and adequate capacity to grow and you know I'd add it can grow at a rate that would be clearly excessive than where we're growing right now. So, you know, let's just keep this factual and not turn this into something that it does not need to be."

Chairman Pitts – "Alright Commissioner Ellis, I think your historical analysis is accurate and, and timely. So let's be mindful of that. But I do think that the December 1st request by the manager is appropriate and I hope that we would hold until then but have that meeting with the mayors to hear firsthand once again from them. Uh, Commissioner Carn followed by Commissioner Hausmann."

Commissioner Carn – "And I thank you. Now I'm hearing two dates from the manager here. I'm hearing the December, did you say December 4th?"

Dick Anderson – "Right, first"

Chairman Pitts – "First meeting in December."

Dick Anderson – "December 4th for this agenda item."

Commissioner Carn – "But I'm also hearing a February date. Now explain that again. Because you said we have until February for this to take effect."

Dick Anderson – "So, the, the logic there is on December 4th this item could come back and the Board could decide to move forward with this rate increase and it would be effective January the 1st. The issuances of the bonds don't occur until in February, in the month of February. The consultants have indicated to us that they will have a good sense. Although the study will not be fully complete until June or July of next year but a good sense in February having looked at all the city provided data and being able to interact with them. If there is a significant change in what the growth projections otherwise would be. So, by February when the Board considers issuing of the bond could consider a report from the consultants who would indicate any uh significant changes in growth projections based on the input that's been provided."

Commissioner Carn – "Okay, I guess a few of my questions are, first of all, this consultant outfit we've already hired them before we needed. Before we knew that we needed additional study south of I-20 or is this just the same outfit we have on retainer? Or how does that work?"

David Clark – “David Clark, Public Works Director. Yes sir. Gresham Smith is one of our on-call stand-by consultants that we have on an annual basis to do these types of studies for us.”

Commissioner Carn – “Okay. Uh, one of my issues is, I want to make sure we look at expanding the base of this assessment. And I want it to include uh some of the other sewer infrastructure needs throughout the County. In terms of capacity, I hear what you are saying. I’ve got several capacity numbers and I went out there and went on the tour, I see, you know the sixteen three that we at now. Is that correct?”

David Clark – “Correct.”

Commissioner Carn – “Okay, um, in terms of fairness, we talk about you know we wanna make sure everybody is covered uh South County we wanna make sure North County is covered as well but the ratio in terms of sewer to septic, north and south, obviously there’s some big difference there. And the need for future request, which are going to be coming, particularly from South County in terms of going from septic to sewer some of these factors are gonna weigh-in on capacity you know throughout the on-going years, obviously. So I wanna make sure this, this firm is understanding this base of assessment is not capacity at the, at the facilities. I understand we’re responsible for any piece of, any pipe over twelve inches.”

David Clark – “That’s the, anything over twelve inches is part of the conveying system uh, we’re responsible for pipes smaller than that in the former un-incorporated area which is now the City of South Fulton.”

Commissioner Carn – “Uh, okay.”

David Clark – “So, I mean it’s not a hard.”

Commissioner Carn – “Okay, smaller too.”

David Clark – “Right, it’s not a hard and fast rule but twelve inches.”

Commissioner Carn – “But we’re definitely responsible for pipes over twelve?”

David Clark – “That is correct sir.”

Commissioner Carn – “As well as additional pipes smaller?”

David Clark – “In some locations.”

Commissioner Carn – “So, I’m not familiar with this consultant firm but I’ve worked with a lots of them, you know, Prime, Jacobs and all of the rest over the years. Uh, but I wanna make sure we’re looking at in terms of capacity also but infrastructure. Our pipes you know what we have in the ground. If, if people are going from septic to sewer what

else do we need to put into the ground; so that we can be prepared when that happens. So I'm hoping this study is comprehensive enough and I want to be intimately involved to make sure that all of our mayor's needs are being met from all of our various city engineers and all of our various city public works departments to make sure that we're not missing anything from our hired outfit in terms of assessment of the actual needs of these cities for the next ten to fifteen years. And if we are covered for capacity, that's great. But again, five years ago and over the last five years, it's my understanding we've spent five-hundred million dollars, north of I-20 compared to fifty million south or so. Now we're talking another five years and we're looking at this three year increase. My mayors weren't even aware or notified of an upcoming three year increase. So this is news to them. I mean, I just walked in the door here and we had it on you know, the first Agenda Item. Uh, so obviously I wasn't aware of it. The fact that they weren't even notified that this is coming so they could assess the needs and get it to you. You know, that's kinda where this ball started rolling when I asked you well, you said the CIP is based on the comprehensive plans from all of the cities. Well, there were no comprehensive plans from the south, southern cities. So, in terms of fairness and I understand you said this thing had been done fairly. Well, I don't see how if you didn't get the assessments from the South Fulton cities, South County cities. So, that's why we're here and that's why we're holding it. If it was a fair process it would have been fine and well and good and we could breeze on through it. But if you did not assess the needs of District 6, then you don't have a fair process. How could you have it? Uh, so I just wanna reiterate that and make sure we understand what we're talking about here and why we're holding this thing up, it's not just to be holding it up. I know this thing has been years out. Um, but I wasn't here then and I'm taking a look at what I see in front of me and I see that there were no assessments in these cities, so I'm gonna see an issue with it. Regardless of what was done before uh whether they saw it or not, I see it. I asked the questions and you answered them. And you said there were no assessments south. So there we are. Uh, so, I definitely uh am very concerned and I want to make sure that this uh assessment is thorough enough and I am not a public works expert, so I'm gonna rely on my P.E.s from the cities along with you working in collaboration with this group. And I wanna make sure they're in the loop because they know yard for yard what they're gonna need in their cities more so than anybody would know. So I wanna make sure that this thing is comprehensive and I wanna be intimately involved with making sure that, that happens. So, that's all I got."

David Clark – "Uh, I would like to add just to make sure."

Chairman Pitts – "Just."

David Clark – "Excuse me Chairman. Just so that everybody is clear. The study is not just looking at the Camp Creek capacity you're absolutely right Commissioner. We're there's actually five elements to the study that we're looking at. The Camp Creek capacity is one element, the other elements is the existing pump stations. What increases do we need for those? The other area is the existing pipe system where, where those areas need to be increased. But also the other two elements is where do we need to have new conveyance systems where we don't have pipe today? And more

importantly, where do we need to have new pump systems or stations that we do not have today? So the study is going to be comprehensive on those five main points.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, thank you. Um, let’s hear from Commissioner Hausmann. We’re gonna hold and take action and anticipate taking action on that first meeting in December. Uh, Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Yes. Um, thank you for Mr. Manager your assessment and then, and then Commissioner Ellis you gave a very good historical um evaluation of how we got here. The one thing that---All I have to add to the historical perspective is that we were under an EPD moratorium which instigated this thorough comprehensive review and plan that we put in place and um Mr. Clark you weren’t here when that moratorium was implemented but you came during it. And I, I mean just from a professional perspective from what I’ve seen is that you’re working hard to ensure that we never go back to a situation like that. Would I be correct in saying that?”

David Clark - “That is really my goal.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Yeah and so what I hear is that you know we’re moving forward methodically and funding as we go, where our critical needs are. But looking holistically at the system so that we don’t have any issues and that currently you don’t feel like we’re in any sort of a crisis situation in the south part of the County. Is that correct?”

David Clark – “Not at this time, no.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay. But the study is warranted and justified as we would periodically continue to study our system to make sure we are meeting the needs of the community with water. Is that correct?”

David Clark – “That’s is correct that is why actually we started the actual work on the study this summer before even this issue came before the Board because we recognized internally as staff that we needed to start looking at the South Fulton area when we have time to properly plan for it instead of being reactionary like we did in the past.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “So before this issue was raised, you were already on this path?”

David Clark – “Yes ma’am.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay, so you’re doing your job to ensure that the water quality is adequate throughout the County. Which is what they should be doing. So I’m not sure why there’s a problem here. Um, I think we are doing everything we can to make sure that we’re providing quality water product to our community, preparing for growth, putting in the systems that are necessary, wherever they are. I know that part of

this funding, also, um pays for water um relocation in lines that have to happen during T-SPLOST road projects. Is that not correct?”

David Clark – “That’s correct and GDOT projects.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “And GDOT projects, all over the County wherever that may be, is that correct?”

David Clark – “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “So, I mean it’s more than just a wastewater treatment plan. It’s a comprehensive um allocation of resources wherever there needed throughout Fulton County, is that correct?”

David Clark – “Yes.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “So if we had held this and were gonna vote on it today as we would have done two weeks ago – the meeting that can’t happen now would have been tomorrow. So would we have held it anyway because it was gonna to be tomorrow? Even if they, I mean it just seems crazy that everybody up here is expressed that they are in favor of doing the study. Um, I don’t understand what the dilemma is. If we are all in agreement that the study is warranted and that you’ll bring that back to us before the bonds are left, to understand if we might need to make some adjustments. I don’t see the reason to hold it. I think we’re on the right path.”

Chairman Pitts – Alright my recommendation again is that we hold it, we meet with the mayors and we take action on December 4th. Everybody’s gotten their position. The cameras are rolling; get their position on record. Commissioner Carn one more time.”

Commissioner Carn – “Well, I’m good. Uh and.”

Chairman Pitts – “That’s it?”

Commissioner Carn - “Well, when we talk about thoroughness, we wanna make sure we’re thorough with this one. The reason why we holding this again is because I don’t believe that we were thorough. If you don’t have the city’s comprehensive plans for what they have in terms of water, sewer and infrastructure needs, how can you determine the mix of the improvements, if you haven’t asked six cities? So we wanna be thorough, we wanna be as thorough as we possibly can. And the reason why we’re doing these with these new guys is because obviously there’s a need and maybe there’s something we might of overlooked or missed. That happens with any situation. I don’t expect perfection. But we’re not doing this for nothing and we not holding this for anything. If we had, had a full assessment from the cities, I might not of had a problem with holding this. But it’s obvious we haven’t. The reason why I know that we haven’t is because our Public Works Director says we didn’t. So that’s why we’re here. Um, and I understand we were under the order and all of these things. But I come in where I come in at and from what I see and the questions that I asked if we haven’t properly and thoroughly

assessed everything that needs to be assessed which includes all of the cities and not some. Then myself and the mayors are gonna have a issue with that and that's why we're holding this. So."

Chairman Pitts – "Alright, anything else? Alright my recommendation is to hold until the, that first meeting in December without objection."

Commissioner Hall – "Second."

Chairman Pitts – "We need to take a formal vote madam parliamentarian?"

Patrice Perkins-Hooker – "Yes, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Pitts – "Oh, okay."

Clerk Grier – "And the motion is open to hold."

Chairman Pitts – "This is on the motion to hold until the first meeting in December."

Clerk Grier – "That is correct. And the motion passes four yeas, one nay."

Chairman Pitts – "Next item."

All People are safe

19-0963 Police

[Request approval of a statewide contract - Police Department, SWC 99999-SPD-ES40199409-001, Police Pursuit Vehicles in the amount of \\$117,853.75 with Akins Ford Corp \(Winder, GA\) to provide 5 police pursuit vehicles. This is a one-time procurement. \(APPROVED\)](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "Bottom of page eight. Under All People are safe **#19-0963** police request approval of a statewide contract to provide Police Pursuit Vehicles.

Chairman Pitts - "Alright, entertain a motion to approve."

Commissioner Morris – "Move approval."

Commissioner Hall – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Properly moved and seconded, madam clerk.”

Clerk Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously.”

19-0964 Magistrate Court

[Request approval of a recommended proposal - RFP#19RFP100219A-CJC, Accountability Court Monitoring Tool Application in the amount of \\$146,000.00 with Sprokit, Inc. \(San Francisco, CA\) to provide a mobile Accountability Court Monitoring Application and web-based tool to track program compliance for Misdemeanor Mental Health Court participants. Effective upon BOC approval until final acceptance by the County. \(APPROVED\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - “On page 9. #19-0964, Magistrate Court, request approval of a recommend proposal to provide a mobile Accountability Court Monitoring Application and web-based tool to track program compliance for Misdemeanor Mental Health Court participants.”

Chairman Pitts - “Alright, is there a motion?”

Commissioner Hall – “Move approval.”

Chairman Pitts – “Is there a second?”

Commissioner Arrington – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Properly moved and seconded. Discussion or comment? Ya’ll wanna add anything? The motion is to approve. Let’s vote.

Clerk Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes, unanimously”

All People are self-sufficient

19-0965 Senior Services

Request approval of a statewide contract – Department of Senior Services, SWC99999-SPD0000136-0003, Temporary Staffing Services with Happy Faces Personnel Group, Inc. (Tucker, GA) in the amount of \$481,160.00, to provide staffing services to support the operation of the Department of Senior Services facilities. Effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. (APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "Under All People are self-sufficient, #19-0965 Senior Services request approval of a statewide contract to provide staffing services to support the operation of the Department of Senior Services facilities."

Commissioner Ellis – "Move approval."

Commissioner Hall – "Second."

Chairman Pitts - "Properly moved and seconded. Questions, comments?
Commissioner Hausmann."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Again, why are we using temp agency staffing for this?"

Kenn Vanhose, Division Manager for the Department of Senior Services - "Kenn Vanhose, Division Manager for the Department of Senior Services. Uh, about two years ago we took a look at our staffing pattern. And we had uh temporary staff that were uh, you know when you have a temporary position, you have to budget for up to twenty-nine hours. Some of our instructors are only working two or three hours. In fact, we had an instructor working only one hour a week. Uh, so it was, it was more efficient for us to uh, go through a staffing agency and just have, have the budget pay for the hours that their working rather than having the budget, money sitting in the budget to cover up to twenty-nine hours when we knew that we were not going to use twenty-nine hours. We also used the temporary staffing agency to fill-in for uh nurses and uh, nurse techs in the Adult Day Program, uh when uh our staff is going to be out."

Commissioner Hausmann – "So are these uh temporary folks, uh, regular in each location or do they rotate are they have consistency in any way? "

Kenn Vanhooe – “They’re pretty much uh consistent. Yes ma’am, we have for instance we have uh a senior services instructors that teach a class at a multi-purpose facility through the temp agency. And they’re there on a regular basis three days a week or two days a week.

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay, so it’s the same people so there is relationships there?”

Kenn Vanhooe – “Yes. And we also base the salary that their making through the temp agency based on the comparable County salaries. So they’re making what some of our employees actually now are working through the temp agency the ones who are working a couple of hours a week. So, but they’re making the same salary they were making before.

Commissioner Hausmann – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, Commissioner Arrington.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Uh, Good morning Mr. Vanhooe.”

Kenn Vanhooe – “Good morning.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Uh, I’m happy to support this, um but maybe need to have you come see me or someone. There is a recurring problem at the Bowden (inaudible) I’m hoping some of the money can go towards (inaudible) (No Audio)

Kenn Vanhooe – “We will be glad to come meet with you or your staff and discuss that.

Commissioner Arrington – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “So the motion is to approve is before us. Madam Clerk.”

Clerk Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously.”

All People trust government is efficient, effective, and fiscally sound

19-0966 Finance
[Presentation of FY2020 Proposed Operating Budget. \(PRESENTED\)](#)

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - “Under All People trust government is efficient, effective, and fiscally sound, **#19-0966** Finance, presentation of the fiscal year 2020 Proposed Operating Budget.”

Sharon Whitmore - "Good morning Commissioners. Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer. Joining me at the podium today is Hakeem Oshikoya, Finance Director. I believe James is handing you out a hard copy of the presentation as well. Um, thank you for the opportunity to present the 2020 Budget, uh the Proposed Budget. It is a short presentation that we have planned today. Um, as we do have on our, our schedule, um time set aside at the December 4th meeting to have a more thorough discussion about the budget. We realize you received the budget late on Friday and have only had a few days to review it. But we did want to make uh, um a formal presentation um and then look forward to our discussion uh that will follow on December the 4th. Just to review the um, the remainder of the timeline for the year um we'll have that discussion on the 4th followed by December 18th having the official legally required public hearing for the budget. Which will then um set the stage for us to be able to adopt the budget in its final form at either the first or the second meeting in January. In summary um the 2020 Budget is um still around 1.1 billion dollars uh the majority of that is in the County's General Fund which has a proposed budget for 2020 of 758.4 um uh million dollars. That's roughly a five and a half percent increase over the 2019 amended budget. Uh, the balance of the funds are listed. These are all of our primary operating funds for the County. The uh second two largest funds of are of course our water and sewer system. And we are showing you the renewal the water renewal, water revenue fund um at a 142.6 million and the water and sewer renewal fund at 133.9. Um, this next slide is uh a view of how the Proposed Budget aligns to each of um our new strategic priority areas. Um, the first of which being Arts and Libraries. And the proposed budget um has a resource allocation or an investment in Arts and Libraries of 43.4 million. Um, these funds will primarily be used to maintain our financial commitment to Arts and Libraries as well as continue to fund um the Fulton Fresh Food Desert Program we've uh recommended an allocation of 250,000 for that particular program this year. Um, and one of the major initiatives that I think we'll be undertaking um, in 2020 as we change our operating model with the transition of being a direct service provider um two, two of our larger centers as they transition to the City of South Fulton, we'll be looking at um implementing operational and certain service delivering changes to the uh, Arts programming moving us away from being that direct service provider to being more community orienting and community based with the delivery of those services. Can you go back one slide? Sorry. Um, Health and Human Services we have a 226 million dollar um investment plan for Health and Human Services and um to summarize what that investment will provide; it allows us to continue the commitments that we've made in our Behavioral Health programming. Um, and in our Public Health programming um as well as allows us to continue um our partnership with the um, um Fulton-Dekalb Hospital Authority in the uh construction of the um Center for Advance Surgical Services, the debt service for that is included in this allocation. It will also allow us to make the capital investment for the animal control shelter that the Board approved the conceptual design on at the last meeting as well as continue and maintain our Senior Services Programs, congregate meals, home-delivered meals, um transportation services and our um Summer Youth Internship Program. In the Infrastructure and Economic Development priority area we have um an investment there of 348.9 million dollars, which will allow the County uh to um continue the investments that we've made um out at the Fulton County Airport um and position it to be a strategic hub for corporate and private jets.

Um, it will also allow us to continue um, um, the blight, continue to address the blight issues out on Fulton Industrial development, I mean Fulton Industrial Boulevard. We have some funds included in the budget to be able to um, um potential acquire additional properties that are considered blighted properties on the Boulevard. In order to um, um improve the overall um, um position of the Fulton Industrial District to really grow from an economic perspective. Uh, the last thing that I wanted to highlight in the Infrastructure and Economic Development category is that we would continue our uh, uh PC refresh program that we started in 2019. This will be the second year addressing that issue. Uh, the next item is Justice and Safety with a 371.7 million dollar investment in that area and primarily that provides for um the continuation of all of the um justice uh reinvestment initiatives that have been funded. Um, everything that has been placed in the budget um on a recurring basis will, will remain and it provides for um the beginning of the development of the courtroom of the future. We would make an initial investment to be able to outfit eight to ten courtrooms um with evidence presentation systems which will help with efficiency with which cases and trials proceed in um in the court system. Um, we would also include uh funding for continuation of the project Level Up um program that was presented by the District Attorney. Um and then we have made a recommendation as part of the way forward presentation that was made at the last Board meeting to um look at uh some im, operational improvements that can be made within the justice system as a whole, including consolidation of litigation management under the direction of a Jail Expediter and establishing like a shared services type Administrative Services Department for the justice system. And then last area um is to highlight Open and Responsible Government. And it has a budget proposed of 188.6 million. And that will provide um the funding for uh the County to implement the first phase of the um incremental compensation strategy that the Board has approved. We've provided funding for that to take place at the mid-year point in July. Um, and with that we would also bring uh the entry level salary for any Fulton County employee up to um 32,000 dollars per year which would um put all employees at what is considered to be the living wage. We've continued our investment in our um tax system with funding for the Tax Assessor's office to continue to meet compliance with the consent order as well as some equipment enhancements for the um, uh Tax Commissioner's office to implement some um required functionality in the first part of 2020 related to the um new drive system which is the tag system for this state. Um, in addition to that, we've provided 600,00 dollars for community outreach um for the 2020 Census um as well as our Behavioral Health programs and, uh, uh to accompany the funding provided to Registration and Elections um for any communications necessary for the 2020 elections cycle. That's how the um the, the full all the fund budgets break down across all the priority areas. On this next slide (inaudible-technical difficulties). As a result of that work session we have provided some additional funding um in order to conduct the feasibility study for a um multi-purpose centers for more senior multi-purpose centers um throughout the County as well as um we raised the uh, uh community outreach funding. We had originally proposed 500 so we raised that up to 600. And then we've also um recommended uh that we look to engage an outside consultant um through the strategy office to assist the County um to and begin developing our service delivery um strategy negotiations uh this third party could um, um in essence um start having conversations with the municipalities over, over where we sorta see the role of county government as

we move forward into that um 20, after the 2020 census and roll into that next um service delivery strategy. Those items were funding because we were able to reconcile the issue around the uh Greenbrier facility for the Tax Commissioner's office and that freed up funds to use. Um, we also submitted to you last Friday, responses to specific questions that had been raised at that October 25th meeting. Um, uh provided you with the requested list of enhancements um those that had been funded as well as those that were not funded. We also provided uh an explanation on why we were recommending a general fund um contribution to the um, uh Department of um Elimination of HIV. Um we also provided you with the details for the uh second phase of the senior surge as well as the details around the courtroom of the future and uh an explanation on what we are able to use our general obligation bond proceeds um for. The only piece of information that we were not able to provide was the statistics related to the Greenbrier, Greenbrier facility, which the Tax Commissioner's office would need to prove that. So, with that we have just a few um items to highlight relative to our other operational funds. Um for the uh Fulton Industrial um District, I mentioned this as we talked about the priority areas. The um, uh Fulton Industrial district we're currently providing residents with municipal type services so we would continue to operate um those at the current levels, recognizing that um annexations may occur at some point and time in the future. We have gone ahead and proposed a budget that would provide resources for the County to provide services throughout the year. In addition to that, we've proposed some street reprogramming and blight remediation for economic development efforts. With regard to the airport fund, it includes um funding that's related to funding redevelopment at the airport. Seed funding for the demolition and reconstruction of the ARF facility, which is where uh the fire suppression services would be located um along with some um administrative space and some community space in that facility as well. Um, and then the airport um, uh budget would include some uh funding set aside for debt service in order for us to issue um airport revenue bonds to be able to secure funds that are necessary for the expansion of the airport facilities themselves, taxi ways, runways and those, those sort of things. And then lastly the water and sewer system um the budget, that has been presented for the water and sewer system does include a um allocation for additional debt service and is currently for a bond issue size in the 300 million dollar range um and uh the revenue structure is based on um a plan for there to be a rate increase taking place in 2020 to support that um anticipated debt issuance. So from a next steps perspective um December 4th will be the opportunity for the Board um to have the detail discussion around the 2020 budget and to offer any changes that you may wish to propose for the budget um and uh we are prepared at this point to um staff any community engagement sessions that you may desire to have um in your communities to review the proposed budget um and then as I mentioned earlier the uh legally required public hearing for the budget um is scheduled for December 18th, with final adoption in January. In the back of your presentation, there is uh an appendix which are the same schedules that were included in the October 25th uh document and they've just been updated to reflect the changes that, that we discussed. So that's the brief presentation that we have for today and we look forward to um the more detailed discussion on the budget on the 4th. I'm not sure if the Manager um has anything that he wants to add."

Dick Anderson – “Nothing to add.”

Chairman Pitts – “No, nothing to add. Okay, thank you. The line-up is as follows, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Carn and Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hall - “Great job. My first questions is um we were requested to provide budget enhancements from all Board of Commissioners, are those enhancements included in this proposed budget?”

Sharon Whitmore – “Commissioner Hall we received some enhancements um after the August 30th um timeframe that had been set for the receipt of them and so those enhancements were not able to go through um the full process. As we reviewed them we saw in some cases that some of the funding um, uh recommendations that were made addressed um some of those enhancements um but not every enhancement received from every Commissioner has been funded in the 2020 proposed budget.”

Commissioner Hall – “Why is that?”

Sharon Whitmore – “You wanna?”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “Good afternoon Commissioner.”

Commissioner Hall – “Good afternoon.”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “Let me make sure I got the right time. Good morning, sorry about that. Um, we have limited, limited funding source. So some of the requests were just um too much and we couldn't fit everything within the budget so we have to figure out how we can um fund as many of the items that were requested by the Commissioners as possible.”

Commissioner Hall – “So what's the total for this budget that you're presenting to us today?”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “Ah for general fund its 758 million dollars.”

Commissioner Hall – “758 million dollars and what was the budget that we approved last year?”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “This budget is going up by uh roughly um 40 million dollars or so. This budget is going up by. So for 2018.”

Commissioner Hall – “No, no, no what was last year's total budget? That was just the question.”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “You mean 2018?”

Commissioner Hall – “Yes.”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “Uh, one second.”

Unknown Speaker – “719 million Commissioner.”

Commissioner Hall – “Seven hundred and ninety million?”

Chairman Pitts – “19.”

Commissioner Hall – “Nineteen million, what was the budget that we approved and told the public that we approved? Wasn't it 1.1 billion dollars?”

Sharon Whitmore – “Commissioner Hall the 1.1 billion dollar number is for all of the County's fund.”

Commissioner Hall – “Right.”

Sharon Whitmore – “So the general fund um budget last year was the uh 718 and this year it is 758 but all of the funds uh last year were still in the 1.1 billion dollar range.”

Commissioner Hall - “Okay. So what are we expecting this year as the total?”

Sharon Whitmore – “It's um 1.1 billion.”

