

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

August 04, 2021
10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: September 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts **10:04 a.m.**

ROLL CALL: Tonya R. Grier, 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, Commissioner (District 3)	PRESENT
Natalie Hall, Vice Chair (District 4)	PRESENT
Marvin Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5)	PRESENT
Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner (District 6)	PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ALSO PRESENT: Dick Anderson, County Manager; Kay Burwell, Interim County Attorney; Anna Roach, Chief Operating Officer; Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer; Pamela Roshell, Deputy COO; Alton Adams, Deputy COO; Hakeem Oshikoya, Finance Director; Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Purchasing Director; Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs; and Nikki Peterson and Olympia Billings (Office of the Clerk to the Commission)

CONSENT AGENDA**21-0537 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 Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item #21-0542 as requested by the County Manager. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Hall, and Arrington

21-0538 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Mother Sadie Gardner Remembrance Day." **(Arrington)**
July 16, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Goodie Mob Day." **(Hall)**
July 28, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Kilo Ali Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
July 28, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Pastor Troy Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
July 28, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Youngbloodz Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
July 28, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Big Daddy Kane Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
July 31, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Kool Moe Dee Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
July 31, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Kwame Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
July 31, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "KRS Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
July 31, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Rakim Appreciation Day." (Hall)
July 31, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Mack McClain Appreciation Day." (Abdur-Rahman)
August, 7, 2021

Commissioners' District Board Appointments

21-0539 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE
CONSENT AGENDA)

Term = 2 Years

Term below expired: 12/31/2020
Sandra De Shields Hightower (Darnell/Abdur-Rahman)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Sandra De Shields Hightower for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2022.

21-0540 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY CITIZENS COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Term = 4 Years

Term below expires: 12/31/2022
Vacant (Abdur-Rahman)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Mandisha Thomas for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2022.

21-0541 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY VETERANS EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION, INC.
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Term = 3 Years

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Patricia Lewis for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

Open & Responsible Government**21-0542 Human Resources Management**

Request approval for the Fulton County Department of Human Resources Management to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute to deliver a Certified Public Management Training Program for Fulton County at a cost not to exceed \$175,000.00, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. **(REMOVED)**

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

21-0543 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 216 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from VRE Alpharetta, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Shake Shack Project at 11780 Haynes Bridge Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0544 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 996 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from VRE Alpharetta, LLC for the purpose of constructing the Shake Shack Project at 11780 Haynes Bridge Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0545 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Relocation Easement Dedication of 237 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Clifton and Clifton, Inc. for the purpose of constructing the Retail Center at Campbellton Road Project at 6890 Campbellton Road, South Fulton, Georgia 30331. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0546 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 48,753 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Roswell Residential Partners, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Parkside Estates Project at 0 Fouts Road, Roswell, Georgia 30076. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0547 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 36,253 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Roswell Residential Partners, LLC for the purpose of constructing the Parkside Estates Project at 0 Fouts Road, Roswell, Georgia 30076. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0548 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the assignment of an existing airport Ground Lease Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia (“Landlord” or “Lessor”) and Brakkam Aviation Management, LLC and The Integral Group LLC (jointly, “Lessee” and the “Assignor”) to Atlanta Executive Aviation, LLC (a joint venture of Assignor), via the Assignment of Lease by Lessee with Consent of Lessor. The County Attorney is authorized to approve the Assignment Document as to form and make all necessary modifications thereto prior to execution. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0549 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute a Assignment of Easement and Development Agreement between Fulton County and the City of South Fulton for the purpose of assigning easements rights and the remaining tree credits in the Development Agreement executed with Cowart Lake Ventures, L. P., Savannah Park LLC, and Walton Lakes LLC, to the City of South Fulton; and other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0550 County Manager

Request approval of the Second Amendment to the Agreement Between Fulton County, Georgia, the Tax Commissioner of Fulton County, Georgia and the City of Johns Creek, Georgia For The Billing and Collection Of Taxes And Fees for the purpose of collecting Stormwater Utility Fees for the City. Effective upon execution to run concurrently with the term of the Tax Commissioner, or for 50 years, whichever is sooner. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**21-0504 Department for HIV Elimination**

The Department for HIV Elimination requests approval of “*Ending the HIV Epidemic*” grant funding to Southside Medical Center, Inc. for services to be provided in Fiscal Year 2021 through FY2024 in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00 per year. Request authorization for the Chairman to execute contracts with selected subrecipients. To protect the interest of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve the contracts as to form and substance and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chair. Effective June 1, 2021. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

21-0551 Community Development

Request approval for 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds contractual agreements with (1) City of College Park for Barrett Park Improvements (\$102,700.00); (2) East Point Waterline Infrastructure Upgrade Phase II (\$152,700.00); (3) City of Fairburn for Margaret Street Pedestrian Improvements (\$239,338.00); (4) City of Hapeville for Tom E. Morris Splash Pad (\$102,700.00); (5) City of Palmetto for Veterans Park Improvements (\$102,700.00); and (6) Union City for Oakley Road Street Resurfacing (\$177,700.00); and Authorize the Chairman to execute the contractual agreements and related documents for the disbursement of funds consistent with the federal programs and this Board action; Authorize the County Attorney to approve these contracts as to form and to make modifications thereto prior to execution. The funds are 100% grant funded.

(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

21-0552 Public Works

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fulton County and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the contractor to perform sewer relocations associated with Design Build project (PI-0017130) to reconstruct I-285 westbound auxiliary lane extension from State Route 9 / Roswell Road to Riverside Drive, including the reconstruction of the Mount Vernon Highway Bridge in Fulton County, at no cost to Fulton County. **(APPROVED UPON**

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Infrastructure and Economic Development**21-0553 Public Works**

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Fulton County, Georgia and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the Widening, Milling and Resurfacing Project (PI-0013949) of Buffington Road from Royal South Pkwy to Rock Quarry Road Improvements in South Fulton. The project involves an adjustment of the existing Sewer Manhole with appurtenances within Fulton County in an estimated cost of \$10,000.00. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**21-0554 Solicitor General**

Request approval of a contract between Fulton County and Rachel St. Fleur, an independent contractor, to be paid in an amount not to exceed \$45,330.48 for legal processing of child support cases, effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

21-0555 Solicitor General

Request approval to enter into an agreement with the University of Georgia School of Public & International Affairs ("UGA") to extend the Fulton County Restorative Justice Internship Program. The Fulton County Office of the Solicitor General has hosted interns from UGA since April and would like to extend the internships until the grant money awarded by UGA to the Office of the Solicitor General has been exhausted. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

21-0556 Board of Commissioners

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by removing a proclamation recognizing "Reverend Dr. Herman "Skip" Mason Appreciation Day," as requested by Vice Chair Hall; and removing items #21-0449, #21-0573, #21-0586 as requested by the County Manager. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Arrington

21-0557 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes July 14, 2021

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Arrington

21-0558 Board of Commissioners

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

~~*Proclamation recognizing "Reverend Dr. Herman "Skip" Mason Appreciation Day."
(Hall/BOC)~~

Proclamation recognizing "Dr. Rashad Richey Appreciation Day." **(Pitts/Arrington)**

Proclamation recognizing "Bishop Arthur F. Mosley Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing "Leatrice Ellzy Wright Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**

Proclamation recognizing "Jelan Kendrick Appreciation Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**

**removed during the meeting*

PUBLIC HEARINGS**21-0559 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.

13 Speakers: Dr. Janice Johnston (Fulton County Elections); Missionary Gussie "Ann" Breedlove (Recapture of Properties/Fulton County Workers); Maggie Goldman (Travis Moya Case); Imara Canady (Arts Funding/Hammonds House Museum); Bridget Thorne (Code of Ordinances); Susan Ross (Arts Program); Former State Senator Vincent Fort (Development Authority of Fulton County); Aluke Nunn (Development Authority of Fulton County); Adrienne Coleman (Item #21-0577); Ben Howard (Items #21-0449/#21-0572 and #21-0578); Donna Lawson (Library Services); Sheila Hamilton (Voting/Items #21-0563 and #21-0577); and Karen Dubin (Fulton County Elections).

ZONING, USE PERMITS, AND ZONING MODIFICATION APPLICATIONS

Zoning Public Hearing

21-0560 Public Works

2021Z-0002 SFC, Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Fulton Industrial Boulevard
(APPROVED CONDITIONAL)

Public Works Dept. Recommendation: Approval Conditional
CZB Recommendation: Approval Conditional
CLUP: Consistent

Application by Aftab Alam for Goodrich Petroleum, Inc. seeks a rezoning from C-2 (Commercial) to C-2 (Commercial) to develop a new 5,278 square foot convenience store with gas pumps, restaurant/retail and truck rental.

The subject 1.108-acre site has 245.00 feet of frontage along the south side of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (SR 139) and 260.17 feet of frontage along the west side of Fulton Industrial Boulevard (SR 70). The site is in Land Lot 23, District 14F, Fulton County, Georgia.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve with conditions. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0561 Public Works

2021VC-0002 SFC, Martin Luther King Jr Drive (SR139) **(APPROVED CONDITIONAL)**

Public Works Dept. Recommendation: Approval Conditional
CZB Recommendation: Approval Conditional

Application by Aftab Alam for Goodrich Petroleum, Inc., seeks a concurrent variance to reduce the 10-foot landscape strip along Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to allow encroachments as shown on the site plan.

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis, and Arrington

21-0562 Public Works

2021VC-0003 SFC, Fulton Industrial Boulevard (SR 70) **(APPROVED CONDITIONAL)**

Public Works Dept. Recommendation: Approval Conditional
CZB Recommendation: Approval Conditional

Application by Aftab Alam for Goodrich Petroleum, Inc., seeks a concurrent variance to reduce the required 15-foot landscape strip along Fulton Industrial Boulevard to allow encroachments as shown on the site plan.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS CONDUCTED (#21-0560 through #21-0562)
1 Speaker: Aftab Alam (Applicant for Goodrich Petroleum)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman
Absent: Arrington
Did No Vote: Ellis

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****21-0563 County Manager**

Presentation of COVID-19 Operational Response Update. **(PRESENTED)**

21-0564 Purchasing and Contract Compliance

Request ratification of emergency procurements - County Manager, Countywide Emergency Procurements. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve ratification. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman
Absent: Ellis
Did Not Vote: Hausmann

21-0565 Finance

Presentation, review and approval of the August 4, 2021 Budget Soundings **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman
Absent: Ellis

21-0449 Registration & Elections

Request approval to award a contract without competition - Registration and Elections in the amount of \$398,258.75 with KNOWiNK, LLC (St Louis, MO) to provide additional Poll Pads and accessories for the increase in poll locations on Election Day. Effective upon BOC approval. **(MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 6/16/21) (REMOVED)**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

21-0566 Registration & Elections

Request approval of a statewide contract - Department of Registration and Elections, SWC#99999-SPD-ES40199376IS-02, In-State Car Rental in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 with Enterprise Leasing of Georgia, LLC (Atlanta, GA) for the rental of box trucks and cargo vans for the 2021 elections. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0567 Information Technology

Request approval of a statewide contract - Department of Information Technology (FCIT), SWC 99999-SPD-T20120501-0006, Network Equipment, in the amount of \$283,789.24 with Presidio Networked Solutions (Norcross, GA) to provide network and wireless equipment to increase access to high speed internet and broadband services at the Fulton County Senior Centers. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Arrington

21-0568 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of recommended proposals - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, RFP#21RFP120820K-CRB, Standby Professional Services for Environmental Engineering and Testing Services in the total amount of \$90,000.00 with (A) Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$30,000.00; (B) Atlas Technical Consultants, Inc. (Austin, TX), in the amount of \$30,000.00; and (C) United Consulting Group, Ltd. (Norcross, GA), in the amount of \$30,000.00, to provide standby environmental engineering and testing services on an “as needed-task order assignment” basis for a variety of professional services projects in support of the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management. Effective upon execution of contract through December 31, 2021, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0569 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of statewide contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC#99999-001-SPD0000116-0002, SWC#99999-001-SPD0000116-0003, and SWC#99999-001-SPD0000116-0005, Tires, Tubes, Accessories and Repair Services in the total amount of \$175,000.00 with (A) Continental Tire the Americas d/b/a Hill Tire Company, Inc. (Forest Park, GA) in the amount of \$25,000.00; (B) The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company d/b/a Nextire Commercial, Inc. (Decatur, GA) in the amount of \$125,000.00; and, (C) Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC d/b/a Atlanta Commercial Tire, Inc. (Forest Park, GA) in the amount of \$25,000.00, to provide tires, tubes, accessories and repair services for Fulton County fleet vehicles. Effective dates: August 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0570 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#21ITB130203C-MH, Mail Services Operation in the amount of \$294,800.00 with Moore Partners, Inc. dba More Business Solutions (Peachtree Corners, GA), to provide mail services countywide. Effective dates: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with two renewal options.

(APPROVED)

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0571 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution to amend Fulton County policy and procedure 600-71 regarding Dedication Plaques for County Facilities to authorize listing the names of the Board of Commissioners, County Manager, County Attorney and the Library Board of Trustees' sitting at the time of the dedication of the County facility in lieu of those individuals sitting at the time of the award of the original construction or purchase contract. **(HELD)**

a. A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve. **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

b. A substitute motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to hold. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Arts and Libraries**21-0522 Arts and Culture**

Request approval of a contract - The Department of Arts & Culture requests approval of the FY2021 Contracts for Services Program funding recommendations totaling \$1,300,000.00. Funds have been identified and are available in the Department of Arts & Culture's FY2021 budget. **(HELD ON 7/14/21) (APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Health and Human Services

21-0572 Senior Services

Request approval of recommended proposals - Department of Senior Services, 21RFQ000007A-CJC Senior In-Home Services in the total amount of \$923,197.65 with (A) Southern Homecare dba Always Caring Homecare (Roswell, GA) in the amount of \$528,876.33; (B) Help At Home (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$131,440.44; (C) At Home Atlanta (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$131,440.44; and (D) Trusted Hands Senior Care, LLC, (Roswell, GA) in the amount of \$131,440.44 to provide In-Home Services to senior residents age 60 and above effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2021 with four renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0573 Public Works

Request approval of a contract between the Department of Public Works, #21ITB129828K-JAJ Camp Creek UV in the amount of \$4,100,000.00 and Archer Western Construction, LLC (Atlanta, Ga) to provide demolition & construction services with regards to the ultraviolet (UV) system at the Camp Creek WRF. Effective upon execution of contract with a schedule of 630 consecutive days upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed. **(REMOVED)**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

21-0574 Public Works

Request approval of recommended proposals - Public Works, 21RFP129860K-JAJ, 2021 Standby Engineering Services in the total amount of \$1,800,000.00 with (A) Goodwyn Mills Cawood (Atlanta, Ga) in the amount of \$350,000.00; (B) Gresham Smith/Cerm JV (Nashville, Tn.) in the amount of \$350,000.00; (C) Prime Engineering, Inc.(Atlanta, Ga) in the amount of \$350,000.00; (D) Stantec Consulting Services (Lexington, KY) in the amount of \$350,000.00; (E) Jacobs Engineering (Atlanta, Ga) in the amount of \$200,000.00 and (F) Benchmark Management (Atlanta, Ga) in the amount of \$200,000.00, to provide standby engineering services effective August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0575 Public Works

Request approval of an Agreement for Cooperative Technical Assistance and Intergovernmental Cost Sharing among the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the City of Atlanta, the Atlanta-Fulton County Water Resources Commission, Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, DeKalb County and Gwinnet County in the amount of \$200,000.00 annually (each), between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0576 Public Works

Request approval to close out a contract - Department of Public Works, 18ITB112395A-YJ, Emergency Sewage Cleanup Services in the amount of \$37,663.54 with Wilpro Enterprises, Inc. dba Servpro of Central Northwest GA (Villa Rica, GA) which provided emergency sewage cleanup services. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Justice and Safety**21-0577 Sheriff**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Cobb County Sheriff's Office and the Fulton County Sheriff's Office for the housing of up to five hundred (500) Fulton County inmates at the Cobb County Jail located at 1825 County Services Parkway, Marietta, Georgia. Inmates will be housed at a rate of \$80.00 per inmate in amount not to exceed \$7,360,000.00 to be paid to the Cobb County Sheriff's Office. Effective for a period of no more than six (6) months upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**21-0467 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners amending and clarifying the per diem allotment available for the Board of Directors of the Development Authority of Fulton County; and for other purposes. **(Morris) (HELD ON 6/16/21 AND 7/14/21) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to approve the Resolution as amended by deleting the limitations of full Board Meetings and revising the effective date to September 1, 2021, with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman to raise the per diem amount to \$150.00. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0526 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, Sections 2-67 and 2-79 of the Code of Laws of Fulton County relating to the Code of Ethics to require the filing of an annual income Financial Disclosure Statement from members of the Development Authority of Fulton County; and for other purposes. **(Morris) (HELD ON 7/14/21) (APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0578 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 101 (General Provisions and County Governing Authority), Article 2 (County Governing Authority), Section 101-66 (Agenda Preparation of; Public Comment) of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances regarding the Procedural Rules for Public Comment; to allow for public comments to be heard via multiple means; and for other purposes. **(Abdur-Rahman/Hall/Ellis) (APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Morris

21-0579 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution establishing a set payment of \$250.00 per day for members of Fulton County Boards, Committees, Authorities, and Commissions where Commissioners make appointments, establishing exceptions for those entities where payments are established by State statute, law or regulation; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (HELD)**

ITEM HELD AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON**21-0580 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution requiring that beginning with Fiscal year 2022, the Operating Budget of revenues and expenditures for Fulton County be submitted to the Board of Commissioners prior to approval of the proposed millage rate, and requiring the proposed millage rate be based upon the budget requests of the County Departments; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (HELD)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0581 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution for Commissioners Arrington and Hall serving on the City of Atlanta Jail Committee. **(Arrington) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, that she be added as the third Commissioner on the Committee. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

21-0582 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to amend the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to make certain provisions therein regarding decorum mandatory and to provide penalties for any violation; and for other purposes. **(Hausmann/Hall/Ellis/Morris)**
(MOTIONS FAILED)

Motions failed for a lack of four affirmative votes

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, and Morris

Nay: Arrington

Absent: Ellis

Abstain: Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Hall

b. A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to hold. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Pitts, Hausmann, and Morris

Absent: Ellis

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments

21-0583

Board of Commissioners

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (NORTHSIDE) (APPROVED)

Term = 4 Years

Terms below expired: 4/1/2021

Dr. Lawrence B. Stone **(BOC 4)**

Mark J. Sweeney **(BOC 5)**

Dr. Alvin Sermons **(BOC 6)**

The Board of Trustees of the Hospital Authority of Fulton County (Northside) re-elected Lawrence B. Stone, M.D. (Position #4), Mark J. Sweeney (Position #5) and Alvin L. Sermons, M.D. (Position #6) for terms ending April 1, 2025, in accordance with a slate of names submitted by the Board of Commissioners at its March 17, 2021, Recess Meeting.

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**21-0584 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request discussion of options and approval to authorize the County Manager and the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management to complete due diligence and lease negotiations and bring back for final Board of Commissioners' approval one of two options chosen from the following by the Board of Commissioners:

(MOTIONS FAILED)

- A. A lease that consolidates all Fulton County warehouse operations into a single location inclusive of evidence storage warehouse space for the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney and the Fulton County Sheriff; or
- B. A lease that consolidates Fulton County warehouse operations into a single location, and excludes evidence storage warehouse needs for the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney and the Fulton County Sheriff and thereby establish an additional warehouse for that purpose.

Motions failed for a lack of four affirmative votes

a. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to accept recommendation B. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Pitts, Hausmann, and Morris

Absent: Ellis

b. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to hold. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hall, and Arrington

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Hausmann, Morris, and Abdur-Rahman

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**21-0528 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Invest Atlanta Board of Directors June 17, 2021 Meeting Summary
(Morris) (HELD ON 7/14/21) (DISCUSSED)

21-0530 Board of Commissioners

Presentation and Discussion: Future of Fulton County Police Department **(Pitts)**
(HELD ON 7/14/21) (PRESENTED/DISCUSSED)

21-0585 Board of Commissioners

Presentation: Library Foundation **(Arrington) (PRESENTED)**

HEARD AFTER ITEM #21-0577

21-0586 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Update of Activities of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority (AFCRA) **(Arrington) (REMOVED)**

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON

21-0587 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: New Jail **(Arrington) (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION**21-0588 Board of Commissioners**

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

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice Chair Hall Commissioners: Hausmann, Morris, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; Interim County Attorney Kaye Burwell; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier. Commissioner Ellis was absent.

a. A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to enter into Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve the representation requests in items #1 and #2 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to accept the recommendation to grant settlement authority in item #3 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to accept the settlement in the amount of \$85,000.00 in the matter of Harper vs. Fulton County in the Northern District of Georgia Civil Action 121CV01207. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Ellis

Did Not Vote: Hausmann

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
REGULAR MEETING

August 4, 2021

10:00 A.M.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good morning, everyone. And welcome to the Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. I'm Robb Pitts, I chair the Board of Commissioners. Today is August the 4th 2021. It is 10:01 a.m. Madam Clerk, please call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Liz Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: Commissioner Bob Ellis. Commissioner Lee Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chair Natalie Hall. Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr. Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present"

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. For the record, Commissioner Ellis informed me that he would not be present today; he's attending his daughter's, I believe, graduation -- college graduation."