Commissioner Hall – “Oh, okay. So when we look at this uh there no, there no page numbers so I don't know how to. Well, let's just go to the back page. I wanna make sure that we are continuing to address the need to restore employees into a paygrade where they can experience economic mobility. And we know we have employees who are at the top of their paygrade and have been unable to move out of that paygrade for years and years and so I wanna make sure that we continue to address that um in the budget. And then, the living wage, I wanna make sure that we have our employees at the living wage. We had so many of them and I was really shocked to find out years ago when I worked for Commissioner Garner that even the employees that are trying to help the underserved and the poverty stricken and who work in WIC were not at a living wage. So you had people working for WIC, who needed WIC. And uh, I think that's a travesty. So we need to ensure that we do that. And I think that we need to ensure that when Commissioners request something that it is moved forward. I don't know of anyone who has the authority to say whether or not a Commissioner can get anything that they ask for or to manage what we do or say other than the voters and we are here representing our voters, so what we ask for is coming from our constituents. Also, I know for a fact that we have at least three Commissioners who are in uh, who are requesting that we fund the census 2020 efforts. Because it's very important to the County that we get the funding that we need to serve our constituents and I'm pleased um that I have the support of my colleagues on the Complete Count Committee Resolution that I put

forward and was approved by this Board but we do need the funding to address the need to count the undercounted.

Unknown Person – “It’s in there.”

Commissioner Hall – “I see 600 thousand on here, but I know that it was specifically requested by at least three of us that it be 1.1 million dollars. One dollar per um, let’s see. And uh I see Pre-Arrest Diversion on here but is that for the initiative only?”

Sharon Whitmore – “Commissioner Hall, last, in the 2019 Budget, um there was an 800 thousand dollar allocation provided to Behavioral Health.”

Commissioner Hall – “Um huh.”

Sharon Whitmore – “Um for a, uh operating fund for a pre-arrest diversion center. Those funds were provided as recurring, so they are already included um in the 2020 Budget and the um the pad funding the 300 thousand dollars has been non-recurring and so that is what we have um re-presented is the non-recurring portion but there’s uh, so that would be a total of 1.1 million.”

Commissioner Hall – “Right.”

Sharon Whitmore. “That’s um included in the 2020 proposal for pre-arrest diversion.”

Commissioner Hall – “Great and that’s for a center and for the actual Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative. And contract for services awards, is this an additional 250 thousand for the um grant awards?”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “Yes Commissioner.”

Commissioner Hall – “The additional, okay, great. Um, Fulton Fresh I see that they are on here for 200 and let me make sure I’m going across right. Hold on um yes for 250 thousand. Does that include another uh mobile unit? Because they need one terribly. They are not able to get out to all the locations countywide and I know for a fact that people are hearing more about what they do and food education is a serious matter across Fulton County from the North to the South. So, um does that include a mobile unit?”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “Uh, Commissioner, this is an increase to uh the funding level that we have this year, so um I would say that if they can make uh, if they can make uh, provide those justifications for having additional you know mobile unit, I think that is something they might be able to use some of these funds to.”

Commissioner Hall – “Great, great.”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “And the other thing, I can mention to you is that during the

time that we've meeting um with the departments and then the stakeholders at Grady Hospital they did indicate to us also that they are coming up with uh some kind of food desert program which you know, we also you know told them that maybe we can partner with them. In terms of being able to expand our, our programs even beyond uh what are anticipating right now."

Commissioner Hall – "Good. Because I know when I visited Accountability Court by uh Jefferson Place they were saying they needed food, education terribly bad but Fulton Fresh was not able to come there at all because they didn't have enough funding. So I wanna make sure we address those type of needs. Thank you so much, great job."

Chairman Pitts – "Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Hausmann."

Commissioner Carn – "Alright, thank you Sharon. Uh, Commissioner Hall covered a few of the issues that I had, and I'm not gonna go item by item obviously. I know we have time to do that at another meeting. Uh, I did expect to see more of our request in this budget and I know there is only so much money to go around. Uh, however, some of the items she did touch on are basic needs. Adequate census funding is a priority. Not necessarily just for the 2020 budget. We're far behind right now. Atlanta started at the beginning of this year. They understand, I was told Atlanta started at the beginning of this year but if you look at their budgeting, their priorities, their staffing you can see that they're serious about the census count. At a minimum one dollar per individual in Fulton County. Now I understand we're suppose to have 1.1 million people but I believe we have a lot more than that in part because we have low counts. Uh, so I think that's a absolute must but the problem is, that's gotta start this month and next month so we can have enough run-up time to get going with this thing. We're behind now. We're far behind. So if we have to wait on, wait fifty more days, you know, they need some of that funding now. Is there some kind of carry forward we can do now to make sure that they get a jump on this thing over the holidays here? It's a lot of opportunities for communications about the census during the holidays. At all of my HOAs, at all of my NPUs, at all of my neighborhood association meetings. I wanna make sure that they have money to get out there now while people are talking about it and while people are interested and not waiting until the money goes into the budget for 2020. So I want us to work on that. Do you understand what I'm asking you?"

Hakeem Oshikoya – "Yeah."

Commissioner Carn – "Okay, um, a couple other things I saw, the, the senior uh feasibility study. I think we're gonna need more money than that. Obviously, I've requested 300 thousand dollars, if we're gonna study for both North and South counties. Um, I want that to be thorough. I understand we spent 270 thousand for a feasibility study for the animal shelter. So at the least we should be there or at that equivalent for two senior centers. Uh, so I wanna make sure we up that a bit so that we can handle both adequately. Um, I want it to be very thorough. I'm looking at community charrettes at least two in all of nine of my cities so that right there, we wanna make sure that we have adequate funding for the things we wanna do to make sure that we get the full

input of, of all our residents in terms of what they wanna see. Um, like I said, I'm not gonna go down every single thing. Um, but just stuff I see in general. Our, our courts systems just in general. Now, this is just me, but we seem to kind of persistently underfund our courts and, and I guess I'd like to know why at some point. Not in this discussion here but Dick at some point I really just like to talk about the overall you know what direction are we going in with this stuff. I've seen up here where different divisions have had to beg for money up here to make sure they have whatever they need. Um, I watched the public defender's thing. Where they ask for funding it seem like to me looking from the outside looking in until they threaten to sue uh you know then they got what they needed. Uh, we wanna make sure that departments are taken care of but I don't want it to the point where they have to threaten to sue us to get what they need. But that's just me talking. Um, overall and then I'm gone, close my mouth here. Uh, you know these enhancements represent the most important needs in terms of community needs, but generally you know the problem from the public's perception is that and this is how a lot of our residents feel. They feel like government you know puts the operational priorities ahead of the community priorities. And, you know in my opinion I think that's putting the cart before the horse. The most important need at the end of the day are the community needs because they fund this whole thing. Now on the other side, so the logic goes from an administrative standpoint, I guess you could say well we can't serve the community needs without adequate operational uh infrastructure. Understood, but at the same time you know there can't be two number one priorities. One has to feed through to the other. These enhancements are not things we picked out of a hat, these are the community needs and the community needs are the whole show as far as I'm concerned. So operational is important but it's not as important as community needs. Because one funds the other, it's not the other way around. So, I'm just letting you all know for a conceptual standpoint where I'm coming from in terms of funding and, and these types of things. Government is complicated and this is a business, I understand that. But at the end of the day our job is to make sure the people get what they want up here. And your job is to figure out how to those those enhancements in, incorporate them into this budget and move whatever money you gotta move around and we pay all you smart people to figure that out. But I wouldn't wanna see us void the community's request now we can't grant all of them but uh, I want us to see if we can do a little better than this. But we doing good, don't get me wrong but I think we can do a whole lot better. So I guess we'll be getting into with the next session so whatever have you in terms of these enhancements but I wanna see more of these enhancements included in this budget and I want you guys to start on figuring out a way to accommodate all of our requests up here as many as we can. And this is a good start but uh I think we got more progress to make on that. So, that's all I got."

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hausmann, back to Commissioner Hall and it is 11:56, colleagues.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Um, I'll be brief. I only have a couple of comments at this point. I assume that if we want individual meetings we can arrange those before December 4th?”

Sharon Whitmore – “Yes Commissioner.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay great. Um, I’m very pleased to see the senior services study uh for additional multi-purpose centers I kinda chuckle a little bit about that since there isn’t one in North Fulton currently. Um any multi-purpose center will be well received in North Fulton so um I’m glad to see that. Um, as for the census the comment about the dollar per uh I think we all agree how important this count is so no one is disputing that. I think there has been a good bit of work done to establish um you know what we’re gonna do with working with the cities and I hope including Atlanta um what do they have about 450 thousand people in the city now? Something along those lines. So I mean I don’t know if we should duplicate that dollar per person in Atlanta or how that’s working so I think we should see the overall plan that has been developed from the County so that we can figure out you know exactly what we’re doing here and how we working. I know I’ve seen some e-mails recently um with a couple of the cities in the North part of the County that are just getting started so I don’t know. I think everybody is on the same page but I know there’s been a lot of outreach to the cities so um perhaps we could just get an update on that, it will be helpful. Um, the issue with the service delivery strategy, um I do know that GMA and ACCG are working together to propose some changes to the law on how that’s calculated. Um, so I think we should perhaps reserve this money but I do think that there’s gonna be some changes in the legislative session this year that might alter the expenses we might have in this area um but certainly that’s important too. Um, other than that I haven’t done a deep dive and I will but I and you can expect that I’ll ask for that briefing sometime next week probably. Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Hall – “I do wanna address um because we had constituents who came here and spoke about the needs in the community. Um one of them was the mammography mobile unit and that was a request that I put in my budget enhancement list so we have heard you loud and clear. And senior services, Commissioner Arrington, Carn and I are serious about senior services and you can be guaranteed that those items are on our enhancement list. Um and I think I can speak to the both of my colleagues because we have discussed this intensely that there is a need for our seniors to have the services. Um, I also wanna address the comment by Commissioner Carn about funding the courts. He is absolutely correct that it has been consistent that the courts have come and begged us to fund them adequately and I think this is something we need to really pay attention to and address. Because we do have the overcrowding of the jail issue, we do have pre-arrest diversion initiative issues and I think we need to really look at the entire processes and decide on funding for the courts. Um also the Tax Commissioner at our previous meeting informed us that they are exceeding the expected collections and they have exceeded by, I think he said ten million dollars at this point or at the point of that meeting. Um and I want us to pay attention to that he has always as far as I know over the past eight years his always said that we don’t really look at what he’s collecting and that even into the first quarter of the next year he collects more money than we are even um noting. And lastly, I have to

commend Hakeem and Sharon because they have been around for uh, I want say decade, I don't want to age you but both of you have been around for a long time. At least since my first time here in the nineties. Um, and they have consistently been able to manage and do their jobs without anyone's help in balancing the budget and that's what we expect from you as always and you do a good job of that. Thank you.

Chairman Pitts – “Okay any further comments for finance? If not, Madam Clerk continue.”

Sharon Whitmore – “Thank you.”

19-0967 County Manager

[Request approval of a Resolution for the construction and development of a new surgery center project, the expansion of the Ponce Center/Infectious Disease Program and the provision of medical services and hospital facilities for the indigent sick in Fulton and DeKalb Counties; authorizing the use of the general funds of Fulton County in an amount sufficient to pay its obligations under the surgery center/Ponce Center expansion contract to be approved by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia prior to the issuance of the series 2019 certificates in an amount not to exceed \\$70 million, and for other purposes. \(APPROVED\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - “On the bottom of page nine **#19-0967**, County Manager request approval of a Resolution for the construction and development of a new surgery center project, the expansion of the Ponce Center/Infectious Disease Program and the provision of the medical services and hospital facilities for the indigent sick in Fulton and Dekalb Counties.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, who's gonna?”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker, County Attorney - “Yes, I'm gonna work with this. The County Manager has asked me to do this because it's basically just the manifestation of what we've been doing pursuant to your direction of November 2018 and that is to finalize the transactional information so we just getting authorization from you today to have the um Chairman sign off on the documents that are necessary to move forward with a little less money than you authorized. Because you authorized us to go up to 80 million dollars they've changed the project parameters so it's only gonna be 65 million 930, 600

excuse me, 65 million 930 thousand dollars worth of commitment from the County and we have.”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “Not to exceed 70 million dollars.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “And we have the um representatives from Grady here in case you have questions. But we just need the authority uh to move forward with this but their here.”

Commissioner Hall – “Move approval.”

Commissioner Hausman – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts - “Alright.”

Commissioner Arrington – “What did you say that number was again?”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “Not to exceed 70 million dollars.”

Chairman Pitts – “Not to exceed 70 million. Oh, okay the line-up is as follows, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Carn.”

Commissioner Hall – “I’m looking forward to this. Um, and if someone could just give us an overview of exactly what it is because I know you gonna have an eye clinic and a new cancer center. Um, Matt was so gracious to go on a tour with me of the Cooke County Hospital in Chicago which is named in honor of my Uncle John H. Strozier, Jr. and we saw their cancer center and uh there were a lot of things that we liked and the gentlemen who actually did a lot of the architectural work for Grady is actually employed by Cooke County Hospital, John Strozier Hospital now. So, I’m looking forward to this. Can you just give us a quick uh overview of what exactly this is going to be?”

Tim Jefferson, Grady – “Um Good morning, good afternoon Commissioners. I guess we are afternoon now. Um this is the, the uh ambulatory surgery center that we’ve been planning uh at Grady since 2017. Uh we’re basically uh moving surgery, moving some of our surgery practice uh from the main hospital over to a new ambulatory surgery center across the street. Um we have, we bought the old Aldridge building from the County uh back in 2017. We have, we’re using that space to build the, the facility. Uh, included in this will be a new cancer program where we’re moving the current cancer program that we have in the main hospital over to the uh ambulatory surgery center, as well. Um basically the facility is a 205 million dollar project and um public, private partnership basically with uh, uh the counties are putting in part of the funding and Grady is putting in part of the philanthropic donations as well as Grady’s own funding. Um and so we’re essentially trying to relieve some of the overcrowding that we have in the main hospital in terms of surgery practice, uh and being able to move patients in and out of the hospital more efficiently by uh, by uh being able to do more procedures uh more efficiently than we do, that we’re able to do now. We started this in 2017. We’re

at the point now where we've actually completed the pre-construction work. Uh, we've cleared the land. Uh, tore down the old office building and the, and the parking deck and we're actually ready to commence construction uh starting uh in December.

Commissioner Hall – “Great, and uh just quickly I know there were some contention between FDHA and Grady about the project. Have you resolved that?”

Tim Jefferson – “We have resolved all issues that we had in the negotiations of the development agreement. Uh, we're on one accord uh in getting the project done uh and completed. Uh, the uh Resolution that you have uh in front of you, I think is evidence of that, that we're ready to proceed um and to uh get this done.”

Commissioner Hall – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Morris.”

Commissioner Morris – “Um, just a quick question. Um and my apologies if you addressed this. I was having a side conversation with Commissioner Carn, to address an issue or two. Um, you talked about the 80 million dollar original cost but, but it isn't that we're saving money here. Projects got split up is that why we're?”

Partise Perkins-Hooker – “Projects did get split up and we pro-rated the approval that you gave us to the reduce scope.”

Commissioner Morris – “Right so I guess the question is, will that second piece be coming back to us at some point? And, and what's the time frame on that do you think?”

Tim Jefferson – “We um have to uh get a certificate of need for the Ponce Project and, and, and for that reason we are separating out that piece of it until we get the certificate of need and then we'll come, we'll bring that back to you for the additional uh, 8 million, I believe it is on the Fulton side.”

Commissioner Morris – “It was a small piece relatively.”

Tim Jefferson – “Yes.”

Commissioner Morris – “Um and the cancer center renovation which you're not asking us to help fund, is that gonna require a certificate of need, as well?”

Tim Jefferson – “It does, it does and uh we'll be getting that will be the last part of the project. After we build the cancer surgery center we're gonna move the current cancer program that is on the 9th and 10th floors over into the new facility. That'll free up space in the main hospital for us to develop new beds. Uh and that's the renovation uh that we're talking about. That's a 20 million dollar project but that's the last piece of it. And then Grady will pay for that uh with Grady funds.”

Commissioner Morris – “Okay I guess my last question is when will we be issuing the 2019 certificates?”

Tim Jefferson - “The C.O.N. for the hospital?”

Commissioner Morris – “Well nawl the funding.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “Before December 31st, we’re trying to get it in place as soon as possible.”

Commissioner Morris – “Before the end of this calendar year?”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “Yes.”

Commissioner Morris – “Okay.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “It may shift over a couple of weeks, because we’re a little late, a couple of weeks late here, but we’re trying to get it done as soon as possible.”

Sandy Zayac, FDHA – “We’re trying to get it done and most realistically, in January, yeah.”

Commissioner Morris – “Nothing magic about 2019 versus 2020, okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “Mr. Carn.”

Commissioner Carn – “Yeah, a couple of questions. I guess this is all kinda new to me, so I don’t, I don’t have the history on it. But it sounds very exciting uh it sounds uh like something that’s very much needed uh and uh I tell ya it sounds like great news. Now I thought the State Legislatures had eased the requirements on certificate of need last legislative session.”

Matt Hicks, Grady – “Good afternoon, I’m Matt Hicks uh with Grady Government Relations. They did uh pass legislation that raised the threshold before you need a certificate of need um for projects up to ten million dollars but this over that amount so we still have to have to go through and we actually submitted this prior to the legislature uh made its changes.”

Commissioner Carn – “So you’re still under the old requirements?”

Matt Hicks – “Yes sir.”

Commissioner Carn – “So you said the new changes increased the limit to ten million? So it, it made the certificate of need requirements more stringent or less?”

Matt Hicks – “Less, less in terms of prior limits, it was two and a half million dollars if it cost more than two and a half million dollars you had to get a certificate of need.”

Commissioner Carn – “Uh huh.”

Matt Hicks – “Um, now they raised it to ten million dollars, so projects under ten million.”

Commissioner Carn – “Okay I follow you. Uh, so this is a new building. So will the County own this building or will it be a co-op with the Fulton-Dekalb-Dekalb Hospital Authority or what?”

Sandy Zayac – “Sandy Zayac with the Fulton-Dekalb Hospital Authority. Mya Foster, with AGG but we represent the Authority. And yes the Authority will be the owner of the property and lease it to Grady under the lease transfer agreement that we have in place. That was put in place in 2008.”

Commissioner Carn – “So the County is not, we’re not, we own it through the Authority?”

Sandy Zayac – “Through the Authority, the Authority owns it on behalf of the County.”

Commissioner Carn – “And I’m you know, like I said I’m kind of catching up on this stuff. So, so, we, we technically have the deed to Grady Hospital?”

Sandy Zayac – “The Fulton-Dekalb Hospital Authority does, yes.”

Commissioner Carn – “Oh, okay.”

Sandy Zayac – “Yes.”

Commissioner Carn – “Alright.”

Sandy Zayac – “So your Authority has it.”

Commissioner Carn – “While I got you up her.”

Sandy Zayac – “Yeah.”

Commissioner Carn – “Uh, I understand I have a board appointment to the Fulton-Dekalb Hospital Authority.”

Sandy Zayac – “Yes, you do.”

Commissioner Carn – “Is that true?”

Sandy Zayac – “Yes.”

Commissioner Carn – “So now is it vacant or what?”

Sandy Zayac – “It’s vacant.”

Commissioner Carn – “How long has it been?”

Sandy Zayac – “A couple of months.”

Commissioner Carn – “Okay.”

Sandy Zayac – “Yeah.”

Commissioner Carn – “Alright I’m gonna take a look at that.”

Sandy Zayac – “Yeah, please we love new board members.”

Commissioner Carn – “Oh, okay. If I could get the presentation for this center which I’m assuming was months ago. If someone, Dick, if you could get me the package on that so I can kinda get caught up to speed uh. But it sounds great, I’m all for it but I kinda like to see it first so I know what I’m voting on at some point. Alright, that’s all I got.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Yeah, this is great. We’re moving forward on this. Um, this is a partnership with Dekalb County. Correct? Can you just update us a little bit on how Dekalb’s doing with this?”

Sandy Zayac – “Their proceeding as you are. We’re waiting for a final date for them so that they can do a similar approval for their portion of the bonds. They are doing a not to exceed forty million dollar transaction and thirty-six million will actually be going towards the project and the rest will be cost and capitalized interest.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “So in essence they’re at forty and we’re at eighty, one-hundred and twenty?”

Sandy Zayac – “Seventy, forty and seventy.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Well, I mean your gonna come back though so.”

Sandy Zayac - “Right there’ll be an additional piece from Dekalb as well for the Ponce Project. It’s four million, I believe their portion would be.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “So the total for both counties, this investment is what?”

Sandy Zayac – “A hundred and twelve. Yes, well, well 120. I think the original bond amount that we were working with was 120, 80 and 40.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “So 120.”

Sandy Zayac – “Yes.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Alright, thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Arrington.”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “Commissioner, if I may just add two words, uh to the question you just asked. The total amount is gonna be about 98 million dollars for the two counties because of the proration that we’re doing.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “And ours is 68?”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “Ours is uh 65 and Dekalb’s is 33 thirty-three and some change.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay, alright it’s usually two to one, right? Something like that?”

Hakeem Oshikoya – “Around there, yeah.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay, thanks.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Arrington.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Alright, just briefly. You said that there’s a lease agreement between the Authority and Grady for this property? There’s a new agreement or there’s an old agreement?”

Tim Jefferson – “Nah, there was an agreement signed in 2008. In which the authority leased all of the assets to the corporation now that runs Grady now. And all of this is being done under that lease agreement. The property that, that the was paid for and bought from the County actually is now owned by the Authority and, and everything that is being built on the property will be owned by the Authority.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Alright, um and that’s the same agreement I guess there’s been several amendments to?”

Tim Jefferson – “Naw, not the lease and transfer agreement, back in 2008, naw. I think what you’re, what you’re thinking about is the development agreement that we’ve been negotiating over the last year or so with the Authority for this particular project but and we’ve had several amendments to that. But the actual agreement that we’re operating

under, uh the main agreement the uh lease and transfer agreement has not been amended.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Alright, so do we get a copy of the Development Agreement as well?”

Tim Jefferson – “You will.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Alright um, alright 08 so ya’ll getting some good rates, some 08 rates huh leasing rates. That’s pretty good.”

Tim Jefferson – “We’ll we do pay a uh rental to the Authority, uh that was set forth in the agreement. But, I don’t know if those are good rates or not.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Well if I could pay in 2019 what I was paying in 2008, it’s pretty good. Alright, thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright any other comments? Uh, the motion before us is to approve, Madam Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes, unanimously.”

Tim Jefferson – “Thank you Commissioners.”

19-0968 Information Technology

[Request approval of a recommended proposal – Information Technology, 19RFP3152019K-DJ, Agenda Management System with Carahsoft Technology Corporation \(Reston, VA\) in the amount of \\$127,153.92 for the acquisition and implementation of an end-to-end, organization wide agenda automation and legislative history software system. The contract will commence as of the date indicated in the Notice to Proceed \(NTP\) and shall continue until the sooner of \(a\) a period of 24 months; \(b\) Final Acceptance; or \(c\) the Agreement is terminated as provided herein. \(APPROVED\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 4 - Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall
Did not vote: 3 - Ellis, Arrington, Carn

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - “On page 10, **#19-0968** Information Technology request approval of a recommended proposal for the acquisition and

implementation of an end-to-end, organization wide agenda automation and legislative history software system.”

Commissioner Hall – “Move approval.”

Anna Roach, Chief Operating Officer - “Good Afternoon Commissioners, um.”

Chairman Pitts - “Just a minute, we have a motion to approve.”

Chairman Pitts – “Is there a second?”

Commissioner Arrington – “I’ll second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, properly moved and seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Madam C.O.O.”

Anna Roach – “Thank you Mr. Chairman um members of the Board, good afternoon. It’s our pleasure to bring uh this item forward to request approval of the Board for this Agenda Management System. We’ve all sort of uh heard and seen the frustrations of the uh current system which is uh nearing the date of not able to be supported, so we’re glad to bring this forward. Um, one of the things that we’d also like to take the opportunity to do is to brief the Board on all of the items that are gonna be a part of a comprehensive assembly hall uh renovation project. Um and that project is gonna be primarily led by the directors of the IT department as well as the Director of Real Estate and Asset Management so that’s Joe and Nicole. And we’re very lucky to have them uh because this again will be a comprehensive project that includes uh physical renovation of assembly hall as well as uh a South Service Center renovation because that’s the location that we would um temporary locate the Board while uh this renovation is going on. Um, we have significant technology upgrades some of which are countywide that will help um enable this particular project. And then again the fourth piece would be the Agenda Management System. We are gonna quickly take the Board through um a presentation of some key components of all four of those portions of the project. But as you can see from the second slide uh we are anticipating that this would take just shy of a year to complete. Um and so this again is gonna to be a significant effort. I’m gonna request the assistance of Ellis Kirby uh as well as our consultants for the FCURA Bond Project to help walk through some of those main elements. Um, and again both of those departments uh report to Ellis since he is responsible for infrastructure so his helping us walk through this will be uh will be really good today, Ellis.”

Ellis Kirby, Deputy Chief Operating Officer – “Ellis Kirby, Deputy C.O.O. I’m gonna try and be brief, so ask questions at the end. On the schedule, it’s showing six months for the renovation in here but that’s a worst case scenario. What we really wanna do is get the contractor on board and try and minimize that. You can also see that we just started the South Service Center renovation this week. And our goal is to finish at the end of March, first of April. So again, if you have any questions about this schedule we can talk about it further. Um, this is just a conceptual drawing. What you need to know is

Cooper Carry uh put together a two models for us to look at the future of this and you're gonna see this throughout the presentation. And I wanna stop here and also say this is a collaborative project with Cooper Carry, with our bond team CBRD, IT, DREAM, the Clerk, the County Manager's Staff, Police, FGTV, Communications and also Procurement. It's been a collaborative effort for us to get this done. So, I just wanna make sure everybody understands that. That it's not just the power of one but the power of many. Uh, this is the, the next two pages just highlight the four areas in assembly hall. In here were gonna change out the fixed movable seating, upgrade the millwork, new carpet it's badly needed and also replace the acoustical panels, what you see back here and on the side. In the chamber, new AV, new furnishings, interior, etc. And you'll see a picture of this in a minute. We're also gonna make some functional changes that I'll show you in the drawing. Uh, the LED lights in here, we're gonna put new LED lights in part if not all in here. Lighting is a huge problem in here an issue especially from a camera prospective. So we're going to address that and you'll see a drawing on that in a minute. At last, we're gonna create a Media Room and I'll show you where that is in a minute. But I think that's gonna be really nice for the media to work in during the meetings. Uh, this is a conceptual standing from the top to the daises. This is the after shot with the TV screens. I think it looks really good. Uh, this is looking up, uh from this corner over here. So uh some nice conceptual views of what we want to see when it's finish that you can be proud of and serve us from years to come. Uh, the seating is a big issue in here. We're gonna, we're looking to do wider seats, so right now there's 322, we want to go to 300, uh that's a reduction of 22 and it's needed just from a functionality prospective. We'll have ADA companion seats in here. ADA has been serious. Nadine has been involved to make sure we get it ADA compliant. We're looking to potentially put in tablet arms so that we can use this room as a training room. A lot of times you can't write in here without a tablet when you're sitting in her for training, and we think that's important to consider. Putting power also to plug phones in and stuff, that's also very important. Uh, we have some mock-ups of the chairs in the room where we eat if you want to come look at those today or we can bring you down. We do have some mock ups that Cooper Carry brought over. We want people to sample and look at. Um the Chamber Renovation is again replacement of the AV, replacement of the table and interior finishes. Uh, I'm gonna go to the next slide, this kind of shows you where we taking out the servery area that's inside the chambers and gonna put it outside. We think that's gonna open up the room and allow the AV to been seen also. And also you know pre and post planning of set up of food is gonna be very nice with this new set-up. So this is our purposed set-up with the catering on the outside and, and the functionality of the room uh being increased. Uh, this is a picture; this is a graphic picture of the room. We feel like this is what it's gonna look like afterwards, it looks really nice. And we're trying to make ability to put in additional chairs if we possibly can. Sometimes when you have big groups come in. Uh, lighting in here, we're definitely gonna upgrade the lights up front and for the public announcements. Uh, we're also gonna look at some alternates to actually replace all the lights. And a key component here is that lighting and AV are the two largest cost variables uh in this project. So we're gonna have to watch these closely on both of them and price out options to make sure we fit into budget. We feel confident that were gonna be able to do all of the lighting in here. Uh, we just wanna make sure we're prudent in our bidding. Uh, again the Media Room is

gonna go up where the current room is up, up top. We're gonna, we're gonna make the control room smaller and create a room where media can work in and they can go in there with desks and also listen and watch the meetings if they need to and so some work. I think the media will really like this room for the addition here. At the South Service Center, we're gonna, when it comes to uh, these are the, an overview of the Meeting Room Refurbishment where you guys will meet for the, for the Board meetings. Paint the walls, ceilings, again AV upgrade, we want it to function properly when we do the relocation. We're also upgrading the rest of the building. The restrooms, the lobbies, the meeting room that you'll be in, uh the exterior painting, uh the workspace renovation has started by the way, uh which they are moving from the current DFACS building and then the new painting, lighting and the water fountains in the hallways. It's gonna look other than the traazell of floor that we're leaving there, it's gonna look brand new. Uh, from a technology upgrade, you saw the pictures. We're looking to put in a 220 inch screen if not bigger, depending on our budget. Uh behind you we're also looking at putting in screens on the side as you saw, you'll see in a minute in the drawing. And the key thing here is upgrading the sound system. The sound system is way passed its useful life. Uh, another thing I think is important is we want to add some pan-tilt zoom cameras for FGTV uh so that they'll have some stationary cameras maybe reduce or help with the situation when it comes to cameras in here during the Board Meetings. Uh and also ADA compliant Lectern and also again ADA is huge piece of this upgrade. Uh, this is a view of the screens looking from the left and this is sitting at Commissioner Morris' seat. Uh, looking to the side, uh we talked about putting one back her behind us but we didn't want to obstruct the view. So, we're looking hopefully to put a big enough views on the side. You also have it at your desk but you also can look to the side and see it on the side. And there will be all new technology from the Agenda Management System coming. Uh, we're getting close to the end here. Network refresh. The only thing I'm wanna highlight here, this is a project led by IT and Nicole and Glenn. What, the bottom lines is by the time you get back in here we'll have addressed the network issues, the bandwidth issues, the wireless issues will all be addressed when we come back in here as a part of the network refresh project. It's interconnected to this. But we're doing the Network Refresh Project countywide. Uh, and last but not least, you're here to approve the Agenda Management System. Uh, basically we're recommending Granicus is the selected vendor. They've done 37 SIRE conversions to date, 4000+ customers you can see the similar sized customers that we have. Uh, just talking with the committee members. It was more, they were more proven that the other vendors and their system is really flexible was the reason we chose them. Uh is what the committee told me. Uh and last these are the benefits from a pre-meeting prospective automated and streamline agenda management preparation, and to the ability to register for public comment. The bottom line is this system is gonna be more flexible and also more intuitive and you can do more on-line operations from a pre-meeting selection. The Meeting Solutions is just gonna be easier for this staff sitting in front of me to move things around with the County Manager's office and the departments. It's just gonna be much, much user friendly and also it has the ability to be able to web base boards and commissions which is something you don't have now and if you so choose to do it's gonna make it easier for your boards and commissions. A post meeting again, in closing it's gonna be more flexible, there's more reporting

capabilities. And It's just gonna be up to the times versus the current SIRE system. So that is my quick review. I open it up for questions."

Chairman Pitts – "Alright just one then we'll go ahead with the line-up. Carn and Hall. Can the item before us though, I appreciate your presentation but the item before us is the uh automated, agenda review, correct?"

Anna Roach – "Yes, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Pitts – "Alright that can be accomplished without all the other stuff that you talked about, correct?"

Anna Roach – "It will be difficult to install, the new Agenda Management System on the old technology that currently exist in assembly hall. So I do think that the upgrade of assembly hall including all of the other modifications that we are making is essential for the optimal performance of the new Agenda Management System."

Chairman Pitts – "But seats and bathrooms and all that stuff doesn't have anything to do with the, this?"

Anna Roach – "That's correct."

Chairman Pitts – "Okay just for the record. Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Hausmann."

Commissioner Carn – Alright, sounds good. I'm very excited. Uh, I've been coming down here watching these Commission meetings since, since uh what's the name of the ball player was here, Ken was here and uh, who are these guys over here? Are you guys a part of the contractors or what?

Unknown Speaker – (Inaudible)

Commissioner Carn – "I'm sorry."

Anna Roach – "So they're the architects."

Commissioner Carn – "Oh okay, alright, alright welcome. Well you look very efficient over there so I was just wondering who you guys are. Uh, so a couple, a couple of questions I guess in terms of the South Fulton uh Annex. We're gonna be moving in there temporary while they fix this place up? Is that basically it's my understanding?"

Anna Roach – "That's correct Commissioner Carn."

Commissioner Carn – "Ok, how long are we gonna be there?"

Ellis Kirby – “How long we gonna, I said up to six months but that, that depends on the construction schedule that we finalize with the contractor when we hire. We’re hoping we can shorten that down to two or three months, but it, it is our goal.”

Commissioner Carn – “Okay, sounds like eight months to a year.”

Ellis Kirby – “Right, right, right.”

Commissioner Carn – “Okay, alright got that cleared up. Uh a couple of issues that I did see down there. They mentioned they were gonna bring in metal detectors for the South Fulton area for the entrances but I heard Mr. Kirby and I hope it’s not true that once we’re gone away from there they gonna take um on out of there. And it gives me, gotta say I don’t feel good about that obviously. Uh, so if we are, I think they need metal detectors down there permanently. Just like any, just like this facility here. So, I definitely want to make sure we leave that down there once we pull out of there. Uh a couple of small things that I did see that I’d like to see in here. Obviously, it goes without saying one of the biggest issues I’ve had are the seats. I mean they’ve been here since the beginning, is that right? These are the original seats?”

Anna Roach – “I’m not sure of the answer to that question Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Carn.”

Commissioner Carn – “Kirby are you sure?”

Sharon Whitmore, CFO – “Yes they are.”

Anna Roach – “Sharon knows. Sharon are these the original seats?”

Commissioner Carn – “I would say by eyeballing them that obviously they were. Um, so I’m glad to see you modernizing the seats. Wider seats. I hate to see you gotta take seats out of here. Obviously, but uh in terms of your seats. A couple of things we wanna do. I would love to see us make sure we think to include the type of seating. Are we gonna get a chance to look at that and approve that to make sure you know I know it might be considered minutia but they have some gel cushion seating now that outlast what we got in here now. Well, obviously, anything outlast what we got here now. But we wanna make sure that we have the proper type of seating where people are really comfortable. I know the gel seating cushions come in different variations and different kinds of polymers and formulas and whatever have you. I also, wanna make sure that those seats are modular seating in terms of the cushion. Where it’s removable, where you can replace it. Are you following me? And I wanna make sure these kind of things are thought about. Um you mentioned USB rechargeable ports. How many per seat were you thinking?”

Anna Roach – “I’m not sure that we’ve made those kinds of design decisions yet Commissioner. Um we wanted to give you an idea of some of the upgrades that we were making those specifics I don’t think that we’ve gotten down to.”

Commissioner Carn – “Well this are some of the things I wanna see in here and I’ve heard that the residents wanna see. I hope somebody is writing this down, cause I wanna see it. Uh, so how many USB ports per seat? Is it gonna be one per seat or two, two, one per two seats. Or but you need to be thinking along these lines for this type of stuff. Uh you have the interchangeable seat cushions. The other thing, how high are these seats gonna be? The height. We wanna think about that. Our population is aging. We’ve talked about with Ms. Ladisa, the senior boom. Which is gonna happen. So the height of these seats is important. Because it’s hard for someone to get out of a low seat. You know so we need to think about. I want us to be cognizant about all this stuff in the planning. Uh, in terms of ADA compatibility. I know there’s a standard but we need to go maybe a little bit above and beyond that. Um, if I’m in a motorized scooter, how do I get down here? If I’m on crutches or leg braces, how am I gonna get in here and where am I gonna be seated for instance? Uh I guess wheelchair accessibility. How does someone get in here in a wheelchair now?”

Joe Davis, Director of DREAM – “Good morning Commissioners. Joe Davis, Director of Dream. Now we use the alternate path of travel. Individuals that uh have mobility concerns are brought down to the basement level of the government center and are brought into the room through this door here, so they’ll actually be on the main level.”

Commissioner Carn – “Okay, and I know over the years, since I’ve come its kind of been a rare occasion but I wanna know that in terms of, so, so that someone with leg braces or whatever have you, they would take the elevator as well?”

Joe Davis – “Yes, sir.”

Commissioner Carn – “Okay, that’s good to know. Um, easier stuff. Well the carpet. We’re doing carpet tiles I’m hoping, right?”

Joe Davis – “Right.”

Commissioner Carn – “Okay, that goes without saying. Alright, uh even up here, I would expect a few plugs to charge my phone up, up here. You know stuff like this I’m assuming we’re gonna get that but I’m saying that, cause I need it now. I asked for it last session and I expected to see two of them popping up out here for both of my phones and I would imagine everybody else would need something like that. I see a lot of do-dads popping out of here but I can’t charge my phone here so. Uh, but I like what I see so far on this. But I want you to think about some of those additions and uh I’d like to see those incorporated into your plans, you know ahead of time. That’s all I got.”

Anna Roach – “Thank you Commissioner Carn. That was sort of the purpose of this presentation. That is good feedback and I think um to have the, the uh engineering team here uh to hear all of those comments and input I think is very important on how we will proceed.”

Commissioner Carn – “Alright, keep going.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Hall – “Great job. Um, I just wanna make sure that we are addressing some needs back here and um also because I don’t know if anyone has ever seen, I have duct tape on my desk. And when I initially sat here for the first time, I ripped my stockings on the drawer because I can barely fit my legs underneath this desk. I don’t know if it’s because I’m long and tall or what the situation is. But I hope we’re addressing these issues. I hate to, for us to continue having duct tape back here. And uh the microphone system is that a part of the upgrade?”

Anna Roach – “That is a part of the AV system upgrade.”

Commissioner Hall – “Okay. And some microphones that actually reach cause with my um issues from the auto accident I had in February this is really trying for me to go through long meetings and try and lean and do all of this. Um, so I hope we’re addressing that as well. But all together this is a very good project. It’s been long overdue and I’m so happy to see it. Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Yeah real quick. I think it looks beautiful. Love the colors. Um I, this place is so dated and curtains hanging off and all that, so this is long overdue. Um, a couple of things. The media room is interesting to me. I mean, I don’t know that were gonna require the media to be in that room I know we got the AJC sitting up here right now and um I don’t know how that’s gonna work? What are you talking about with this media room?”

Anna Roach – “So we developed that concept in consultation with Jessica. It’s a opportunity if they for instance have a video feed that they’d like to take from the meeting, it’ll be immediately available there. Of course when Commissioners wanna talk specifically to the media, the room will be available. But most of the times they’ll come down and greet you here. So nothing precludes any of that. It’s just an availability to us.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay, it’s just a convenience for them.”

Anna Roach – “Yes ma’am.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Um, I am a little concerned about the schedule. Um, tell me how that’s gonna work when you say we’re moving to the South Center. Is that just for meeting purposes, meeting day purposes, or?”

Anna Roach – “It would be just for meeting day purposes.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “So our staffs aren’t all moving and all that?”

Anna Roach – “No ma’am.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Cause, I know we laughed about it could be a year. Um, but you know we talk a lot about equity around here and coming downtown is equitable for us but you know this is gonna be a hardship on some more than others. But to have staff that is available for our meetings, that means they all gonna have to be away from their offices as well. Well I hope and I’m going to say this to everybody that um we are gonna try and do this as quickly as we can, so it’s not disruptive to everyone in Fulton County as we do this.”

Anna Roach – “Yes ma’am.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Even though it’s sorely needed and we can’t wait for it to happen. Um, I did want to ask one question about the livestreaming. I see on this um agenda item. I don’t know if we’re approving this today. I know we’re approving the agenda but you know we had a meeting this week. The Board, Mayors and the Board of Commissioners met and during the livestreaming it went out. I think ten minutes in they lost audio, the picture was terrible so are we addressing offsite meetings like that? Because we do have them and the public does wanna know what happens at those meetings. So what are we doing about that?”

Anna Roach – “Um, so I’ll ask Nicole to help me with the comprehensive AV needs for the County. But those um AV needs outside of the assembly hall project were not contemplated in what we presented today.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart, Chief Information Officer - “That’s okay. So with what we represented here there’s really addressing the AV not only here but also at the South Annex. Um, we’re bringing in additional capability and with one of the projects that um Ellis mentioned in his explanation improving our internet capacity, bandwidth things like that. We can improve streaming at any Fulton County facility. We’ll need to continue to work with External Affairs to make sure that mobile networks and mobile technology is available if an event needs to be streamed outside of a Fulton County facility.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Well, I do think that we need to focus on that. If we’re gonna have a public meeting with all of the Mayors in Fulton County at that meeting and so many members of the public and other agencies and everything else if we are livestreaming it and it needs to work.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “I understand.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I think it’s very important to live stream it and I don’t know how we gonna keep minutes of those meetings when we lose audio. So, I think we got a problem in this last meeting that hopefully we want have again in the future. Cause folks do wanna know what happens in those meetings. But otherwise, I think this is great and I don’t know if in the budget if we’ve contemplated these off site meetings and if we haven’t we certainly need to. Uh, I don’t think we can wait on this particular thing any longer.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Excellent feedback Commissioner. We’re make sure that we’ll include that in the overall um proposal that’s put forward for further review.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Ellis followed by Mr. Carn again.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Yeah, I’ll be brief and I want ask too many interior design questions. I figured we hired our architects to help us with that. Uh, just for reference, there is a place where you can charge your phone. You can actually charge two of them because it actually has two ports. Uh, so just to help you out there on that. But the uh, two things, I guess. And I’m not um in support today of you know signing off on an overhaul of this and us moving and doing our meetings you know kind of uh to a non-facility. I’d like for you know some alternatives to be explored about um where we could potentially house our meetings in a central location in the County. Uh, six months is a long period of time to uh move to one end and you know not allow for accessibility for our staff, for our citizens etcetera. Uh, so either you know an alternative work schedule that would accelerate it or an alternative location. I’d like to hear a little bit more than that because um I’m not in favor of moving our meetings six months away from our central facility. Uh, so that’s a non-starter for me specifically. Uh, so I’d like to have some more detail on that. Uh, you know whatever the aesthetics of that I’ll leave that to you. Ya’ll kinda come back to us you know with the final work product on that. Um on this system itself. So is the would the conversion, would it be, how quick would the conversion of the actual Agenda System be? In other words, what I’m getting at is, can we, are we gonna be able to move in a two week fashion and flip the switch to something or is this gonna be some sorta hybrid we’re doing a little bit of both? We gotta go to a voice vote or whatever. I mean, how quickly can it be implemented?”

Anna Roach – “So again, I’ll ask Nicole uh to help me with details. But as you can see from slide two Commissioner. This is a several month long process for the implementation a the Agenda Management System. That starts with the procurement. Uh but there is a significant amount of time that is allocated not just for defining requirements, configuring the system, migrating the data ah but also testing and training employees as well so it’s definitely not sort of a the flip of the switch kind of implementation. Nicole.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Thank you. Um, Commissioner the only thing I would add to that from a user experience perspective most of that work um that Anna described to us. We would do that in parallel, in preparation for the day that we cut over to the new system.

Commissioner Ellis – “Um huh.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “We would not envision an approach where we were doing a part of the meeting or a portion.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Okay.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Of our process in each system.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Alright, that’s really my question. I realize you gotta lead up to but it would be a cutover and you know it would be done in a fashion that we’d move from one meeting to the, to the next meeting.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Correct, we would plan that and of course there would be a targeted date um that, the you know that the meeting would begin in the new system.

Commissioner Ellis – “So um, have you all evaluated um. So far you know I mean sort of the migration of data from this system here to this. And how comfortable are you with our ability to insure that we do not lose any records in that transition?”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “So with the vendor we’ve um selected. We’re most comfortable with that vendor being best positioned to um migrate that data. Obviously we have a lot of work to do.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Right.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Um to ensure that but that was one of the key concerns in considerations with vendor selection.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Okay. There’s no ownership rights of any of the data that we have somehow conceded to this existing vendor that runs our system right now?”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Um, I can’t answer that question at this time but I’d like to take that off-line and provide that confirmation back to you in terms of um, um anything that we may have to do above and beyond um the data migration. I’ll get an answer to that question for you.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Okay. Are there any other incremental cost that we’re gonna have to have for um on top of this to sorta run sorta dual systems for a while?”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Um in terms of um the old, the old system. Um we will have already considered and factored in the cost of operating the existing system.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Okay.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “So at this time there is nothing else that we foresee that would be an additional hidden cost.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Um we know with some of these vendors that we’ve had sort of challenges with um support after the fact. Um and obviously this could be a potential high need support item given the number of users you know for purchasing as well as you know what takes place like on a day like today. Uh what, what sort of, sort of support level of agreements we have like this is a, the cost for this is a two part there’s up front and then we’re paying an annual fee on it?”

Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Purchasing Director – “So there, there is a, there will be an annual maintenance fee.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Um huh.”

Felicia Strong-Whitaker – “It’s going to range around a \$100,000 per year.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Okay.”

Felicia Strong-Whitaker – “That we’ve included that in the Agenda Item.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Right.”

Felicia Strong-Whitaker – “That we would add to the um list. But there’s an unlimited number of users. There, it’s not set on the number of users or anything like that.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Well how, I mean, I guess okay that’s good how, how do you feel about the level of outside support from, from the vendor? Well we’ve had these issues with other vendors where you know.”

Felicia Strong-Whitaker – “That was one of the big things that we had. Um, we asked them a lot of questions about.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Okay.”

Felicia Strong-Whitaker – “Particularly um the Clerk to the Commission’s office was part of the evaluation; they asked them a lot of questions about support.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Okay.”

Felicia Strong-Whitaker – “And that availability.”

Commissioner Ellis – “You’re comfortable with that?”

Felicia Strong-Whitaker – “Absolutely.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Okay. Alright, thank you.”

Felicia Strong-Whitaker – “Yes.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay Commissioner Carn.”

Commissioner Carn – “Yeah, real quick. I just had. I was gonna reiterate and I agree with Commissioner Hausmann about time constraints and putting together an accelerated work schedule here uh Mr. Kirby, I guess this is your baby, right?”

Ellis Kirby – “Yes, it’s under my leadership and DREAM.”

Commissioner Carn – “Uh, when we talked about construction you know time to put this thing together. I just thought about something. So I said well this isn’t an outdoor project where you got weather concerns.”

Ellis Kirby – “Right.”

Commissioner Carn – “And you got a various. You guys are gonna be putting together these contracts and putting these bids out, right?”

Ellis Kirby – “We’re gonna do an assume at risk with this project because that type of contract we can parallel the design with the contractor and also work on timeline and cost to minimize the cost so that’s why we put a six month timeline, we really believe we gonna greatly exceed that. Until we hire the contractor and get the design done we can’t pinpoint the number of weeks and months we’re gonna be down.”

Commissioner Carn – “Understood. Well in addition to some of those timeline cost how bout considering factoring in some timeline penalties if there’re not done by your deadline that you set and you start charging them whatever thousands of dollars per day that they go over that because we gotta get back in here so, I don’t think there’ll be any excuse in term of supplies and materials to get this thing together. You don’t have the weather as a factor to delay. So what could possibly be a delay? What I’m saying is you know whoever we pick, I’m gonna expect that they give us a deadline or, or they owe us some money.”

Ellis Kirby – “We, we.”

Commissioner Carn – “So I think we need to take a look at that and I’ve done it several times you know in College Parks with contracts. The IT issue, though.”

Ellis Kirby – “Right.”

Commissioner Carn - “Also, I think that’s very important because people are gonna wanna Facebook live and the whole nine and you know tracking our votes and you got all kind of modern stuff coming on board and we gotta make sure that we can follow everybody and we got the technology to keep up with whatever they will be doing in ten years. So, so that’s all I got on that.”

Ellis Kirby – “We had a penalty in the tax commissioner construction. We’ll, we’ll work with Felicia on this one to add something to the contract.”

Commissioner Carn – “Yeah put some teeth in it.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, anything else? Okay before your leave. The uh everybody seems to be really excited about this but everything has a price tag. How much does this cost?”

Anna Roach – “So the assembly hall renovation is within the FCURA bond, the physical renovation and I think we’re at two, 3.2 million dollars Bill is that approximately what it is? Again, the um network refresh is something we were doing enterprise wise anyway. It’s just a huge benefit to the implementation of the Agenda Management System.”

Chairman Pitts – “So 3.2 plus what?”

Anna Roach – “Plus the uh the network refresh was, Nicole . But again that was something that was done to benefit the entire County, so I’m not sure. It could be attributed to the cost of the assembly hall renovation.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “The network refresh is a project that’s 4.4 about 4.4 million dollars and it covers refreshing the network um across the County. So that full amount is not attributed to this project.”

Chairman Pitts – “But it’s a seven or eight million. It’s not, don’t shy away from it.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Yeah.”

Chairman Pitts – “It seem like you have the support for it.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Yeah, just to be clear, we’re doing the network refresh but a portion of; of those um technology enhancements will allow us to move forward with this initiative.”

Chairman Pitts – “Understand, okay. Then uh, so the motion before us is to approve the Agenda Item which is the software for?”

Anna Roach – “The Agenda Management System.”

Chairman Pitts – “Correct. So the motion is to approve. Um Madam Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes, four yeas, zero nays.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, Ms. Keaton-Hart, before you leave. Would you explain, uh, I know you get beat up IT Department gets beat up on quite a bit from, from this body. But it’s my understanding that ya’ll were recognized nationally recently so would you just put that on the record?”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Yes, so, um the Fulton County Department of IT was recently recognized by an organization um Information Security Executive and Technology and

Network. Um, they look globally, sorry they look nationally um at technology performance. Um and the County was nominated in two categories um for our leadership in cybersecurity and also digital innovation in the public space. Um so we were elated to be national finalist uh in both of those counties, in both of those categories.”

Anna Roach – “In public and private companies.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “They evaluate public and private um companies. That’s correct. Um our nomination was specifically national public sector. Um so that means across the U.S. um the thought leadership that we’re bringing to Fulton County was recognized in digital innovation and cybersecurity.”

Chairman Pitts – “Well that’s a big deal.” (Hand claps.)

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Ellis.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Yeah, I just wanted to extend my congratulations to you, I mean and the whole team. I mean you guys have done a tremendous amount of work over you know a long, over, over a good stretch of time. Uh but particularly sort of packed in into these past two to three years. So, congratulations and thank you all for your great work.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Hall – “How long have you been our CIO?”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Um for a few months. Um eleven months.”

Commissioner Hall – “Eleven months.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Eleven months.”