CLERK GRIER: "So noted."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Please rise for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance."

(Whereupon, the invocation was given by Reverend Dawkins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **21-0537**, 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, this item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr.

Chairman, and Members of the Board, we have one item to be removed from the Consent Agenda, and it will be brought back in a later meeting. On page 3, 21-0542, Human Resources Management. Request approval to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute to deliver a certified public management training program."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other items on the Consent Agenda? Any other items on the Consent Agenda? All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve as amended. All right. The motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; four yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 6, Regular Meeting Agenda, **21-0556**, Adoption of the Regular Meeting. Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Board, we have items to be removed from today's Regular Meeting Agenda. First item on page 7, a Proclamation, 21-0558. Proclamation recognizing Reverend Dr. Herman "Skip" Mason appreciation day. On page 9, 21-0449, Registration and Elections. Request approval to award a contract without competition to provide additional poll pads and accessories. This item will be brought back at a later meeting. On page 11, 21-0573, Public Works. Request approval of a contract to provide demolition construction services. And on page 14, 21-0586, Commissioner Arrington has requested to remove his discussion update of activities of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreational Authority."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other items on the agenda today? Commissioner Hausmann has a question."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question about the item 21-0449."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What page?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "On page 9. That was removed. Will that -- did you say, come back at a later date, and why was that removed? I thought everything was urgent with regard to elections?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Commissioner Hausmann, that item still reflects the source of funds as the grant that has expired. So, there are a number of other election equipment related items that may have to come back to the Board as well. So, our plan is to package them all together, and bring them back

because we will acquire some additional soundings to be able to cover this item, as well as the additional items that were identified to the Board previously."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So it has no connection to the audit that was just received yesterday that indicated missing equipment -- missing, [Indiscernible.] that's not accounted for? This is not that same equipment?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "No, ma'am, it's not related to that."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other corrections -- not corrections, but items -- any other discussions or comments? All right. Let's see here; we have a motion to approve by as amended by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0557**, Ratification of minutes. Regular Meeting Post Agenda minutes, July 14th, 2021."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. There is a motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Any questions? None? All right. Let's votes, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, **21-0558**, presentation of proclamations and certificates. First proclamation is recognizing Dr. --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Arrington, wanted to be here to read -- right on time. Okay. Let's go."

CLERK GRIER: "First proclamation is recognizing Dr. Rashad Richey Appreciation Day sponsored by Chairman Pitts and Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It is truly a pleasure to be able to present this proclamation today. The proclamation reads as follows -- there he is. I have watched this young man progress and grow through the years, and just truly a pleasure to see

his success. Proclamation reads as follows: Whereas, Dr. Rashad Richey is a noted lecturer, university professor, broadcaster, writer, and entrepreneur, who earned his bachelor of arts degree in religious studies; his masters of business administration degree from Beulah Heights University, his Ph.D. from Schofield Graduate School, his doctor of education degree from Clark Atlanta University, and completed studies in executive leadership from Cornell University. He is currently matriculating in law school towards his juris doctorate degree. And whereas, Dr. Richey is an Emmy nominated news commentator for CBS News Atlanta, and is currently the host of the political and news television program, "Indisputable with Dr. Rashad Richey"; and has also been a frequent guest analyst on MSNBC, CNBC, BBC, and the Fox news channel. And whereas, Dr. Richey, is an award-winning radio personality, and was voted 'Best Talk Radio Personality' in Atlanta by readers of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution; and named the most trusted voice in Atlanta by the Atlanta Business Journal for his weekly radio program, 'The Rashad Richey Program' on the WAOK. And he is also a political commentator for the people station, V103. And whereas, Dr. Richey is a well-known social justice leader and national speaker, who is actively involved in policy reformation in addressing the social ills of racial disparity, which has led him -- which led him to being honored with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from the United States President, Barack Obama. Dr. Richey was also named 'Media Personality Of The Year' by the Georgia Black Chamber, Top 40 under 40 Most Influential People In Georgia by the Atlanta Business Chronicle, and one of Atlanta's most powerful leaders according to Atlanta magazine. And whereas, Dr. Richey, is a board member at Piedmont Hospital, Recovery Consultants of Atlanta, and children's rights. And he is a member of the Atlanta NAACP, the National Association of Black Journalists, the American Association of University professors, and the Atlanta Press Club. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, commends Dr. Rashad Richey for his outstanding career as a media personality in Atlanta and Fulton County. And does hereby proclaim, Wednesday, August 4th, 2021, today, as Dr. Rashad Richey Appreciation Day in Fulton County. Let's hear it for him."

DR. RASHAD RICHEY: "So I'm a little emotional, and thankful. Thank you to the Chairman, and to Commissioner Arrington for cosponsoring this. To the entire Commission for supporting it. And most of all, to every single one of you who have been supportive of my broadcasting career and beyond. I'm from Glenwood Road; you understand? I was a foster kid; back and forth, in-and-out of juvenile detention and more. My father kept me centered -- that's my dad right there. Come on up here dad. Come on man. This man taught me -- this man taught me the value of humanity over money. This is the reason why I'm not corrupt today because I learned a lesson from this man right here. To all of my partners and listeners and those that watch the television show; to my great partner in Justice, Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk; we do a lot

of work together in the community as well. To every single one of you, I just want to say, I accept this proclamation on behalf of the community. This is not mine. I'm completely undeserving of it. This belongs to you. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing Bishop Arthur F. Mosley Appreciation Day sponsored by Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Come on up. Good morning. Do you have additional people with you? If she wants to come up too -- oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Okay. It is an honor to present this proclamation to Dr. Arthur F. Mosley. Pastor Mosley preached a good sermon Sunday, and it was just awesome. The message was amazing, so it is definitely an honor to see you here and present this to you. And the proclamation reads: Whereas, Dr. Arthur F. Mosley earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, his master of divinity degree from C.H. Mason Theological Seminary, where he also served as interim president, dean; and he earned his doctor of ministry degree from Knox Theological Seminary in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. And whereas, Dr. Mosley, is the pastor of the Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ in Atlanta, Georgia; superintendent of the Light of the World District, an administrative assistant to Bishop J.E. Hogan, North-Central Georgia Jurisdiction. He also serves as the chairperson for COGIC World Missions, for the ME Convention. And whereas, Dr. Mosley, is an adjunct professor at Georgia Piedmont Technical College, where he teaches humanities, world religion, and skills for college success. And he formerly served as the chaplain for the Fulton County Police Department, and the Georgia Senate. And whereas, Dr. Mosley, has hosted conferences and workshops in Africa, Thailand, London, Malaysia, Indonesia, the settlement islands, and Barbados. He is married to, Evangelist Sheila M. Mosley, and he is the proud parent of two daughters, Amber, and Amanda; and grandfather of one, Macy Elaine. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners congratulates Dr. Mosley on the occasion of his consecration to the office of Bishop of the Barbados First West Indies Jurisdiction of Church of God in Christ. And does hereby proclaim Sunday, July 25th, 2021 as Bishop Arthur F. Mosley Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations."

BISHOP ARTHUR F. MOSLEY: "Thank you, Commissioner Hall, first for being in worship with us, and participating in worship. Secondly, thank you for this great honor that you and the Commission has bestowed upon me today. I want to thank you, as a Board, not only for honoring me, but also for serving our great County, serving our constituents. And I vow to continue to be in partnership with you by serving for the good of all humankind. God bless."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing Leatrice Ellzy Wright Appreciation Day sponsored by Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Come on Imara. Uh-uh, you know you can't sit there; this is your sister. All right. It's good to see you. Leatrice, I hate to see you go, but I know you're going to a much better place at the Apollo, so it is an honor to present this proclamation to you. And it reads: Whereas, Leatrice Ellzy Wright is a seasoned arts leader, curator, producer, thinker, and fan of disruption, whose unique skill set has developed through having over three decades of experience in nonprofit management and development, broadcast, media relations, arts presenting, and technology. And whereas, Leatrice has made an impressionable cultural imprint on the citizens of Fulton County through her visionary, and innovative work; starting with her time at the Woodruff Arts Center, where she launched, managed, and curated the institutions problematic initiative spirit and splendor, a celebration of African-American art and culture. And during her time at the National Black Arts Festival, serving as the organization's fifth artistic director. And whereas, on May 31st, 2021, she completed her tenure as Executive Director for the Hammonds House Museum, a cultural organization created and supported by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners through the Fulton County Arts Council, and during her four year tenure, she served as the institutions third Executive Director, and was instrumental in continuing to revolutionize the cultural and community programming presented at the institution that attracted attendees from every corridor of the Country and County and across the region. And nationally elevated Fulton County's commitment to art and culture, and educating in celebration of the cultural contributions of artists from the African diaspora. And whereas, Leatrice has been called to her next level of service, as she moves on to her new role as senior director of programming at the Historic Apollo Theater, where she serves as a primary steward of the institutions artistic vision, and helped shape the strategic program director of one of our nation's most vital performing arts centers, and one of the world's most recognized and celebrated artistic brands. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, commend the endless contributions of Leatrice Wright to the art and culture in Fulton County community, and wishes her well as she leaves the Big Peach for the Big Apple. And does hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 14th, 2021 as Leatrice Ellzy Wright Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations Leatrice."

LEATRICE ELLZY WRIGHT: "So hello, everybody. Good morning. I want to first of all thank Commissioner Hall for this honor for really recognizing me in this way, and as well as all the other Commissioners. I have stood at this podium many times over the years requesting additional funding for the arts. And so, and for the institutions that I have had the opportunity and the great pleasure of serving. And so, I accept this honor not only for me, but also for every arts administrator, artist, and all of those that are

connected to the arts in Fulton County. You know, when we think about the arts, we think about it as something as a dance, or as a picture on a wall, or, you know, a piece of music. But for so many people, it's so much more than that. And the arts -- and I hope that many of the people in this room are impacted in a positive way by the arts, but it is something that really delves into our spirits, and it's transitional and transformational, and it's something that we can't do without. So, whether it's the way that your mama cooks greens, or the way that you curl your hair, or the way that you walk down the street; all of it is creative and all of it is artistic, and it is really something that it permeates every part of our lives. And so, I want to thank the Board of Commissioners for continuing to support the arts in Fulton County. I've been around long enough to know that this Board of Commissioners has been the largest funder of the arts in the State of Georgia; and we are very appreciative of that support, but we, you know, just hope that everyone continues to step up to the plate, and continues to make sure that the music keeps going; that theaters keep, you know, telling our story et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera because the more support is needed. And especially in times like this when people are hurting, and they do find solace through the arts. And so, we ask that, you know, the Board of Commissioners continues to fund arts, and to support artist, as well as those because it's also a big sector. There so many people in this community that are employed by the arts. So, it's not just us out here, you know, doing this work; and I'm about to -- like you said, go to the Big Apple, where when they told me what my budget was, just to do what I do, I was like what? Really? That's how much you're going to pay me, and how much I get to play with? So, and I really hope to see that same type of energy and effort, you know, drift down into other spaces because it's such a important part of our lives. So, thank you very much. And I also want to thank Imara Canady, who is my brother, my friend; and my Board Chair, David Manuel, who is the new director of Arts and Culture here at Fulton County, but we started out together at Woodruff Arts Center. And another little known fact is I actually -- I see Jessica over here -- because I actually did a stint in Fulton County's communications department at FGTV with Shaunya Chavis. When Shaunya came she brought me along because we started out in television together years and eons ago. So, Fulton County has really been a very deep part of my life. And so, even though I'm heading to the Big Apple, I still am a citizen of Fulton County; I'm not moving. I'm staying in the County. So, thank, you everybody."

CLERK GRIER: "The last proclamation is recognizing Jelani Kendrick Appreciation Day Sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Will all -- good morning. Will all the family of Jelani Miguel Kendrick, please join me, and the other Commissioners, and our Chairman. Some of you can come on this side. All right. Okay. First of all, I just want

to say on a personal note; this gentleman is an unsung hero of the Mighty Six District, and I am so honored to be here with my colleagues, and my chairman just showing him an appreciation for what he's done to the community. He has done so much, and touched so many lives in the Mighty Six, and we just want you to know that we appreciate you. Whereas, Jelani Miguel Kendrick was born on October 9th, 1992, and grew up in College Park, Georgia, and attended Joseph Wheeler High School in Marietta, Georgia, where he earned a spot on the coveted McDonald's All-American basketball teams for high school boys. He also earned a spot on the Jordan Brand classic roster at Madison Square Garden in New York City, and he was ranked the Nation's 13th top high school player by ESPN. And whereas, Jelani Kendrick graduated from the University of Las Vegas, where he played for the Running Rebels men's basketball team, and has since played professional with the Nevada Desert Dogs, the London Lightning Ontario, Canada; Fraser Valley Bandits British Columbia; Mighty Sports Philippine, and Pioneros de Los Mochis -- I don't know if I said that correctly, but I got it close enough. Northwestern Mexico, and upon joining the Fraser Valley Bandits in 2019, Jelani led the team to a five-game winning streak, breaking their zero-ten drought. And he then led the Mighty Sports Philippines to become the first Asian team to win the Dubai invitational in its 31-year history, taking the gold cup. And standing at a mere 6 feet 7 inches tall, Jelani Kendrick is an electrifying talent that can score at all three levels, and he continues to fine-tune his skills in preparation for his next opportunity after the COVID-19 pandemic. To the delight of his longtime friends in his hometown of Atlanta and abroad, Jelani currently hosts several youth basketball camps at Burdett Gym in the City of South Fulton, where he would often play as a child; and has personally sponsored several, several, and I do mean several local student athletes to train at professional basketball camps where they can continue to grow in their skills. He remains a positive role model to the youth of Fulton County, and represents the amazing talent that is within District Six; and what I'm going to add and he does not seek the spotlight. He does this from his heart, his family supports the community, and we appreciate him. So, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the outstanding career of Jelani Kendrick, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 4th, 2021 as Jelani Kendrick Appreciation Day in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations."

JELANI MIGUEL KENDRICK: "I would just like to say thank you to the Board of Commissioners. Thank you to my family. At a very young age, my dad showed me what giving back to the community meant as well as my mom. I watched them sacrifice countless amount of dollars, countless amount of time not only to support me and my brothers, but also to support everyone in the community. I want to continue that legacy as I continue to build; and the foundation that was laid by them made it very easy. From walking down the street in District Six or College Park at the time, being 10 yards

behind my brothers because I was ten years younger than them, trying to figure out how to get on the basketball court; to being able to play in various different countries, and to be a top rated player, and to still be able to continue my career has been nothing less than amazing. And I'm truly blessed to be in this position. I would like to continue to give back to this community because Fulton County and South Fulton means everything to me. I've traveled the world and I feel like I've been one of the pillars to putting this on the map from a basketball standpoint. But also letting these kids know that basketball, like the lady before me said, it's a form of art. You can change the world with this art. You can do so many different things and these young men -- young women are continuously becoming great in achieving so many amazing things for my community; and I want to continue to be a pillar and an important piece, and to bringing some youth, and some different perspectives, and a different vision for these kids because I'm still a kid in a way. So, I just appreciate this community. I appreciate the Board of Commissioners. I appreciate this proclamation, and I want to continue to inspire; I want to continue to do camps; I want to continue to create opportunities for these kids and the youth to do amazing things, and to understand that it don't matter where you come from that you can achieve greatness and beyond greatness. And District Six stands to be one of the greatest counties and places that I've been in the entire world. And I want to continue to create opportunities for the youth. That's it for me, so, thank you, guys so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 7, Public Hearings. 21 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your point of privilege?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Go ahead, Mr. Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No. 1, I would like to start out by offering an apology to Commissioner Morris. At the last meeting, I called him a racist. I do not believe Commissioner Morris is a racist. In fact, I know that he is not a racist; however, his policy, I believe, was discriminatory. And discrimination either by accident or on purpose is still discrimination. But I should have attacked his policy, and not him. So, Commissioner Morris, I offer you my true and deep apologies for the personal attack on you. I think that you can tell by most of my words at that meeting that I was really attacking the policy and not you, but I wanted to make that clear."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Thank you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Secondly, I guess, I'll have to do the other one later."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir. Commissioner Morris, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Well, thank you, Commissioner Arrington -- Marvin, my friend. You know as I said to you in an e-mail, your dad called me after that and that was really, really special. He and I go back, as you know, a long way and that was a very warm verbal reunion. I appreciate the apology. You know one of your attributes is your passion, and your passion is to be admired. I know that I'm looking forward to working collaboratively on things because you and I agree on most things, and when we disagree, I'm looking forward to disagreeing agreeably. But thank you. I accept your apology. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. And if I can, also Mr. Chair, I would like to just take a moment for Richard English Jr., who was the longest-serving, and first and only black Commissioner in Troup County, who passed on yesterday. And so, I would just like to take a moment to acknowledge him and his service to the State of Georgia."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner Arrington. Thank you, Commissioner Morris. Madam Clerk, continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 7, Public Hearing. **21-0559**, Public Comment. Citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person, or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom video conferencing, or by submitting their comments in writing, online by registering on the County website www.fultoncountyga.gov. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. 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 will start with the speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received six speaker cards. Will all six speakers, please come down. Dr. Janice Johnston, Missionary Gussie Ann Breedlove, Maggie Goldman, Imara Canady, Bridget Thorne, and Susan Ross."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And speakers, when you have 15 seconds left of your two minutes, I'll simply say, 15 seconds and that's your key to sum up. Thank you. First speaker."

DR. JANICE JOHNSTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning Commissioners. I'm Dr. Janice Johnston. I'm a Fulton County resident who's very concerned about the conduct of Fulton County elections. I'm still unhappy about your decision to contract with Happy Faces to run our elections this November. Since the Fulton County Board of Commissioners controls the hiring and firing, and funding of Fulton elections, I must conclude that you're responsible for, and should be held accountable for how our elections are conducted. Is there anyone of you who can positively state who falsified the tally sheets in the last November election audit? Was it a Happy Face's employees? Or was it Fulton County employees? And let's talk about money. Now, there's a question of the County charging Fulton cities exorbitant amounts of money to conduct the November elections, which typically have about a 10 percent turnout. What's going on? Who is minding the taxpayers and electors' money? And why are we being asked to buy \$400,000 worth of voting pads this year? And I just heard a report of missing equipment. This is a 10 percent turnout election. I ask you to be good stewards of Fulton taxpayer dollars. Thank you."

MISSIONARY GUSSIE ANN BREEDLOVE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Well, good morning everybody. I'm just here -- my name is Missionary Minister Gussie Ann Breedlove, and Commissioner to all of you, greeting to you. I have prayed for many of you to take your position as officers here in Atlanta, and I'm still praying for you. We must love and repent and do the right thing people. I was here to -- the last time to talk about the ICS monies, but I'm not going to talk about a lot today because I know in you all hearts you got good heart -- you're loving people, caring people because as of 39-year missionary traveling the land if you were on the farm with me, on the mule and the wagon, you'll understand that love means a lot. And as a midwife, as servants of Fulton County, we're here to do the right thing. And I'm here to talk about the recapture of people properties because my sons have property here -- I'm an old lady, and I gave my family my land, but there is problems going on with people just picking up people's properties; and older people are sad about it. And we talk about it in our meetings when we have our senior meetings. It's time to recapture people property, and give it back to them where they can have it for their children and children's children. Now, I know hearts are here to do the right thing. I'll be praying for you all as I travel the land on my missionary trips. I was supposed to left this morning, but I had to come here before I left. So, I am here to pray for you, and to tell you to do the right thing, please. My blessing is with you, and Commissioner Pitts, you know I have prayed for you many times, you and your wife --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- fifteen seconds."

MISSIONARY GUSSIE ANN BREEDLOVE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "And I will continue to do that for all of you. God bless you."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "My name is Maggie Goldman, and I'm a resident of Johns Creek, District One. I support the efforts of Travis Moya and his legal representation, to file a civil lawsuit against the Alpharetta Police Department, and requesting the Fulton County DA dismissed Moya's charges, and open an independent investigation into the actions of the officers involved. The Alpharetta open record division was quick to deliver relevant body-cam video of the K-9 handler, 911 call, police report, use of force report, and policies regarding when to use a K-9 by use of force. After reviewing these materials, I agree with the reporting that this was a mental health call in which the officers arrived on the scene before the ambulance and the situation escalated unnecessarily. I support the request to have the felony charge dismissed as there was nothing I heard on the 911 call, saw in the body-cam video, or in the report that indicate any crime was committed to warrant an arrest in the first place. I'm not an investigator, and I will eagerly await Alpharetta's review of the use of force, but I'm encouraging the Fulton DA to perform her own investigation. A layman's reading of the K-9 use of force polices do not line up with any of the actions I saw on the video. We need to ask if these exact same actions would have occurred if the victim was white? Last week, one of the attorneys representing Moya, Gerald Griggs said, 'we are here again for a situation we should not have to witness in 2021'. Unfortunately, he's right. We like to say this isn't us; meaning, we don't support actions that threaten the lives of our black residents at the hands of police officers, but apparently it is us. And we need to create policies in a community environment that makes it unfavorable to perform these acts. Until serious consequences are enacted, I fear events like this will keep occurring. Our residents deserve to live in communities where they won't be treated differently because of the color of their skin."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you."