Commissioner Hall – “You’ve done a tremendous job in eleven months.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Thank you.”

Commissioner Hall – “Thank you.”

Nicole Keaton-Hart – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, I’ll entertain a motion for lunch and executive session where we will take up issues of real estate, litigation and personnel.”

Commissioner Ellis – “So moved.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Properly moved and seconded, Madam, Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is, are we on it.”

Chairman Pitts – “Madam Clerk.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Alright we not gone get no lunch if we don’t get that button up her pretty quick.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes.”

19-0969 External Affairs

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a. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to support long-term transit funding and to seek elective representatives to the ATL Board due to the 40 year history of investments throughout Fulton County.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

b. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Arrington to seek local legislation to ensure the ongoing autonomy of Fulton County Airport parcels currently in unincorporated Fulton County.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

c. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Morris and seconded by Commissioner Ellis to support propose changes in the appeals process for assessments of commercial properties.

Commissioner Carn made a friendly amendment to approve without the bullet points.

Vice-Chairman Morris did not accept the friendly amendment..

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Did not vote: 1 - Hausmann**

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to hold the proposed legislative agenda item regarding gentrifying neighborhoods.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yeas: 4 - Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington
Nays: 2 - Pitts, Carn
Did not vote: 1 - Ellis**

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Vice-Chairman Morris to support strengthening the Behavioral Health model and funding for individuals in permanent supportive housing. (NO VOTE TAKEN)

f. A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Arrington to hold the proposed legislative agenda item regarding strengthening the Behavioral Health model and funding for individuals in permanent supportive housing.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

g. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington to support stronger protection for air quality.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

h. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to support improving the Board of Equalization process.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Hausmann, Hall, Arrington, Carn

Nays: 1 - Ellis

Did not vote: 1 - Morris

i. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Ellis to support simplifying the Homestead Exemption process.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

j. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to hold the proposed legislative agenda item regarding creating a more efficient Justice System.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

k. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Carn to support ensuring secure elections in compliance with state law and request additional state funding for the implementation of new voting machines.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

Did not vote: 2 - Hausmann, Ellis

I. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to support efforts to maintain and expand early voting opportunities.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yeas: 4 - Pitts, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Nays: 2 - Hausmann, Morris
Did not vote: 1 - Ellis**

m. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to support legislation that continues incentives that support job creation and business opportunity through creative industries including film and television, fashion, music, video gaming and post production work.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yeas: 4 - Hausmann, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Nays: 1 - Morris
Did not vote: 2 - Pitts, Ellis**

n. A motion was made by Commissioner Carn and seconded by Commissioner Arrington to support emergency medical service transparency.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Did not vote: 2 - Hausmann, Ellis**

o. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to support homeowner protections and to include opposition to HB302 and SB172.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Did not vote: 2 - Hausmann, Ellis**

**p. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to support improving transparency for the Fulton County Development Authority.
(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

q. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to hold the proposed legislative agenda item regarding improving transparency for the Fulton County Development Authority.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 4 - Pitts, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Did not vote: 3 - Hausmann, Ellis, Morris

Chairman Pitts – “Entertain a motion to resume the regular order of business without objection, Madam Clerk. Where are we?”

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - “We’re on page ten.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay.”

Tonya Grier – “#19-0969 External Affairs request approval of the 2020 Legislative Agenda.”

Chairman Pitts – “Ms. Corbitt.”

Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs – “Good Afternoon Mr. Chariman, uh Commissioners. I hope you’re doing well. We’re gonna pull up the uh presentation real quick. I believe you have copies in front of you. I, we made uh just wanna go through this today, uh, we will ask that the Board uh, we presented this at the last meeting for an initial read. Uh, we’ve made a few updates, which we provided to you. And we would ask today that you uh vote on the package. Generally the Board has chosen to vote on these item by item. Uh so that would be uh what we would expect unless you prefer otherwise.”

Commissioner Carn – “Item by item.”

Commissioner Hall – “Item by item.”

Jessica Corbitt – “That is what the Board has done in the past. Um so that’s, that’s your pleasure but I just wanted to remind the Board of that. So we are preparing for the 2020 Legislative Session. On this slide you see um kind of an overview of our Agenda which covers a number of different operational areas for the County. And I’m just gonna go through these. Starting with transit, um the first item is regarding transit and as we heard at the Mayor’s Meeting earlier this week um transit is uh a top issue for our County and for our residents. And Fulton County does have a leadership position um in funding transit and in planning for transit. We have uh seats on the MARTA Board as well as um this Board has advocated in the past for a designated seat on the ATL Board. In addition, um we have asked that the State which has invested transit dollars that they continue to provide on-going allocated dollars for transit and I think that is what

we heard uh earlier this week in the Mayor's meeting as well. And we can take any questions or comments on this, on this item."

Chairman Pitts – "Are there,

Commissioner Hall – "That's it?"

Chairman Pitts – "Commissioner Hall."

Commissioner Hall – "Um."

Chairman Pitts – "Okay, while you're getting ready. Um Ms. Corbitt, Fulton County, you ready, okay. Fulton County supports designated, designated elective, elected representation appointment authority for transit, what does that mean?"

Jessica Corbitt – "That you would, um Mr. Chairman that you prefer to have an elected representative on the uh transit boards or that you prefer to have your appointments to those boards so it is different for the MARTA Board and the ATL Board. And we can clarify that further if you would prefer."

Chairman Pitts – "So does it make, does it, well question does it make more sense to be specific about what we want?"

Commissioner Arrington – "Yes."

Chairman Pitts – "I don't understand this."

Commissioner Hall – "Yes."

Jessica Corbitt – "Okay, fair enough. Would, do you have a proposed language Mr. Chairman or would you like us to?"

Chairman Pitts – "I do not. I'm just looking at it. So we talking her MARTA and ATL specifically, correct?"

Jessica Corbitt – "Yes. So Fulton County supports um elected representative to the ATL Board and continue appointing authority to the MARTA Board, is that correct Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Pitts – "I'll yield to the, to the lawyers up her now to make sure that, that's."

Commissioner Arrington – "I'm more worried about the ATL Board than I am the MARTA Board."

Jessica Corbitt – "Okay"

Commissioner Arrington - "Because we already got appointees."

Jessica Corbitt – "Sure."

Commissioner Arrington – "To the MARTA Board. So the one that you know is the, is the most important is the ATL Board. Um, particularly what we saw at the Mayor's Meeting that out of three hundred projects um a hundred and eleven of them start or end in Fulton County and ninety of them start and end in Dekalb County. There's no way that Fulton and Dekalb uh should not have permanent seats at the table."

Jessica Corbitt – "Thank you. So I've, I've written here um Fulton County supports um seeks elected, elected representative to the ATL Board to ensure the interest of the citizens and um businesses of Fulton County."

Commissioner Arrington – "And, and maybe also Ms. Corbitt due to the, you know, um forty year history of investments in transportation in Fulton."

Jessica Corbitt – "Thank you."

Commissioner Arrington - "And throughout Georgia."

Jessica Corbitt – "Thank you."

Commissioner Arrington – "Maybe we can reach to Dekalb and see if they will make that part of their Agenda as well."

Chairman Pitts – "But it is not designated. They have uh, uh Thurmond is on there, as is Mayor Bottoms but they're not designated."

Commissioner Morris – "Right."

Jessica Corbitt – "Would you like me to move to the next item Mr. Chairman or do you wanna go ahead?"

Chairman Pitts – "So you mentioned now MARTA um. Our delegation changed the way our representatives are on the MARTA Board, is that correct? Am I correct on that?"

Commissioner Carn – "Yes."

Chairman Pitts – "The delegation. We need to talk about that one but ATL is fine for now but."

Jessica Corbitt – "Okay. So do you Mr. Chairman, do you want us to go through the package as a whole and then come back and vote? Or do you want us to?"

Chairman Pitts – "Nawl, I thought we were doing them."

Jessica Corbitt – “Okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “One at a time and then we got in the ATL situation here.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “You have some language. So, you want a motion on this or you wanna be? Commissioner Hausmann wants to be heard.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Yeah I was in the que. I don’t know if you could see it or if the system is working or not.”

Chairman Pitts – “I can’t sorry.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Um You know I think we can have fifteen seats on that Board if they don’t have any money it’s really irrelevant. And so the, the major thing in this is that the State of Georgia um needs to support transit financially. Um they’ve designated these regional boards. They’re looking at a state-wide program um but without funding, planning is just planning. Um so I think that’s the crucial piece of this.”

Dick Anderson – “Just one thing I could add to that is and I’ve got the numbers there’s x billions though of FTA money anticipated over the next thirty years and this Board will determine where that FTA allocation goes. I think still getting on this Board would be great.”

Chairman Pitts – “Mr. Carn.”

Commissioner Carn – “Well I think um finding justification to make sure we get on this Board uh outside of you know Fulton and Dekalb not having designated seats I think that’s needed but I talked to you when we talk to with the lobbyist. Where’s our lobbyist?”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um Ms. McClendon is here and um some of the other members I think have been in and out today but Ms. McClendon is here for the team.”

Commissioner Carn – “Um we’ve talked about the fact that you know given them other reasons as to oppose to we just want one which I know that we should have a designated person um this is transportation. Fulton County is the heart of transportation for this state and I would definitely recommend that we reiterate the fact that you know Hartsfield-Jackson is headquartered in Fulton County in part, Delta, uh Norfolk Southern if I’m correct right and MARTA so we are the heart of transportation and you know by that fact. I guess between those three or four entities over fifty percent of all transportation in Georgia is conducted out of Fulton County. So, you know there by, by itself is justification regardless of you know how you feel about uh Fulton County and whatever you have you. I know there’s always been so kind of bias going on with us, I’ve noticed up there they kind of single us out for one reason or another. But um we are

transportation for this state so it would stand a reason for that reason and that's something that Dekalb County could not say nor any county can say. So I think maybe we take some other angles to get this thang through, so."

Chairman Pitts – "Commissioner Arrington."

Commissioner Arrington – "Yeah, just briefly. Um Commissioner Hausmann, the funding, you're, you're absolutely right as it relates to funding but I think that the more important thing is there forty years and the billions of dollars of investments already invested by Fulton County which even gets us to the position where their even talking about doing the ATL. That, that's the important part. You know, you're absolutely right it is the funding that's important and the funding that got us where we are today was provided by Fulton County leading the way and that's precisely the reason Fulton County needs to have a seat at the table."

Chairman Pitts – "Mr. Carn, you want to be heard again?"

Commissioner Carn – "Two, two seconds. In addition to that, getting letters from these state transportation uh uh leaders. You know the FAA, Southeastern Regional Headquarters is in Fulton County. I would think that strong letters from the FAA, from Delta Airlines, from Hartsfield-Jackson, from Norfolk Southern and from MARTA insisting that we need to have a voice, not Fulton County but we as the transportation leaders of this state should have a voice being that we sit in Fulton County, we want a Fulton County representative designated for reasons which are obvious. You know, we, you know we're the conduit for transportation in this state. And maybe it comes from that angle where they want a voice in conjunction with us through our elected Chair. Um so a lot of times it would help if they don't hear so much from us but we've got some bigger voices in Fulton County that but to be quite frankly have more sometimes have more swaying with these legislators than we do. So let's think, let's look at that and maybe get some letters from these transportation heavy weights and get them to weigh in to get us a seat on there."

Chairman Pitts – "Alright is there a motion to approve."

Commissioner Morris – "So moved."

Chairman Pitts – "Second, let's vote."

Commissioner Arrington – "What is this to approve what?"

Tonya Grier – "The vote is open."

Chairman Pitts – "Transportation with the ATL, the amendment that she um made to it and then the funding, emphasizing the funding and I agree with you and Commissioner Hausmann."

Tonya Grier – “And the motion passes, six yeas, passes unanimously.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Ms. Corbitt.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um I’m sorry Mr. Chairman. I was just gonna get the presentation back up. Um so the next item is regarding the um Fulton Industrial um districting specifically the Fulton County Airport. Um this item says that Fulton County seeks local legislation to ensure the ongoing autonomy of Fulton County Airport parcels currently in unincorporated Fulton County.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, now what does that mean? We talking about the land? We want the airport, the land for the airport to remain with Fulton County not City of South Fulton not City of Atlanta?”

Jessica Corbitt – “That it would remain um for the duration as unincorporated area. Um parts of the airport proper are within city limits today but this would um the airport itself is um in unincorporated Fulton County and we would, we’re seeking to ensure that that remains so.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay does this say what you just said in plain English?”

Jessica Corbitt – “I hope so.”

Chairman Pitts – “Now, I don’t want no ambiguity, it needs to be clear.”

Jessica Corbitt – “So I’m gonna read it. Um, it says Fulton County seeks local legislation to ensure the on-going autonomy of Fulton County Airport parcels currently in unincorporated Fulton County. That those remain unincorporated, would that clarify that further, Mr. Chairman?”

Commissioner Ellis – “Should remain unincorporated until perpetuity, unless revoked.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Yes, I have a surprising statement to make her on this because you know, last go round when um we tried to protect our interest at the airport and both City of Atlanta and, and the other city that was interested; in, in the area said that they were respect that until it got right down to it and they both changed. And they both wanted to grab the airport along with everything else. So um I’m, I’m not sure if that is exactly why it fell apart. But anyway, fast forward and we went down and met with Fulton Industrial and uh the CID and shared with them the plans at the airport and talked with them about some of our efforts to clean up the corridor and the roadwork that we were gonna do and the air waste hotel and those kind of things. Police protection and you know I don’t know if they were willing to publicly take a position on

one city or the other but many of them privately stated that they weren't sure if they wanted to go into either one of the cities. So I would just throw out there for consideration that any city that annexes part of Fulton Industrial through the legislature is circumventing the rights of the property owners really. I think that they should be considered. I think that those property owners have the right to say if they want to be in one city or another or none of them. I would just hope that any annexation effort that is done through the legislature would consider that the property owner should have a say so in that. That it shouldn't just be done to them, it should be done with their participation. Now I don't know how legislative we would address that but it just seems to me they have rights that may not be considered in the transaction. Now we all know that the school taxes are important um to the current, current Fulton County School system that has those that, that area. Um, so that's another issue that we've all talked about. But I just think that the property owners along that area should have some say so on which city they go in or if they stay unincorporated and that's my opinion."

Chairman Pitts – "So are you suggesting, is is that though separate from and I don't disagree with you but that seems to me to be separate from the, this one is specifically the airport."

Commissioner Hausmann – "This is our paramount interest obviously."

Chairman Pitts – "Is what?"

Commissioner Hausmann – "This is our paramount interest."

Chairman Pitts – "Yeah."

Commissioner Hausmann – "But the entire corridor currently we are providing services for. And it's my indication from the property owners out there that they are satisfied at this point with the status quo. I'm not speaking for them. I'm just suggesting that if there is a way to find out what they think."

Jessica Corbitt – "Um huh."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Um but I encourage them to be engaged in this conversation. Not to sit back and just wait to see what happens. Something is going to happen um and I'm just putting it out there for conversation to those property owners that um it might be time for them to voice their concerns."

Chairman Pitts – "Commissioner Carn."

Commissioner Carn – "And, and I don't disagree with what you're saying. Um I think the law provides you know you got a 100% annexation method and a sixty sixty method. Ah that's just the state law. Um with any county, city that wants to do annexation in unincorporated areas. So uh I suppose the property owners adjacent to the uh lines could come on in now if they wanted to right?"

Jessica Corbitt – “The, yes.”

Commissioner Carn – “There’s nothing stopping those property owners for coming into, if you next to Atlanta or if you next to South Fulton they can go into whatever city they want to right now.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Yes, sir.”

Commissioner Carn – “Well I mean it’s a good thing that they have that choice and that option. Um it’s been a big tug-a-war down there in District 6 and I’ve been watching it for a minute. Um, obviously I think the cities need to work it out and figure out you know what they gonna do. But, but in terms of us keeping our airport property and parcels. I absolutely think we, that should remain uh unincorporated. Uh you know, belonging to the County so.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, Commissioner Ellis.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Um, I was just gonna ask a question of what I think what Commissioner Hausmann was stating. I don’t wanna, you know miss phrase this. But kinda what I heard was that do we want to take a position to oppose a legislative solution you know that’s outside of the traditional annexation process. Because that’s was what was really on the table last year; was that it would be taken out of the property owners hands and it would be decided by the state that it would go to this area or that area. Am I incorrect in that statement?”

Commissioner Hausmann – “That was what the current or the former legislation that did that to go forward to the state.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Right, so would we want to take a position to oppose any legislative effort to force annexation or do we just wanna leave that alone?”

Chairman Pitts – “Well my initial reaction is to leave it alone but I’m, that’s just me.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “Mr. Carn.”

Commissioner Carn – “I would agree with the Chair. Leave it alone. Uh, our priority is securing our properties that we want to keep in our parcels and I think the best body to handle that is between the two cities and the legislature and let them, let them have it out and we’ll see when the smoke clears we’ll see who comes up with it.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Right. But it’s a service area that we service area, we service those property owners. So we do have a vested interest in it, you know.”

Commissioner Carn – “And I agree.”

Commissioner Ellis – “So.”

Commissioner Carn – “If it remains unincorporated; they’ll keep paying their taxes to us, if they.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Yeah, I mean basically my ask was do we wanna advocate for a legislative solution uh or do we wanna you know advocate for no legislative solution or are we just advocating for uh whatever heck happens is gonna happen.”

Commissioner Carn – “I wouldn’t advocate either way.”

Commissioner Ellis – “My questions was really more to what.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Well…”

Chairman Pitts – “Just a minute, just a minute.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Was Commissioner Hausmann advocating for us to take a position relatively to legislation action or not?”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Well I, I think what Commissioner Carn just said is pretty um, uh telling in that none of the property owners have taken advantage of the normal annexation routes to date. Even after the, all the attention for the last several years has been on which city they she go into no one has initiated any sort of annexation effort um that would require their um participation and authorization so to me that speaks volumes because if there was a big movement to go in either city there would have been annexation happening.”

Commissioner Carn – “Like Chick-fil-a, they came on in to College Park.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “That’s, that’s my point so that’s why I’m, I’m concerned about those property owners that feel trapped or caught in the middle of something um that they do not have control over and it seems to me if they wanted to go in one city or the other they would be making an effort to do so and they are not. So that’s all I’m bringing forward.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I actually um think that perhaps we should survey them, um engage them, to find out you know why they haven’t tried to go in to either one of the cities. Um to determine how, if any way we should weigh-in officially.”

Chairman Pitts – “That’s not a bad idea but that does not though preclude us from taking a position on this one.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Not at all, I think this is extremely important.”

Chairman Pitts – “Yeah. Okay.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay, but I would like to see us try and engage um before the session just to find out if there is a position we should take.”

Chairman Pitts – “Let’s do that, Commissioner Morris.”

Jessica Corbitt – “So Commissioners we’ll follow-up with you on uh, on uh the engagement strategy for that.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay.”

Commissioner Morris – “Yeah I just, I just wanted us to bring come back to what’s actually I thought was before us. It’s not taking a position as to whether non county airport parcels ought a go in to the City of South Fulton or the City of Atlanta. I don’t think we ought a weigh in on in favor of one city or the other on those. But what I thought was before us was our property.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Yes sir.”

Commissioner Carn – “That is correct.”

Commissioner Morris – “And I think it’s okay the way it’s worded here myself without getting into the other issues of the other properties.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright.”

Jessica Corbitt – “We will continue to monitor that um any legislation.”

Chairman Pitts – “We got it, we got it, we got it.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright the motion before us is to approve.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker, County Attorney – “Mr. Chairman, I just wanna make certain cause you’re interested in clarity. That autonomy language would also have a back stop to say that if the legislation decides to put them in either city that we would not be subjective to their rules and regulations. I just wanted to make certain that was clear.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, let’s vote. Madam Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “I have the.”

Chairman Pitts – “You have what?”

Tonya Grier – “Who’s the second?”

Commissioner Arrington – “Second.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you. Um, the next item is regarding commercial um property appeals. And this has been an issue that has been um discussed a great deal over the course of this year. Um two audits have discovered that um the appellate process um is primarily responsible for any gap um in the relative valuation of commercial properties versus residential properties. Um we have met with um these recommendations came through our Chief Appraiser and were vetted by the Board of Assessors. We have also met with the Georgia Assessors Association as well as um ACCG on these um items.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay. Commissioner Morris.”

Commissioner Morris – “Yeah, this is not all of the recommendations from these audits or from the Board of Assessors. But, but I think there’s gonna be a lively discussion about this.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Yeah.”

Commissioner Morris – “At the legislature. So we’ll have plenty of opportunity to get into the specific details with them. I’m, I’m a little curious about what the other organizations are thinking about this. Because one concern is the domino effect of this because if there’s local legislation for Fulton on this question will other legislators pipe in and say no I don’t want, I don’t want what happens to Fulton, in Fulton to, to sort of domino down to my little county.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Sure.”

Commissioner Morris – “Are you getting any sense about that.”

Jessica Corbitt – “So that’s a great point, Mr. Vice-Chairman. These changes would require changes in general law so the um our understanding in talking with um the County Attorney’s office and others. These would require, these would not be able to be adopted through local legislation. Which does um make it a heavier lift, um but that was one of the reasons we wanted to have that discussion with ACCG and the Georgia Assessors Association in particular the first three bullets you see her about requiring mandatory reporting of income and expenses associated with the property. Um the change of significant material um the definition rather of significant material change and um the appeals property uh excuse me appeal form update to require declaration of recent appraisals; those were um changes that they particularly supported and felt that they would give them more data in assessing commercial properties, where you have generally less volume of sales data.”

Commissioner Morris – “Right.”

Jessica Corbitt – “To support more unique properties. Um the Development Authority um ramp up period um they were um they felt like that was perhaps more of a um urban county issue than they have seen in some of the other counties they work with. Um but they were um they actually had a conference this week and talked about some of our work and are interested in working with us on that.”

Commissioner Morris – “Good, good. Um, and on the last point. The um limiting of well obviously the balance of the General Assembly is gonna be will still wanna be a state which is good to do business in.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Yes sir.”

Commissioner Morris – “And there’ll be some push back on some of this about.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Yes.”

Commissioner Morris – “About that aspect although I don’t see you know having all property owners pay their fair share as being, being anti-business. But um the last point um is one that people have suggested we could do. Either by resolution asking the Development Authority to put this in to their, in to their documents.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um huh.

Commissioner Morris – “The title documents, where contractually the recipient of this favorably tax treatment is agreeing to limit um its um appeal rights. So I think we need to maybe look at that Madame County Attorney. Um there’s also been a real brief discussion at the Atlanta board level on this but obviously they don’t want to write that into their deals if the Development Authority of Fulton County isn’t going to do that as well. So we probably need, need some common work. And again as I’ve said you don’t wanna have a blanket absolutely prohibition against appeals.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Right.”

Commissioner Morris – “Because if you put a hundred million dollars in a deal and then the third year the BOA decides it’s worth two hundred million huh they ought to have the right to appeal um back down to something reasonable. So, so anyway I think it needs some common work and, and it’s gonna be a lively discussion. But, I’ll go ahead and move approval of this Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Pitts - “Alright I’ll second.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay uh Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Carn – “Uh I don’t think you know and we talked about this uh when we met and you guys ran this stuff uh by me. Uh like Commissioner Morris said. Georgia is a pro-business state. I don’t think they’re gonna approve some legislation that hampers businesses ability uh to appeal the assessments. I think our problem lies internally um County um Dick. In particular you know apparently my understanding is that we do pretty good on the assessments and then the appeals as it pertains to businesses and industry they’ve got this hot shot lawyers that pretty much out maneuver us every time and get these things lowered. Um it just seems like it is a situation where you know there’re playing way above the rim and we don’t have the capacity or the bandwidth to uh knock it down. So that sounds like an internal problem to me. I don’t think the state is gonna hamper business in this state. We’re supposed to be the number one state to do business so I’m told. We approved the business uh the business courts, didn’t we? That approved, that’s up and going, isn’t it?”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um huh.”

Commissioner Carn – “So, I don’t think they gonna you know sending up stuff that there’re going you know that they’re going in the complete opposite direction on may not be necessarily the best direction to go with this stuff. So that’s just my opinion.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Um yes. It’s my understanding that um the cap or that appeal right limitation is already in the bond documents with the Development Authority of Fulton County.”

Commissioner Morris – “No exactly.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I don’t know what your language is but um I would suggest that perhaps we work with the Development Authority and find out exactly what they’re doing currently and see if that’s any language tweaking or whatever that can be done. Um but they are currently addressing that through the bond documents. It does seem to me though that um the properties near um an abated property might um benefit from a lower tax value because of the abated properties. So I would agree that maybe there are some internal issues that we could look at um that you know cause ultimately what’s in our control is the assessment process. Um, I think that you’re right that this is a business friendly state and we don’t want to do anything to make us a less business friendly state. Everybody that I know wants a good job. Um, so I think it’s a touchy thing to think the state is gonna embrace this and um so I think it’s extremely heavy lift. But I think we should concentrate on what is in our control and that’s the assessment process. But I do think it’s worth reviewing the language that they’re using just to make sure that it’s adequate. But I know that they’re attempting to address this issue.”

Chairman Pitts- “Alright, the motion before us is to approve. Commissioner Arrington followed by Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Alright, I just want to make sure that we’re clear that you know there were audits done showing that our commercial value was under um, yeah it was not done properly and it we’re under taxing the commercial side. My understanding is that this relief that we are requesting will give us greater flexibility in being able to collect on those commercial partners that are there. So, you know we just have to understand I think the intent of what this is, and if we can do it on our own without this then that’s fine as well. But my understanding is that we needed additional tools in order to collect additional commercial tax revenue.”

Chairman Pitts – “That’s correct. That’s correct.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “I can add something to that specifically cause we’re working to support the uh the Chief Appraiser and the Tax Assessors office. That first bullet requiring mandatory reporting of all income and expenses associated with the commercial property at the time that appeal is filed is to level the playing field. Right now the commercial property owners don’t provide that information. There’s no mandate by the law to provide the information and that is what the value is based on is the income approach. And then the second uh amendment I think is been universally, um gonna be supported by all the counties is because the Supreme Court issued a decision to say that material change has to be something that you see from the outside versus change in income, vacancy and cap rates. So this is a correction of a recently adopted Supreme Court ruling so those first two bullets, um I don’t think you’re gonna find a lot of objection to because that is impacting everybody in the state. Um and it’s not um the number one bullet is not um adverse to businesses because the businesses already have that income expenses it just that they don’t give it to us until the day of appeal. And then if the legislature does adopt the first two and then they would have to update the appeals form to conform with whatever was there. Now the last bullet that you **all** mentioned that probably shouldn’t go to the state because it could be done by you all locally with the Development Authority.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Hall – “Explain that last thing you said about the, the um last bullet point that we have the authority locally to do what through the Development Authority.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “We can make a resolution to our Development Authority that they include certain provisions in their agreements and we’ve done that before as a county; like they have a MBE program because of the resolution by this Board. And if there is some language that Commissioner Morris is saying that Invest Atlanta is trying to adopt we could require that they incorporate it. But they do have something in there I just don’t think it’s ten years, I think it’s five and I think it may be some nuances but we do as a Board have the ability to tell our own Development Authority what we wanna see in our contract.”

Commissioner Hall – “You’re talking about the Development Authority of Fulton County?”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “Yes ma’am.”

Commissioner Hall – “I thought that we were told we did not have any authority of that the Development Authority.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “You have the authority to pass a resolution from this Board, making a recommendation that they do something. You also have appointees on the Board and so therefore; your resolution should be adopted.”

Commissioner Hall – “Thank you for making that part of the minutes.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “Okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Arrington.”

Commissioner Hall – “So um I’m not done. Um so, I wanna be clear because Commissioner Hausmann made a statement that we have um the ability to affect the assessment process. And this is a really a big issue with constituents because they believe that whenever they see an increase on their bill that it is because as the Board of Commissioners we have raised taxes. When in fact it is because their property has been assessed at a higher value and our Chief Appraiser consistently goes out into the community to try to explain that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners have not raised taxes. But you have been assessed at a higher property value and that the Board of Commissioners do not have control over the property assessment because the law was made on the State level as to how property is assessed and therefore it is being assessed at a higher value and the calculation creates a higher bill. So I just wanna be clear on that because if they are listening and watching and hear a statement that the Board of Commissioners does have control over that, that can be misleading. Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Arrington followed by Commissioner Hausmann again.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Yeah, I just wanted to go back to the uh Development Authority issue because I thought I heard the County Attorney say that we’re requiring but I heard recommend later. So I just wanna because the Development Authority is a State Authority and we make the appointees but we cannot require them to do anything. But we certainly can make recommendations.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “Correct.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Yes and thank you for giving me the opportunity to clarify my statement the collective we was within regard to the tax assessors. We’re only addressing at this point the commercial portion of their job. When I say we I say that, I

mean to say with clarity that the assessor's office they're the ones that need to make sure that they are doing their job properly in assessing these properties properly. Not undervalued like it's been reported. They need to be accurate. And what I was referring to is if there properties in the general area that have the benefit of a tax abatement and a lower value perhaps that it could be artificially lowering the value of some other property that should not have that same abatement or reduction in their tax obligations. So what I'm suggesting is that it is the we the tax assessor the Fulton County Tax Assessor that needs to make sure that they are accurately evaluating the values of these commercial properties. Thank you for the opportunity to clarify my statement."

Chairman Pitts – "Mr. Carn."

Commissioner Carn – "Uh, I agree with both of ya'll. Uh just one quick question. Where does or uh The Georgia Association of the County Commissioners your group um."

Commissioner Hausmann – "They're your group too."

Commissioner Carn – "Well our group, where, where do they stand? Do they, do they have a stance on this at all? It might be good to find out where they at."

Jessica Corbitt – "Um Commissioner Carn we did talk with them um as I mentioned they um particularly on these first three bullets have um a great interest and support. The last, the Development Authority is um perhaps more of a Fulton County specific issue and generally ACCG um is interested in, in uh issues that are more holistic and county and statewide rather."

Commissioner Carn – "So they, they agree with the three bullets?"

Jessica Corbitt – "Yes sir."

Commissioner Carn – "But so it sounds like this fourth bullet may be a, may be an issue?"

Jessica Corbitt – "The fourth bullet, I think is um I think as we seek to execute on this particular um item. We would probably um have a bifurcated approach where we look at the first three bullets as one and the last one um separately."

Chairman Pitts – "Okay, alright the motion before us is to approve."

Commissioner Carn – "What, what."

Chairman Pitts – "I'm sorry."

Commissioner Carn – “I, I would offer a friendly amendment if that’s the case. Um, uh if we approve it without the three bullets points and maybe leave that one off if, if that one sounds like the one that’s gonna rough us up.”

Commissioner Arrington – “With the three.”

Commissioner Carn – “With the three minus the fourth one.”

Commissioner Morris – “May I respond to the question?”

Chairman Pitts – “Yes sir.”

Commissioner Morris – “As the, as the motion maker I would not accept that as a friendly amendment only because um the fourth bullet point is problematic if we do a resolution and the Development Authority of Fulton County follows through and Invest Atlanta doesn’t and the City of South Fulton Development Authority doesn’t and Sandy Springs doesn’t and Alpharetta doesn’t then we’re putting our Development Authority at a significant disadvantage. So I would much rather see legislation dealing with all development authorities doing this at the state level. Absent that I’ll certainly work on the Invest Atlanta and Development Authority Fulton County but I’d love to see us go ahead a put this in the package myself.”

Commissioner Carn – “Well but anything we’re sending up there and I think if we don’t get the backing from you know, you know from the Commissioner’s group as well as someone else mentioned that it was problematic too.”

Commissioner Morris – “There not as I understand, they’re not oppose to it. They just think, they just think it’s a local issue.”

Commissioner Carn – “I tend to agree.”

Commissioner Morris – “So again you know we can vote on the amendment.”

Chairman Pitts – “No, no.”

Commissioner Morris – “I’m not accepting the friendly amendment.”

Chairman Pitts – “No you didn’t accept the friendly amendment. Alright the motion before us to approve, let’s vote.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes, six yeas zero nays.”

Chairman Pitts – “Continue Madam Clerk. Two thirteen continue.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you. Um our next item is addressing gentrification. This was um a carryover from our 2019 Legislative Package and it states that Fulton County

seeks tax policies that would protect legacy and longtime property owners against unmitigated tax increases in gentrified neighborhoods um by um amending the definition of a residential transitional property. Um this would allow um long time property owners um excuse me to um experience a form of tax relief. Um in the many properties are protected by um Fulton homestead exemptions but we don't have those in place where every for each of the eighteen tax jurisdiction in Fulton County. So this would offer um a protection for long time property owners. I also wanna mention that this was um one of the last pieces of legislation brought forward by the late Commissioner Darnell.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, thank you for that. Um Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Morris – “Um yeah, I'm not gonna be able to support this one. I, I when this was first purpose to me a year a two ago, I, I pointed out some of the, the fundamental problems with it but um, one is that as I understand the point of the definition is the jurisdiction then gets to designate such a neighborhood as residential transitional neighborhood. Which means it's gonna involve politics a little bit in designating neighborhoods. The second issue is there are, there are neighbor, my own neighborhood in which there are homes ranging from seven hundred thousand; I think somebody built a four million dollar one. Um, I can guarantee you a third of those homes have been, have been renovated substantially, um and on-going renovation all the time. So, so it, it could have this impact of not just dealing with poor neighborhoods that are getting gentrified. And then I think it's, it's gonna create another um mix-match of a of administration and um and complexity to the whole appeals process; which is the last thing we need. So I, you know I'm all for, for uh protecting against gentrification. That's one of the reasons why I love these floating homestead exemptions where the most your bill can go up. If we ever get APS which may be the last jurisdiction in the County without this, this thing, then, then people are protected. And so I think there're other ways to do it. So I'm not gonna be able to support this one.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hall followed by Commissioner Arrington.”

Commissioner Hall – “I was glad to see this be brought forward. Because it begins the conversation about displacement in our gentrified neighborhoods. And in my district alone we have entire neighborhoods west of the Mercedes Benz Stadium that are being impacted right now from this. And so if this is not the manner by which we need to address it; there has to be some other way to address it. I know on the City level they passed a displacement resolution which in fact protects and assists those legacy and longtime homeowners. Um we need to do something on the County level because this does impact our constituents as well. It may not in Buckhead but it definitely does in West of Westside of Atlanta and Southwest Atlanta and so there is something that needs to be done. Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Arrington.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Yeah I’m not really sure, clear on what is really being sought here. Um certainly we want to protect against gentrification. Um and I’m familiar with what Commissioner Hall is saying. We got the same thing happening in District 5 but um I’m just. We trying to change the definition of residential transitional property. But why are we trying to change that definition and what effect does changing the definition? What, what does it have on the rest of the statue? There’s, there’s not enough information here.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Okay.”

Commissioner Arrington – “To, to be able to determine um at least for me to be able to determine if I can support this or not. Uh I think we do have you know a process to appeal this process where this can be addressed. Uh where these issues can be addressed and certainly we do want to protect against gentrification but I don’t, I don’t have enough information here to be able to support why changing. What impact does changing that definition have? How would the properties be taxed differently? What, what are the other surrounding circumstances that changing that definition would have? There’s, there’s simply not enough information for me to have to make an informed decision.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Ellis.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Um like Commissioner Morris I, I do think that the way this and to a certain extent what Commissioner Arrington said. I think the intent for trying to seek it is, is certainly something that I agree with but I think the method of trying to get there, this method of trying to get there is a lot of flaws, unnecessary flaws to it. And I do think um like we had advocated before that this body took a position that all of our taxing jurisdictions adopt you know a similar floating homestead exemption. You know we already had one from the county government perspective. And our ask was for all the, the school district jurisdictions and all of the cities to do, to do the same. City of Atlanta Public Schools did not and that really kind of hits at the heart of this affected area. And it would be the simple solution to be able to administer versus this which I think potentially opens up a lot more complexity even to the in subjectivity to uh the assessment process and the appeals process.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um huh.”

Commissioner Ellis – “So and I think this may be a harder one to get through. Than you know just to ask make the ask but the school boards gonna have to, would the school board have to agree to this? I don’t know.”

Jessica Corbitt – “The school board would not have to.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Would not potentially have to agree to this. Well I do think really it does come down to that body needs to you know kind of look at may and maybe we need to ask of them to adopt the same position that the City of Atlanta did, other cities did, Fulton County schools did.”

Chairman Pitts – “Mr. Carn.”

Commissioner Carn – “Uh, I hear what everyone is saying. Uh it sounds like everyone agrees that gentrification is a huge problem in, in metro Atlanta and particularly in Fulton County. And it’s something I think is, is getting out of control. Uh the floating homestead exemption I think is, is a measure that is gonna help. Um I think Councilmember Overstreet uh proposed something at one point or another uh that uh homeowners that owned a home over twenty years were exempt from some of the new increases. Uh in terms of an attempt to protect legacy homeowners. I guess I need to, well I wanna hear from our lobbyist to, so we’re paying you good money to get your opinions as well on some of this stuff. Uh, I had a question. We wanna change this definition. What is the definition now of residential transitional, transitional property?”

Jessica Corbitt – “I’m gonna ask um Ms. Calhoun if she has that language in front of her. I do wanna mention that the um Board of Assessors has also um been very supportive of this and is interested in this as a solution but Commissioner um I think it’s fair that you want some both of you want some more specific information.”

Commissioner Carn – “Well, well, but, but here’s the thing, getting clarity cause I do want to get the clarity at some point. But I’m going to support this not just because my predecessor supported it. Cause it’s one of the biggest issues we’re facing.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Yes.”

Commissioner Carn – “And it seems like just about every Commissioner up here supports figuring out a way to stop gentrification.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um huh.”

Commissioner Carn – “And at the end of the day regardless of what the uh folks under the gold dome decide about this. My residents are gonna ask with this gentrification going rampant throughout Fulton County what did you do in an attempt to stop it on record. Whether we can stop it or not you know I would dare not assume to have the objective wisdom to make that determination or not but I can go back and tell my residents what I tried to do to make sure we attempted to stop it every legislative session. I mean some things you know are long shots but you have to. Part of lobbying efforts is to send a message to the community what you’re for and what you’re against regardless of its chances of passing. And legislatively we’ve got to know how to disseminate what’s worth it in terms of the fight. I mean you gotta be careful how you spend your political dime up there. I know we’ve lobbied up there for many years up there underneath the gold dome. But at the end of the day I think all of our folks are

gonna say Atlanta, Metro Atlanta, Fulton County is gentrifying, what did you do to stop it? What did you attempt to do to stop it? Uh, so I'm gonna support it. I'd like to see you know what, what in terms of what the definition is now of course. But I think anything that we can do to send a signal to our community that we wanna keep the folks that have paid in. You mentioned the forty years of taxes we paid in to MARTA, forty plus years, so on and so forth. Uh these folks are on their way out of this community because they can't afford the continuance increase in property taxes. So I, I'm gonna absolutely be for it uh regardless of its chances with this one."

Chairman Pitts – "Commissioner Hausmann."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Um yes I, I didn't support this one this was a propose last year and I haven't changed my position. That I, I just don't think this is the answer to the problem. I do want to share with you though that I've heard that the um there is potentially going to be legislation on the school tax side. That addresses people that have been in their homes thirty years, long term residents that more than likely have paid their houses off um but still can't afford the tax bill. To protect them with an additional break if they've been in their homes for a long period of time from their school taxes. So I don't know the status of that, other than what I'm sharing with you now. If it is in fact something that um perhaps Senator Albers may be carrying, I'm not sure. I've heard him talking about it. Or if the Board of Education has weighed in on that but to me if the effort is to protect the elderly that are being taxed out their homes that they've lived in their entire lives this might be a way to address the problem."

Chairman Pitts – "Mr. Arrington."

Commissioner Arrington – "Thank you Mr. Chair. Yeah, um I'm gone do a motion to hold because I need to get more information."

Jessica Corbitt – "Sure."

Commissioner Hall – "Second."

Commissioner Arrington – "Thank you; I don't wanna go one way or another. I'm worried about the unattended consequences."

Jessica Corbitt – "Sure."

Commissioner Arrington – "That this language may have. Where, where did this language come from? Who made this recommendation?"

Jessica Corbitt – "This um Commissioner; this is from the Resolution that was adopted um last year. So is that correct Ms. Calhoun? Um that we, um so we brought that forward again this is a carryover from last year's package. But I appreciate um that, that we need to provide a little bit more detail Commissioner and we'll be glad to do that."

Commissioner Arrington – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay the motion uh before us is to hold. Uh Commissioner Ellis you wanna be heard?”

Commissioner Ellis – “Well I was gonna maybe suggest. (Inaudible) Sounds like we all agree on the top, the top line. We just don’t agree on what the necessarily the methodology is. I mean maybe we need to vote on that. But is that, does everybody sort of agree on that, that they do?”

Chairman Pitts – “Well I agree with both. This is not new. This was here last year. It was just stated um, um, um.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Well never mind he’s got the motion to hold.”

Commissioner Carn – “Well, I could go with the top line.”

Commissioner Ellis – “We’ll he’s got the motion to hold.”

Chairman Pitts – “Just a minute. The motion is, is to hold. I would hope, would ask that we not hold it. And make this is a part of the package. It’s not new. The definition hasn’t changed. We’ve supported this last year. And I don’t understand the uh lack of understanding about what it, what it means today. But the motion before us is to hold. Madam Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open to hold. And the motion to hold passes, four yeas, two nays.”

Chairman Pitts – “Next item.”

Jessica Corbitt – “The next item is um addressing the issue of behavioral health. Um a the language at the top says about strengthening our behavioral health model and funding. Um Fulton County seeks to ensure on-going state funding for core behavioral health services for individuals and permanent supportive housing. Um Fulton County also seeks to ensure a strong network of providers to meet the behavioral health needs of uninsured and underinsured, thank you Fran, um residents. Fulton County supports policies in additional funding to create greater capacity related to opioid and addiction prevention treatment and recovery programs.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Move approval.”

Commissioner Morris – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright. Properly moved and seconded. Commissioner Arrington.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Um bullet one says we’re seeking on-going funding for core services for individuals in permanent supportive housing. How much permanent supportive housing do we have? Don’t we first need more permanent supportive housing?”

Jessica Corbitt – “Commissioner, let me um let me explain. In the 2019 session we were able to secure five hundred thousand dollars for um for this specific program for um core behavioral health services for in a partnership with um the Atlanta program for providing permanent supportive housing as new units come on board we certainly expect that we’ll see a continuance of that need and perhaps an increase uh but we wanted to have the boards um position on this as we seek to advocate for um a that a continuation of the funding we were able to secure this year. But it certainly uh that’s a very important point that there um permanent supportive housing is an increasing need. It’s a very expensive um program but it’s very effective and so um but that’s where we were going with that. Is to be able to advocate for the continuation of the funding we secured in the 2019 session.”

Commissioner Arrington – “So I, I might just recommend that we pull that out as a fourth bullet and maybe make that the first bullet because you know when you see and it may have just been resources but part of the reasons we only maybe got five hundred thousand because we’re not, I mean the real money is in the permanent supportive housing. So to me we ought to make that very clear and make that the first ask and then providing resources to those in that housing. I mean five hundred thousand dollars for permanent supportive housing that’s a, that’s an mean that, that’s an oxymoron. It can’t.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Right.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Five hundred thousand dollars want get you permanent supportive housing.”

Jessica Corbitt – “I just wanna clarify.”

Chairman Pitts – “Wait a minute. Just a minute, just a minute.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “There’s a real simple answer to this question.”

Anna Roach, Chief Operating Officer – “Yeah, Commissioner Arrington I’m sorry. We did not explain this properly. The permanent supportive housing is being provided by partners from HOME Fulton County’s role in the provision is five hundred and fifty units is only to provide case management services within our Behavioral Health Department. So the five hundred thousand dollars um supports our provision of case management services. But this is a uh multi hundred million dollar program that was funded uh through the City of Atlanta’s partnership with um private corporations as well as partners

from HOME and they are securing and standing up five hundred and fifty units and our role again and our funding ask is to support the provision of case management services for those units.”

Dick Anderson, County Manager – “And, and then just one more thing remember we got five-hundred thousand last year is more or less a starter . What the estimate was three to three and a half million a year is what we would need to do annually to provide the behavioral health services. What we’ve recommended in the budget as a placeholder is one and a half million. Thinking that we would try to get at least one and a half million from the State. But your right the big expense is in the construction of the, the housing units themselves.”

Commissioner Arrington – “So um thank you for that information. I still submit that there needs to be a fourth bullet in number one needs to be permanent supportive housing. But that does provide great clarification on the existing programs and the things that we’re doing but even if Atlanta got five hundred and fifty supportive housing units, that’s nowhere near enough. That’s nowhere near enough. So um just my two cents.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Hall – “I wanna add to your two cents Commissioner Arrington because this is part of a bigger conversation about the need for housing period. Um there is an outcry in the community and in the non-profit world that there is a need for housing for the homeless, for the mentally ill, for behavioral health, um individuals who need behavioral health services. And um I think that we just need to focus on housing period as it relates to this. There are some barriers that keep people from accessing the housing that they need because of HUD regulations and guidelines that we need to address. So I think that housing is one of the areas we need to make its own. Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay Commissioner Ellis.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Um yeah I think one thing we could consider um is sort of a specific when getting in this sort of specific ask is for a uh higher degree of funding and maybe we can work on kind of quantifying what the ask may be around uh crisis stabilization beds and/or additional um I don’t know what the the term, I don’t know what the right term for the beds would be but you know this, the number of folks that we have sitting in the jail that are waiting for a bed at Georgia Regional that we that doesn’t exist. I mean is a real issue for us. So you know is that a funding or do we need more of those beds in the State. And I think we can be maybe the poster child for bringing it forward. It’s a real specific ask that would answer you know address a real specific need that we have. Um so I don’t know if there is a way for us to kind of place that in here, but so.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Well if you’re offering that up as a fourth bullet I would support that.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Sure.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Um but I also think we should make sure that we um are monitoring any sort of settlement money that may come in to the State from the opioid law suits. That could be directed to local entities such as Fulton County to address the needs that we’ve outlined here. So I know that there’s talk of settlements that are eminent. Um but you know that money needs to go to the entities like us that are trying to deal with this problem. So I think that should be incorporated in here as well. Um, I’d be willing to have this come back in two weeks if ya’ll wanted to rework after our conversation and add some of the things we’ve talked about.”

Commissioner Arrington – “I was just gonna say as long as it’s a fifth bullet and not a fourth then I’m happy.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I only see three on here. You already added one?”

Commissioner Arrington – “Yes.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Okay, so that’s one I’m saying I think we’ve had a robust conversation here.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, alright.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I think it needs some tweaking um.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hall what do you have?”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I also want to make sure we are monitoring the behavioral health commission that is on-going right now. And that we’re getting reports on that. Um have we been to any of the meetings that they’ve had or have they had a meeting yet? Do we know?”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I know that they’ve named the Commission members but.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Yes.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “They did go to Grady? Well please, please watch that closely so that we understand what and if there’s anything that we need to weigh-in on with them. As they do their work. So I can hold this for this to come back in two weeks for some refinement if that’s.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright that seems to be the sentiment, you still want to be heard?”

Commissioner Hall – “No, that’s good.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay but, but let’s be real clear, that our role is the provision of services. Not building housing. Let’s be real clear about that. So we’ll hold it what you say two weeks?”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Well I do think we might be in the need of a stabilization center so I’m not gonna say that we don’t and I know that we’re talking about doing a study to determine what our needs are and what our ask would truly be. So I don’t want to limit to say we don’t want a facility because that’s not really true.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Mr. Chair.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Ellis.”

Commissioner Ellis – “One last point on it, I do think uh on the supportive housing. I think supporting sense we’re talking about behavioral health specifically. I think supportive housing for um those with behavioral health needs is a, it is a real need right? I mean because, we you know it is in our jail system you know in terms of the cycle through terms of recidivism.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Every jail.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Um well but specifically and you know that is a this isn’t, that isn’t a new thing either. Because that is a State issue too because we don’t have enough once they went to sort of this kind of you know de-population of uh intuitional facilities. There are not enough you know kind of group housing or other housing for those (inaudible). I think having that as a specific opponent relative to Behavioral Health does makes some sense and you know how we would fashion than into a specific ask for us giving that the City of Atlanta is already gone down the path and does have you know there issues not necessarily having as much funding right now; as much as it is getting the units and getting the people in to them. You know maybe our initial ask is to maintain that but I think having a policy position around more supportive housing for those with behavioral health needs is something that we ought to ask for.”

Anna Roach – “Commissioner”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hall.”

Anna Roach – “Ellis I think that’s a really good point if I may um Mr. Chairman. Because the five hundred and fifty units was based on an analysis of the permanent supportive housing needs for the City of Atlanta.”

Commissioner Ellis– “Right.”

Anna Roach – “And so no analysis was done for um the remainder of Fulton County which again we would seek in our partnership to access some of the five fifty units but the analysis did not include the entire County.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Hall – “Thank you for that Anna. We do need an analysis of the entire County. But I just wanna remind everyone that we just posted a job for the Director of Housing and Community Development. And so housing is an issue that we address in Fulton County. Um also we have a, a division within that Department that does a lot around housing. Um so it is like I said an area that we need to actually focus on separately from this. Because everyone who needs permanent supportive housing is not mentally ill, doesn't have behavioral health and substance abuse issues. Um we have homelessness around the County that needs to be addressed with permanent supportive housing minus that. Um also since we're talking about behavioral health we need to ensure that in our 2020 budget we support and fund the behavioral health court to help them continue with what they do in this area.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Yeah I was just gonna um remind everyone that doesn't need to be reminded that we're bigger than Atlanta and Atlanta is important but we have a big county to address. But I'd like to change my motion um from a motion to approve to a motion to hold. I don't know who seconded it but.”

Chairman Pitts – “It's already on the floor.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “It is? Okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, let's vote on the motion to hold.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion passes unanimously.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um thank you. The next item is related to air quality. Um this is fairly straight forward. Um as you're aware there's, there's been a great deal of discussion this year about two plants. Um one in Fulton County and one adjoining Fulton County that admit ethylene oxide. Um so as a result of that and in anticipation of legislation from members of our delegation. This position states that Fulton County supports stronger protections for air quality including stricting zoning provisions and greater reporting requirements for businesses that admit harmful chemicals including ethylene oxide and others and stronger requirements and processes for state regulatory agencies to report air quality issues to the public.”

Chairman Pitts – “I'll entertain a motion to approve.”

Commissioner Hall – “Move approval.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Properly moved and seconded. Madam Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “Okay and the motion to approve, and the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you. Um the next item is related to the Boards of Equalization process. Um these are two items that are seeking to um ensure a more um effective operation of the Boards of Equalization um which are managed by the Clerk of Superior Court. Um the first would allow um of a proposal for property owners who are in the BOE process to opt in to e-notification. Um so when their hearing is scheduled, this is thousands and thousands of hearings a year. They could receive that notification by e-mail or text. Um there is precedent for similar legislation a couple of years ago for tax bills for example and Dr. Ferdinand and his office had to implement that. So this would allow that process. The second is for date changes for BOE hearings. Um the scheduling of those hearings is um very challenging. It is a major operation and they have found that sometimes property owners when they need to reschedule and they’re allowed one rescheduling opportunity will then seek to push that out passed the ninety day period. Um this can, this has caused some challenges in the scheduling process. So they’re simply seeking to ensure that it happens within the ninety day period from their initial um hearing date.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Move approval.”