IMARA CANADY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning again Board of Commissioners. It's good to be with you this morning. My name is Imara Canady, and I'm a proud citizen of D5, as we like to say. I come to you this morning simply just to say, thank you. What you did on July 14th spoke volumes not only to the people of Fulton County, but to the people across the Southeast region. When you elevated, once again, the impact in support of arts and culture, you spoke to the very spirit and the very essence of why so many not only have chosen to live and dwell in Fulton County, but they've moved to this County from the furthest corridor to the north; to the furthest corridor to the south, and everywhere in between. Because we are a community that appreciates

arts and culture and what it does for a quality of life. And though we know that the impact and contributions of arts and culture transcends beyond the walls and halls of the 100 plus organizations that Fulton County funds, what we do know is Commissioner Hausmann that you said the artist and the lives of your district matters for those families and children that enjoy classes at Johns Creek arts center. Commissioner Morris, you said that the artist and the lives of the families and the thousands of millions that attend visual arts programming, performing arts programming at the Woodruff Art Center matters. Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Arrington, you said that the lives, and the artists, and the impact of art and culture matters for those that attend Hammonds House Museum/NBAF -- the 25,000 plus folks that came out for Wednesday Winddown in East point. And what we know is that the arts heal and they bring community together. So, we just simply say, thank you for what you did on July 14th, and thank you for what you will continue to do throughout this year. And as we move into 2022 to elevate not only art and culture, but continue to remember the ripple effect and impact of what art and culture does for this community. Thank you again and God bless."

BRIDGET THORNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello. I'm Bridget Thorne. I guess, you've had technical difficulties the past couple of times I speak, so, I guess I'll be heard this time. Last meeting you passed a \$7.7 million contract for Happy Faces Temp Agency to basically run our elections. You passed this contract despite the fact Stacey Abrams is financially tied to Happy Faces from the Secretary of State's UCC search which was presented. Anyone who says it is not a fact is spreading misinformation. Why didn't Happy Faces owner, Michael Harriston appear before this Board to defend his company? Fact. There's evidence that Happy Faces employees double scanned ballots. You were also presented with tally sheets that we're incorrectly filled out. Who filled these out? Un-redact the names Fact. The Secretary of State auditor said Fulton County election should not rely on temp agencies. They are untrained, they are sloppy, and they don't care. His report showed glaring incompetence. Despite these facts, four of you passed this contract. These are facts. And if you're going to argue against this, I implore you to use facts. I know the truth hurts, but when you are hurt, please don't lash out with name-calling. Don't call anyone against this contract a Trump-li-can. Don't judge their motives and say that the only reason they're against Happy Faces is because it's a minority owned company. Don't judge their heart, and call them a Jim Crow racist. You don't know me. And Commissioner Arrington, you messed up my comment here, but that was very bold of you to give that apology to Lee Morris that is just a prime, great example of how you guys should treat each other. You aren't going to agree --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- fifteen seconds."

BRIDGET THORNE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- this Board needs to be civil and respectful to everyone. I'm a caring citizen; I'm a compassionate citizen. I am fighting for election integrity. Election integrity is a nonpartisan issue. What are you fighting for? The opposite of integrity; I don't know. Thank you. Peace and blessings."

SUSAN ROSS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Susan Ross, and I'm a proud resident of District Six. And I want to say, good morning to all of the Commissioners. I've known many of you all over my career as a public servant with the City of Atlanta. I am here as an artist, as a former arts administrator, and as a board member of several arts organizations to commend Fulton County for the generous support of the arts that was passed at the last budget. And to thank you for recognizing the stellar work of Leatrice Ellzy Wright in the arts in Fulton County over the past 20 years. She has -- her work with the NBAF, and with the Hammonds House Museum has tremendously impacted the lives of Fulton County residents in many positive ways; bringing us arts experiences, and arts education that we would not have had otherwise. I also want to commend the appointment of David Manuel to the Fulton County Arts Council. I've known David as an arts administrator for many years, and I'm very pleased to see him in this new capacity. And finally, I do want to commend the County for having run the elections contrary to the previous public speakers; I am extremely supportive of your actions. I have seen a vast improvement. I have voted in Fulton County all my life, and am pleased to see what is going on now. So, I thank you, for all of your support and all of these things."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, the next speakers will be virtual."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "Good morning, Commissioners we have four who wish to speak. The first is Vincent Fort."

VINCENT FORT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I was disappointed a few weeks ago when I heard the comments that played the race card on the Development Authority of Fulton County issue. I was disappointed because of the fact -- the fact is that the African-American community suffers more than any other part of the community from the Fulton County Development Authority's action. Over the last two and half hundred million dollars of tax breaks, wealthy white corporations, and projects that would have happened anyway. This amounts to corporate welfare of these white wealthy developers. In addition, African- American taxpayers have to pay a disproportionate amount of taxes to compensate for these tax giveaways. And it is African-American children who suffer the most when the Atlanta Public School has to fork-over millions of dollars of tax breaks. 70 percent of the tax breaks that the Fulton County Development Authority gives, 70 percent of those tax breaks, comes from the

City of Atlanta, and 26 in South Fulton; and only 4 percent from predominantly white north Fulton. But we should focus on the things that need to happen to reform the Fulton/Atlanta Development Authority. First, Chairman Pitts, we implore you to appoint someone new to the Board of the Fulton County Development Authority. Someone who's a reformer, someone who's not been involved in the scandals of the Authority up to this point. And then finally, I think this Commission should support efforts at the State Capitol to dismantle the Fulton County Development Authority all together. So, thank you Mr. Chair, and Members of the Commission."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "Next person is a Aluke Nunn."

ALUKE NUNN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Aluke Nunn, and I live in East Point in District Five. So, it is now publicly known that the Development Authority is sitting on a \$7.5 million dollar bank balance, which honestly, is a pretty ridiculous amount for a four-person agency that does nothing but giveaway tax breaks to developers. If you leave the same people in control of the Development Authority, they'll spend the money on themselves, just like they quietly did for years, until concerned citizens brought this corruption to light. In fact, in the last Commission meeting, Commissioner Hausmann told them to go spend that \$7.5 million dollars on businesses. I work for a Housing Justice organization, and since the federal eviction moratorium expired last weekend, we're on the edge of an eviction crisis. That money that the Development Authority is sitting on could help some of the desperate families who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads. It's outrageous that this Commission doesn't seem to care enough about helping its constituents who are housing insecure, most of whom are black. That is the real racism. Commissioner Pitts, if you appoint a reformer to the Development Authority Board, there's a chance of shaking loose that money, and doing some good. Will you show some empathy for the victims of the eviction crisis? Or do you think fancy business trips are a good way to spend \$7.5 million dollars? Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "The next speaker is Adrienne Coleman."

ADRIANNE COLEMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Adrian Coleman, and I live in the City of Atlanta. I'm calling today to comment on the legislation, 21-0577, and it's a memorandum of understanding between Fulton County and Cobb County to house, temporarily, 500 inmates. According to legislation it is proposed for six months. My concern is that moving inmates out of Fulton County to Cobb disadvantages communities in terms of visitation and being able to connect with the inmate, or any family member, or loved one housed in Fulton County. I'm also concerned that Fulton County has not addressed the long-term implications of jail overcrowding. I haven't seen any legislation come before the Commission that talks

about what are we going to do long-term. To me, it reflects negatively on the Commission that we've allowed the jail to become overcrowded over these years. And these short-term solutions are not going to fix the ultimate problem. Also, with all due respect to Cobb County, we hired a Sheriff. We voted for a Sheriff and Commissioners in Fulton County. Not for our residents to be shipped off to Cobb County where there's a different mindset, different culture, and unconcerned about the safety of the inmate in the jail. First of all, these are inmates -- people who have not had their day in court before a judge. They have not been convicted of a crime, so I would urge you today to ask you look at the short-term solution, I would ask you to also look at the long-term strategy, and I'm deeply concerned with [Inaudible.] poor people who don't have --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

ADRIAN COLEMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- travel to Cobb County to keep that connection to their loved ones, who are currently incarcerated. Thank you so much."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "Next is Ben Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings Commissioners and staff. Special greetings to you citizens and voters of Fulton County who have tuned in to your County government in action. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. By passing ordinance 21-0449 on whatever date, we can't continue enhancing our voting processes and procedures. Ordinance 21-0572, help senior citizens bridge the technological divide and also should be passed. Regarding the resolution the company 21-0578, the opening reminder that public comment is not mandated by the Georgia open meetings act is condescending and unnecessary. Regarding page 4, line two of the resolution, by making in-person comments first to be aired, an e-mail comment second to be aired within that initial 30-minute timeframe there is a disparate impact upon County residents making comments from the North Fulton and South Fulton service centers. Whenever meetings last longer than 5:00 p.m., citizens at those service centers who have waited seven intensive hours in vain as those service center facilities are being vacated and locked. Oh, how I yearn for that day where public comment will not be considered a public nuisance."

RICO DOLLAR, IT: "That concludes our virtual."

CLERK GRIER: "Next comments will be the e-mail comments. Mr. Carver."

DARRYL CARVER for DONNA LAWSON: "Okay, we have a total of three people that e-mailed comments to us. The first of these comments is from Donna Lawson. God morning elected, selected, and rejected Fulton County leaders and engaged supportive listeners. Gayle Hunter Holloman the Executive Director of the library will not respond

to the question presented of can facility maintenance be defined as sanitizing the branch? Believe it or not the pandemic is ruling and causing our community to operate out of fear, indecisiveness, and chaos. The East Point location has been closed and reported six times since reopening on June 1st. Were any of those closures caused by pandemic concerns? We should know why. Think safety first matters. Are Fulton County employees paid when they don't work because of unexpected shutdowns. Northwest Library at Scott's Crossing was closed Saturday for what? Are their employees from that site out of work due to the virus? Why are we made to do an open records request on library questions that staff should respond to? Vicky Lajeese, the Manager of the East point location, a decades long employee of the library system is simply not a good fit for East point especially when she refuses to answer simple questions; for example, who is the president of the friends group. Ms. Holloman should not and could not answer the basic inquiry because of the Branch Manager's failure to communicate with her as the Executive Director. These are the kinds of trivial issues that are symptomatic of bigger library administration supporting insubordinate relationship matters better defined as micromanaging. People make decisions from what they're told by library staff, and the library staff appears ignorant and suspect when they cannot answer the questions. The system of Hope with humane servicing has crashed and it's burning. When the code of conduct cannot be adhered to by the employees, Commissioner Hall I do believe that you might know if any Northwest staff members are not working because of the COVID-19 diagnosis. It has been implied that Northwest is under your purview. It is now been confirmed by your staff at the time of this submission. Teryn Gilliam of the alleged group Manager for that site should be able to assist you with that data. Be warned that she is not known to be a team player though. Her title alone expresses that she's skilled, but her writing begs for interpretation and/or clarity on assigned duties."

DARRYL CARVER for SHEILA HAMILTON: "The next public comment is from Sheila Hamilton. Greetings Commissioners. Having several concerns today, I'll start with a voting issue. Citizens, there was no voter fraud. Let it go, let it go, let it go. About the millions sitting for rental and utility assistance, Commissioners, please check out what Michael Thurman, CEO of DeKalb County is doing; he's gotten a judge grant a 60-day moratorium extension proposing paying landlords one year back rent and three-months' rent moving forward. Last, the Fulton County Jail. Why is \$7 million dollars proposed to be paid to the Cobb County jail to house 500 inmates for up to 26 months? A new jail is proposed, but first, let's remove the Securus fees contracts and can we have better food for all inmates not just trustees and employees."

DARRYL CARVER for KAREN DUBIN: "Final public comments is from Karen Dubin. The IGA with Fulton Board of Elections for this year will cost Milton a flat rate in the

amount of \$84,671 which Milton and all the other cities pay this fee upfront. Previously, provisions for reimbursement were based on actual cost to conduct the elections. Was the reason Fulton County Board of Election's no longer reimbursing the cities after the elections? How come the other cities in Fulton County have not been questioned and resisted this years' IGA given there is no provision to reimburse the city after the elections cost. How was Fulton County board of elections justifying the flat rate when the cost to conduct the November 2021 election is basically the same as the election in 2019? Milton's municipal elections usually have low voter turnout; about an estimated 3000 voters. If the city of Milton agrees to this IGA, the city will be paying the Fulton County Board of Commissioners two-times the cost of the 2019 municipal election. Those were all the e-mailed comments."

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, Zoning Use Permits and Zoning modification applications **21-0560**, 2021Z-0002 SFC, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Fulton Industrial Boulevard.

ANGELA PARKER, CONSULTANT, PUBLIC WORKS: "This is a rezoning request from C2 commercial, from C2 commercial for the property at the corner of Fulton Industrial Boulevard and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to develop a new 5200 square foot retail building with a 4000 square-foot new retail convenience store, as well as a restaurant of approximately 1200 square feet. The staff recommends approval conditional of the rezoning. The applicant is also requesting to reduce the landscape strips along the 10-foot landscape strips along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and the 15-foot landscape strips along Fulton Industrial Boulevard. Given the fact that the applicant proposes to keep the underground gas tanks as well as the fuel dispensers, a portion of those are located within the landscape strips. Or the required landscape strip areas. Staff recommendation call for removing all of the pavement within those landscape strips areas, and additional landscaping be provided. Additionally, staff is recommending that the applicant work with the Department of Transportation to get approval of additional landscaping within Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Drive and also within Fulton Industrial Boulevard. With that we recommend approval of the variances with removal of all pavement except those areas that I mentioned previously and for maximizing the landscaping along both of those roadways."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The recommendation -- what? It's not a public hearing, is it? It is a public hearing; excuse me. All right. Anyone from the public here to speak

to this issue? Anyone from the public here to speak to this issue? Come on down please.”

AFTAB ALAM, APPLICANT: “Good morning Commissioners and everybody here. My name is Aftab Alam, applicant and I work with Goodrich Petroleum Inc. what Ms. Parker explained and I'm here to answer any questions you guys may have.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “So the recommendation is for to approve with conditions. You accept those?”

AFTAB ALAM, APPLICANT: “Yes.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay, any questions? Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Yes, I'm trying to understand why this is before us? I thought we only had the airport in Fulton County.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Lot of things in the works. I'll let, Ms. Parker, you want to explain.”

ANGELA PARKER, CONSULTANT, PUBLIC WORKS: “This area is actually north of I-20 and all of that area that's unincorporated north of I-20, the County still has. In fact, there is going to be a rezoning before the Board the next Board meeting as well.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “That is not accurate, Ma'am. The city of Atlanta has land -- got the land north of I-20. The city of South Fulton got the land south of I-20, and the only thing that the County retained was the airport property.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “So, Commissioner Arrington, the legislation that incorporated the area north of I-20, which was presumed to be the city of Atlanta that did not go forward. So, the only thing that went forward and was completed was for the annexation of the area south of I-20 all the way down; so, we still have one unresolved -- I call it a cheese slice north of I-20 that we still have responsibility for.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Okay. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—and you accept the condition, again, right?”

AFTAB ALAM, APPLICANT: “Yes sir.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Any other questions? All right. The motion – well it's not the motion, but the staff recommendation is to approve conditionally. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Let's vote, please.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I just want to say to Ms. Parker, good to see you again and welcome back to Fulton County. It's been a long time."

ANGELA PARKER, CONSULTANT: "Thank you, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

AFTAB ALAM, APPLICANT: "Thank you, have a good day."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0561**, 2021VC-0002 SFC, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, (SR139)."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any questions? The motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded back Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions? All right. Cast your vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0562**, 2021VC-0003, SFC, Industrial Boulevard Fulton Industrial Boulevard, (SR70)."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Vice Chair Hall; is that correct? All right. Questions or comments? If not, cast your vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you Madam Clerk, continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 8, County Manager's Items under open and responsible government, **21-0563**. Presentation of COVID-19 operational response update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes Sir, Mr. Chairman. We understand that there's some hard stops today; so, we're going to try to step through this presentation quickly, finishing by noon. And certainly, allowing for questions. First of all, as you know from the discussion with the Mayors, the Delta variant is having an impact on all of

our plans as well as citizens obviously, and our employees. We want to talk today about those trends, and specifically some recommendations to keep our employees safe and operate as a safety-first mindset as we have from the outset. You'll see in the trends, some very troubling increases and percent increases, 335 percent on cases 500 percent on positivity rate, as well as having close to 300 people in the hospital. So, it's definitely in a new phase. We're hyper-focused on vaccinations as we discussed earlier this week using mass media, social billboards, and radio creating over 30-impressions, 30 million impressions with our citizens with our VAX-UP campaign, and I think you saw this week a billboard on the downtown connector. We're also planning a major concert series outside of course hopefully keeping everyone safe, but to encourage vaccinations as well as at Wolf Creek amphitheater. With vaccinations as you'll see, at 53 percent with one shot 47 percent with two. We have plenty of work to do. The most sense of urgency we can demonstrate I think is through our mobile sites where we visit over 40 sites a week with ten units. We're also have pop up teams that are deployed by the Board of Health. All of which I think is having the desire in fact that 80 percent or so of the folks are receiving vaccinations from our mobile sites are people of color. So clearly, we're I think hitting the right -- right note, but we need to do much more and is encouraged this week I think even further outside of the box to get scale in that effort. We also announced the opening of ERAP2 which we're very proud to do on Monday. We're leading all Metro counties as reported by the AJC in terms of distribution of funds. And we believe that we will distribute all of our funds in the next 60 to 90 days which will be very consistent now with the extended moratorium on evictions. So, again, we'll present briefly on that today. The recommendations that we're going to make are simple; 1. is to require a mask in all Fulton County buildings again consistent with CDC guidance; 2. is to require employees to either vaccinate or weekly tests, and present proof of one or the other. And then, from an operational perspective to stay essentially in status quo mode in our libraries and senior centers. So not closing anything, but definitely taking a more cautious approach. And I hope that this will be seen both consistent with our employees in terms of our actions previously but also in the spirit of safety first. As well of course our most significant operational program is the court backlog reduction project. It is underway with the approval that you gave us, the 75 million in funding, hiring has begun. Also, much of the work in terms of identifying courtrooms, technology needs, and a lot of the logistics that will be necessary will be -- is underway now, and will be fully completed by 10/1. We are going to summarize additional needs that are being brought forward some of which we're discussed by the Sheriff and the DA representatives in the last meeting, but we have collected other information for additional needs in other areas and anticipate bringing a midyear budget review back to you in the next meeting for you can see holistically all of the requests as well as all of the potential sources of funds. As we start this presentation and walk-

through, just remember one of the things that we've said from the outset is, we would operate in an act and adjust mode. I think this is the pan ultimate perhaps acting and adjusting given all of these different impacts, but with a I think conservative financial and compliance approach, as well as the ability to out execute any local government. I think we'll have good results for our citizens and employees. So again, I'll try to keep everybody on schedule. Matt, it's up to you to really step through this part quickly because sometimes, we get a little bit bogged down on all these statistics, and the Commissioners have seen some of these before so as quickly as possible let's get through this piece. Dr. Paxton I believe is here today so I want to give you an opportunity to ask her some direct questions."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "Thank you Sir. Good morning, Matthew Kallmyer, Emergency Management. Like the County Manager just said, regrettably we showed you on Monday with the Mayors – we're going to actually go into greater detail to, but the numbers are not really something that we're very proud to go ahead and show. You see in some of the categories, numbers we haven't seen since January of this year as well as a 500 percent increase in some categories as well. Would like to say the seven-day averages for cases percent positives as well as hospitalizations are up. As you'll see that on our scorecard, three of these major indicators are actually yellow or red and that is actually what's contributing to the chief operating officer and the County Manager's decision regarding masking and other return to work policies since July 1st, 99 percent of all COVID hospital admissions as well as fatalities or deaths have been due to unvaccinated individuals. I believe last BOC meeting, I put that forth to you all and to the public to make sure they understand. Regrettably, we're still seeing those values as well; and we're still showing that 85 percent of the new COVID infections are in areas and census tracked areas with the lowest vaccination efforts. Excuse me lowest vaccination uptake, not efforts, uptake. Uptake is actually occurring. Mr. Schuster, if you could go ahead and run us through quickly some of the statistics?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Next slide. Just wanted to show you visually what it looked like during the last BOC meeting --on the left-hand side you can see Georgia and the United States and that was really the beginning of the latest surge that we're seeing, in just a very short time, three weeks you can see especially with the southeastern United States look like and in Georgia. You can see that this spread has started in rural communities but is quickly moving to suburban areas. Next slide. Every month, I like to show you the month totals for cases and deaths. The very great news that there were only 20 deaths for the month of July. It's our second lowest ever since the beginning of the pandemic, but as you all well know, deaths are a lagging indicator so as cases go up, we would assume that the deaths would go up in August so that's why the case rise

is so troubling. Next slide. So, I know we throw a lot of numbers at you, and there's a lot of numbers on this slide, but last night was pretty devastating and changed some of these numbers even more. So, I'll start at the top seven-day average cases went up in one day a seven-day average from 191 to 254 which represents a 445 percent increase since the last BOC. This is because there were 640 new cases in Fulton County diagnosed yesterday, and that's the largest number since January 15th. The seven-day average for percent positives remember 10 percent, over 10 percent is considered out of control. It's gone up to 13.7 overnight, and 504 percent since the last BOC. Seven-day average for hospitalizations went up from 290 to 311 overnight which is 478 percent. And we had 55 additional admissions for COVID in one day -- that's our largest one-day total in the history of the pandemic. Average for deaths has remained the same for about the last month, but like I said it is a lagging indicator. Next slide. Quickly, looking at the scorecard, just three weeks ago, all of our status was green. We will be red in cases in hospitalizations on this current track in the next two or three days. The lagging indicator will be in red at this rate if we really pay attention to, and so, I'll won't go into any more detail on this slide. Next slide. Matt.

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: “So, I wanted to make sure that everyone knows what we’ve been doing on the vaccination response thus far; so, we’ve reached 5,000, 500,015 vaccines have been administered, over 36,000 doses have been administered through our mobile program. We still have ten mobile units that are going out to 35 unique locations this week. And the six fixed sites that you see on there are still operational. The one thing we like to highlight is that the 5710 Stonewall Tell Road our southern vaccination location, we're actually extending the hours to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday so once again, the 5710 Stonewall Tell Road location in South Fulton has hours that go from our normal operating hours at 10 in the morning to 8:00 p.m. at night Tuesday through Saturday. So, people can take advantage of that as well. The Board of Health has three roving strike teams that are actually working the downtown corridor, has been doing some incredible targeting with that as well as answering people's questions in the community in dealing with any hesitancy as well. And we have seen great progress with that particular group. As you all know, the CDC has issued a mask guidance update, and I've seen our efforts in communicability Fulton County is definitely considered one of those and you did see the statistical data that goes ahead and proves to that affect. We're also seeing a very large number of our hospital partners that are experiencing staffing issues and we're working with them to address that as best as we can. Next slide.”

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: “Just quickly show you that we're at 515,000 vaccines delivered by the Board of Health, Fulton County [Inaudible.]. Since the last meeting, we did cross the hundred thousand boundary at 4700 North Point. Great interview, if you

had a chance to see it with the person actually -- the Delta variant was the main reason that that person got vaccinated. Next slide. We'll let Dr. Paxton talk to you all about the Delta variant."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "And thanks Doug. What I can tell you is that this has been -- we've seen unprecedented surge in terms of the speed with which the Delta variant has taken over. Back in May, we essentially had like one percent of our cases where the Delta variant it's now up to 80 percent. And that has happened, the huge surge really happened in the last couple weeks. And so, what I wanted to just highlight here is to get some numbers because people ask about these all the time about what it's like the actual risks to somebody who is vaccinated versus someone who is not vaccinated. And so, in Georgia as you'll see here, and again don't look at the proportion of this, because clearly these circles are not representative of actual proportionality, but of the over 4 million people are fully vaccinated. But out of all those we've only had about four a little under 5000 test positive, 118 hospitalized, and 24 have died; so, if you look on the left side, you'll see that the percent who tested positive is only 0.12 percent, hospitalization is .002853 percent and the death rate is even lower .00058 percent. So, basically what does it saying? It's that we are seeing breakthrough cases, but they are very, very rare. And so, this latest COVID surge in which we've just been talking to you about is really again, an epidemic of the unvaccinated. And if you kinda want to get a flavor for what it's like for us over at DPH, I just have to print out this e-mail from Dr. Kohn, our epidemiologist just from yesterday in which he said 639 new cases reported overnight and a 10.9 percent positivity rate; it is no longer a slow train wreck the way Dr. Paxton characterized it last week. It's a jumbo jet crash. Look at the graph on page 2 literally busting the chart. So, may I have the next slide, please? So, this just shows sort of the spread of the Delta variant in the United States right now. Overall, it's estimated that accounts for 85 percent of new cases nationwide and at least 80 percent in Georgia; so, basically if anyone comes in and is diagnosed with COVID right now, you can pretty much assume that they have the Delta variant. The Delta variant is more virulent. At least, you know, somewhere in the order of like five to ten times more than the alpha strand which was the beginning strand. But even conservative estimates of that are at least two to three times more transmissible. The symptoms that people have, are generally the same which is good. The early data, and again, I want to emphasize that we are gathering data on this now, but it does suggest that besides being more transmissible, the Delta variant is also more associated with greater morbidity, slightly higher hospitalization rate than the alpha strand. Luckily, so far, the current death rate appears to be about similar, and we cannot emphasize this enough. The best defense for this is still the vaccines. May I have the next slide, please. So, this is just an illustration. This is from the CDC report about how does the Delta variant compare to other common diseases, or even less common, but more

famous diseases? And if you see here, the blue box -- the pink box represents what we'll call the ancestral or alpha strand of COVID the one we were dealing with up until now. The blue box is Delta, and you can see here that they have ranked it against other diseases that we see. And the Delta variant is more transmissible than MERS, than SARS, than Ebola, than the common cold, than the seasonal flu, the Spanish flu, or smallpox. Now, granted thankfully those other diseases are more lethal, but this Delta variant is more transmissible and this Delta variant is as transmissible as chickenpox. May I have the next slide? So again, this is another way of showing you, you know those of you who are graphically inclined such as our antigen shows a communicability. Like with the ancestral slide you know from that first point over on the left, it shows it's spreading to a like eight people over a period of time from one person with the Delta variant you can see the spread is just so much faster. Okay, next slide please. So, did you want me to talk about this? Why don't you take it."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "I'll take it. I'll finish up quickly. We always show you the state dashboard. At least one dose goes up about a percentage point about every ten days based on the current up-take of vaccines. I just want to bring out that the state dashboard, I just want to remind you all is against the total population of the county not those eligible for vaccine. So, we're a little better when you talk about those eligible at 64 percent for one dose, and 58 percent for fully vaccinated, those numbers were taken from the CDC in the New York Times article. So, we're a little bit better, but still to get to any kind of herd immunity, we're not as close as we need to be. Next slide. Lastly, we want to talk a little bit about our mobile efforts. What you see in the green is census-tracked data which shows the percentage in color of green there of people vaccinated, the darker colors are the lowest vaccinated communities in Fulton County. And as you can see, the yellow dots are our mobile solutions that are actually out either in or next to those communities where we can ensure that we're reaching the right populations. And as Mr. Anderson alluded to, we are reaching approximately every week now right around 80-85 percent people of color, but also we're reaching a demographic of the younger generation really 15 to 35 it is our lowest vaccinated, and we're doing about 80 percent of those vaccinations to that group also. So, our mobile solutions are working we just wish the numbers were higher and we're going to continue to try and get better at that. Next slide. These we -- I'm not going to spend any time on this, but it is in your packet. These are our locations for the week. Next slide, please."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "I'd like to bring Dr. Paxton back up to the microphone. She's two things to go ahead and speak about. We had a successful operation of Fulton County schools last week Saturday. Atlanta public schools is what we're looking at for next week for 38 schools as well as the second visit to go back and offer that vaccination as well to their faculty, staff, and students. As you'll see, the

second from the bottom bullet point, 121 individuals were vaccinated through the Fulton County effort, and the last two things I'd just like to go ahead and show case is, 1. We've actually been able to work with the city of Atlanta to identify 62 major construction sites that came by happen-chance when we did a vaccination effort for an Atlanta United game; there was construction going on over at Hard Rock Hotel, and those employees came down after the end of the work-shift and took advantage of the mobile vaccination unit we had there. So, that sparked our interest. We looked into it. We found 62 major construction sites. We're reaching out to those individuals to see if we can be a mobile unit to them either at the beginning or the end of their workday to be able to go ahead and vaccinate those individuals as well. And we'll be at the Falcons practice at Mercedes-Benz Stadium this Saturday also offering vaccinations as well for that community. Dr. Paxton."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "And, yes, and I just wanted to just let you know of some things that just recently happened. You might be aware that the Department of Public Health released an administrative order related to the schools on Monday. And I'm prepared to talk about it if you have any particular questions about that, but that is that -- let me just state the goal of this is to keep children in school for face-to-face learning as much as possible. So, I can talk about that later if you ask. We have been seeing an increasing number of outbreaks of COVID just on Monday we had to deal with two outbreaks in various shelters around here. So, we had to divert our strike teams that have been doing vaccinations to deal with the shelter outbreaks. And of note it's just yesterday I believe it was the FDA approved the use of monoclonal antibodies as post exposure prophylaxis for people who have been exposed. And so, we have been working currently right now with Grady and I believe with Emory -- who Grady has this monoclonal antibody and now it can be delivered subcutaneously before it had to be delivered intravenously. So, which really kind of limiting its use. So, we are exploring now using that in like for example in these outbreak situations that we're dealing with in the shelters. We have lots of people in congregant settings who are. So, we're beginning to look and will let you know if we proceed with that. And I think those are the updates I wanted to bring you, and I think, are we open for questions?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Mr. Manager where are we?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: MIC OFF "--ask any questions of this team."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, we've got a line up hear. We're on a tight schedule. Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Hausmann, Vice Chair Hall, and Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I'll try to be real quick. There are three things I was going to ask about. First of all, Mr. Manager, you talked about requiring the staff either to be vaccinated or to be tested; is that something that you need BOC approval to do?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "We're going to coming up in the next piece of this presentation, ask for that approval."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Okay, so that's coming, all right."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes Sir."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Secondly, I worry about our backlog project and whether this outbreak, if it continues to be bad, and worsens, whether that jeopardizes the courts I'm trying to address the backlog with courtrooms, and juries, and so on. I mean I assume the answer is it may. Now, is that going to be up to the judges?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I'll ask Alton to comment."

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PSS: "If I can, Commissioner, I think a couple of things impacted, one is we have had a great success in vaccinating individuals at the jail, and so it will allow us to in fact have individuals come over and be part of the transport and continue to ramp up the jury trials. But secondly at this point in time, given where we are in hiring and setting up the courtrooms, and in fact the protocols we're going to establish I think we feel pretty comfortable that we'll be able to set them up in a safe manner with the appropriate -- with the appropriate protocol. So that's the expectation we have both the increased vaccinations as well as setting up the making sure that masks and all the other things are going to be followed per the County Manager's recommendation."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "All right. We will continue to hope that that process continues. Thirdly, I was going to ask about mononuclear antibodies. Glad you raised that. I've been asked by some doctors in my District to see whether this was something the county ought to be cranked into as opposed to hospitals and private physicians. Are you suggesting that we the Department of Health has a role in administering these antibodies to folks?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "We think we do. I think we're looking into doing it as a partnership though. Grady has mobile has teams that can do this and they have experience with it. It's only been very recently that it's been approved to for sub-q and for post-exposure, I mean, literally yesterday. So, we need a little time to look into this, but, yes. I think that because of the greater use of it, we'll probably, you know, help reduce some of the cases—"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Is this a single injection?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "It's a single injection."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "So, it's just a shot like—"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yes, it's a shot—"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "—for vaccinations—"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "--okay, thank you very much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, thank you. Could you pull-up slide ten, please? There you go. To me that tells such a story with the effectiveness of the vaccine and that's what we need to be focusing on communicating as much as we can to the public that it works. And that you definitely have good reason to take it. I think that we're in a situation of mixed messages still out there because it's now recurring again. And a lot of folks that have gotten vaccinated like they should have, including just about everyone in this room, you know, now it's going to be a situation where we're penalized in some respects by going back to wearing masks and we all understand why, okay? But that the reality is that as we continue to have this mixed message and people thinking well it really doesn't matter, why should I get it, it's not going to change my life. It does change your life. If you do contract it, you'll likely not be in the hospital nor face you know the worst outcome. And you know, so there is a good reason and if we're ever going to get to the point where we really are past it, we have to continue the efforts to vaccinate. So, I just really, really hope that this is the message that we're focused on and trying to make sure that people understand there is good reason -- very good reason to get vaccinated. I'm curious if you're seeing any upticks in the last ten days or so since this is really been a public issue in vaccination rates in Fulton County."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Yes, Ma'am. So, we're seeing like I said in the last week over a hundred percent each week now in upticks. And I didn't mention it, but we talked about the historical night in additional hospitalization's last night, 40 of the 350 people in the hospital are in the CCU unit and that's kind of a historical place too. So, one of the myths out there is that you're not going to get as sick or you know but there are people suffering today in Fulton County critical care units and the upticks are about a hundred and 20 percent a week on top of the week before. So, it's astronomical as Dr. Paxton said, the lines on the charts are almost going straight up."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Doug, I believe Commissioner Hausmann is asking are we seeing more individuals taking advantage of the vaccine—"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "—oh, thank you, I apologize—"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "—it's only a 10 percent increase over last week's; we thought it would be a lot—".

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "—ten percent?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "—yes, it's not—"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "—it's hard to hear you wearing your mask."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "—I'm sorry Ma'am, I apologize."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "— okay, and then your slide about the breakdown of who's getting the vaccines; I look at your map and the area I represent got a huge Asian population, and it looks like 0 percent of Asian's so that's obviously not accurate. I know everybody doesn't necessarily give you that information, but I just think we should revisit that slide because it looks like the Asian community is in fact getting vaccinated."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "That's just our mobile units, Ma'am, and so overall the Asian community is about 2 percent over their population level; they got vaccinated the earliest group in Fulton County--"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "--that's what I thought."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "--that's just what we're targeting with the mobile system--"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "—okay, all right. Well, I don't want to be giving the wrong impression to folks."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "No, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Hall?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I just have one question for each of you, and that is: Why are you wearing your mask?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "And I'm wearing my mask because of the CDC recommendation that even people who are vaccinated should wear their masks when they are inside in a public indoor setting. So, I wear my mask."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. Thank you."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "I've got comorbidities, been vaccinated on the first day with Dr. Paxton but it's about protecting others and that's where we are today."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "For me, setting an example professionally; personally, I have a 5-year-old and I have a 7-year-old at home. They're not vaccine eligible I do not want to bring it home to my family."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. I appreciate all of your answers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chair. First of all, I want to commend you all. I was at the APS back to school, as well as Banneker, and I was able to see the individuals that were lined up to get the vaccinations, and so, I want to commend you on that because that does make a difference. I had an opportunity to talk to some of the people after they actually did it, and I asked them what was some of the reasons they did it; they said it was there. They came for a book bag and left with the what they needed to deal with this. This is my concern because as I go out and about, and a lot of times I spend 10-to-12 hour days in the community: The incentives that I am hearing that will work to get people who will not respond to a billboard, will not respond to extended hours they may respond to a gift card. They may respond to a Walmart \$10 card as they're going in, and get you know the vaccination. And so, what I'm asking -- because I know I have brought this to the body before is there a reason that we're not looking at the incentives being some type of gift card?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "I'd might have to turn it over to the finance people because we actually would love to be able to give out such incentives and so we've presented cost information about that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Aren't you going to address that later on?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "So, gift cards are not a part of the employee incentives that we--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—they're not cards but incentives—"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "--for employees, yes."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "—and I would just add the vaccination budget that we have planned does include funding for a gift card type initiative that external affairs, and the finance staff are working on building out so that we have those cards available or a means for individuals to obtain the cards once they have received their vaccine."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "So, I will take that as a no, to my answer because what I'm asking -- and the reason I ask this and I've had this conversation with the County Manager. I did quite a bit of work with the HIV project, and I know that the individuals that were being reached with that project responded to a card being put in their hand at the time that they were getting the vaccination. And so, to give something afterwards or to give something as an employee, or to give something other than tangible putting in the hand, I as a sitting Commissioner, who has had conversations with Mayors, and other health professionals feel like as the County we are missing the mark if we do not look at putting a physical card in a person's hand at a highly trafficked area. If you got a Walmart or super Walmart and someone is going in, and family members it may be the mother and the daughter that's of age or what may be the husband and wife and you say, okay, it's a \$10 gift card they're going in there anyway even if they distrust that \$10 will make a difference in saving someone's life. So if it sounds like I'm beating a dead horse, or if it sounds like I'm begging, I am begging for that to be revisited because we are looking at the numbers now and if we're truly going to try to turn this around, I would appreciate if those that are in control of making the decisions to affect the communities especially communities of Black and Brown look at having a quick incentive card; it could be \$10; I promise you, based on my history with the health community, it will make a difference. Thank you."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "I wouldn't say that you're beating a dead horse. We would love to do that. I know that a 10-dollar Publix's certificate gets me in there every year for my flu vaccine. So, no, we're just waiting for -- we stand ready to start giving those out as soon as we can."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Dr. Paxton. I appreciate it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions or comments? Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: MIC OFF "I think we can go ahead and move to the – MIC ON – go ahead and move to the reopening – plan number 24, Madam Clerk."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Next slide, please. Good morning, again, Commissioners, at the request of the Chairman I will try to step through this fairly quickly as well. Not much to say about this slide, I think we've had a lot of discussion in the previous section about the danger that we find ourselves in with respect to the seven-day average of positive cases. The only thing I will say about this slide is that we are thinking about how this slide might look different the next time we provide a report to the Board of Commissioners. When we establish these gating criterias, that was not yet a vaccine present and it's become such a critical part of our defense mechanism against this virus. And so, we're thinking about -- especially as we examine employee requirements -- figuring out what our thresholds, and requirements in monitoring cadence will be around vaccination. So, you may see a vaccination component on our gating criteria the next time around. Next slide. So, the increase in cases that we see across the County is again showing up, and as well as the country is again showing up in our employee population. In the last three weeks since we have presented to the Board of Commissioners, we have 20 new cases among our employee population. And that has resulted -- next slide -- in a grand total of 387 COVID-19 positive employees since we began tracking. Next slide. Our employee positives, as well as our monitoring of our County, regional, state, national results around COVID-19 positive employees has prompted us to think about our return to office plan and what adjustments we will be making as a consequence of where we find ourselves in terms of the pandemic. The Manager alluded to some of these in his remarks. I'd like to take a moment just to walk through each of them in a little bit more detail. The first -- we took somewhat of a three-pronged approach to what our adjustments are going to be first, we are planning to implement both the CDC -- as well as the BOC guideline to require face coverings in doors within our County facilities, and that we will move forward with implementing following today's meeting. And the second prong of our approach includes enhancing our employee incentives, and that one in particular we have a slide that provides a little more detail on it. But as well as education and somewhat of a 30-day push toward getting 80 percent of our workforce vaccinated by Labor Day. And we're hoping that both the incentives as well as any education that we could provide to our employees, as well as making our public health department available for anyone who's hesitant that may have questions about the vaccine, allaying their concerns about that and in this 30-day push, we would get our 80 percent vaccination within our workforce. The FDA has granted Pfizer, as you know, priority review status for their COVID-19 vaccine in both the New York Times, and Reuter's are both reporting and estimating that Pfizer will get to full authorization by early September. And we're hoping that coincides nicely with the third prong of our approach which is to implement vaccination or testing requirement for all employees around Labor Day after we complete that 30-day push. If the vaccine gets to full authorization, I think it makes it a little bit easier and will be relevant for those

who are waiting on full authorization in order to be vaccinated and so we're hoping that will coincide nicely. But either way, we think we've put a lot of effort in to incentivizing as well as educating employees to become vaccinated and we think that 30 days from now around Labor Day is the time that we'd like to move forward with a requirement to either be vaccinated or be requested to test on a weekly basis and provide proof of a negative test once per week for employees. We do caveat this slightly below as you can see in that box for number three that this does because of the impact on employees we have been advised by the County Attorney that this does require the Board of Commissioners to approve that policy. So, we will be working with the County Attorney's office and the Chief Human Resources Director to bring that policy forward for the board's approval at the next meeting. There is also a mention about certain exceptions, and so what we're doing in that regard as having constant conversations with our justice partners to ensure that our intent and direction is aligned with what their intent and directions are as well. Alton Adams has started those conversations and can answer any questions you have about a preliminary readout from those thoughts. So that's our overall three-pronged approach, but other adjustments that we will be making is pausing the implementation of our reopening of senior centers. As you know, we are open now, but with a number of caveats that require both appointments for use of certain facilities, limited programming, in-person programming that is, and so, we will continue on this basis until we get better control of the pandemic within our region. Not a lot of changes to libraries. We've recognized the value to the community especially as schools begin to reopen. We do want to limit the number of individuals that are allowed inside study rooms so, the staff will be doing their best to monitor study room utilization and limiting it to two individuals within study rooms. And we're also going to try to limit large gatherings in meeting rooms as well. In terms of public events, we're going to be staying away from counties sponsored public events of course unless their vaccine related, as well as limiting staff support of public outside events. Again, it's a matter of trying to assess those public events, and seeing and ensuring that our staff is safe as they look to support Commissioner's in their public appearances. With respect to assembly Hall, we've talked about this a little bit before reducing our capacity to approximately 30 percent which gives us 75 available seats. That would be our approach to making sure that we continue to provide access to the public, but do so in a safe -- in a safe manner. Next slide. This is slide we continue to provide the board and update on our level of participation and the vaccination incentive program. As you see when we started capturing most employees who had been vaccinated to that point, we were at about 30 percent and as of July 12th, we are at -- I'm sorry -- as of this past Friday, we're at approximately 55 percent. Next slide. We also talked slightly a little bit on two previous slides about our enhanced employee vaccination incentive. So again, you've got the hundred and \$50 incentive which we report to you on at every board