Commissioner Hall – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Any question, comments? Let’s vote.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes, five yeas, zero nays, one nay.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um, thank you. The next one is regarding um homestead exemptions. Um this is really um kind of general language in the first bullet - seeking to simplify the homestead exemption process. Commissioner Ellis alluded to this earlier. Um one of the things that we wanted to specifically ensure that we’re aware of is proposals may come from the General Assembly regarding homestead exemptions that we have an opportunity to um and direction from the Board to give input to ensure that those can be effectively administered by our office and that we can um work with our delegation to do that. In addition um we are um, I have a bullet her, really encouraging on-going property owner education processes to assist property owners um we have done a lot of work around this issue in the last two years and we’ll continue to do that um in the 2020 session.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Move approval.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Now is this needed I mean state legislation to do this or can we do this? I’m just asking it’s just a question.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Mr. Chair, there’s no specific ask.”

Chairman Pitts – “No problem. Let’s vote.”

Jessica Corbitt – “It is more of a policy position.”

Chairman Pitts – “I’m good, we’re good.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “Let’s vote.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes, six yeas, zero nays.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um the next one is also um somewhat of a policy position and you all have heard discussion in the last couple of meetings about the Justice System and for frankly many years. Um this is a policy position regarding the Justice System and seeking legislation to create a more efficient Justice System to improve outcomes for victims, defendants and taxpayers. Um there is a committee working on this issue um within the Justice System. Um so this is kind of a placeholder in a way for, for legislation coming out of that group and that committee from the Justice System.”

Chairman Pitts – “What does this mean?”

Commissioner Arrington – “Move to hold.”

Commissioner Hall – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright the motion is to hold properly moved and seconded. Let’s vote.”

Commissioner Carn – “I, I had a little discussion here and not that I don’t want to hold it but.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Carn.”

Commissioner Carn – “I mean we can vote and then discuss it or?”

Commissioner Pitts – “Nawl if you wanna. The motion is to hold. You can still, you, you can be heard.”

Commissioner Carn – “Yeah I had a little discussion. I am for holding it.”

Commissioner Hall – “Well I was in the cue first.”

Commissioner Pitts – “Well just a minute, go ahead.”

Commissioner Hall – “Okay, well since we gonna discuss it. Um I asked a couple of questions via e-mail to try and have to not have a discussion and they were not answered. Um so my questions were – What does this mean? What exactly are we expecting the legislation to say? And what is the outcome that we desire? So I didn’t getting any answer, well you did respond but you didn’t answer the questions. You just tossed it over to the fact that there’s a uh committee within the Justice System that has been working on some legislative proposals and we thought that we might have some more specific language by now but they are continuing to work on this issue. We expect to receive some more specific information in the future. So being that being said I don’t even understand why this on here or why it’s a place holder.”

Jessica Corbitt – “I’m, I’m gonna um defer to Mr. um Adams. Thank you.”

Alton Adams, Deputy Chief Operating Officer – “Um hi Commissioner. Um pretty good question, The last time at the last BOC um when we made the presentation we indicated that we were gonna be forming a working group to come forward with some specific legislation. We haven’t had that meeting yet due to schedules. So that’s the reason why we haven’t come forth with anything specific. But that group that we talked about as I mentioned is gonna include uh Commissioner Morris is gonna include judges from each of the, the three courts. It’s gonna include the DA and the uh Solicitor General and a few others. So uh that’s the reason why you don’t have any specifics and as soon as we have them we’ll be able to bring them forward to you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay.”

Alton Adams – “Did I answer your questions?”

Chairman Pitts – “Go ahead.”

Commissioner Hall – “Um okay um well since you don’t have anything. I think that the motion to hold is adequate for today. So Commissioner Carn you can go ahead.”

Commissioner Carn – “Well just real quick I wanted to mention something and uh when I’d gotten here.”

Chairman Pitts – “We’re gonna hold it now.”

Commissioner Carn – “Yeah were gonna hold it.”

Chairman Pitts – “We’re not, we haven’t voted but the motion is to hold.”

Commissioner Carn – “I’m definitely gonna hold it. One of the things that I asked when I first. Uh I saw the presentation on this was it, was it the last meeting?”

Alton Adams – “Ah that’s correct.”

Commissioner Carn – “Alright and we looked at the options there. I heard about and I saw the letters from the judges and my next question was where did this come from in terms of giving authority to one judge over another judge? Now I was told it was this bill here apparently that was uh back in 2013 uh House Bill 437 and.”

Alton Adams – “Well I didn’t tell you that. I’m not sure who did.”

Commissioner Carn – “I didn’t say you told me that.”

Alton Adams – “Okay, but that was not what I was referring to.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright guys, listen, listen. We have a motion, just a minute now, just a minute, we have, we’re going over the legislation package now. There’s a motion to hold an item and there’s a discussion item later on, on the justice system on today’s agenda. So stay focus”.

Commissioner Carn – “Well I’ll hold this until then, that fine.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright the motion of course is to hold. Let’s vote.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open to hold. And the motion passes.”

Chairman Pitts – “Continue Madam Clerk.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you. The next item is related to elections. Um it states that Fulton County is committed to providing secure elections and compliance with state law.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Move approval.”

Jessica Corbitt – “And thank you.”

Commissioner Carn – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, properly moved and seconded. Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Well this seems to me to be old also. Because they’ve already approved the funding for the new equipment so what are we asking for here?”

Jessica Corbitt – “Commissioner there are um on-going cost associated with the new equipment and I think we um we seek to ensure on-going um support and funding from the State to extent it’s available um and we advocate for that for counties.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I would doubt there’s going to be any new election law this year but so I mean I, I think we can pick our battles. I don’t know that and I don’t think they’ve totally um decided what sort of support may also be coming. I know that they’re talking about it so.”

Jessica Corbitt – “I mean I think that’s where we were um.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright the motion is to approve. Let’s vote. I’m sorry Commissioner Morris.”

Commissioner Morris – “Um I support the, I support the top item, I don’t support the second item. Expanding early voting I think is already out of hand, out of control. Can we take those separately or uh.”

Jessica Corbitt – “What, whatever’s the pleasure of the Board.”

Commissioner Morris – “Can we vote on them separately?”

Chairman Pitts – “We can divide them, yeah for division, I’ll accept that. So on the bullet point number one, the motion is to approve. Let’s vote.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes, five yeas, zero nays.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you. Is there a motion on the second bullet?”

Chairman Pitts – “No motion, continue.”

Commissioner Carn – “Motion, motion.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Wait, wait, wait my original motion included I didn’t say anything, I just let that pass, I guess I’ll ask for a motion at will.”

Chairman Pitts – “Yes just ask for a division.”

Commissioner Hall – “Yes, yes.”

Chairman Pitts – “Yes.”

Commissioner Arrington – Move for part two I just assumed that when there was a division.”

Commissioner Hall – “I did too.”

Commissioner Arrington – “There would be an automatic vote on the division. Cause it was in my original motion.”

Chairman Pitts – “It’s before us, it’s before us now.”

Commissioner Hall – “Second.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion fails for the lack of four confirmative votes. Three yeas, motion passes four yeas, two nays.”

Chairman Pitts – “Next item.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I do have a question on that though? Last year we talked about supporting voting centers that didn’t make this.”

Chairman Pitts – “That’s correct, great observation.”

Jessica Corbitt – “That is um, thank you Commissioner that is a good observation. Um if you would like we can since we have some items to bring forward we can talk to the department and?”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I think so yes.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Okay, thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Thank you for bringing that up. Please bring to add that at our next meeting.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you, we will.”

Chairman Pitts – “Continue, Madam Clerk.”

Jessica Corbitt – “The next item is regarding creative industries. Um Fulton County has been a center of growth of creative um economy in the state of Georgia um and we’ve benefited from many of the tax incentives. This item says that Fulton County supports legislation that continues incentives to support job creation and business opportunity through creative industries including film and television, fashion, music and gaming.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Move approval.”

Commissioner Hall – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Now let me be clear. Gaming includes casino gambling and horse racing.”

Jessica Corbitt – “If you would like to further clarify that Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Pitts – “Absolutely I want to be crystal clear about gaming.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Gaming is gaming.”

Commissioner Hall – “Gaming is gaming not (inaudible.)”

Chairman Pitts – “Trust me. I know more about this than anybody around here.”

Commissioner Arrington – “I don’t believe that those items you just listed are including in this definition of gaming.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Of creative.”

Commissioner Arrington – “But there may be another definition of gaming that includes them. I think that this as talking about the creative industries.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Right.”

Commissioner Arrington – “This is talking about software, electronics.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Video gaming.”

Commissioner Arrington – “And video games.”

Commissioner Hall – “Right.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Development that is.”

Commissioner Arrington – “We might need to put video gaming there.”

Jessica Corbitt – “That’s an excellent point.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “And I also think it should say post production work.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Okay.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “But I don’t recall ever talking about fashion.”

Commissioner Morris – “And that’s what I’m for.” (Laughter)

Chairman Pitts – “Alright what’s your pleasure.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I don’t know why we would include fashion but I do think post production is something we’ve talked about a lot.”

Commissioner Arrington – “It is a creative industry.”

Commissioner Hall – “It’s a creative industry.”

Jessica Corbitt – “It’s a creative industry.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright.”

Jessica Corbitt – “So, so um the clarifications I heard were add the word video Commissioner Arrington. Um I know the Chairman um Mr. Chairman I think that the type of gaming your referring to may be a different kind of gaming.”

Chairman Pitts – “There’s no appetite for casino or gambling and horse racing on this body so take it don’t put in there.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “That’s what I hear any way.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Well I’m not saying I’m against that, I’m just saying.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “I think it should be separately considered.”

Chairman Pitts – “In this one.”

Commissioner Arrington – “In this year.”

Commissioner Hall – “In this one yeah.”

Commissioner Arrington – “As far as creative industry.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Okay and adding post production work, alright. Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright the motion is to approve. Madam Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes, four yeas, one nay.”

Chairman Pitts – “Continue.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um the next item is related to um support of emergency medical service transparency. This was legislation that was introduced in um the 2019 session related to um the regulation of EMS services and the Fulton County 911 Emergency

Services Department has been very active um along with our COO and team in addressing this uh bill so we're expecting it to be reintroduced um House Bill 264.

Chairman Pitts – “What’s your pleasure?”

Commissioner Carn – “Motion.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “To approve?”

Commissioner Carn – “To approve.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, properly moved and seconded, let’s vote.

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes five yeas, zero nays.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Continue.”

Jessica Corbitt – “We’re on home stretch Commissioners. Um we have um this is an item that is also brought forward from a previous session um supporting homeowner protections. Um seeks changes to O.C.G.A. Code 44 to provide um requirements around um governance financial business practices for HOAs and property owners along with support of House Resolution 329 which was introduced in 2019.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Um.”

Chairman Pitts – “Is there a motion?”

Commissioner Arrington – “Ah yes move approval”.

Commissioner Hall – “Second.”

Commissioner Arrington – “But I wanted to also add I got something from Todd Edwards and ACCG regarding um an attempt by the home builders and the realtors um to take away number one local control um but then number two um I think it’s House Bill 302 and Senate Bill 172. Um their attempting to take away local control um and what they’re trying to do is take away basically um architectural control standards from local governments um and so ACCG has asked us um to support that um and they got a specific resolution that we can maybe even pass in the future. But it takes away home rule um local governments’ ability to be able to set design standards um for uh homes that are being built and renovated. Um and so certainly um I think that we need to. I’d like to add that to this as well.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Commissioner Arrington, would that mean um a bullet opposing or um?”

Commissioner Arrington – “Yes.”

Jessica Corbitt – “House Bill 302 and Senate Bill 172. Is that correct?”

Commissioner Arrington – “Yes.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright the motion before us to approve. Let’s vote.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes four yeas, zero nays.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Um the last item.”

Commissioner Pitts – “Wait a minute, I voted yes.”

Tonya Grier – “Okay five yeas, Chairman Pitts.”

Commissioner Pitts – “Ms. Corbitt.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Thank you and this is the last item. Um this related to um a request received for improved transparency for the Development Authority. Um we did receive some additional information um about this yesterday but this was uh seeking to enhance transparency of the Development Authority by requiring specific reporting including posting of tallies of votes.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Move approval.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “Don’t they already do this?”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, the motion is to approve. Is there a second?”

Commissioner Hall – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright properly moved and seconded. Commissioner Hausmann.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “If they’re not already doing this. This is something we can do internally rather than have legislative address. I don’t see the need for legislation on this.”

Commissioner Hall – “We’ve asked internally and we were told that we don’t have the authority to over a, we don’t have the authority over the Development Authority of Fulton County to do anything. That’s what we were told. That’s why.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “This is a state-wide issue though. This is another heavy lift to open this up for the entire state. So I mean we have to really be serious about our battles is all I’m saying, suggesting.”

Commissioner Hall – “It’s not a battle. It’s just transparency for our constituents who are requesting transparency, that’s all. And if they wanna battle as constituents that’s on them.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay Commissioner Morris.”

Commissioner Morris – “Yeah. I, I, I introduced a resolution, I don’t remember when. Uh with the Chairman’s support asking for agendas and public comments and other things and I withdrew it. Because after we met with them they adopted all of those things. So, so um I, I share Commissioner Hausmann’s uh concern about whether we do this at the State level or whether if, if I thought they were doing the agendas now. I could see those with the fact sheets after we did our resolution. And they started changing the agendas and adding the back-up documents. I don’t know about posting of the votes and, and what they do with the minutes.”

Commissioner Hausmann – “They have minutes that they approve, I don’t see the (inaudible).”

Commissioner Hall – “I don’t see the (inaudible) either.”

Commissioner Morris – “Again I’m sure if we ask them to do what’s in the resolution they would probably do that so.”

Chairman Pitts – “Mr. Carn.”

Commissioner Carn – “Uh, Ms. County Attorney um so is this, they’re, they’re telling us they don’t have to give us any of this information? Is that what’s happening?”

Patrise Perkins Hooker – “I’m not aware. I have not been involved with the Development Authority inquiries like that. But these particular items are items that are required under the Open Meetings Act any way. So I can’t imagine that they wouldn’t provide their minutes or their agenda.”

Commissioner Carn – “Well I would like to find out if they’re required to by law or not? You know that would be good to know at least, and, and according to Commissioner Hall they’re, they aren’t required to have to give it to us. If they’re not required then I could see how that could be an issue but. Does, does anybody on staff know?”

Commissioner Hausmann – “She just answered it.”

Chairman Pitts – “Just a minute, come on guys.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “They’re subject to the Open Meetings.”

Chairman Pitts – “Hold it; hold it, just a minute, just a minute. Everybody calm down. Go ahead County Attorney.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “They’re subject to the Open Meetings Act. I just don’t know if they’ve been in compliance. Because I have not been over there to see what’s happening nor have I reviewed these. Because whatever they do comes out in their minutes in order to have the bond deals. Those minutes get um documentation of the vote gets incorporated in bond transactions. So I know they’re doing something but to answer the question specific. I don’t know about the tallies of the vote of who voted for what but they all they’re required to do under the law is to say how many approved, voted for or against. But it doesn’t require them to list like it does for elected officials who voted for what.”

Chairman Pitts – “Mr. Carn, you still have the floor.”

Commissioner Carn – “That’s, that’s all I got. I guess so, so we don’t know right now.”

Commissioner Arrington - “I’ll move to hold so we can get more information.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright.”

Commissioner Hall – “Second.”

Commissioner Arrington – “If they’re already.”

Chairman Pitts – “Substitute motion to hold. Madam Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “Okay, one moment for the motion to hold. And the vote is open.”

Chairman Pitts – “Is that the last one Ms. Corbitt.”

Jessica Corbitt – “Uh that was the last of the items. Um this week they’re um they began prefilling legislation. We will be providing you all a report on some of the items that have been prefilled and of course the session will begin on January 13th. Um I appreciate you all being very generous with your time today and we will see you in two weeks with some additional updates. Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Continue Madam Clerk.”

19-0854 Purchasing and Contract Compliance
Request approval of an Ordinance amending Part I, Subpart B, Chapter 102, Article V, of the of Fulton County Code to include a Non-discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting program for discussion at the October 16, 2019 BOC meeting and adoption at the November 6, 2019 BOC meeting; and for other purposes. (HELD ON 10/16/19 AND 11/6/19) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve as amended.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 4 - Pitts, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Did not vote: 3 - Hausmann, Ellis, Morris

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier – “Okay, continuing on page ten **#19-0854**. Purchasing and Contract Compliance.

Commissioner Arrington – “Um Mr. Chair, If I can, I would like to make a motion to revisit the Agenda. I see we have some of our colleagues from across the street and I would hate to.”

Chairman Pitts – “We only have five, five more if you.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “Quick, we’ll take these quickly.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Alright.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, Madam Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “19-0854 Purchasing and Contract Compliance. Request approval of an Ordinance amending.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Move approval.

Commissioner Hall – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Properly moved and seconded, let’s vote.”

Tonya Grier – “And one moment.”

Chairman Pitts – “Madam Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open to approve. And the motion passes four yeas, zero nays.”

Patrice Perkins-Hooker, County Attorney – “Mr. Chairman I just wanted to let the Board know that the person who worked on our diversity, disparity study is in the audience and I would like to formally, publicly recognize the extraordinary work that was done by Rodney Strong of Griffin and Strong, and Rodney if you would stand up. That’s who did the work that we just incorporated.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, thank you. Alright Madam Clerk.”

19-0970 Real Estate and Asset Management

[Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#19ITB119755C-GS, Tree Removal Services Countywide in the total amount of \\$120,000 with \(A\) ArborServ, Inc. \(Lithonia, GA\) in the amount of \\$60,000; and \(B\) A White Meadows Company, Inc. \(Sharpsburg, GA\) in the amount of \\$60,000, to provide on-site tree removal services countywide under emergency/storm related situation or on an “as needed” basis for Fulton County. Effective dates: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, with two renewal options. \(APPROVED\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Did not vote: 1 - Ellis

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - “#19-0970. Real Estate and Asset Management request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide on-site tree removal services countywide.

Chairman Pitts – “Is there a?”

Commissioner Arrington – “Move approval.”

Chairman Pitts – “Second. Let’s vote.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes six yeas, zero nays.”

19-0971 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid #19ITB120622C-BKJ, Testing and Repair of Backflow Devices in the amount of \$61,390 with B & W Mechanical Contractors, Inc. (Lawrenceville, GA), to provide on-site testing and repair of approximately 177 backflow preventive (BFP) devices for required maintenance located in 75 Fulton County facilities. Effective dates: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, with two renewal options. (APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Did not vote: 1 - Ellis**

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "#19-0971. Real Estate and Asset Management request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide on-site testing and repair.

Commissioner Arrington - "Move approval."

Commissioner Hall - "Second."

Chairman Pitts - "Cast your votes."

Clerk Grier - "And the vote is open. And the motion passes. Six yeas, zero nays."

19-0972 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid #19ITB120487C-MH, Generator System Maintenance and Repair Services in the amount of \$100,000 with Power & Energy Services, Inc. (Powder Springs, GA), to provide on-site preventive generator system maintenance and repair services for Fulton County. Effective dates: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, with two renewal options. (APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Carn

Did not vote: 2 - Ellis, Arrington

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "On page eleven #19-0972. Real Estate and Asset Management request approval of the lowest responsible bidder.

Commissioner Arrington - "Move approval."

Commissioner Hall - "Second."

Chairman Pitts - "Let's vote."

Clerk Grier - "And the vote is open. And the motion passes. Five yeas, zero nays."

19-0973 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, RFP #19RFP070819K-DB, Fulton County Justice Center Tower Repairs & Alterations to the Exterior Façade with Metro Waterproofing, Inc. (Scottdale, GA) in the amount of \$1,518,198.00, to provide repairs and alterations to the exterior façade at the Fulton County Justice Center Tower building located at 185 Central Avenue SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Effective for a period of 365 calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. This is a one-time procurement. (APPROVED)

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall
Nays: 2 - Arrington, Carn

b. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Carn to hold.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yeas: 2 - Arrington, Carn
Nays: 1 - Hausmann
Did not vote: 4 - Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "#19-0973. Real Estate and Asset Management request approval of a recommended proposal.

Commissioner Hall - "Move approval."

Chairman Pitts - "Second. Let's vote. Commissioner Morris."

Commissioner Morris – "Yeah um in reviewing the amount and I thought it was interesting on the scoring. Then again, this was not a bid. Uh this was a RFP?"

Felecia Strong-Whitaker, Purchasing Director – "Yes correct Commissioner."

Commissioner Morris – "Even though it was high construction stuff."

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – "Yes."

Commissioner Morris – "And very specialized I assume is the reason."

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – "Yes."

Commissioner Morris – “But I thought it was interesting if this was the one. Um that of the four proponents uh the winning proponent was actually absent cost scored the lowest. Based upon qualifications in effect and experience. But they got the most points for cost so it must have been far and away the lower, lower cost but you despite the scoring absent cost you convinced Mr. Kirby they, they’re qualified to do the work.”

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – Correct Commissioner. And the cost range from the one point five which is the, the bidder we have here up to four over four million dollars.”

Commissioner Morris – “Pardon?”

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – “The cost range from the one point five to over four point three million dollars.”

Commissioner Morris – “You can see why they got a lot of points.”

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – “Yes.”

Commissioner Morris – “But again absent the cost issue they weren’t ranked as high as the others so.”

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – “They were not ranked as high as the others but they were all determined to be susceptible in being able to perform the work and because.”

Commissioner Morris – “Mr. Kirby determined they’re going to do a good job.”

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – “Right.”

Ellis Kirby, Deputy Chief Operation Officer – “They’ve done work for us before and we were satisfied.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay Commissioner Arrington.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Yeah I’m gonna do a motion to hold. Um and ask you all to let them know that we just passed a policy that encourages minority female and disadvantage businesses and if they want one point five million dollars they need to include some minorities, some females or some disadvantage businesses. Thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Is that a substitute motion?”

Commissioner Arrington – “Yes.”

Chairman Pitts – “To hold?”

Commissioner Arrington – “Yes.”

Chairman Pitts – “Is there a second?”

Commissioner Carn – “I’ll second that. Is this time sensitive?”

Felecia Strong-Whitaker – “Um it, I’ll let them say if it’s time sensitive. But on that question we did meet with them regarding there are not a lot of sub-contracting opportunities on this work. Um it’s scaffolding. They own a lot of the equipment. Um we met with them regarding what the subcontracting opportunities would be on this project. All of our water proofing contracts are not the same. On the one that there was a lot of replacement of windows. We did have sixty-two percent of minority and female participation on that project. These projects are so different. They’re not the same in what they’re doing on these projects. And I’ll let Joe explain a little bit more. But we did meet with them for them to explain all of that to us.”

Chairman Pitts – “Do you want to hear anything else?”

Commissioner Arrington – “Not really it’s really not gonna change my opinion.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay, the substitute motion is to hold. Let’s vote.”

Tonya Grier - “The vote is open on the substitute motion to hold. And the motion to hold fails for lack of four affirmative votes.”

Chairman Pitts - “I entertain a motion to approve.”

Commissioner Morris – “The main motion is to approve.”

Chairman Pitts – “That’s right the main motion is to approve. Let’s vote.”

Tonya Grier – “Okay one moment.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Wait who made the motion because I didn’t make it?”

Chairman Pitts – “On the.”

Commissioner Ellis – “The original one right here.”

Chairman Pitts – “The original motion.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open for the motion to approve. And the motion passes five years, two nays.”

Chairman Pitts – “Continue Madam Clerk.”

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS

Board of Commissioners

19-0974 Board of Commissioners (Ellis)

Request approval of a Resolution combining the travel and training quarterly report with the travel and training and pool car usage quarterly report; delineating the information to be contained therein by Commission District, Commissioner and Commissioner's staff members; and for other purposes. (APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Ellis to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - " On the bottom of page eleven, Commissioners' Action Items **#19-0974** request approval of a Resolution combining the travel and training quarterly report with the travel and training and pool car usage quarterly report; delineating the information to be contained therein by Commission District, Commissioner and Commissioner's staff members; and for other purposes. Sponsored by Commissioner Ellis.

Commissioner Hall - "Move approval."

Commissioner Ellis - "Second."

Chairman Pitts - "Questions, comments? Let's vote."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Saving a tree."

Tonya Grier - "And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously."

Chairman Pitts – "Madam Clerk."

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments

19-0975 Board of Commissioners
[ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FULTON COUNTY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN \(APPROVED\)](#)

Term below expires: 12/31/2019
Vacant (**Position #3/BOC**)

Chairman Pitts nominated Commissioner Carn for a Full Board appointment to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 6 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn
Did not vote: 1 - Arrington

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "On page twelve Commissioners' Full Board Appointments **#19-0975** Administrative Committee of Fulton County Defined Contribution Plan. Chairman Pitts has nominated Commissioner Carn for a Full Board appointment to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.

Commissioner Hall - "Move approval."

Commissioner Arrington - "Second."

Chairman Pitts - "Let's vote."

Tonya Grier - "And the vote is open. And the motion passes. Six yeas, zero nays."