meeting, and what this contemplates is that we would have a weekly giveaway in our 30-day push to Labor Day which is a random drawing of a \$500 gift card. And the chief human resource officer has created -- has been creative in a graduation of this prize to if we achieve our 80 percent, that we would have a \$10,000 grand drawing. So again, this 30-day push will focus on keeping in place the incentives that we do have -- the \$150, but also ramping that up to \$500 gift cards as well as a grand prize of \$10,000 and Kenneth can answer specific questions around that incentive if you have any following the presentation. Next slide. And so, Commissioners, this is the final slide that I will present to you today. Yesterday, the CDC issued an order extending the moratorium on evictions to October 3rd. That extension is limited to counties experiencing substantial and high levels of community transmission. And as Dr. Paxton and/or Doug, I think mentioned in their remarks, Fulton County is such a County that has been designated as one experiencing substantial and high levels of community transmission. So, this CDC order extending the moratorium on evictions -- we expect will apply extending it to August 3rd, we expect will apply to Fulton County as well. I think it also aligns nicely, again with our ERAP launch -- phase two which we did on Monday. I had a very successful launch and we look forward to continued progress in that regard. When the presentation was developed, actually I'm very proud of the work Jessica and her team did -- we had 12,000 -- over 12,000 website visits on the day that we launched. I haven't gotten an updated number from Jessica yet, but I thought that was remarkable for our first day launch. In addition, on our first day, we had 630 total calls placed to the call center. As an updated number on day two, we added 378 calls into the call center for a total of 998 calls so far processed in our two days of opening of ERAP2. On the first day, we had 1690 applications initiated again when the presentation was developed we were at 1490 by the end of the day we were at 1690 and then day two, we had an additional 1216 applications initiated which brings us to nearly 3000 applications in two days. So, we're very excited about the momentum as well as the response from the community to our launch and we look forward to be able to adjudicating those applications on an expedited basis and more importantly getting them paid on an expedited basis. And we've started that to some degree already in the two days we have reviewed and adjudicated 366 applications, payment is scheduled for those applications as well as any additional ones we adjudicate on Tuesday, August 10th. And based on our transition to our provider, we expect on August 16th, just start a cadence of payments on a daily basis not just on Tuesday and Thursday as we have been doing and as we're doing now. So again, really tremendous progress with respect to ERAP2, and just would like to congratulate Dr. Roshell, Mr. Wilson, and the community development team for the work that they are doing there. Mr. Chairman, I can answer any questions about those three sections, and also have Kenneth, Pamela, and Alton available if there are any questions about--."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you, Madam COO. We have two speakers Vice Chair Hall followed by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I just want to commend all of you, Mr. County Manager, Madam COO, Madam CFO and all the executive team, as well as Dr. Roshell, and the community development team and just say job well done. And I'm so, so happy to hear that the CDC extended the moratorium on evictions. Yesterday, when we did our press conference that was one of the things that I stated that we really needed to have happened in conjunction with our new phase two which I'm so proud of. So, thank you all."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. Quick question: The actual drawing for the 10,000 and the 500 will that include all the employees or the ones that just started now?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Kenneth, do you want to expand on that?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Good morning Commissioners. Kenneth Hermon, Chief HR Officer. It would include all the employees that have met the criteria for the \$150 vaccination incentive. So, if you provided proof that you are vaccinated, and you received that \$150, you will be entered into the drawing for the \$500 as well and the grand drawing of the \$10,000."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And I know that we, and I commend what you all are doing because at the end of the day it's about our safety and it's the safety of the employees. Some of the employees that I've talked to for whatever reasons, they are beginning to feel may be a little heat; they're beginning to feel a little ostracized. And so, whatever we communicate to them, I want to make sure that we communicate to them to do not falsify any information because we know over the weekend and in related reports that people are falsifying information left and right for whatever reason. And so, we don't want to be -- or should I say, I don't want anybody in leadership to be in a position that they have to you know take any kind of action because an employee has falsified information because they feel like well the spotlight is on me which generally speaking it would be because it's about your safety. But I just want to make sure that we communicate that because we are trying to make sure that Fulton is a safe place to work."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "And we will do that Commissioner. One of the things that I recognize in a separate matter working with Kenneth is that we

do need to make explicit what consequences are going to be for falsifying information so that is a good point. We'll make sure it's on the communication."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Likewise, I think we also discussed that you know the fact that now it can go directly to a tenant. We need to make sure that they understand that it needs to be used for the intended purpose. Can you speak to that a little bit, please."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yeah, I'd ask for Dr. Roshell's help because she's studied the treasury guidelines. We will do whatever we can within the guidelines to do that Commissioner. We are also limited on how far we can push or dig into what a tenant does with the funds once we provide it to them. But we do plan to emphasize on the front end that this is for -- for assistance with rental purposes, and the more that we're working with the magistrate court, directly, the more we'll be able to ensure that the funding gets used for the intended purposes because that's aligned to a dispossessory action. So, Pamela, did you have anything to add to that?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, FC HHS: "The only other thing I would add is that the tenant does sign an attestation that they will use the funds as directed which is for rent and utility assistance through the case management process. Case managers do assist those tenants with identifying the location and in some cases they will pay the award directly to their new home. So, there is the attestation in place."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Very good because I mean obviously the purpose of keeping people safe in their homes is what we're trying to get. And there is added health risks if you're not sheltered, so I just really, really hope we're emphasizing that to folks so, they understand that. You mentioned the magistrate court and I thought you might talk a little bit about that program. I know it's been in the media; but, can you just share with us what's happening there please."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: Sure. And so, we have been working. First of all, Chief Judge of magistrate, Cassandra Kirk, has been a terrific partner from the very beginning on emergency rental assistance and has kept the lines of communication between our team and her and her staff very open and so we had things in place previously. The other thing we put in place as we started to launch ERAP2 was direct access of her staff in to our application portal. So, judges would have that information to inform their decisions. We've taken it one step further as a consequence of a recommendation by Commissioner Morris which was endorsed by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman to make sure that we make that a two-way partnership and so not just

do they have access to our application system, we have now embedded two members of the community development staff -- temporary staff in the magistrate court; so, they have direct access and assistance for allowing the emergency rental assistance program to be accessible to parties of that dispossessionary action."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Great. So, they have real-time corroboration of the need of the individual that might be before them facing eviction?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Very good. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes Sir, we're slightly past the noon hour, and I think I only have a minute or so update on any changes in the financials in the consolidated plan."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you. We can go to the next slide, please; actually, one more. Thank you. Commissioners, I'll be very brief and just plan to cover the information on the slide that's before you. This simply shares with you changes that we have made to our COVID response plan since the last Board meeting. If you look in the middle of the page under plan changes, you'll see some movements between the EERF general fund and the American Rescue Act. At the end of July, we did finalize our review of all of the COVID performance payments that were made and identified the individuals that we believed to meet the specific criteria of the American Rescue Plan Act and we moved \$3.4 million of those expenses from the general fund EERF to the American Rescue plan. In addition to that, we also provided an additional \$2 million for the contract with PNN to help with the adjudication on ERAP. And, so you'll see that line increase from 5 million to 7 million and then lastly, we finalized the budget development for the vaccination and testing program going through the end of this year into the first and second quarter of next year. And we were able to realign some funds out of there as well reducing that by 2.7. That effect of that is that we increase the reserve from 46.9 to 47.5. In addition to that, our expenditures increased since our report to you in the middle of July. We're now at a total of 40.3 million and our previous report was at 33.7 million. And we are continuing to -- as the Manager mentioned earlier -- finalize all of the planning for the court backlog project and have begun the hiring efforts for that program. And in addition to that, we are finalizing all of the agreements with the CSP partners who agreed to accept the sub-recipient conditions under the program. There were several who did not. And we're starting now to build out all of the transparency reporting that's required for the program as well, and

we'll have that rolling out as we build out each of the transparency pages for each of our programs. And so, that's the only thing I wanted to share today from the plan, the response one plan; so, if you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, thank you Madam CFO. I see no questions or comments."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "That concludes our report, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. That's just a report for our information. Thank you. Madam Clerk, continue."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 9, **21-0564**, Purchasing and Contract Compliance. Request ratification of countywide emergency procurements."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Any questions or comments? Vice Chair Hall, question?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Okay. So are we going to move back to an emergency state because this is saying that we have emergency personnel that need childcare services, and I thought that we had actually done all the childcare services payments before now. Was this leftover cost?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Vice Chair Hall, if you will allow, I'll ask Ken Hermon to explain how we are proceeding forward now with our care.com contract."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: Good afternoon again Commissioners. I think we had to force a Commissioner to anticipate that COVID-19 was not going to be gone by the fall. So, we engaged them care.com, our provider to extend the contract for one more year. That carries us from May of this year to May of next year. That would allow our emergency services personnel or any employees that worked in a critical position that is required to be on-site to leverage the service in those situations where the child is unable to go to school for because they have to isolate or school is closed or whatever the case may be so, that they can report to work. So, I was glad that the County Manager agreed with that foresight and hopefully the Board also sees the value and allowing our employees to be able to come to work while their kids receive adequate childcare at home and unable to go to school."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "That is outstanding and it's like you almost prophesied that. So this will keep them -- this will help them continue to have childcare. And I was reading just the other day that Fulton County schools and a lot of other schools have decided to remain virtual and not allow their students to come back. So this is really good. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion before us is to approve. Cast your votes, please. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; four yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I voted, yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Mr. Chairman, can I make a comment."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay, five --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I vote, yes. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, Commissioner Hall, I think I just heard you say that Fulton County is virtual only. That is not the case, it's a hybrid--"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I said I read that in the paper the other day that Fulton County is having some of their schools remain virtual. That's what I read."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "--only in certain incidences if something happens in that attendance area that warrants it, but otherwise they are still having in-person education. I just want to make sure we were clear on that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Oh, okay, well they can read it in the paper."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yeah, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0565**, Finance. Presentation review and approval of the August 4th, 2021 budget soundings."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion is to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions or comments? All right. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "21-0566, Registration and Elections. Request approval of a statewide contract for the rental of box trucks and cargo vans for the 2021 elections."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Hausmann, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So this item is for leasing of transport vehicles for the upcoming election cycle; it's not purchasing anything correct?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote, please. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. Motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "21-0567, Information Technology. Request approval of a statewide contract to provide network and wireless equipment to increase access to high speed Internet at the Fulton County senior centers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, you have a motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions or comments? If none, let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "21-0568, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of a recommended proposals to provide standby environmental engineering and testing services on an as-needed basis."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions? Let's vote. Cast your votes please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 10, **21-0569**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of a statewide contracts to provide -- to provide tires, tubes, accessories and repair services for Fulton County fleet vehicles."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, the motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions? Let's vote. Madam Clerk, let's go."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0570**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide mail services countywide."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Again, motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Are there questions? None? Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. Motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0571**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of a resolution to amend Fulton County policy and procedures 600-71 regarding dedication plaques for County facilities."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. And there are questions; Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes. I'd just like to hear from someone on exactly what this is asking to do. I just want to be clear."

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: "Good morning, Commissioners. Al Collins, administrator for the library bond program."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Good morning."

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: "This is requesting to make a change to the dedication plaques that we're putting on public buildings. In lieu of naming Commissioners that were seated at the time that the contract was approved, or the --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—at the time of the contract present at the time in the beginning to those who are seated today."

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: "That's correct."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "So you're removing -- I'm sorry -- I can't hear you."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "They're new."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "They're new plaques. They are not removing anything that's already there."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "No, I wasn't getting ready to say that. If you let me finish what I was getting ready to say. So, you're not acknowledging the Commissioners who voted on the project?"

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: "That's correct."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "You're not acknowledging them."

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: "It will be the Commissioners that are seated at the time of dedication of the facility."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Right. So, I thought we had a previous resolution that specifically said that we do acknowledge those Commissioners who voted on the project. Are we removing that from the resolution?"

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: "That's correct; it changes."

VICE CHAIR HALL: Yes, that's what I'm saying is being removed. And personally, I think that we need to pay homage to those Commissioners who voted for the project to actually happen or else we wouldn't have the project for us -- the seated ones to even be on a plaque at all. I just think that we still do need to pay homage to those who made the project actually happen. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: MIC OFF "I agree. I guess I'm trying to understand this as well. So, it seems like a monumental task, MIC ON I mean monumental task how do you do this? How do you change course midstream? So, half of the buildings will be done one way, and the other half will be done another way? Or we going back and redoing all of them so that they're all right? I took office when Wolf Creek Library -- before Wolf Creek Library, but my name is not on there, so how do you draw your delineation line?"

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: “Well, we were looking at phase one; it’s done. Doing it from phase two forward for the libraries. And any other County facility. So, this just doesn’t apply to the libraries, it applies to all County buildings across the board.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I just don’t know how you pick a -- how you pick a point in time and then apply it when -- I mean, to me if we’re going to do this, then we need to go back and we need to--then I need my name on the plaque at Wolf Creek library.”

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: “We can certainly ask the Board if they want to move to start from the very beginning on all of the libraries and make that change to the dedication plaques. And that’s a choice that the Board can make.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I guess my question is what is the impetus for this? What is the impetus for changing the policy that’s already in place?”

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: “We’ve had a very long wait, and there was some discussion among leadership in the library as well. Since there has been such a long period of time from the time that these projects were approved, till now, there’s a real disconnect between the Board that’s seated now and the Board that was seated when these projects were approved. So, you’re going to have quite a few members of the Board that won’t be listed on the plaques as you experienced at the time that the projects are opened, at the time that the projects are dedicated. There’s going to be a real—”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “It sounds like we might need a second plaque at each location rather than -- I don’t know—”

AL COLLINS, ADMINISTRATOR, LIBRARY BOND PROGRAM: “--we have currently - in the case of the renovations -- we have a plaque at the locations that represents the original building. So, this will be the second plaque. I guess your question is do we need a third plaque that talks to the change in the Commissioners since you know to the time of dedication. That it would keep going.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I don’t know. I need some more time to try to understand this. I’m not comfortable preceding.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay, all right, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner Hausmann, and back to Vice Chair Hall.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I really would like to support this and I would be remiss if I didn’t say as the newest Commissioner here. If there is something that my colleagues worked on last year, and then, you know, my name would be on it this year because the dedication is this year. Yes, just like anyone else, I am a sitting Commissioner, I would want the acknowledgment; however, I was not there for the wrangling, so to speak. And so, I don't know where we can find a happy median, but I do think it may be just a tad bit unfair on its premise. So, if we can find a happy medium, I really would like to support this, but I think we may need to put more thought into this because if we're trying to be fair, I can hear what my colleagues are saying in that if they worked on something and they didn’t have the dedication to it, because sometime the process can be very lengthy. And if there's a change in a seat here, then the person who really worked hard may not get recognition for it. So, I don't know if we need additional spaces. I'm not sure, but based on the history I would think that the person that actually worked to bring it to fruition would get the recognition. And so, I don't know what the happy medium we could find, but I think, I think I would have to have more information as well.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Alright Commissioner Hausmann, the motion before us is to approve. Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yeah, so, I think I’m one of these Commissioners that’s sitting here that has been involved for the entire process back from trying to find the locations, to the design, to selecting the contractors, and the whole gammit of what we went through, but I was not here when the voters approved the bond to fund it that was approved by previous Board of Commissioners which really started the whole thing. So, it is a balancing act you know and I appreciate the struggle that you're having with trying to find the right answer. I'm not sure I know what the right answer is even though I worked on for you know since I’ve been here for the last 11 years it was approved before I got here to have the funding. So, you know, I too, kind of struggle with this, but I do think some recognition needs to be that we’ve renovated and built these new libraries you might have to have a hybrid of names on there, potentially. So, I don’t know if this is ready for prime time yet either. I think maybe we ought to really think about how we honor not only those that are here now, but those that have worked on it from the inception of the bond program.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Back to Vice Chair Hall.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “I was trying to withdraw my motion because I really want I think we need to hold this and so I'm going to make a substitute motion to hold. I think it needs to go back to the drawing board. And as I stated at the beginning, I think that we definitely need to pay homage to those that voted to approve these projects as well as

worked very hard on them; so, there has to be some happy median or some way of doing that. So, my substitute motion is to hold.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Substitute motion is to hold. Is there a second? All right, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote, please.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open on the motion to hold. Motion to hold passes; six yeas, zero nays.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Next item.”

CLERK GRIER: "Under Arts and Libraries, **21-0522**, Arts and Culture. Request approval of the fiscal year 2021 contracts for services program funding recommendations.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall seconded by Commissioner Morris. All right Vice Chair.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I have a question. I think this would probably be for Dr. Roshell though. So, at the last Board meeting, we spoke about the need for additional funding to really fund all of the arts and culture, the nonprofit organizations that literally were approved, but we did not have enough funding for them. So where does that stand right now? Or maybe this is a question for Mr. County Manager, or CFO -- Madam CFO.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “So, let me try to be responsive to that. So, we're taking both that request – the ones that we have collected additional information from the District Attorney and Sherriff’s office as well as some of the elections’ issues and any other items; QLS is one of those Commissioner that you and I talked about. So, all of those we have summed up. We had our first review yesterday of both the potential uses of which that would be one. And then secondarily, what are the sources – and the sources is going to be a more aggressive issue will in terms of timing, midyear budget review which we planned for the next BOC meeting. So, you'll be able to see at one time here’s every request that we know of and here is our best projection on potential sources. So, that's our timeline is to wait till the next meeting to resolve any of those issues.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. And so, does it appear that we have the funding to do so?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, ma'am.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “For all of those things that were mentioned? And I just want to also -- it just struck me that I had requested some time ago for us to receive a report of the underruns? And I haven’t seen that lately to know what are the underruns, that you know, of monies that we have from savings in all the different areas of the County. And so, can – I don’t know why—”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “--you're talking about the normal monthly report that we send to you that has—”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Of underruns—”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “—staffing budget underruns, and likes we haven’t—Hakeem, would you make sure we send another copy of that —”

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: “Good afternoon Commissioners. Yes, I have been sending monthly financial reports for just the general fund, along with positions. So, with that report you know we have a budget column, and then the actual column year-to-date, for each department which shows the trend of their spending. So, I’m not sure of these other reports.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Does it show all of the underruns; not just salary savings? I'm sorry?”

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: “It does show – I mean it doesn’t say underruns specifically, but it does show the trend that anyone can look at to see what was spent year to date compared to what the budget is, and also shows a percentage of our spending compared to where we're supposed to be. So, if we’re supposed to be at that 25 percent, you know spending trend, and we’ve only spent 10 percent of 15 percent in that department, so that shows us that we have an underrun of a 10 percent within that department. If you are supposed to be at 25 and you only spent 15 percent, sure you have an underrun of 10 percent in that particular department.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. And what is the name of that report because I haven't seen it. I used to see it in the e-mail.”

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: “Yeah, we send it via e-mail.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “What’s the title of it?”

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: “It’s a monthly financial report.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Monthly financial report?”

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: “Yes.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay, and so, we call it underruns. What are you calling it in the report?”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “It’s the percent used of the budget—”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “The budget?”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Yes, Ma’am. We’ll be happy to sit down and review it with you so that you can see and understand what information is being presented and if that isn’t the report you’re looking for then you know, we can see if there’s some other level of information that you would need.”

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: “—we can provide.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you. Because I just continuously hear about salary savings and there’s a lot more savings than just salary savings that we could be looking at. So, thank you.”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Yes, Ma’am.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, Ma’am, this projection for the next meeting will include both salary and operating savings to-date, but then also a projection for end of year.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you. I appreciate that.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, Ma’am.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Sorry guys. Wait a minute. I’m a little bit stiff. Hold on for a second. So, Mr. Chair had to step away. Next speaker Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Okay. I want to make sure that I understand what we’re approving. I think that there was a request to approve the contracts for services as presented, and I thought that there was a request last time for how many different groups were not funded based upon funding availability. And I believe that there was a conversation about funding all requests, which would have been at one amount; and I think there was also a conversation about funding requests for those -- groups that were qualified. So, I think Mr. Manuel if you can help me understand the numbers between the difference between the numbers from funding all requests and funding all qualified requests; I think that will be helpful. And then trying to understand - - make sure, I guess, how that references back to this agenda item that’s before us now. And do we need to amend it in order to achieve either of those goals?”

DAVID MANUEL, ARTS AND CULTURE: “Okay. Hello Commissioners. David Manuel, Arts and Culture. I sent a memo over to each of you guys to kind of outline -- we had a total of 190 applications, 27 were ineligible; so, it brought us down to 163 applications with a total funding request of 3.4. Out of that 163, we awarded 145 with funding even though we had a total of 163 eligible, we awarded 145 with funding leaving 18 out. And we put that funding within the 1.3 that we were allocated. And so, that left 18 out that were still eligible for funding. And we had discussed that that part would be 86 -- 86,655.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “To fund the remaining 18—”

DAVID MANUEL, ARTS AND CULTURE: “We’ll fund the remaining 18.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: Okay, then is your motion—”

DAVID MANUEL, ARTS AND CULTURE: “And then the variance -- of the variance of the 3.4 opposed to the 1.3 that we actually have -- the difference would be 2.1; and that would fund all 163 that were eligible.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Okay. And so, I guess Commissioner Hall is your motion to do the 1.3 or 3.4 and if so, would you accept a friendly amendment to do the 3.4?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “I thought we actually said at the last meeting 3.4; because I remember us discussing that. So, I would go for the 3.4, absolutely.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So, I thought the County Manager just said that he was going to bring forward the rest of -- after the 1.3 for consideration and context with our other needs at the next meeting; did I hear you correctly?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, Ma'am. There's about 25 million in additional needs identified; that being one of them. The one that you just discussed, Commissioner Arrington. So, what we propose to do is bring forward all of those along with what the projected funding sources would be from these end-of-year views for a mid-year budget look. And then have you make a decision across the board on all of those.

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So, the current agenda item before us today is for 1.3 million or does it include this additional 86,000?”

DAVID MANUEL, ARTS AND CULTURE: “The current agenda item is for 1.3.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay. So, if we approve the 1.3 today, in two weeks we would have before us consideration of enhancing the arts line item in context with what our other needs might be.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “All right. And so, the motion before us is for how much?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “To approve the 1.3 as I understand it.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Well, I'm not sure now that's why I'm asking.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Well, yeah, I did -- offered a friendly amendment which was accepted by Commissioner Hall for 3.4; but I'm happy to either hold it until we get the information next week or approve the 1.3 today, as long as we know that there will be an item on the agenda to discuss the additional money.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Personally, I think that's the better way to go to make sure that some of the needs we know about, we've identified, and we have the funds to cover them as well. So, I don't know if you want to re-change it back to the original motion?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “That's good. That's good.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Sounds like she accepts your friendly amendment to my friendly amendment.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “To go back to the original.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Yes, I do.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “What's before us now then is the 1.3. And that's consistent with the Manager's recommendation that at the next meeting he'll have a whole laundry list that'll cost millions of dollars that we'll deal with that at that time. All right on the motion before us, Mr. Morris, do you still want to be heard? Then Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Just quickly. As a secondary, I wasn't sure I was going to accept that friendly amendment anyway, but as friendly as it was offered. You all know I'm a huge supporter of funding for the arts because I view it as an economic development issue not a feel-good issue, but I'm reluctant to add another couple million

dollars you know without seeing the other priorities and where it's going to come from. So, and I do think it would be great to go ahead and get this out so we can start sending this money to these organizations who need it. So, I hope we will go ahead and vote on the million three and then I'm delighted to add as much next time as the priorities allow, so that was just my comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you still want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, just momentarily, thank you Chair. I want to make sure the understanding that I have -- the \$1.3 million that we have for this one, some of the organizations -- the initial amount that they asked for, they didn't get the full amount. They got the amount based on the available funding."

DAVID MANUEL, DIRECTOR, ARTS AND CULTURE: "Correct".

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And then, some of the organizations did not get anything because you exhausted the funding."

DAVID MANUEL, DIRECTOR, ARTS AND CULTURE: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, and so, will there be an opportunity, County Manager to may be for us to revisit by the next time because I know you are bringing the additional ones forward, but we will have an opportunity to maybe have a discussion about the ones that did qualify per what you said Dr. Roshell, but we ran out of funding and so they didn't get funding so we will be able to, okay, thank you. I just wanted to make sure. Thank you."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, Ma'am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you, okay, so now that we've established we're voting on the 1.3, I hope that: A. we get it out quickly -- we're already in August, okay? But I also hope that we are making sure that these organizations have managed to hang on until now, okay? So, we're not sending checks to nothing."

DAVID MANUEL, ARTS AND CULTURE: "That's correct. My staff is already reached out to all the applicants to see the process and the update of their projects and they are all either in the middle of their projects or just finished their project, but they all are engaged and they are looking forward to that funding."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. And then finally, in good-faith I will support this. And the members of the North Fulton folks on the arts Council have reached out and they agreed with what has been recommended, okay? Based on the applicants. But I'm telling you, it's the last time I'll do if it's not spread out throughout the County in a more equitable fashion in the future. We can do better than this. We have a huge, huge County. Every part of this County is interested in the arts; and so, we need to make sure that we're doing the proper outreach, and the proper spreading of these resources throughout the County that we're not currently doing today. But in good-faith, I'm going to honor the process that we have in place today, but we need to reevaluate how we administer these funds throughout our County."

DAVID MANUEL, ARTS AND CULTURE: "And, in my memo, I also included some action items that we plan to implement with the staff which will be more community outreach to all areas of Fulton County."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Which is why I'm willing to go along with it because, I know you're going to do as you say. I want the public to understand where I'm coming from. Thank you."

DAVID MANUEL, DIRECTOR, ARTS AND CULTURE: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote Commissioners."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: Bottom of page 10, under Health and Human Services, **21-0572**, Senior Services. Request approval of a recommended proposal to provide in-home services to senior residents aged 60 and above."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion is to approve by Vice Chair Hall seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any questions? If not, cast your vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "Page 11, **21-0574**, Public Works. Request approval of recommended proposals to provide standby engineering services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion is to approve by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Any questions? Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0575**, Public Works. Request approval of an agreement of cooperative technical assistance and intergovernmental cost-sharing among the Atlanta Regional Commission, the city of Atlanta, the Atlanta Fulton County Water Resources Commission, Cobb County Marietta Water Authority, DeKalb County, and Gwinnett County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right motion is to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Any questions. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a moment, just a minute, Madam Clerk, I think you ready 0575 –"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, I did. Okay, 0575, Public Works."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So 0575, sound that one. We just approved it. She sounded 75; all right that one's approved. Now, go back to 0574."

CLERK GRIER: "0574 request approval of recommended proposal to provide stand by engineering services -- yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "123."

CLERK GRIER: "That one was removed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Which one was held?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "573."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—which one was held? That's correct. That's correct. That's right. We missed that one, 0573 was held. All right. Correct, continue Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. The next item **21-0576**, Public Works. Request approval to close out a contract which provided emergency sewage cleanup services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. Motion passes; four yeas, zero nays."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: MIC OFF "—I'm sorry."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay, five yeas with Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 11 under Justice and Safety, **21-0577**, Sheriff request approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the Cobb County Sheriff's office and the Fulton County Sheriff's office for housing of-up-to 500 Fulton County inmates at the Cobb County jail."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Mr. Chairman, the Sheriff is joined us visa vie Zoom, I think. I just texted him. So, if there are questions—"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, I didn't hear you."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I was just letting you know Mr. Chairman and the Board the Sheriff has joined us via Zoom."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, All right. The motion is to approve by Vice Chair Hall seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Vice Chair Hall has a question."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I would just like to hear an overview from the Sheriff on this and the cost."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "He's on Zoom?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Yes, sir. So, first of all good afternoon. And thank you all. So, quickly, the 500 beds that scaled up the expected increase over the summer the goal is to not-to-exceed 300 individuals which the cost we had worked with the Sheriff's office in Cobb County Sheriff Owens to go from \$90 down to 80. So that will save us a half-a-million dollars. Our goal is to not-to-exceed 4 million; but if there is an influx and if this variant causes larger numbers in the Fulton County jail, we can go up to Fulton County -- Fulton County numbers go up, we can go up to 500 [Inaudible]."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is that okay? All right. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Hello Sheriff. I'm curious, you know, I'm assuming this is in a replacement from negotiations we've been trying to have with city of Atlanta with their city jail; can you just give us an update on that piece please?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: “Yes Ma'am. So, each of you should have received a hard copy and the electronic copy of my correspondence back to the mayor's reaction. We had a Zoom meeting -- a virtual meeting with the mayor, and as outlined for each of you which included another \$1.2 million from the board's perspective to have to approve or enter into [Inaudible.] funds with the actual PAD program; another hundred thousand dollars in [Inaudible.] improvements to be paid for, we will consider doing any housing six months, and it included us doing all of the security options that came along with housing at ACDC. So, this particular option with respect to Cobb County is much more efficient. We can get it done more readily.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So, you're saying in a nice way we could not come to an adequate term with the city of Atlanta within Fulton County financially in order to do an arrangement that would be easier on our community than having to go into a neighboring County?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: “That is very accurate, as well as the actual proposal from the city side was only for six months as well.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “It was only for six months?”

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: “Correct.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Thank you. Disappointing. Thank you.”

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I guess my question is a follow-up to that Sheriff Labat. So, if we go forward with this then we would not need any space from the city of Atlanta; or would we still need space?”

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: “Yeah, no, sir. If we go forward with this it will get, the impact; it will allow us to get detainees off of the floor immediately. We can always again at the end of the six months with several renewals if the incoming mayor chose not to negotiate accordingly. But every indication we'll be able to start negotiations again first of the year, but our immediate need is to get detainees off the floor.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Awesome, thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, Mr. Sheriff, I'll be honest with you. I was shocked that Cobb County even has 500 beds. Is that they have 500 vacancies?”

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: “Yes. So, their population is actually down, and before anyone else asks, I’ve been in very close contact with the Cobb County Sheriff. Their COVID concerns have been isolated. No move will take place before the ten-day incubation period; so, we will be very safe in our movement.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “But they, Cobb County though has as you speak to us today has 500 vacant beds?”

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: “Absolutely.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “That’s shocking. Number 2, I know that unless my numbers are wrong and I’m going to support this because it has a sunset provision on it, but I know that you have some 500 vacant beds based upon the not being able to where they’re having to that policy where you have to separate and I’ll just use two gangs, Bloods and the Crips, and that allows for 500 vacant approximately in our jail. There are also 35 or 40 beds in Alpharetta that are vacant. There are also inmates in our jail that are ready to go into the state system that onus there is on the state. There’s also at Jefferson Street some 200; so, we have some capacity here and I think we’re going to have to work together to utilize that capacity, but I’ll support this today based upon your recommendation. But I, it’s just really hard for me to believe that Cobb County has 500 vacant beds. All right. The motion is to approve; Commissioner Abdur-Rahman again, followed by Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you, Sheriff. First of all, I want to commend you because your lines and level of communication has not only been a breath of fresh air, but the fact that you are keeping us abreast of everything that you’re doing, and I do appreciate that. I’m gonna support this, but I want to openly state that I think it’s a travesty that you have to do this. We need a new jail, okay? And to have to – and the reason I say this, I have had so many organizations to reach out to me because they know -- because of your transparency they’re having issues with having to go to Cobb County and I know with anything that we do especially as legislators, we’re not going to make everybody happy and that’s the reality and that’s what I told them is that would you rather someone to be on the floor or would you rather someone to be in the bed. Now, I know, for some families – and I’m not, it’s not that I -- I’m not empathetic to families having to travel to Cobb County, what we are still doing what’s in my opinion a Band-Aid solution on open-heart surgery. We need another jail Sheriff. So, anything that I can do, I am going to support this, but we really need -- I want to echo what my colleague, Liz Hausmann said it is unfortunate. It is unfortunate. And we have to do something about this. And so, I’m going to support this today even though I really don’t want to, but I know it’s needed. But we really need to move this conversation -- I feel very bad what happened with the city of Atlanta, but here again, a

Band-Aid solution for open-heart surgery at Fulton County. We need another jail Sheriff. So, anything I can do – I am going to support, but we really need – and I want to echo my colleague Liz Hausmann said, it is unfortunate, and we have to do something about this. And so, I'm going to support this today, even though I really don't want to; but I know it's needed. But we really need to move this conversation. I feel very bad what happened with the City of Atlanta; but here again, Band-Aid solutions for open-heart surgery at Fulton County. We got, we've just got to do better. Thank you, Sheriff."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, just one final comment. This is only on an as needed per person rate. So, we may not use this full 7 million that we're authorizing here today, correct?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "That is absolutely correct."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. And then since Alpharetta was mentioned, where are we with getting Alpharetta reopened? I know you're trying to staff up now, I just hope this is a high priority for you so that we can keep as many folks in Fulton County as possible. Where are you with going back and opening Alpharetta?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So it is a high priority. We're working on temporary solutions to its possibly a first set up. We will provide staff after that (inaudible)in and of itself to do body bonding up to four hours there anybody staying longer (inaudible) (inaudible) (inaudible) all solutions. We've met--"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay, we're having trouble hearing you Sheriff. The connection is poor. Could you just provide us – now we've lost you totally -- could you provide us with an update on Alpharetta since we can't hear you today obviously you can hear me and you know the request is to try and get that open as soon as possible. If you could provide us with an update on that, that will be fine."

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Yes, Ma'am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Alright, Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I do recall a conversation that we had at one of the previous Board meetings where we asked for a report requesting the cost to actually build a brand-new jail because it even came down to well what about there's existing property behind the jail; could we renovate and expand, or should we you know buy some new properties somewhere or use some property we already have on our books to build a

new jail. And so, I'm asking, whatever happened to us receiving that report on the cost between all of those scenarios?"

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PUBLIC SAFETY: "Commissioner, if I can—"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes."

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PUBLIC SAFETY: "--the feasibility study that we discussed, and I've had conversations with the Sheriff, and I don't want to answer for him, but we have had discussions about the feasibility study and it will be coming up I think in a future meeting soon to happen with the Board of Commissioners. But we will need to get a proposal and then your approval on that feasibility study. Based on the size of our jail and a comparable feasibility study that was done for Franklin County in Ohio, I would estimate that's going to be approximately \$1.2 to \$1.5 million for the feasibility study. And it would take somewhere between six and nine months including some of the public hearings we need to have."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. Well, we have done feasibility studies on so many other things I think this is also warranted because we have a crisis on our hands, and I'm looking at this letter that the Sheriff wrote to the Honorable Mayor of the city of Atlanta, Keisha Lance Bottoms, about the issues that we're having. So, I think we need a feasibility study. We've had numerous discussions about needing this information so that we can make a decision. So, we need to move forward as quickly as possible. And especially with this new spike -- we've already had a spike in crime, but now there's another spike in crime. I just read in the paper yesterday. So, we really need to move forward. So, I'm looking forward to that coming before us. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you Commissioner Hall. I think we need more than a feasibility study, we need some design build plans. We need to be moving forward with some bond referendums or something in order to actually go ahead and build a new facility. You know, you know, it's feasible, but I don't know that we have the time to wait around for the feasibility study and then come back and do something else. We need some action right away."

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PUBLIC SAFETY: "Commissioners, just to give you a sense for the scale of the feasibility study. It will include site recommendations, it would include sizing; it would include some initial kind of design build recommendation. So, it wouldn't just be coming back and saying okay, we need it. It will be some recommendations specifically on where it might be the size of the facility, what the best practice is in terms of jail facilities today which are very different given some of the

demographics of our population. So, you're a hundred percent right. We would look for that feasibility study to be something that you can basically agree on and then we could move forward with next steps.

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion before us is to approve. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. It is 12:58. I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and executive session of items in real estate, litigation, and personnel."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON JR.: "So moved."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a second? All right, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

(Break taken.)

(Executive Session at 12:58 p.m.)

(Back in Session at 1:36 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Without objection, we will resume the regular order of business. I've been advised that representatives from the Library Board of Trustees are here to make a presentation. I don't see them now. But, all right, when the others come -- they've been waiting all day -- without objection we'll take them up. We'll have to revise the agenda to do so."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, I do have another recommended revision for the agenda as well. For items 0467 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- what page Commissioner?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "This is page 12, item 0467, Commissioner Morris's Development Authority item. I'd like for item 0579 to be heard at the same time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "0579 -- any objections to that revision? All right. Madam Clerk, you with us? All right. Yes. All right. Madam County Attorney; where is she? Are you ready?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "These are items from Executive Session."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve the request for --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Speak into the mic, Madam County Attorney. Thank you."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve the request for representation set forth in items one and two on the executive session agenda?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "So moved."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to accept the request for settlement authority set forth in item three on the executive session agenda?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "So moved."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Cast your vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to accept the settlement in the amount of \$85,000, in the matter of Harper v. Fulton County, which is in the Northern District of Georgia, civil action number 121-CV-01207?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Morris."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I have nothing further. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is that it?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Library. All right. The representatives from the Library Board of Trustees; what? I'm sorry. The Foundation. Good afternoon."

LORI KILBERG, AFPL FOUNDATION: "I'm sorry. Hi. I'd like to start by thanking Commissioner Arrington, and all of the Commissioners for inviting me here today. My name is Lori Kilberg, and I am the Chair of the Atlanta Fulton County Public Library Foundation. Everyone has a library story, and I hope we get to share our stories at some point. But I also have a library foundation story. Five years ago, my life took a turn when my husband and I moved to Seattle, Washington. It was there that I discovered the Seattle Central Library, literally across the street from my condo; and was introduced to the Seattle Public Library Foundation. I had never heard of a library foundation before or knew of their mission to raise funds and advocate for public libraries. I have since learned that library foundations have been at the forefront of the movement to recognize that the private sector has an important part to play in traditionally public sector activities. Similar to the role that the police foundation has with the police department, and hospital foundations have to support publicly funded hospitals. When I joined the Board of the Seattle Library Foundation, I saw what is possible when public and private sectors of a community come together to strengthen their library system. When the library foundation can raise millions of dollars to enhance, and expand library programming to meet the needs of the communities they serve. When the Seattle Public Library System was awarded the 2020 Library of the Year award, and was recognized in a survey by 91 percent of respondents, as an essential community service like roads and schools. Last year, when I moved back to Atlanta, where I have lived since starting Emory Law school in 1977, I wanted to be part of a library foundation that could build upon, enhance, and celebrate the successes of the Fulton County Library System. Next slide, please. Where all 34 branches of the library system have been built, or renovated into the libraries of today and tomorrow. Thanks to the \$275 million dollar bond referendum approved by the County in 2008. Where during the last half of a devastating pandemic, the library has been a truly essential resource lending hotspots, and chrome books, and digital access to those who wouldn't otherwise have it. Where, under leadership of Gayle Holloman, the Executive Director of the Library, Fulton County libraries were invited into hundreds of thousands of homes. And stepped in to enhance all manner of learning, job-training, employment searches, research and entertainment that we all depended on. Where library staff

went above and beyond serving as poll workers during elections, providing information to citizens about COVID-19 testing, and vaccine locations, as well as helping to staff those locations. To paraphrase you, Chairman Pitts, branch libraries are the lifeblood of our communities; and that is why libraries are the most popular service provided by Fulton County to its residence. The Atlanta Fulton Public Library Foundations' mission is to work in partnership with the library system to secure its future as an indispensable community resource through advocacy, raising public awareness, and generating private funding. I'm often asked how our foundation board differs from the Library Board of Trustees. As you can see from the chart, the library foundation is privately funded. It is an independent, nonprofit, 501c3 corporation, whose purpose is to raise funds and enhance the library system resources; and whose board is comprised of volunteers. The library foundation is not a part of Fulton County government, and has no authority, or control over the library operations. On the other hand, the Library Board of Trustees, is of course, a public governmental agency, created by Georgia law, made up of eight appointed officials, seven of who are appointed by this Commission. Whose mandate is to hire and supervise the performance of the library system director, and supervise the budgeting of the funds that have been designated by the Fulton County Commission for operation of the library system and its facilities. Not on the chart, but very important, are the privately organized friends' groups, which are volunteer organizations, supporting individual library branches with fundraisers such as book sales and community-oriented events. Next slide, please. While the foundation has been around since 1988, two years ago, our Board convened a growth committee of education, business, and other community leaders to develop a growth plan to map our future. Their recommendations included four areas of focus: development, community relations, programming, and governance. First and foremost, we are a fund-raising organization, focused on raising money through private individuals, and philanthropic foundations and businesses. An important step in generating support is friend-raising; building community relations and partnerships with other County organizations, helping Fulton County residents understand and utilize the many services that the library system provide. And making the library branches a place of gathering for all. In the area of programming, the foundation has supported summer reading, Wi-Fi hotspots, Chromebooks, anti-bullying, and will be funding many programs in connection with the Central Library reopening. And we'll be talking about that in a little bit. But we've already had some major accomplishments. We've hired our first full-time Executive Director, Arthie Sharma, another graduate of Emory Law School, and someone whose devoted her professional life to education at the Georgia Department of Education, and the Georgia Charter School Association. Arthie brings years of experience, working to build community partnerships, as well as government and business relationships, and is a passionate lover of libraries. I'm also happy to announce that we have expanded our Foundation

Board by adding five new community business and education leaders from the growth committee to further enhance our fundraising and advocacy initiatives. One of the most meaningful achievements, resulting from this growth plan, is that we have been able to raise private funds to enable the library to conduct a comprehensive strategic planning process. The Foundation formed a strategic planning task force with Gayle Holloman and key library personnel, representatives from the library Board of Trustees, and representatives from our Foundation Board. We have employed Greenway Strategies Group, a woman own Atlanta-based strategic consulting firm to facilitate the strategic planning process, which will -- oh. Next slide -- there we go -- to facilitate the strategic planning process, which will happen in three phases. The analysis phase which began in July and we'll run through the end of October, the strategy development phase from November through January, and action planning which will go through the end of March. This process will rely heavily on robust stakeholder and community engagement. We are hoping to hear from over 200 stakeholders including County officials, and key personnel, education, health and service nonprofits, as well as businesses, patrons, and community leaders. Greenway Strategy Group will conduct focus groups, and individual interviews in all districts of the County. So, our ask, to all of you is to give the task force your input, and suggestions, and direct us to people in your districts who would like to be a part of this conversation. You can contact me, you can contact our Executive Director, and we would love to have your information -- people that you think would be important voices to be heard in this process. Once the library completes its strategic plan, it will form the basis of all the Foundation's fundraising and marketing efforts to support the library's programming, and services. Next slide, please. For the fun part. Last, but certainly not least, as you know, Central Library is reopening after extensive renovation and reinvention on September 24th. This is a once in a generation opportunity to reintroduce Fulton County residents to the iconic Central Library to see what the library of the future looks like, and showcase the services, and experiences the library uniquely situated to provide. To that end, we've been working with Ms. Holloman, and key library staff to present a year of programming in celebration of Central. Starting with opening week: There will be parties and events funded by the Library Foundation. In the winter, look for book clubs, and events around the 'Fulton Reads Program' bringing the entire community together to read one book, "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson; and to engage in community discussions throughout the library branches and greater Fulton County. 'The Fulton Reads' event will culminate in an appearance by Ms. Wilkerson, funded by the Foundation to talk about her book on March 27th at Central. Later in the spring, the Foundation will fund a children's literature and film festival. And throughout the year, there will be a variety of author lectures, performances, culinary demonstrations, arts exhibits and collections, and other events throughout the library space. The Foundation funds all of these events through

money we raised through private individuals, businesses, and foundations. Next slide. I hope that you can see how excited we are about our partnership with the library, and the positive affect these initiatives will have on Fulton County. A thriving library foundation, supported by a library system that our County needs and deserves, is essential to the County's vision and mission of providing a rich quality of life to all of its citizens. And I'd be very happy to answer questions if you have time. And I'd also like to introduce our Executive Director, Arthie Sharma."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "And Ms. Kilberg, you have a couple of distinguished members, I think, up here. I'll ask if they would come on down."