19-0976 Board of Commissioners
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FULTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM (APPROVED)

Term below expires: 12/31/2019
Vacant (**Position #2**)

Chairman Pitts nominated Commissioner Carn for a Full Board appointment to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Vice-Chairman Morris to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "#19-0976 Board of Trustees of the Fulton County Employees' Retirement System"

Commissioner Hall - "Move approval."

Commissioner Morris - "Second."

Chairman Pitts - "Let's vote. Madam Clerk."

Tonya Grier - "The vote is open. And the vote is open. And motion passes unanimously."

19-0981 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY FACILITIES CORPORATION (APPROVED)

Terms: 2 years until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors or until a successor shall be elected and qualified.

Chairman Pitts nominated Commissioner Ellis and Vice-Chairman Morris for Full Board reappointments to terms ending November 3, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "#19-0981 Fulton County Facilities Corporation. Chairman Pitts has nominated Commissioner Ellis and Vice-Chairman Morris for full Board reappointments to terms ending November 3, 2021.

Commissioner Hall - "Move approval."

Chairman Pitts - "Second. Let's vote."

Tonya Grier - "And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously."

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

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19-0977 County Manager
Presentation: Justice System Dashboard. (PRESENTED)

Deputy Commission Clerk, Tonya Grier - "Under County Manager's Presentation and Discussion Item #19-0977. Presentation: Justice System Dashboard. Along with Item #19-0980 on page thirteen sponsored by Chairman Pitts: Discussion: Follow-up on presentation of Fulton County Justice System: The Way Forward."

Chairman Pitts – "Alright Mr. Manager, Mr. Adams who's up?"

Alton Adams, Deputy Chief Operation Officer – "Mr. Chairman, Commissioners uh the goal of this next session is to give you a preview of the dashboards that we have been discussing for the last couple of months. Uh before I turn it over to Mike, I'd like to

uh make three points. First, the data that you're going to be seeing comes from Odyssey. It is information that is publicly available today uh if you are in fact are so inclined to go in and find that information. There is no incremental information that is being presented. Secondly, uh the efforts as you'll hear from Mike include providing transparency across the entire system. Uh we have discussions on the way we're preparing dashboards for the District Attorney, for the Public Defender, Magistrate Court and uh for the Clerk. So the goal here is to provide a level of transparency across the entire system and then finally the uh the process over the last uh three plus months has included discussions, presentations, meetings with individuals from all of the departments that I've mentioned. Uh it has been highly collaborative. We've had a number of meetings, presentations and have been available to respond to any request to uh to go through what we have been working on. So with that I'm gonna turn it over to Mike. What he's gonna do is take you through uh a couple of examples. One is an example that will be in fact available to you as requested and to the public. The second is a working operational dashboard that will be available to the specific individual judges and like I said as we move into other areas it'll be available specifically to the DA, Public Defender and so on. Mike."

Miki Rowicki, Assistant to the Chief Strategy Officer – "Okay, Mike Rowicki, the Office of Strategy and Performance Management. Uh today we would like to walk you through is a presentation of what the public might be able to see along with some private dashboards for the judges. Uh correctly what we have drafted is actually uh the uh pages for the Superior Court Judges. Uh we currently have worked with uh the Public Defender's Office. We are working with the DA. We are working with the Clerk's Office and several of the other courts uh through their dashboard process and have actually been working on training some of those staff on how to create some of these dashboards. Uh what you see before you would be a public view of a dashboard for the Superior Court Judges. At this point and time uh as part of this presentation uh you would they would be able to see, the public would be able to see criminal, complex cases, criminal non-complex cases and soon we're currently working with them on the civil cases and then we will add the natural court standards which is what has been mentioned here at the board before. Under the criminal complex, uh if you click on that tile, which you'll actually see is a dashboard that gives a definition of what those complex cases actually look like. Uh below that, you will see a dashboard that gives individual uh level data for each of the judges as to the defendants that are actually uh in jail and available for trial. You will see a chart that actually shows the defendants that are unavailable for uh trial. With the unavailable what that really means is that they are either serving their sentence currently in the jail. They are awaiting transport over to the State or they may be awaiting a program bed or are on a judicial hold. Uh below that uh you will actually see related to this data is the total number of defendants for those complex cases that are currently in the jail system. Uh currently and this information is updated daily uh with us. So uh currently there are eighteen forty nine uh defendants in jail. The uh graph next to that with the line graph actually shows uh that trend line for the past twelve months. Uh with that in then people will be able to actual change through filtering. They can go through and change the number of months to see if there is any longer period of time or shorter period of time that they want to see trend lines on. Uh

below that is the defendants that are in jail over one year. So there are definitions as to describe each of the charts detail. Uh with that this is again currently judge by judge the defendants that are currently in jail that are over one year according to the information that is exist in Odyssey. Uh the information is automatically pooled. So uh the information in Odyssey is as accurate as what we can uh put up on the charts. Uh below that is actually a total number of clients, uh for defendants that are in the jail over one year. And again with the trend line showing that uh for that year past twelve months. The next chart is actually total pending cases for the Superior Court Judges. Uh we felt this was important to show and demonstrate because it does show that there actually are more cases that the judges are dealing with than currently the uh people that are sitting in the jail. So you can see that the total number of cases pending for the Superior Court Judges is actually three thousand nine hundred and thirty eight cases. Uh again this is an individual judge uh chart. With this black line is actually the average overall of all judges across the board. So you can actually see a comparison as to how judges are doing uh with the number of cases that they have pending. Again there is a trend line uh that shows the past twelve months. And then when have those again cases that are pending over one year. Uh with this information uh then again judge by judge information uh with the bar chart demonstrating that. Uh people can actually scroll over there and get the exact same numbers as long as and the bars are also labeled with that information. Again so total cases uh that are pending over one year which are over three sixty five which is the national standard is one thousand twenty four. Uh if anybody has questions about when this data was last updated we have put that information on uh each of the uh dashboards to show when that data was actually in that this was actually updated as of this morning. Uh below that one of the items that was requested from some of the citizens was asked to look at to be able to filter information. Uh so we actually added tables that are related to uh the charts that are above that somebody can go into. They can actually click up over here and filter. Uh they can pull the information by booking. They can pull by number of days in jail. They can pull it by a specific judge if they want. Same thing is done for the pending cases. Uh so again people can filter through that, find information, be able to sort this. They can uh download the data and use this uh in a manner in which they feel uh that might be useful. The other chart that we want to show you guys is actually the criminal non-complex cases. We did have to break these out uh in between complex and non-complex. Non-complex cases are actually handled by the Magistrate Courts. Uh again definition. What's different on this information is that we did put some uh tiles up at the top that actually tell you uh for the current month how many actually non-complex cases defendants that are actually in jail. So three seventy one are the number of defendants in jail for non-complex cases. Uh then we have the non-complex total pending cases so there are a thousand fifty one cases this month. Uh currently and then those cases that are pending over a hundred and eighty days, which is a national standard is two hundred and fifty seven cases we currently have existing. Uh below that we do have a couple of different bar charts uh that we added. Again same thing with available in jail and unavailable in jail for uh each of the judges. We also asked uh for the aging of the defendants in jail. So we can tell you that uh currently there are uh three hundred and twenty five defendees in jail that are between zero one eighty and we know that uh there are twenty defendants in there that are over three hundred and sixty five days. Uh

below that again is the same information dealing with pending cases and cases pending over a hundred and eighty days month by month information as each month is completed this chart will actually change. And if somebody actually wants to go in and that want to look at different months they could actually go and in and click up and they can actually apply at the last number of months they, the data that we have available. Again information is available as to the most recent date that this data was pulled out of the Odyssey system. And the same information again that people can use, filter through the data, search it, download it uh and see the information. So the other items that we've done. Now this will be available to the public that they will be able to view as of January which is the date that we had agreed upon uh at the Board Meeting. Uh the other item that we wanna show you guys is an actual example of. We've actually broken this out for an individual dashboard for each of the judges uh themselves. Waiting for it to come up. Okay so, again we're working through this with all of these uh justice agencies are listed. We hope this will help them be data driven and help us with the jail population. Uh we have created an internal site as well, which would actually look like this with uh the judges listed below. Each of the judges has been granted access into the system. Uh once they do their first log on then we give them their permission to actually do that. They can click on their individual uh tiles there and they can see their information specifically for this. Each of those judges will have those tiles up at the top uh actually giving how they're doing in the current month for all the information have the latest data information. The same information that would be on all the judges' pages but this also does include an average line as so they can compare themselves to the current judges uh as overall as the bench are doing. Again same information will be below the people can search they can search that information and create reports uh from this. Now any of the judges can take this information. We can train any their staff. They can add other tables information to this dashboard individually that they would like to see if they have something individual they would wanna view or we can work with them to create the information for them. Uh with that.

Chairman Pitts – “Okay Mr. Adams.”

Alton Adams – “Well two things. One the first part of that was actually live. That was the system in the works so uh it is working, it's up. And uh and look forward to your feedback and comments but the expectation is we will have that ready to go, totally tested, data validated uh at the beginning of the year.”

Chairman Pitts – “Okay feedback.”

Alton Adams – “Happy to take any questions.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Morris.”

Commissioner Morris – “Quick question. So, so how much uh person time does it take to update on a day to day basis?”

Alton Adams – “Uh you mean here?”

Commissioner Morris – “Yeah.”

Alton Adams – “For us uh its actually being set up so it’ll pull information directly from Odyssey.”

Commissioner Morris – “It’s automatically. That’s fine. That’s fine.”

Alton Adams – “So you’ll want to have someone to look at it just to make sure we don’t have any uh any strange things going on but for the most part it’s been set up so it pulls the information directly from the Odyssey System.”

Chairman Pitts – “Mr. Carn.”

Commissioner Carn – “Uh just a couple of comments really. Uh I guess my questions are you know – How does this help with court efficiencies? That’s number one I guess. Uh, now this is just my opinion in terms of this and you know, I’ve seen some of this before in reincarnations in uh other departments uh on a local level. But it seems to me that you know this basically uh this is basically Odyssey at home, more or less. Would that be kind of a, I know it would be a stretch but essentially this data is from Odyssey, right?”

Alton Adams – “Uh it is the information is from Odyssey. That is correct.”

Commissioner Carn – “Odyssey is public information?”

Alton Adams – “That is correct.”

Commissioner Carn – “Anybody can come down here and pull it.”

Alton Adams – “That is correct.”

Commissioner Carn – “It would just, I, I’m all for information and making sure information its out and available. But this information is already out and available. You got bar graphs on judges that say well this judge is up here and this judge is down here but you wanna be open and transparent and I understand that. But the public can take any of that and stretch that to whatever scenario they want make of it in terms of the judges or any other stats without the actually real detail. You know if there’s a judge that has fewer cases, well the public may not realize that judge has had three uh month long uh rape trials for that reasoning. But you open up this dashboard to the public, our court systems are – I think they do a good job. Are they perfect? No. I think all court systems need some work. But we’re in the news about courts. If you heard last, this week? We’re in the news about jail issues. My, my thing is why, why would we just wanna open ourselves up any further to, to someone being able to take, take some data and put together their own scenario on what’s wrong in Fulton County. And use the information t we’ve given them. Uh, uh, I just don’t you know. I, I really don’t see the purpose in this in terms of efficiencies. In my opinion I think this may actually potentially open us up to

more, more issues of ridicule and people being able to put together a case that Fulton County Courts aren't up to par. Because you can take that information and you can pretty much put together any kind of scenario that you wish using our own information. So you know just something to think about. The information is already public so, so we're making it more public in a more digestible form, I get that. But in my opinion I think we're in the process of improving our courts. Is that correct?"

Alton Adams – "Uh absolutely."

Commissioner Carn – "I would say yes."

Alton Adams – "Absolutely."

Commissioner Carn - "We're in the process of improving our county jail. Is that correct?"

Alton Adams – "Uh, we're working on it."

Commissioner Carn – "Absolutely. So here's my thinking. Why don't we let our processes run their course and maybe get things up to a level where we're in a little better shape before we go exposing all of our laundry here for the world to see? A whole lot easier than it's already available but you know. What I'm saying why, why bring attention to something that we're in the process of fixing? You know I guess that's my point."

Alton Adams – "I understand I think. Uh what I will say is that data, transparency, insight has proven to be actually a very positive thing for every organization whether it be public, private, academic."

Commissioner Carn - "I don't disagree with you but this is Fulton County and one thing we have to keep in mind is that. Well you know the history. We're treated a little bit differently than say some other institution that provides data. So I'm sure you're aware as I'm aware that our good intentions, someone is looking for ways that they can manipulate that to make it harder for all of our departments, County Manager and Commissioners. So, so just keep that in mind".

Alton Adams – "I understand."

Commissioner Carn – "Our good intentions uh can, can, can, can, can uh can come back to bite us. So I, I, I would say let's get our house in order a little bit more before we you know get this thing off the ground and for all to see. But that's my two cents."

Chairman Pitts – "Okay we have a few other speakers but we directed uh the administration. You've done a good job in bringing this before us and we are going to be transparent about this. I mean that's just crystal clear and you are doing exactly what

we ask you to do. Uh Ms. Hausmann, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Hall, who is Mr. Hall, Ms. Hall, I'm sorry (laughter)."

Commissioner Hall – "That's alright."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Hey I think he called me Mr. Hausmann. I've been called worst. I've been called a lot worst. Okay, so I wished I brought my readers but I did not. Um so I would first say that the colors in here are difficult for old people like me to read."

Alton Adams – "Okay."

Commissioner Hausmann – "So you might want to make an adjustment from the grey font."

Alton Adams – "Okay."

Commissioner Hausmann – "To make it a little bit easier to read. But I'm trying to decide what does that actually tells me. Um because when we talked about this we discussed all the options that folks have when they come through Fulton County Courts, Drug Court you know."

Alton Adams – "That's correct."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Behavioral Health Courts, um all that stuff Veterans Court. So I don't see anything that refers to that here. I may be missing it. Cause like you said it's pretty small. But you know, I'm just not sure the status. I'm looking at this page, I don't know what page is this. Thirteen and it says, status on eleven thirteen twenty nineteen and you know its date filed uh two thousand and five, that's fourteen years ago. Um then assigned date in twenty thirteen, I mean I don't know what that means. That seems like a long time ago that we'd still have this."

Alton Adams – "Yeah I think that two things Commissioner if I may. One of the catalysts for working on this so quickly upon bringing this data together was looking for some of the root causes for the issue we have at the jail. It wasn't one of the only reasons but it was one of the catalysts. And, And, and as a result while we gonna be looking at the entire system we started when we looked at the data we started at the in Superior Court because they tend to have a significant impact on the jail population in terms of through port. When we presented the overall the initial dashboards uh I think it was Commissioner Hall who said well if I want to go down in more detail for an individual, how do I do that and make sure that's incorporated. So as Mike was talking about you have the ability to actually not only look at the dashboard but to look at some of the core data any way you want to do more analysis."

Commissioner Hausmann – "I think we should be transparent but I also think it matters what data we put out there okay. So if we're trying to say a judge is performing you know, I don't know and we're not gonna rank them but if we're gonna say this is

how this judge is performing. I think we need to be pretty clear because all we're reporting her is criminal cases; we're not reporting any civil cases, right?"

Alton Adams – "We are gonna be reporting civil."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Okay well."

Alton Adams – "That's correct that's just the first iteration, that's correct."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Okay, but even at that. I don't really know if I'm just looking at this criminal non-complex case a year or less. I'm not really sure what happen to do these people, you know. Were they released, were they bound over to some other, were they put in a DUI Court. What, what happen to them? I think that's what people wanna know."

Alton Adams – "Okay and that's fair."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Um you know I, I think we get complaints because we keep people too long and nothing happens. So if they've been in court four times and it's been continued on because of whatever reason that's kind of maybe not be the judges fault. So it could be a legal maneuver or attorney wouldn't available or somebody was sick I mean. You know so I mean, I think that if we're gonna paint a judge for not dealing with something that's explainable that's not his fault. It needs to be reflected in here. Um, I mean that's the kind of thing that I, I think is what people wanna see. They also wanna see if there's the judge that just let's everybody off."

Alton Adams – "Right."

Commissioner Hausmann – "You know and I don't think we have that in Fulton County but you know you hear about the revolving door all the time. So I think there's definitions that should be in here um that maybe are not. Cause people may not, they may be looking for what happen to their cousin Joe but they don't know what all this stuff means."

Alton Adams – "Okay."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Um you know the transport issue you mentioned or the judicial hold. I don't think people understand that. I think it matters if it takes the state a month to pick someone up that should be a part of what we report, that's beyond our control."

Alton Adams – "That's correct."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Um so I mean I, I think this is a great start but I'm not sure that it really tells us what the public wants to hear about why our jail has the numbers it has in it and who they are."

Alton Adams – “Okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Ellis.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Yeah I think you’ve uh the three words you used data, transparency and insight. Um are right on the mark. You know what gets, what they say what, what gets measured gets managed, what gets measured, gets approved, what gets measured gets done. Um you know this isn’t a perfect report because that’s not where you start when you start doing data stuff right. Doesn’t matter whether you’re in government, whether you’re in a business. So I think this is a great you know this is a great thing and I think actually um you know kind of the types of remarks that Commissioner Hausmann were making you know, that tells you what you need to know. It causes people to start asking questions and diving down and if they don’t like the way numbers, numbers look then they start you know kind of getting at the root causes what the numbers are and getting them addressed. They’re not gonna be perfect. This is no like we not sending home a report cards on the judges and saying and putting an f on something or something like that. It’s just data, right? Just data for people to use. It’s data that we’ve been asking for and so this is an excellent start um I, I appreciate the Chief Judge and others sort of working with us to get it at you know kind of what we feel like is sort of a good uh requisite dashboard that will provide meaningful insight to individual judges the judicial system as a whole as well as to us. So I think this is great work and I look forward to seeing you know I guess for the next piece with this I guess really is my question is when are we gonna start with the other elements and then build out sort of metric similar to this. Obviously they’ll look different right?”

Alton Adams – “That’s correct. And we’ve started already. Mike and his team has been meeting with the DA, Public Defender and the Clerk already.”

Commissioner Ellis – “Yeah, I think it’s fantastic. So I think it makes us it’s gonna helps us to be um be a leader I think once we kind of get this whole piece of things done and it’s gonna help us you know. We’re not gonna get there for this year’s budgetary discussion. But you know we talked about that. We don’t know whether we underfund our courts or overfund them. Quite obviously based upon the data we got and the measures we got hopefully by the time we roll around next year we will be able to make much better and informed decisions around resource allocations as well. As we use these tools. So thank you.”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Hall – “I know on this document it says um Justice Dashboard but this is just the same thing that we’re doing countywide right, the Management Dashboard?”

Mike Rowicki – “That is correct Commissioner.”

Commissioner Hall – “Okay so it’s just the um additional to our current Management Dashboard that we’re using for all of our county departments. And we’ve had a lot of um

constitutional officers and others who have said they wanted to be added to the dashboard. Because it not only helps us to adequately provide the factual data about what's going on but it also helps them internally, correct?"

Alton Adams – "That's correct."

Commissioner Hall – "Okay so um I want to go back to part of the history behind this. That is we had a constituent from Neighborhood Planning Unit M which is a huge neighborhood in downtown, midtown, old fourth ward, Inman Park they represent a huge population and um her name was Dorothea Hurst. She came here and she said that there's an outcry from the constituents that they want to see exactly what's going on with the cases in the courts. Because it will help them better understand why criminals in their neighborhood are getting released uh over and over after fifteen of **the** same charge and other things of that nature. So they wanted to see the cases, the sentences to try and get a better understanding and um so Chief Judge McBurney was here and actually spoke to her before the meeting was over and they talked and um about this entire dashboard. And what was needed and what the constituents wanted to see. Isn't that correct?"

Alton Adams – "That, that was one of the inputs, that's correct Commissioner."

Commissioner Hall – "Yes, yes so that is why we have some of the things we have today in this presentation. Um, it's important for us to present the data in an effective manner that is accurate and factual for the community because you know perception is always what stands over fact. So we need to definitely look at how we're presenting that to them. And um I just wanna say you know the current ridicule is actually the hearsay that we cannot substantiate as being fact and so I would rather have data than hearsay anytime. Because there are a lot of things being said about the judges that are not true and the data will prove that. Thank you so much for your hard work."

Alton Adams – "Thank you."

Chairman Pitts – "Commissioner Carn."

Commissioner Carn – "Um real quick, um first of all I want to be clear. I'm not against transparency at all. I mean open government is absolutely necessary. So you telling me the judges have been asking for this dashboard, is that, that what you telling me?"

Alton Adams – "Um I didn't say that."

Commissioner Hall – "No."

Commissioner Carn – "So the judges did not ask for the dashboard?"

Commissioner Hall – "The constituents."

Commissioner Carn – “The constituents have ask for the dashboard.”

Chairman Pitts – “And the Board of Commissioners.”

Commissioner Carn – “And the Board of Commissioners okay I got it. Alright so if we gonna give the folks the facts and open up the doors here we have to understand that we’re gonna have to deal with some of the negative aspects of that as well. Um, now let me ask you this. The county jail, you got a, you had a piece up there that said folks that have been there over a year.”

Alton Adams – “That’s correct.”

Commissioner Carn – “Technically speaking the county jail isn’t supposed to house anyone much over a year, is that right?”

Alton Adams – “That is correct it is a jail not a correctional facility.”

Commissioner Carn – “Okay. So all I’m, the point I’m trying to make here is this. We get lawsuits all the time and some people just look for reasons to do that per se. This gives then undeniable case, cases to, to make those allegations and file those lawsuits as well. So it’s good to have the open, open transparency but at the same time you know, you know there’s another side to that coin. So if we’re gonna give the folks the facts which I think we should. Again I think we should be transparent but a lot of this lack, a lot of this overcrowding, a lot of this case backlog is due to our lack of funding. A lot of this is due to our lack of meeting the ABA standards. So if we’re gonna open up to the facts and people are gonna start with asking us why are these cases backed up, why is this stuff happening. If we’re prepared to make sure we’re completely transparent we better be prepared to fund these courts. So that these numbers can improve you know so, so you’re opening up one thing but part of what you’re also doing is withholding the funds that caused the bad numbers. So, so,so if you’re gonna do one all I’m telling you is that at some point or another they’re gonna say where is the money to fix the problem.”

Alton Adams – “And that’s a fair point. I mean.”

Commissioner Carn – “So, I’m just putting it out there.”

Alton Adams – “No your point is well taken.”

Commissioner Carn – “Alright.”

Alton Adams – “I think the goal of the data is to allow us to have a clear north star in terms of where we need to be and some of the things we need to fix. And to your point some of the implications of that may very well be we need to fund certain areas to catch up to, to get to these standards.”

Commissioner Carn – “Well if this data is going public and transparent which I’m for. If that causes us to have to fund our court to the levels that they apparently need to be funded then I guess that’s the silver lining in this thing. I mean now if that was your plan all along you’re a smarter guy than me.”

Alton Adams – “Nawl, nawl that wasn’t the plan. The plan was to try and find a way to look at the root causes of some of the systemic challenges that we have including the population in the jail, including the delays in processing felony cases, and including the number of individuals who are in our jail more than three hundred and sixty five days. As we started looking at those root causes we realized that some of the things we needed to track and get a better handle on were all the things we started to have, that we’re starting to track and report on. The expectation is by doing that we’ll be able to come up with more specific precise ways to actually alleviate those issues.”

Commissioner Carn – “I’m, I’m for the dashboard. I’m for transparency but just keep in mind there’s a cost to that. And it’s a good cost. If it’s something we need to do anyhow, then okay.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright, Commissioner Arrington, Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Arrington – “So I’m not really worried about uh the, the dashboard. You know as Commissioner Hall said we’ve got these dashboards on all, all our strategic priority areas. I’m, I’m more concerned is there, is there any other information that you all have to present regarding the, the secondary items zero nine eight o, Follow-up on presentation of Fulton County Justice System the Way Forward. I mean that’s, that’s what I’m more concerned about.”

Alton Adams – “Okay.”

Commissioner Arrington – “The dashboard is you know as Commissioner Ellis said that’s just the background data. What, what information do you all have to present on that and I know we also have our justice partners here. I’d like to hear from them if you don’t have anything to present on that then I would like to just hear from them.”

Chairman Pitts - “Okay, let me respond to the second part. I put that uh discussion here. That was simply a follow-up. At the last meeting the Manager and Mr. Adams made a presentation on items that we should be uh, uh looking at to move, to move the Justice System forward. I ask them to be very specific about those items that we the Board of Commissioners that we control and that for them to move forward on those. That’s, that’s what this is all about. So it was simply to ask them what based upon the discussions that we’ve had can uh they began to work on now and they have two or three things you can do without going to the State or without going to any place else that are under our control. So would you list those?”

Alton Adams – “Yes uh there, there really three big areas. One is, is starting to take a look at some of the opportunities for administrative coordination/consolidation. We

actually had a meeting yesterday we've started to look at things like our interpreters, like court reporters, like uh certain other administrative services where we think there's an opportunity. Actually our um Accountability Court we think there's an opportunity to actually do, do more stuff if we, if we take uh, uh a, a different path. We also."

Chairman Pitts – "That's number one. That's under our control."

Commissioner Hall – "Wait can you repeat that please?"

Commissioner Arrington – "Yes because I, I."

Commissioner Hall – "Interpreters and what else?"

Alton Adams – "Uh the uh interpreters, uh court reporters and Accountability Courts. And when I say we, it included individuals from Superior Court, State Court, Magistrate Court, the County Manager's Office."

Commissioner Arrington – "Well cause I got the understanding from the Chair that he was talking about items that the Board of Commissioners could control not items that Fulton County could control. So I'm a little confused."

Chairman Pitts – "When I say Board, I don't mean us doing it. I mean administration. They don't need to go to the State to get authorization to implement the things he's talking about. They have the authority to implement those things now."

Commissioner Arrington – "They the courts?"

Chairman Pitts – "No, no, no the administration."

Commissioner Arrington – "I, I don't believe the county Manager has any authority to go over in any court and go in there with interpreters or court reporters and tell them to do anything. Inside those court rooms the judges have complete authority. Period. Period."

Commissioner Carn – "According to that, they do."

Dick Anderson, County Manager – "So let me, Can I try to clarify that?"

Chairman Pitts – "Hold it, hold it Mr. Manager. Please, please. Explain to me and colleagues and the public. Cause we're going to reform the Justice System period. To the extent that we can. Without and if we need help from the State we're going to be asking that as a part of our Legislative Package. But there are in fact things that are under our control, this Board's control that flows down to the Manager and his staff. Including the Sheriff."

Dick Anderson – “So I think the first thing that we can do without legislative action is what’s been presented today. We can construct and publish dashboards that would show performance information at the system and at the judge and at the functional level. So that is the, that’s the first thing and the clearest thing that we’re able to do. The second which Alton is talking about I think requires collaboration which is what I think you were saying Commissioner Arrington in other words we don’t have the ability to dictate uh from one side of the street to the other what would be done with those functions. So it’s more of an approach of which is what Alton is doing of thought leadership around what could we do that would make things run more efficiently and by doing so free up more resources. To Commissioner Carn’s point of making things more uh resource effectively. The third probably piece is one that clearly would require legislative action and that is the creation of which was termed executive authority in the Chief Judge and that would lead to the ability to set up a criminal docket only and things of that matter, that nature and that would require legislative action. It did and was discussed in the off-site that we had with the judges and the PD and the DA as uh, um an element of reform that should be considered but that would require legislative action. So I term it one, clearly what we can do is publish some data, two on administrative integration requires collaboration and that’s the path that we’re taking and then a third is again on this executive authority would uh require legislative approval.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “And Commissioner Arrington specifically there was uh a statute that was adopted several years ago creating the Chief Judge of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit and granting to that Chief Judge powers that previously the Chief Judge did not have and that power includes um working with the District Court Administrator which is above him, the County Manager of Fulton County, excuse me, other courts of Fulton County and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to eliminate duplication of functions and achieve greater operational efficiencies. So the legislature did already provide a mechanism where through one judge working in consultation with but not approval of the other judges to implement things that would deal with efficiencies.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Okay so I’m sorry. So I heard two things. One was the dashboard; one was working in collaboration with our justice partners. What, what was the third item?”

Dick Anderson – “The third was that notion of establishing more power in the Chief Judge role that would allow for the creation as an example of a Criminal Only Court.”

Commissioner Arrington – “And but that is something that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County doesn’t have the ability to do that is something that the State legislature would have to do?”

Dick Anderson – “Yes.”

Alton Adams – “That is correct.”

Dick Anderson - “Yes sir.”

Commissioner Arrington – “So then as far as the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County then we’re back to one thing which is all we can do is dashboards.”

Dick Anderson - “I believe that to be the case.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Okay, I just, I just wanna make sure because there’s this little thing called the Georgia Constitution and it says that there shall be a separation of powers between judicial, legislative and executive and that no person serving in one capacity shall be able to serve in the other capacity. So I just wanna make sure that we’re that we’re real clear. Um and certainly partnership and collaboration with our judicial partners, justice system, justice system partners makes perfect sense but that’s basically all that we have. I’m, I’m, I don’t know that there’s anything else that we can do. Um so I mean you know the dashboard you know. I was, the meat for me are those three things.”

Alton Adams – “Um huh.”

Commissioner Arrington – Which we’ve now found out are really just one thing. So other than that I liked to hear from the justice system partners that are here.”

Alton Adams – “If I, if I could add one, one point Commissioner. Cause your point about the, the one in the middle right, the, the collaboration piece to under administration stuff. That’s a big one but we can’t tell anyone what to do. So we are working collaboratively and in fact the starting point of the discussion we had yesterday was actually a study that had been done by State and Superior Court where they actually made those recommendations. It got stalled because we had some budget items that, that we ran into an issue with. So when been trying to work with them can we find a way to get around the budget stuff so that they could actually get after some of the things they had recommended two years ago.”

Commissioner Arrington – “I can tell you, if you let us know, we can allocate the budget. That’s our job.”

Alton Adams – “Right. Exactly.”

Commissioner Arrington – “You let me know what they need and that’s what I’m here to do is to make sure they get what they need.”

Alton Adams – “Exactly. Okay, any other questions?”

Chairman Pitts – “Commissioner Hall.”

Commissioner Hall – “Okay so we’ve heard a request to hear from the judges repeatedly. Can we just hear from the judges and then I’ll go. But I want to get that out of the way. Cause then I don’t wanna have to come back in the que after something they said.”

Kimberly M. Esmond Adams, FC Superior Court Judge – “Good Afternoon.”

Commissioner Arrington – “Good Afternoon.”

Judge Kimberly Adams – “Thank you for the opportunity to say a few words. I did wanna clarify a couple of things first coming from your County Attorney. The District Court Administrator is not above the Chief Judge. That is an administrative position. That is the person who provides assistance in the management and the administration of the court. Uh I also want to clarify with respect to the County Manger. The off-site meeting did not include all of the judges on the court. In fact the only judge who participated in the off-site meeting uh to the courts, to my knowledge uh was the Chief Judge. There were a number of us who were unaware that such a meeting was being held. Uh good afternoon again and thank you for the opportunity to address the commission Mr. Chairman. I am Judge Kimberly Esmond Adams. It is my honor and privilege to serve as one of twenty independently elected judges on the Superior Court of Fulton County. I was elected in an eight-way race in 2008 and have been re-elected without opposition each time I have been on the ballot. I now, I have now served on the bench for eleven years. I was compelled to set aside other business today and spent almost the last two hours with you in order to express to each of you my personally my strong opposition to one of the items that was mentioned by the County Manager as something that should be pursued. And that is this notion of a Chief Judge with executive authority. I want to personally say to you that my opposition uh includes opposition to court unification and anything that would purport to usurp my judicial authority as an independently elected constitutional officer of the State of Georgia. The truth of the matter is that the construction of the current jailed was completed in nineteen eighty nine in response to a nineteen eight four Federal Consent Decree when the population of Fulton County was approximately six hundred and fifty thousand. Twenty-five years later the Fulton County Jail is still under mandatory oversight resulting from the same overcrowding issues that existed at its construction. So the cyclical issues with the jail overcrowding have been persistent and existed long before any of the Superior Court Judges who are currently serving and quite frankly any of the members of the current Commission for that matter began our public service in our respective offices. Much to my dismay it appears that the primary driver of the proposed changes to the courts is based on this overcrowding. But Commissioners I submit to you as you pointed out Commissioner Hausmann that an analysis of sheer numbers without context or regard for other factors impacting those numbers presents a distorted view of the reality in Fulton County. The notion that the Superior Court Judges are responsible for the burgeoning jail population ignores both the jails history and the reality that each of us has a role to play in justice reformation. And Commissioner Pitts we completed support that effort. Certainly judges should be expected to consciously and efficiently administer justice and I believe that each of my colleagues is committed to that principle along with me. The Superior Court Judges however are not responsible for suspects who are arrested and booked into the Fulton County Jail. The Superior Court Judges are not responsible for charging decisions that too often result in overcharging and unnecessarily subject too many citizens to, to oppressive pre-trial detention and too often result in reduced misdemeanor charges and dismissed cases.

And Commissioner Arrington you probably know that because you do criminal work. The Superior Court Judges are not responsible for defendants who have been tried and sentenced or entered pleas and are awaiting transport to a state prison, drug, drug rehabilitation program as you pointed out Commissioner Hausmann or a mental health facility which is part of the information that's contained in the dashboard for which there is no context. And the Superior Court Judges of course are not responsible for a jail that was too small the day that it was built. My point is that a solution to the pressing matter affecting the delivery of justice in Fulton County requires a holistic approach that involves input from all elected stakeholders. Not just the Chief Judge and necessarily extends beyond a rudimentary numerical analysis. I can assure you that the judges on the Superior Court join in the Commission's commitment to this imperative. And I also can assure you that the judges who do this work day in and day out can provide substantially more information and input to you than the consultants you've hired. But we are equally committed to maintaining the independence of the judiciary as Commissioner Arrington so pointedly pointed out and our independence as elected constitutional officers of the State of Georgia. Over the course of my eleven year tenure I have presided over hundreds of cases including all types of cases. I ran to serve on the Superior Court because I wanted to handle all kinds of cases. I don't have a desire to serve on a Criminal Court where I'm required to hand down life sentences and multi-year sentences day after day after day. I also am quite frankly not interested in serving on a Civil Court where I don't have an opportunity to impact people's lives which I believe we are all in a position to do as judges; certainly in the criminal matters over which we preside. And nothing, one of the things that hasn't been touched at all is the Family Division. The dashboard, uh Mr. Adams; no one even mentioned the fact that as Superior Court Judges we have exclusive jurisdiction over domestic relation cases. That is cases that affect divorce and child custody and so that is another significant area of jurisdiction for the court that requires a significant amount of time because many of the litigates who come before the court in those kinds of matters do not have representation. I have presided over some of the State of Georgia's most significant cases involving constitutional issues impacting sovereign immunity, abortion and school choice. Over the eleven year period that I have served, I have fairly, competently and impartially discharged the duties of my elected office without oversight, direction or control from a Chief Judge with executive authority. And the and I am sorry, I'm accountable to the citizens of Fulton County just as each of you. And quite frankly that is the only oversight that I need. So I wanted to make certain that my opposition to this idea of a Chief Judge with executive authority was noted for the record. Um I know that there are a number of other colleagues in fact there was an e-mail circulating on our bench by our Chief Judge where he acknowledged that twenty of the twenty judges would likely be opposed to that concept. And I believe that you've also heard from some of the State Court Judges who also have no interest in having a Chief Judge seating as essentially a boss. If I wanted to have a boss I would have stayed in the District Attorney's office. I'm not interested in that. So I thank you Mr. Commissioner, Mr. Chairman, excuse me, for the opportunity to address um this body. I want to also thank the Commissioners with whom I've had an opportunity to speak, including Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Arrington, Commissioner Carn. Um there are others of us who have reached out to some of the others of you and would very much

appreciate an opportunity for an audience as well. Um I don't know if there're any questions for you but I thank you Mr. Pitts."

Chairman Pitts – "Thank you Judge Adams. Judge Cox you have anything to add?"

Thomas Cox, FC Superior Court Judge – "Yes. Good Afternoon. Again I am Judge Thomas Cox. I serve along with nineteen other members of the Superior Court of Fulton County. I was elected in twenty sixteen. Uh Judge Adams has largely covered my comments so I'll be brief. I come here again as a harbinger of caution. In my study of this concept of a unified court and a Chief Judge, I have actually pulled out and read the Federalist Papers. Alexander Hamilton was one of the founding fathers of our nation. Since the seventeen hundreds the concept which evolved into the doctrine of separation of powers has been recognized across our great country at every level of government. At the National, the State and the local level and as exemplified by Commissioner Arrington's comments any impeachment or encroachment into the area of judicial discretion, will be resisted with full authority. So all I'm saying is uh the enterprise management of court functions there is no enterprise management. For purposes of efficiency, certainly we will agree to be a partner. But for purposes of judicial **discretion** there are no partners. There are no judicial partners in that function. So again thank you for your time and again I look forward to working with all of you. Thank you."

Chairman Pitts – "Thank you. Okay, anything else you had on the issue Mr. Manager. You have your marching orders from us so let's proceed. Um thank you."

Constance Russell, FC Superior Court Judge – "My name is Judge Constance Russell and I am a Superior Court Judge. I have been on the bench since nineteen ninety six. I have gone through various cycles of the Fulton County Jail is overcrowded. What are we going to do? We need to revamp the world because the Fulton County Jail is overcrowded. Over the course of my tenure on the bench, if you look at that dashboard, I'm on the low end. I routinely have amongst the lowest number of people in the Fulton County Jail, the lowest number of people awaiting trial and every variation of we are going to engage in some sort of rearranging of the system because of the Fulton County Jail, I've been on the bench for. I want attempt to persuade any of you or disabuse you of whatever you think. I will tell you that in my judgement the proposal to create an executive function is profoundly wrong-headed and it want fix your problem; because the problem as associated with the Fulton County Jail is not structural. It is not because of the way the court is organized. Quite candidly the Fulton Superior Court is organized based upon its workload. In the current plan, let's have a Criminal Division, we did that. It didn't work. Let's have presiding judges. We did that. It didn't work. You allocated money for uh the backlog project. I wish you hadn't. It didn't work. And we continue to have the same cycle. And we will continue to have the same cycle for so long as we continue to come up with magic fixes that are associated with somehow we're going to structurally revamp the world. Because you don't have a structure problem. That's my considered opinion. When you look at what you have. You have independently elected, State Constitutional Officers who serve in a circuit court. And the people who hire them they are called the citizens of Fulton County. They get to fire us."

All day every day and twice on Sunday and rearranging the world because you think it's going to magically fix the jail. It want. And I can tell you that cause I've been here. I was here when they did all the studies that everybody has cited. I was on the committees associated with many of the studies that everybody has cited and I can tell you what is problematic about them and why it is that they are inconsistent with both the State of Georgia's Constitution, the Uniform Superior Court Rules and frankly the ethos of the court that you want to rearrange. We are and have been a community of equals. And if you give a Chief Judge quote unquote executive authority, well they don't have any coercive authority. Because they can't fire anybody and they can't send you to the hinder lands. So while it sounds nice. It will not fix your problem. Thank you for listening."

Chairman Pitts – "Thank you Judge.

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[Presentation: Website Update \(HELD ON 11/6/19\) \(PRESENTED\)](#)

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier – "At the bottom of page twelve **#19-0929**. County Manager, Presentation Website Update."

Chairman Pitts – "Ms. Corbitt."

Brigitte Bailey, Customer Experience and Solutions Director – "Good afternoon Commissioners. Um I'll be brief with you. I'm Brigitte Bailey, Director of Customer Experience and Solutions and I am honored and privileged to stand before you to announce the introduction of our new Fulton County's revitalized website. You can see a picture of it there on the back, which I think many of you have already viewed. Our launch successfully took place on the evening of October 21st and we had over ten thousand visitors on our first day and as the end of October we had over fifty two thousand visitors. As many of you know this project began in two thousand eighteen and has been our primary efforts, one of our primary efforts in approving accessibility, the customer experience and our overall service delivery efforts. This project was definitely a collaborative effort between External Affairs who is represented here Jessica Corbitt and her team who is responsible for the messaging, branding, content and page building. Customer Service who worked to ensure that the side would be customer focused, that it was convenient and easy use for customers and accessible. And of course our Information Technology Department headed up by Nicole Keaton along with Glenn Melendez who worked tireless with her and her team and they worked very hard to ensure the security, technology and application side of this project. If I may, I would like to take a moment to recognize some of the team members who are here with us today. Um including some of our interns who played a very significant role in getting our website developed. And If I would just ask that they please stand so you could recognize them. This team worked tirelessly, weekends, evenings, nights, um to get this sight up. So they, they certainly um I wanted to make sure that we recognized them today. So I'm sure you can imagine this was a very time consuming and um intense

project and it required all three departments to make it a success. So our, I will go ahead and get right into the presentation for you. Our new virtual front door now provides us some more user friendly service oriented interface for citizens and employees who will definitely benefit from this new technology. Completion of this project has truly transformed the way we deliver service and transform customer care. Some of the benefits as you will see that this is now a service first, first approach. If you'll notice the site is more service focused and so that is what we wanted to concentrate on. It is definitely more user friendly for our citizens and our employees. And it is easier to navigate and move around in the system. We have a great deal of enhanced technology and we now have some state of the technology, state of the art technology um from what we previously had. So what's new and improved? There you have some of it sharper, clearer graphic capabilities. I think we all will agree it certainly has a better presentation. We definitely have enhanced Board of Commissioners' pages which I hope that you all have had an opportunity to visit. Of course it highlights services. We have payments now. Where people can go to one page and actually do that. We have a calendar that is a very robust calendar that allows us to have all of our county and activities in one place. So that's easier for customers and employees to find what's going on. We have a service tool locator tool that is coming up in find my district. A lot of people like to know what district they're in especially as we're coming up on elections. So that is an important aspect. We have Fulton feedback that's gonna be implemented. And that will allow people to tell us what they think about us. Um give us some feedback on what we can do better. How we're doing. Um we have an A to Z services guide that's gonna actually go onto the site as well. That will allow employees to be able to look at every single service that we offer and provide them with the information and how to reach that. Um we have an alert feature. Um and some of you may have seen that today when you pulled up the website. We have alerts that come up to tell you when the Board of Commissioners meetings are going on, if there's any emergency, anything that we need to get out to County employees and employees, County employees and citizens, we have an alert feature that will pop up on the website. We have our maps page which is being enhanced and of course our language conversion capability. So at this time I'm gonna turn it over to Jessica Corbitt. She's gonna give you a brief demonstration on the site as to how it works and let you get a feel for how, how it's going. Jessica."

Chairman Pitts – “Ms. Corbitt.”

Jessica Corbitt, External Affairs Director – “Yes sir. We'll make it snappy. Um good afternoon, thank you again. Um just wanted to go through a couple of the key features for the public. I hope they've visited the site. Um we do get about ten thousand visitors a day to our website. So it is an important digital property. Um as you see one of the things we do now is offer this alert feature which tells people that live streaming is in progress so they can easily watch the Board of Commissioners' meetings. Um on the homepage um you, we have many of our top services identified. Um news and information is highlighted here. Um our calendar, excuse me, upcoming events. Um this pulls from our calendar. We can highlight key events here. Of course um we wanted to make it easier for constituents to find their elected representatives um and they can also

search um for their district here. And then um follow the County social feeds. So one of the things we've done is um to kind of highlight areas throughout Fulton County, we have a daily rotation of photos um so that people can see different things throughout Fulton County. So how I have to ask, I think this is one of our um buildings in South Fulton. But we, I'll just click through a few of these so you can see them."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Can I just interrupt? If you're gonna put pictures up there you ought to say where they are."

Jessica Corbitt – "Sure we can certainly add that."

Commissioner Hausmann – "Thank you."

Jessica Corbitt – "Um so um we have here an area where people can um easily make payments for key services. We found that those were some of the transactions that residents were interested in. Jobs are one of the top um areas, um news. Maps are actually one of the top um services people are interested in as well. So they can go through here and find a number of different um ways that they can access maps and information. Our services menu is designed to be able to um highlight services, the top services that people are seeking without having to dig through and go through departments as they did in the past. Properties and vehicles we have many services specific to these areas, so we've highlighted those. Uh many of our business services, doing business with the County in bid opportunities. Uh the courts have their own landing page. Um sorry I'm having a little and I'll just highlight that page as well. So the, um as you, as we've talked about today, the Justice System. Fulton County is very complexed so this landing page allows residents to access any of our court pages uh very easily. Get involved, this is a place where people can learn about volunteer opportunities, some of our citizen programs. Um in this space that I'm highlighting here as we do surveys and things like that this is the place that we can highlight that content. And then from inside Fulton County we have a place for people to **get easily to some** of our key initiatives, departments and things of that nature. And with that I will turn it over back to Nicole. I want before I do that I did want to highlight one thing. The website is the centerpiece of our communications planning. Um so Commissioner Hall for example has asked us about our A to Z guide. This is something that Brigitte's team works on. So this is being reprinted with all the current web links and thinks like that so that we will have that available for you to take out in the community."

Nicole Keaton-Hart, CIO – "Alright, um so in closing, what's next? Um what's to come? Um we've pulled together a short slide um that we'll go over just a few things. Um I want repeat what Jessica talked about here. Um the next thing for our website is additional interactive capability. We're looking forward to launching um a chat bot or um, um virtual assistance as you see on many um websites today. Um other things that we will **also** do is deploy more multimedia options. And that's just another mechanism for our constituents to engage with our website. And we will continue to build um additional functionality for the website to integrate with our operations of many of our departments."

And with that um that would conclude our presentation. We're happy to take any questions that you may have."

Chairman Pitts – "Okay very quickly. Commissioner Arrington, Commissioner Hall."

Commissioner Arrington – "Um so thank you. That actually leads right into my next question. Departments uh other um I saw top five sites on there. I didn't see Superior Court Clerk which I can't imagine that, that is not one of our top five sites. Uh, the DA has his own site. The, I assume the Solicitor has their own site. What is the plan uh or the communication with these other people uh as far as bringing their websites in?"

Nicole Keaton-Hart – "Sure so in partnership with External Affairs we are working with the other elected officials in the other departments to do two things. One as their existing websites agreements come to closure um to bring them on to the main **County** um website. And we're continuing that dialogue so that way we can present that unified Fulton County um website experience. That's a work in progress. We have initiatives planned that will be work underway over the course of the next year or so."

Chairman Pitts – "Commissioner Hall."

Commissioner Hall – "Thank you. So glad to see the website being worked on. It's a long time coming, but um I wanna go start at the end, the last thing that was said about A to Z service guide. So yes, I have been asking for this for a long time. But I think a additional piece that needs to be added so that everyone is clear even our constituents. Is that we specify where services can be provided and indicate the areas that are excluded from Fulton County being able to provide services. So we clearly know and can tell our constituents where they cannot receive services and where they can. Um also I had a really hard time with a constituent who was simply looking for the departments from the homepage because as they pointed out to me on the old website they could see right at the top and the drop the first drop down was departments and agencies. But now they were clicking all over and I was clicking all over while I was on the phone with them trying to figure out okay where is it now where they can just go directly to the list of departments? So that's something that I want you to look at. As well as they were trying to find out well who was the help of the department or who were the division managers of the different the various divisions in the department and what was the main contact information and email addresses and that wasn't on there. Um I've never seen an organization that did not have that information on their website. Um so if you could address that too. And that's it and thank you so much for your hard work, it's looking great."

Nicole Keaton-Hart – "Thank you."

Chairman Pitts – "Thank ya'll very much. Um Madam Clerk. Two more?"

Tonya Grier – "Yes."

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board of Commissioners

19-0978 Board of Commissioners (Morris)

[Discussion: Invest Atlanta October 2019 Board Meeting Summary](#)
(DISCUSSED)

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "On page 13 **#19-0978**. Discussion: Invest Atlanta October 2019 Board Meeting Summary sponsored by Vice-Chairman Morris.

Commissioner Morris - "As was the case with Commissioner Darnell I've put the summary of the actions taken at the last meeting. It was a small agenda. If you want any more information on any of those items. Please let me know and I'll get it for you.

Chairman Pitts - "Next item."

19-0979 Board of Commissioners (Morris)

[Discussion: Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. November 2019 CEO Report](#)
(DISCUSSED)

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier - "**#19-0979**. Atlanta Beltline Incorporated November 2019 CEO Report sponsored by Vice-Chairman Morris."

Commissioner Morris - "There was no meeting in November but and I think the Executive Committee was also cancelled. This is the CEO report that would have been presented. Again presented in case you have any questions just let me know and we'll get the answer."

Chairman Pitts - "Ok regarding the Consent Agenda, I know one item on page three was removed and one on page five removed. But that's it."

Tonya Grier - "To be brought back."

Commissioner Ellis - "Removed to be brought next meeting."

Tonya Grier - "Yes."

Chairman Pitts - "Yes. Okay, but not for. Okay any other items to come before us. Uh I'm sorry executive session Madam County Attorney, what do you have?"

19-0980 Board of Commissioners (Pitts)
[Discussion: Follow-up on presentation of Fulton County Justice System:
The Way Forward \(DISCUSSED\)](#)

HEARD WITH ITEM #19-0977

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Board of Commissioners

19-0982 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-Chairman
Morris, Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Hall, Arrington and Carn;
County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Patrise Perkins-
Hooker; and Interim Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.**

**a. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Morris and seconded
by Commissioner Arrington to enter into Executive Session.**

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

**b. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and
seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve entering into a
Settlement Agreement with Daniel Hopkins for use of his art
work in the amount of \$2,400.00.**

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 7 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn

c. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve filing an answer in response to validation proceedings and allow the Chairman to sign the verification associated with the MARTA validation.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: 5 - Pitts, Morris, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Did not vote: 2 - Hausmann, Ellis

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “Yes, Mr. Chairman I need a motion. Um to approve um entering into an agreement with Daniel Hopkins for um use of his artwork in the amount of two thousand four hundred dollars.”

Commissioner Arrington - “Move approval.”

Commissioner Hall - “Second.”

Commissioner Morris – “The name of that artist again.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “His name is Daniel Hopkins a.k.a. Max Moses.”

Commissioner Morris – “I remembered Max.”

Chairman Pitts – “Alright.”

Tonya Grier - “And the vote is open.”

Chairman Pitts – “Let’s vote.”

Tonya Grier – “And the motion passes unanimously.”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “We also need a motion to authorize the County to file an answer in response to a validation preceding and to allow the chairman to file the uh, sign the verification associated with the MARTA validation.”

Commissioner Morris – “Move approval.”

Commissioner Hall – “Second.”

Chairman Pitts – “Properly moved and seconded. Let’s vote.”

Tonya Grier – “And the vote is open. And the motion passes. Five yeas, zero nays.”

Chairman Pitts – “Madam County Attorney, anything else?”

Patrise Perkins-Hooker – “No Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Pitts – “Madam Clerk.”

Tonya Grier – “No further items.”

Chairman Pitts - “All right. In the absence of any other matters that come before us, uh we stand adjourned. Thank you.”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya R. Grier, Interim Clerk to the Commission

Nikki Peterson, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Commission

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