LORI KILBERG, AFPL FOUNDATION: "I don't need to introduce Ms. Holloman, but of course, she is crucial to everything we have been trying to do, and the work that she has done with the library, I think we can all agree over the past year and a half during this pandemic, has been extraordinary. And I'd like to recognize her for this occasion."

(Audience clapping.)

LORI KILBERG, AFPL FOUNDATION: "And also in the audience is, Chip Joiner, who is the Chair of the Library Board of Trustees. And Chip, I hope I did a good job of explaining the Library Board of Trustees. Thank you very much. And also in the audience is Nina Radakovich, who is also on the Board of Trustees, and our past Chair of the Library Foundation. So, without all of them, none of this would be possible."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington followed by Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, I am happy to see all of you here, and I'm glad to know that we have everyone on the same page, or at least working towards getting everyone on the same page. How do the funds raised by the Foundation apply to the library? Or what is the agreement between the entities, as far as how the funds will be used, and all of those different things?"

LORI KILBERG, AFPL FOUNDATION: "Can you step in?"

ARTHIE SHARMA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, APFL: "Sure. So, it depends on a case-by-case basis, depending on the project, right? So, right now, we're funding strategic planning, and AFPL has funded all of that. We're working towards funding parts of reopening, so we're funding a VIP reception on Thursday evening, as well as a young professionals' event on Friday evening. But we're working collaboratively with the library to fund a family fun day on Saturday. So, it really has been thus far project to project. We do historically fund the summer reading program, and so, as we move out

of the strategic planning process, we're hoping that they'll be a core group of activities that are central to the library's mission and vision that then AFPL partners on in consistently fundraisers for overtime, annually, and periodically as needed."

LORI KILBERG, AFPL FOUNDATION: "And I would just like to say one other thing: One of the advantages we have is we can make direct payments to the vendors, and to the people that we're hiring to do these things, so that the funds do not have to necessarily go to the library."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Awesome. All right. I would just love to see some type of formal agreement or something between, I don't know, the trustees, or Fulton County, or the Foundation somehow to just really address how the funds raised will be used going forward. I think we ought to --"

LORI KILBERG, AFPL FOUNDATION: "-- Nina, would you like to speak to that?"

NINA RADAKOVICH, FC LIBRARY BOT: "Um, we've discussed that before."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Come to the microphone."

NINA RADAKOVICH, FC LIBRARY BOT: "We've discussed that before as far as having a form of memorandum of understanding, and many library foundations do that; and we actually have a file of models, but that's never been on the front burner, but it is a good idea to officially memorialize what the relationship is. So, I think, we should work on that. Thank you for that."

LORI KILBERG, AFPL FOUNDATION: "Thank you, Nina. And in fact, Commissioner, in Seattle we had such a memorandum of understanding that we are working on to move forward here as well."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Awesome. Thank you."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Next speaker, Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, thank you. And again, I want to echo the comments about thanking you for all the good work you do. Whatever your role is supporting our libraries is greatly appreciated. I think over the pandemic, we've seen just how appreciated they are, even when folks could only get drive-by service. It was still never much a need, and I know folks are really anxious to have their libraries fully back, and utilize them as the community centers that we all know that they really are today. So, I want thank you for each of you doing your part in that. And they're beautiful -- they're beautiful now. And so, Gayle, you and your team, and our construction team they're just fantastic. So, we can't wait to really be able to, you know, maximize them

when the pandemic, hopefully one day, will actually be over. You mentioned a couple of, I think, fundraising events that are coming up; young professionals, and I think you said VIPs for your current donors, or they -- you're trying to get new involvement? Tell us about those events."

LORI KILBERG, AFPL FOUNDATION: "So one of the things we're doing, again, this is just a tremendous opportunity to reintroduce people to the library, and let them know how important it is to our community. So, the VIP event that we spoke about for Thursday night is purely a Foundation event to recognize and thank our past donors, and to include people that we hoped would become donors, and want to show them what the library is all about, and what part they can play in its success."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "And then your young professional event?"

LORI KILBERG, AFPL FOUNDATION: "I think we need Arthie to speak to that."

ARTHIE SHARMA. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, APFL: "Yes, so, really want to clarify that we're also trying to get people of influence in community recognition, right? The library is really about bringing people together, but we want to make sure that everyone feels warm and welcome in this space, and reintroduce it to them just as you said, as a community hub. And both the VIP reception, and the young professional reception are a part of that, right? In your folder, there is a 'Save The Date' to the VIP reception with an invitation to follow; and of course, we hope that you all will join us. And the young professional that is kind of the same thing, but targeted towards more the next emerging group of leaders within our community."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, I do think you'd find a lot of support here on the Board of Commissioners, so utilized us if we can be of assistance to you."

ARTHIE SHARMA. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, APFL: "We would love too. Thank you so much."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "And then I couldn't help, but notice your name is not the same as our library system name any longer. We are now the Fulton County Library System. That was changed legislatively, maybe ten years ago, so I don't know if y'all considered changing your name as well to match up with the library system name, but I just wanted to mention that."

ARTHIE SHARMA. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, APFL: "Thank you. We'll definitely take that into consideration."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions or comments?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "If you could e-mail us these fliers, so we can, better be able to distribute them."

LORI KILBERG, AFPL FOUNDATION: "We'll be e-mailing you official invitations. This is a 'Save The Date' to make sure it's on your calendars. But thank you. We will do that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank y'all very much. Thank you for everything that you do for us."

LORI KILBERG, AFPL FOUNDATION: "Thank you so much for this opportunity. Commissioner Arrington we really appreciate it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Back at page 12, Commissioner's Action Items; two items to be heard together. The first one, **21-0467**: Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners amending and clarifying the per diem allotment available for the Board of Directors of the Development Authority of Fulton County, and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Morris. Also on page 12, **21-0579**: Request approval of a Resolution establishing a set payment of \$250 per day for members of Fulton County boards, committees, authorities, and commissions, where commissioners make appointments establishing exceptions for these entities where payments are established by state statute, law, or regulation, and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, I'm not sure how we going to do this. We've heard them together, so they seem to conflict. So, what's -- Commissioner Arrington, you want to be -- you asked for these to be taken together or discussed together."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm happy to allow Commissioner Morris to go first if he so desires. Personally, I just don't know how we can adopt one policy for one board, and have different policies for all other boards. Since I've been on this Commission, I have time and time again asked for uniformity between our boards, and how they are treated. We have some boards that get \$1,500 a month; we have others who get a hundred dollars per meeting; some that get 250 per meeting, some that get \$200 a day; there is no uniformity. And so, my position is that we should come up with a comprehensive uniform plan to address all of these boards, authorities, task force, committees, in lieu of approaching them in a random and

haphazard, or knee-jerk reaction -- I don't think we should be doing stuff as a knee-jerk reaction based upon somebody who lost a lawsuit and went to the newspaper. We should have a comprehensive and thorough plan as to how we address these people. It is not fair to ask one person to volunteer their time and hours, away from their family and their job, and pay them nothing; and ask another person to volunteer their time and their hours, and pay them a hundred dollars, or a hundred and 50, or \$250. The reason I suggested \$250 is because that was the highest amount that I saw for a per day amount. I don't think you level down people; I think you level up people. So, you bring everyone up to the highest level that is out there. You don't take people down. These rates haven't even been looked at or considered probably in 20 or 30 years. So, the idea that you're going to take someone's rate down after 30 years, despite inflation doesn't really make sense. So, again, I think that -- the important thing is the level everyone up to get as many of these boards and authorities as we can. And I think, Mr. Manager, or Hakeem, I think someone has some analysis on the cost implications of what it would take in order to pay these boards and authorities. Now, the other thing that's mindful is that the money for the Development Authority members does not come out of any public funds. It does not come out of any Fulton County budget. They are a complete and separate state entity, and so they pay their own -- I've never really heard of such; they are a complete separate entity. We are responsible for establishing an amount of compensation they can receive. But they are complete and separate entity. So again, I just -- I can't value one person's time, energy, and effort over another. So, either everybody should be all free and volunteer with no compensation, or everybody should all get the same amount of compensation, whatever that is."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Madam Clerk, now, help me out. When you read the 0467, Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve, and that's not here."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It disappeared."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I signed up in the queue. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman signed up in the queue, as well on that one. And then they disappeared when the Clerk read the second one."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, maybe because the two items are being read together, so in order -- for her to go on to the next item, it probably did that, the computer system, so."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

CLERK GRIER: "So we can go back --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 0467; there was a motion to approve 0467, but I understand what Commissioner Arrington is saying is what probably what happened from a technical point of view."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Just as a point of order; we really ought to -- it ought to be taken and voted on together, so we need to take the first one first, but I'm happy to make some comments about the second one as well when I get in the queue."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. So, can you put up 0467?"

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. We're going back."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And I'd like for Hakeem or the County Manager to share with us the information about the cost."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. We're back on 0467."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. I'm still waiting to hear about the numbers."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "Commissioner, good afternoon. I prepared the -- schedule last week for you -- to you. Based on the analysis that we did, we estimated that it will cost \$1,327,000 to pay all of the board members at \$250."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "1 million what?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "\$1,327,500 and some change."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Was the Development Authority including in that number?"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Wait. So that number will be inaccurate because we don't pay anything for the Development Authority. They pay their own per diem's because they're separate entity."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "All we did was just to -- try to do the analysis based upon the request that, you know, we received. So, and the amount estimated for the Development Authority is \$27,000."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So theoretically we can remove that 27,000 from the 1.3."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "Exactly."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. And then Madam Attorney does the Development Authority law, I know, it gives us the power to set the rate, do we have any other power outside of setting the rate? I mean, this is a separate state entity. Obviously, boards have a certain right to govern themselves, and to set rules for themselves. What other specific powers outside of the right to set compensation do we have?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The only provision provides for the Board of Commissioners setting the per diem. But other than that, there isn't anything else that the Board of Commissioners would do with respect to the Development Authority."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "In the Resolution or in the law?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "In the law."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "In the law. So, we only have the right to set the per diem?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Well, you have -- yes. You have the right to set the per diem, correct. Because that's specifically what the provision says."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Do we have the right to limit any other compensation that members may receive? Does the state law give us that right?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The law limits the compensation that they can receive to the per diem set by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. So, they wouldn't be entitled to any compensation over and above what the Board of Commissioners sets."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So, to the extent then that this Resolution, 0467 attempts to do things other than set the per diem rate. How does that comply, or is that compliant with state law? If state law says we can only set the per diem rate, how can we go do A, B, C, D, E, F, G in our Resolution? If state law says, we can only do A, how do we get the power to do B, C, D, and F, as proposed by this Resolution?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Let me find the law."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I mean, because if I hear what you're saying, you're saying state law limits the amount that they can receive to the per diem, so then now we're trying to double and triple down on that, and provide other limits that I don't -- I don't understand. I don't believe that state law delineates or gives us the power to do."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I've got a couple responses to that when it's my turn."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So, O.C.G.A 36-62-5 provides that the director shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; however, in counties having a population of 550,000 or more, according to the 1980 Census, or any future Census, then in that case, they shall be paid a per diem allowance to be determined by the governing authority of such counties for each day apart thereof, spent in the performance of their duties. So, the provision is that they will not receive compensation, but for the size of Fulton County they would then be entitled to a per diem based on an amount determined by the governing authority, which is the Board of Commissioners. And that is the only provision in here with respect to reimbursement or payment."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, my understanding is, and I'm happy to let Commissioner Morris speak -- my understanding is, the only authority that we have is to set the per diem?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Well, if the question is whether the Board of Commissioners has the authority to ask them because that they be required to provide financial information; is that your --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, I'm just asking what authority does the statute give the governing authority? What authority is specifically listed, by law?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Well, there is no authority listed here, but there's nothing here that either that prohibits the Board of Commissioners from requesting that they provide information regarding their financial information. And the basis for that you recall is the board of ethics -- the code of ethics. There's a provision in the code of ethics that provides that certain -- that Commissioners, certain employees, certain members of boards and authorities be required to submit financial -- a financial statement. So, although it isn't in this particular code section, there is authority for requesting that particular financial information. Was there something else you were concerned about?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm just trying to -- I want to make sure that the Resolution complies with the law. And so, I'm asking what authority does the law give us, so that I can make sure that we are in compliance with the law."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Well, you will recall that the Board of Commissioners has the authority to make rules and regulations, and other matters; and so that's how we sort of have our code of ordinances because the Board of Commissioners has that authority, and..."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, but does the Development Authority board have the same authority to create and developed rules to govern its structure and operations?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It certainly could. So, I think they're coextensive."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All the more reason to make sure it's important that there is no overlap between the two."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Come on, Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "If, Mr. Arrington's -- thank you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Please, please."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "One thing preliminarily, I think we can disagree as to whether the Development Authority, when it spends its money on per diem's or otherwise is or is not spending taxpayer money. They get all of their money, in effect, through the abatements of property taxes. And if they did not spend those property taxes on those investments, they would not receive a portion of it back in the form of their fees, and have that money. So, I think it really is taxpayer money that they have, but we can agree to disagree about that. I had passed out a proposed revision; I was going to make the amendment by deleting that line that I've scratched through on your copies. I'm convinced Commissioner Arrington, and others that the Development Authority is indeed working hard on reform. I was very encouraged by their last meeting. They made an awful lot of progress, and I was heartened by it. And so, I am happy to remove my proposed limitation for the per diem to be applicable only to full board meetings, so that, and again, they're going to post them quarterly, I called for it here to be posted twice a year, so theirs is even tighter than this one, and I think that's great. So, I think the transparency is going to be there, and I'm happy for them to go ahead and have the per diem when they do legitimate businesses as board members

whatever the per diem is going to be. On the Resolution about additional compensation, again, the law department drafted this for me, so I hope it's legal that this is just a recitation of state law. It doesn't -- it's not more restrictive than state law. And of course, we know that the current interim director is receiving additional compensation, which maybe contrary to state law, based upon what was read. But I don't want to cause any continued problems with that. So, I'm also proposing that if this is approved today that we make it effective, not today, as it recites, but effective September 1, so that I'm not going to interfere with the continuation of the interim director's compensation. So, I would propose those two amendments. And finally, as the sponsor -- I hope it's fine for me to just include those here before us now - but finally, Commissioner Arrington, in response to whether we have the power to do some of this stuff with respect to the per diem, I think probably what was driving the law department a little bit about this is it seems to me that if we set the per diem, we can set some conditions on when it ought be paid, and that's really what some of this was trying to do. But again, just a recitation of state law, so I don't think it's any conflict. And then finally, we appoint these folks, and arguably we can make some of these provisions that we want to impose conditions on our appointments, otherwise we're not going to appoint the folks that are not going to follow them. So anyway, I don't think it's a problem. I assume the law department doesn't think it's a problem since they drafted this for me, and I've gone ahead and made the motion to approve with those two amendments, deleting the limitation for full board meetings, and making it effective September 1. They've already had their last meeting, so I think September 1st would be a good date for -- and really, the important thing is, this has been hanging over those folks at -- since the news reports, and we just need to resolve it. Let them get on with their business, and I hope that we can do that; and I hope you all will support."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Here's where we are: There's a motion to approve 21-0467. Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Before us is the amendment deletes a line -- what is that? Line 37 on the second page: Payable only for attendance at duly scheduled, and publicly noticed meetings of the full -- that was stricken. And the effective date on page 3, line 49, would be: Shall become effective on September 1st 2021. So that's what's before us now. The lineup Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, Vice Chair Hall, back to Commissioner Arrington, and Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I'm going to try to be brief as best as possible. I am really sick and tired of this. And with all due respect, the Development Authority continues to take a blackeye whether justified or not I was very clear in my opinions that I stated at the last meeting that a lot of this stuff was going on for a long time. Does that make it right? Well, it's subjective to the person who feels

like it's right or wrong. Being the representative of the area that has been overlooked, I take issue with wanting to get rid of something when it's time for the promise to the Southside. And so, did we have some bad apples? Do we still have some bad apples? Only time will tell; but I think first of all, the budget -- the money that is coming from is coming from the money from the authority and to give the appearance that this is taxpayer money that we are just spending frivolously is incorrect. However, reform has started on that board. I know it to be true. And so, to move in the sense of collaboration of what is fair is to move forward, to keep the board in place, especially when it's time for the promise to the Southside to be kept. Can we undo what has happened in the past? No. But is it fair that those moving forward should wear a Scarlet letter because of their predecessors? No. Is that fair for the ones such as my appointee and the new appointees and the appointees that's on there now? But especially the ones that are looking to try to work forward for them to get less? It's not fair. But in the sake of transparency, of what has happened in the blackeye, I believe that it should be a change in it. I think you're too low -- my colleague, I would ask that a friendly amendment of at least a minimum of \$150 because it is unfair to penalize those that have done the work and it's unfair to penalize those that have come on the board to reform it that they should not get what they should get. Now, Commissioner Arrington, I agree with you. How do you figure out who gets what, when, and how? I agree with that. But I also would be remiss if I did not say that in the sake of moving on and putting this to bed, and I want to know -- let the public know, I will wholeheartedly fight any attempts at this state to get rid of this Development Authority because the promise of fairness from one end of Fulton County to the other will be provided by this Board. And so, I would like to say a friendly amendment of -- I would like to put forward of a hundred and 50 dollars at a minimum."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, do you accept that Mr. Commissioner Morris?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah, I picked the hundred and five because that's the as the paper suggested the per diem -- that the Board of Regents receives that you know many billions of dollars, and our MARTA appointees get the hundred and five per diem. But Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, I will accept that friendly amendment that is not a big deal—"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—all right. Friendly amendment has been accepted now; so, it's a hundred and 50. All right. Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I'm sorry, Commissioner Morris, you said how did you come to that figure? I'm sorry, I didn't hear you clearly."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Of the hundred and five?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “That's the fee – that's the per diem set by for the Board of Regents which manages billions and billions of dollars. And our MARTA appointees on the MARTA board including our Fulton County appointees it's a hundred and five. But I'm okay with the friendly amendment at 150. It's a great compromise I think and we just need to move on.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: Okay. And since we're hearing both of these, together 467 and 479, and Commissioner Arrington's is in conflict with that. Commissioner Arrington, do you accept that \$150 as a per diem?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I'm glad to hear Commissioner Morris base it on that amount off of trying to be uniformed with other boards that exist. I'm happy to accept that now I guess as a temporary -- as a temporary fix to a bigger problem that I still believe needs to be addressed with our Boards—”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “--I agree.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--okay.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “--and I think that perhaps, you know, not just getting something passed, but I think a unanimous vote on this will also send a strong message. So, I'm happy to accept that as a compromise and I still want to leave the other item on there, but we may want to give ourselves some more time to come up with a Resolution after seeing all of those numbers.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “—when you say see the other items, do you mean your item number 579?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Yes, my item 579 as far as coming up with some uniformity for all of our boards and authorities.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay, so do you want 579 held then?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Yes. Yes, please. My only point was as far as her question, I'm happy to accept the 150 today as a temporary fix for the Development Authority, so that we can move on. I don't know that I'm happy to accept that as a final fix for addressing all of the issues in the uniformity with all of our boards.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “All right.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Arrington was responding to Commissioner Hall's question, and Vice Chair Hall has the floor.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “All right. And I do see Kyle Lamont; you’re here on behalf of Marty Turpeau.”

KYLE LAMONT: “Yes Ma’am, yes Ma’am. I’m here on behalf of the board.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. I do have a question for you then, I know that these boards all do different things and honestly, I don’t know the costs that are incurred by the board members when they’re trying to serve on the boards unless they tell me so can you just give me some indication of what exactly do you incur charges doing? And what are those charges specifically -- those costs to you out of your pocket.”

KYLE LAMONT: “Well, the expenses can vary per appointed member because we represent all of the County. So, if there’s someone who represents Johns Creek and they have to do a site visit in Palmetto that will require extensive amount of travel, time, and gas. And so, those apply very differently per the director, or per the need; but also, extensive time meetings, and travel time.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. And I was told that the Development Authority of Fulton County adjusted some things like you did an adjustment recently on the policy, your per diem policy, and reimbursable expenses I think it’s called; is that correct.”

KYLE LAMONT: “Yes, Ma’am. Very similar to what Commissioner Morris has highlighted as reimbursable, but other than that we have clearly defined what is allowable for per diem use and what is allowable for expenses to be reimbursed.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. Have we received that information directly?”

KYLE LAMONT: “Yes, Ma’am, before our last Board of Commissioners meeting, we e-mailed those items out to the Commissioners.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Great. Thank you. So, I do have a question because I want to make sure that everybody understands and that it’s up front. Where does the money come from that the Development Authority of Fulton County uses to pay their per diem's.

KYLE LAMONT: “It is derived from the fees that are incurred when we issue tax bonds.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. So, it’s fees from the tax bonds being issued which still is our constituents’ money. So, I just want to make sure we were clear on that because some people say ‘oh well it’s not the taxpayers’ money,’ but it really is at the end of the day. Thank you so much.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you, Vice Chair. Commissioner Arrington, you want to be heard again?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: Just briefly. The money doesn't -- the money that is paid for the per diem's does not come from the general fund of Fulton County, does it?”

KYLE LAMONT: “It does not come from Fulton County's General fund.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “It doesn't come from any funds that is operated, managed by this or governed by this Board, does it?”

KYLE LAMONT: “No it does not.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Okay. So, I just wanted to say I think -- I'm happy it sounds like we got a -- a good compromise here. I do not think the problem was the amount of money; the problem was the abuse by people in charge. And I think with all of the press, and all of the eyes that are now on this, I don't believe that opportunity for abuse is still available. And I can't imagine that anyone would try to abuse it at this point. So, but again, I don't think the amount was the problem I think the abuse was the problem. And you know, I'm glad that you all took steps on your own to address that abuse back as early as November 2020. And so, I think that that is the other thing that is important is that you all were already moving towards reform and now with additional appointees and new members that effort is continuing and you know I believe each board needs the opportunity to have its own room to set its own rules. And I look forward to you all continuing to operate certainly Development Authority of Fulton County is needed and we look forward to working with you going forward.”

KYLE LAMONT: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Hausmann and then we'll vote.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yes, thank you for being here, Mr. Lamont. Good to see you. You all have suspended currently your per diem; is that correct.”

KYLE LAMONT: “That is correct.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “When did you make that suspension?”

KYLE LAMONT: “I believe it was the end of -- the beginning of June. Maybe the month earlier. I don't know the exact date.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “--so for June, July, and now August, you have been volunteering your services all of you on the board.”

KYLE LAMONT: “Yes, Ma'am.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So Commissioners, I don't think that's fair.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I'm fine with allowing it to be what the conversation amount to be retroactive. I think you better ask Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Well, thank you Mr. Arrington, that's really what I was getting at because the folks that have been serving and trying to right this ship, have not been getting anything for their services. So, I would like to make a friendly amendment that it's retroactive and that this ordinance takes effect today, not September 1st.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Now you're – now that's unfriendly.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Why is that unfriendly?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Just a minute everybody. Just a minute. Just a minute everybody. The question is whether Commissioner Morris will accept the friendly amendment that's been offered by Commissioner Hausmann. It's a yes, or no.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Well, I've suggested that this be effective September 1. If we do that, we'll need to have two effective dates here I guess with some kind of provision that effective September 1st, they're going to be able to go back and retroactively take these per diem's. It's not a great big issue to me, Commissioner Hausmann, but the fact is there were no – it wasn't they suspended them -- there were no legal per diem's because this board had never set one in its history apparently. So, it isn't that -- and again, the Development Authorities in Cobb and Gwinnett and Invest Atlanta, they pay nothing. And these folks do all of this and I know Mr. Turpeau talked about the big staff at Invest Atlanta, but I've said before publicly, those citizens serve on three or four committees each and they visit each site most of the time and it doesn't just the bonds for title sites, they have TAD grant sites and so they may have ten or 15 sites in a given meeting sometimes more. So, I don't think it's a great big deal. If that's really important to everybody to make it retroactive, I'll accept that as a friendly amendment again to get this behind us and move this forward. And let this Board continue.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--so retroactive to when?”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “--I don't know when you suspended it; I know there's a lot of work that's been going on—”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—so when, when was this suspended? I mean, I can’t imagine – that, that what three months ago?”

KYLE LAMONT: “Yes Sir.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, so that’s \$450 going to make a difference. I serve on 20 different boards don’t get a dime. But if that will satisfy the Development Authority, and you accept it—”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “—well, the other issue though, come to think of it, is there are people who were on the board back when it was suspended. Are we going to give those ex-members now – I just think it messes it up a little bit, so I--”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I think it’s only been suspended for like a month, I think it’s been suspended for only a month or less.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “How about we compromise and make it effective today; they have not met for August.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “The effective today is a problem, the effective today is a problem because Commissioner Morris’ amendment is to make it effective September the 1 and I think we probably almost had general consensus on that. You know, I think there is general consensus on maybe making it retroactive to however many were suspended, but when you start talking about changing the effective date, you’re going to lose me.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “All right now. Whatever is the cleanest way to do it.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “I will, I will -- with great courtesy reject your friendly amendment.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “So with that being the case, it’s a hundred and fifty, correct?”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “I had another comment after that--”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “—and I’m in the queue, Chair.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, this is getting silly now. Commissioner Hausmann, you still have the floor, followed by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, and back to Commissioner Arrington.”

KYLE LAMONT: “The per diem's were suspended on June the 18th.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Sir?”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "The per diem's were suspended on June the 18th."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "June 18th, so what is this July -- so a hundred fifty dollars."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. So, we settled that. It's not going to happen, and I made my request and--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--all right. Commissioner Hausmann, you still have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "--and it didn't go anywhere, but that's fine. I have a question for our Attorney. You were talking about the authority level that we have, and we've clearly identified that the funds that the Development Authority currently have I believe 7 million something that's currently available? Mr. Lamont, I don't know if you can verify that or not—"

KYLE LAMONT: "—yes Ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "—or is tax payer produced funds through the fees from the bonds for title programs. Do we have the authority to make any requirements on how that money is spent as a Board of Commissioners? Could we designate that it all goes for economic development purposes or something along those lines?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I'm not aware of anything that would allow the Board of Commissioners to make those types of decisions. The provision that created the Development Authority doesn't speak to that. It just speaks to there being an urgent need to create it, that you needed to have a Board of Directors that would be put in place by the members of the Board of Commissioners, says how many directors there will be. So, there isn't anything that speaks to that."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So it's silent? We always get in trouble when it's silent. I would like for us to investigate that further. I would like for us to look at how other development authorities in our state are structured with how their fees are spent or utilized. Because I think you'll find other counties and cities in the state that have development authorities do have requirements for their Development Authority. You may ultimately make the decisions, but there's categories that that money can be spent on. So, I would like for us to investigate that and perhaps come back with some sort of plan that we could discuss with the Development Authority. I think we should do it jointly, but I do think that's significant resources that should be used for economic development purposes within our County. And I don't know that we've done a really great job of that historically. So that's what I'd like to see us do. Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I'm going to try to be brief as possible. This body did not suspend the diems -- the actual body that suspended or more importantly the Chair was that the one that suspended it. And so, I'm not sure even if we are in the scope of retroactively doing something that we did not suspend. And so, at the end of the day if the chair decides to retroactively do it until September the 1st, I will support it, and I want to go on record as to why. This gentleman that has been standing in front of us as well as other individuals never stopped working even though they did not get the diem. They did not sit down and not work. They continued to work. So, I think it's only fair that something that we did not suspend -- if they decide that they have started already working on reform, we've come to a consensus today that as of September the first that the 150 will be temporarily agreed to; I think that ability to retroactively do it should be left with the ones that suspended it. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you Commissioner. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Just briefly. I couldn't agree more Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. And we've got to respect the independency of this board, and the decisions that they make. And, you know, how can we un-suspend something that they suspended? We are certainly overstepping our authority, and I think the County Attorney will tell us that we are doing that. So, you know, I'm happy I think we've reached a happy medium and that everyone will be in agreement with -- and I look forward again to going forward and trying to find some uniformity for as many boards as we can. And, you know, using Commissioner Morris' model of using the State Regents and other boards looking for uniformity. What is the pattern? How do we pattern these alike? How do we treat Fulton County residents similarly? There's no reason to treat any Fulton County resident any different than we treat another Fulton County resident."

KYLE LAMONT: "—and I just want to add some clarity in regards to the suspension of the per diem. It was suspended while we had the opportunity to research the legality thereof and to allow this body to set the amount while the board members were still recording whatever meeting dates they had. So, we suspended them while still recording our board meetings as meetings essentially."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Any other comments? If not, the motion before us is to approve. Let's vote, please. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: “Okay, we're going to Commissioner Arrington's—”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “ -- he wants to hold.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I can hold mines, so that we can have further discussion. Hakeem, did you distribute that report to everyone already, or can you?”

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: “No, Commissioner. I will send it to all the Commissioners.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Thank you. I think that will be helpful as we further discussion on uniformity between the Boards.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “-- all right, so we're holding 0579; back up to 0526 Madam Clerk.”

CLERK GRIER: “Yes, 21-0526, Request approval of an ordinance to amend chapter 2 article two Division II of the code of laws of Fulton County relating to code of ethics to require the filing of an annual income financial disclosure statement from members of the Development Authority of Fulton County and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Morris.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, motion is to --”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “—one upon the floor --”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--what—”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “--that's what I'm saying; it's not the right one on the screen --”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--0526?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “--see it's 467 on there --”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--0526?”

CLERK GRIER: “Okay--”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “--I thought we were doing--”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--we're holding – all right-- here let me here's where we are; all right, just a minute; let me preside, let me preside please; 0579 is being held. So now we're on back up to 0526 which is not what's on the screen.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Can I make a suggestion about 0579 since Commissioner Arrington asked for more information?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “While you’re providing that information, Hakeem could you please also include whatever requirements a board member might have to meet legally? I know the board of tax assessors for example has to meet certain legal requirements to serve and they give up the right to work in Fulton County. So, I think that the sum of these boards are not equal and in what’s required of service. So, if you could include that in whatever you send us.”

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: “Commissioner, the estimate that we did actually assumed that the board of assessors will being maintained at \$1,500 or so per meeting.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, I haven't seen that report; so, that’s why I'm just saying, I want to make sure we're comparing apples to apples. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, 0526 is on the screen now. Sound it again, Madam Clerk.”

CLERK GRIER: MIC OFF

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Speak up Madam Clerk.”

CLERK GRIER: "21-0526, Request approval of an ordinance to amend chapter 2 article two Division II of the code of laws of Fulton County relating to the code of ethics to require the filing of an annual income financial disclosure statement for members of the Development Authority of Fulton County and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Morris --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, motion is to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Any questions, comments? All right. Let's vote.”

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0578**. Request approval of an ordinance to amend Chapter 101, Article 2, Section 101-66 of the Fulton County code of ordinances regarding the procedural rules for public comment to allow for public comments to be heard via multiple means and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioners Abdur-Rahman, Hall, and Ellis."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion is to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Vice Chair Hall?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I just want to address something that was said during the public comment this morning, and someone assumed that everyone would not have the ability to speak and that is not true. I want to explain that whoever does not speak within that maximum time limit at the beginning of the BOC meeting, will then be able to either submit it in writing and have it heard later on, or speak at the end of the meeting where there is no maximum time limit. They do have the two minutes, but there is not a maximum time limit so everyone does get the opportunity to speak --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Vice Chair. Thank you. All right. Motion is to approve. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; four yeas, one abstention."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0580**, Request approval of a Resolution requiring in the beginning that beginning with fiscal year 2022, the operating budget of revenues and expenditures for Fulton County be submitted to the Board of Commissioners prior to approval of the proposed millage rate and requiring the proposed millage rate be based upon the budget request of County departments and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Colleagues, I brought this forward and would love to, you know, hear from you on this. At the last meeting, we heard that we had the lowest millage rate ever. And shortly thereafter, we heard that we were about to have to let 1500 murderers and rapists go. And so those two things should never exist. We should not have to -- it doesn't do us any good to have the lowest millage rate ever, if it's going to cost letting go 1500 murderers and rapists. We do our budgets wrong. We do our budgets based off of revenue. How much money we think is going to come in. Budgets should be based off of expenses. How much do we think we're going to have to spend? How much does our police department need? How much does our Sheriff need? How much does our DA need? Our public defender? How much money do they need? We need to hear from them about the money that they need before we start talking about setting a millage rate. We might have to set the millage rate higher if the expenses is going to be higher. It seems completely backwards to set our budgets the way we set them. Every year it's based off of anticipated revenue. All this is how much

Arthur Fernandez going to bring in. He's going to collect 97 percent of this amount. The budget should be based off of our needs. Our needs are based off of our departments and the amount of money that they request. It's not about, oh, let's shave 5 percent of 4 percent off of last years' budget. Certainly, we want to keep taxes as low as we can and I want to apologize to Commissioner Hausmann -- at the last meeting I used a word regarding this subject, and she believes that it was directed at her and so I apologize for doing that Commissioner Hausmann. Certainly, it was not intending to curse at you. I was cursing at a situation that would allow us to possibly let go of 1500 murderers and rapers and at the same time celebrate that we've got the lowest millage rate ever. With what we have going on right now in our city, in our County, in our state, there is no way that we can talk about letting these people go. And maybe it seems that maybe we found out that it's not necessarily or may or may not be the amount or the budget, it might just be the people not cooperating or the rules not allowing people to cooperate with minor requests. So hopefully, we have gotten rid of any and all impediments that might prevent our District Attorney or our Sheriff from hiring the people that they need to hire. Certainly, this is an emergency. Certainly, this is now a COVID related emergency. It may not have been COVID related before COVID, but it certainly now is a COVID related emergency, which should allow us to suspend any and all rules to make sure they get the people that they need right now today. Hopefully, they were able to hire people since the last meeting, but I apologize again, Commissioner Hausmann particularly if you thought that I was cursing at you. That was not my intent. But I'd love to hear from you all about basing our budget off of our needs. Off of the needs of our department, and then setting a millage rate. I think that is the proper way to do it. Budgets are not actually just based on expenses. They're based on expenses and revenue. But the way we set ours now is based simply on revenue. Not on any of our needs and I think it's very important that we include our needs and our expenses before we start deciding how we're going to set our millage rate."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anyone want to comment? Madam CFO, you have anything. Well wait a minute, here we go. Commissioner Vice Chair Hall, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, and Commissioner Hausmann."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Well, I don't want to jump in front of any of the County executives wanting to respond to that. No? Did Sharon, okay, yeah, I'll go after you and say what you have to say."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Vice Chair. I certainly understand Commissioner Arrington's prospective and his point of view on this. And historically the way in which we've approached presenting the budget is a course to receive the input from the departments on what their budget request are representative

of their needs and then looking at the resources that we have available to meet those needs. And when we present the budget, we're required by law to present a balanced budget, and we use the fund balance that we have available outside of the boards fund balance reserve Resolution and then we make assumptions on what's going to happen with the tax digest. 80 percent of the County's revenue comes from property taxes which is based on the value of the tax digest, as well as the millage rate that's assumed. And we tried to keep it balanced in that context of not raising the millage rate unless it is to provide for additional services, or things like when the Board of Commissioners wanted to implement the incremental compensation strategy, we built that into our model so that we would be able to identify that need to you, and present a millage rate plan. From a planning perspective, we don't want our millage rate really yo-yoing too much because that becomes very difficult to manage. And we do have some budget pressures that are not annual budget pressures. For example, the elections' cycle. So, you do want to have a millage rate that can support your ongoing operations every year and then support things like elections that have higher expenses every other year. So, I certainly understand, Commissioner Arrington's prospective. And as I understood the Resolution when I read it, we would simply present to the Board here is what all of the departments have asked for, and to fund their requests what they've asked for based on the what is expected to happen with the tax digest meaning the growth in the digest what we think the collection rate will be on those taxes, and then what the other sources of revenue are that the County receives the small amount of local option sales tax that we receive and the other revenue. A good portion which is generated from the court system itself. We would than present to the board what the millage rate picture would likely look like based on a set of assumptions and identify to you whether or not that would require an actual millage rate increase, or if it could be done within the resources that the current millage rate based on what we think the digest will look like next year would present. So that's how I understand the Resolution as written, but it's likely that the proposed budget if historically departments have asked for upwards of a hundred million more than what our resources and basic assumptions would allow for then we would be presenting a picture that would include an actual millage rate increase."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. Okay. So, the bottom line is our taxpayers need relief and they need it bad. As we can all see from just reading the newspaper and watching what's going on in our perspective Districts, prices are skyrocketing. And I mean the prices are so outrageously high. But we have neighboring states and cities that believe that our prices are wonderful for what they get for their money coming from New York and Chicago and other places and they are buying above what's being asked for the selling cost of these properties. So, that inclines me to ask Dr. Ferdinand for a report on what does he see his projected tax -- what does he think the projected tax collection will be because people are really paying these prices. As a Board, we made a decision a

few years ago to try to relieve our taxpayers by passing this five-year millage rate decrease, annual millage rate decrease and I think that was a good choice. And so, I would not want to play around with that. I want to continue to give the taxpayers the relief that they deserve, and that's been the best way that we found to do it based on the presentation that we asked from the County Manager and the County executives. However, we need to -- I think it's not that we need a resolution to address the millage rate. I think what is really necessary -- and this is not saying that the County Manager and staff have not done this they have literally brought presentations before us and said here are the requests for services, and programs, and enhancements and everything, here's the total cost, here's how we can pay for it, here's what would happen if you raise the millage rate; and you've given us all of those scenarios. So, I think that when I look at this Resolution, the lines that stick out to me that really are the what we need, are lines 10 through 17, which say you know provide that counties have the authority to adopt an ordinance to establish their own fiscal year and budget preparation process and whereas pursuant to Fulton County code Section 2-261, the County Manager submits annually to the Board of Commissioners a proposed budget governing expenditures of all County funds including capital outlay and public works projects for the following year. The County Manager submission of the proposed budget includes the budget request of all of the County's departments, agencies, elected officials and authorities who receive funding from the County through the budget process. And if you jump down to 22 through 25, now therefore, be it resolved that beginning with fiscal year 2022, the County Manager will present -- I would change this submit to present a proposed budget for any given year to the Board of Commissioners which provides all Fulton County departments with all of their requested budget items. I think that that is really what we need to look at to identify the funding needs, to identify and hear what are all of the services and programs and budgetary needs that are presented to the County Manager because as we all know, over the past years, we have heard from various departments, Justice partners and the like that they are presenting to the County Manager and staff one thing and by the time it gets to us, it's everything is not in it. And so, to eliminate that from being you know we don't know if that's true or not -- to eliminate that we can maybe put a policy in place that has these lines 10 through 17, 22 through 25 that specifically say we get to know all of the request from the departments, agencies, elected officials, authorities and the like. You see what I'm saying, Commissioner Arrington?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes. I like it."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "So, is that -- can I make that a friendly amendment or I'm sorry -- what you say Commissioner Hausmann?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm happy to accept that as a friendly amendment. I think Commissioner Hausmann was saying that we may want to hold this and until we can have further discussion --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "That's fine with me too. Because, I just don't think we need to play around with the millage rate. We need to stick with what we told our residents in this County that we would do and that is tax relief. And we are doing that by the continuous decline of our millage rate. And I think we have what until 2022? And so, I think we need to stick with that because they are going through a major financial crisis with COVID and everything and loss of jobs and deaths in their family and you know and the increase in property values, increasing the property taxes, I think that we need to not bother the millage rate and stick with what we already have in place."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You want to hold?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, let's hold, I mean I don't know right now if you ask people -- right now people are worried about crime, No. 1. They're not worried about millage rate right now. Right now, people will pay twice the millage rate to make sure that none of this crime --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "--not my people. I have legacy neighborhoods northwest of the Mercedes-Benz Stadium. You're talking about Vine City, English Avenue, Washington Park, Bankhead Bolton Grove Park and I can go on and they're not trying to pay anymore. They're already hurting, there are a lot of unemployed people, and they're looking forward to a millage rate going down because that's the only relief they have right now."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I understand. But if, you know, people don't feel safe, then we don't have to worry about writing no checks --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--okay, Commissioner Arrington, the motion now is to hold, I'll second that motion to hold--"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "--yes, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: " --Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you still want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "--please, thank you, Chairman--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- followed by Hausmann, and back to Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Arrington, I'm in agreeance with you in theory; however, this seems like it may cause some operational issues. It seems

like the timing when we do our millage rate and the budget would to have to completely change. What will we have to do when we do our budget because this is what I'm saying -- I commend us having a five-year plan, but nobody on this body knew that we were going to have a pandemic when we did that. And so, I clearly understand as a property owner about the millage rate, but I also understand that we're asking the County Manager's office to make sure everybody comes in front of us with the funding. And so, it looks to me that it would be an operational issue, but we must understand if we do not provide any other resources other than the millage rate, then how can we provide resources other than touching the millage rate? I think we have not dealt, or we have not done what we needed to do as a body for the homeowners because like I said as a homeowner myself I don't want the millage rate touched, but I also understand as a pandemic that nobody on this body knew about; that we are in a precarious situation with crime being as high as it is, with our courts being backlogged, that we've got to teeter that line of trying to make sure that the homeowners receive what they need to receive, but also make sure that we are trying to fund the best of our ability. And so, when you're talking about a millage rate that won't coincide operationally with the budget, we may need to see some other way. That's the only thing that I'm trying to impress upon my colleagues here is that it will be operational issues because they are not coinciding. And so, I just wanted to go on record that I do understand as a homeowner, I'm not renting. (Nods head up and down.) There's nothing wrong with renting, but I am a homeowner. And so how do we find here again that famous word I like to use a happy medium because when we put in that millage rate nobody in this body knew that a pandemic was going to hit us. And so, operational-wise, may be we need to do the budget at a different time. I don't know. I'm just throwing things out there because we can't look at the old way of doing things dealing with a pandemic. Nobody up here has been in a pandemic unless you're older than you look. Nobody up here has been in a pandemic and so we may need to work with the County Manager, and the CFO to see how may be in the interim not something that has to actually stay in place, by how do we address this if you are saying that the only resource that we have for the homeowner is the millage rate for the property owner is the millage rate. And so I just want to go on record saying this is fluid and this is going to require us to do some operational things, and like I said in theory I understand what you're saying and I do support it; but how do we get to that? Commissioner Arrington? Unless we truly try to look at things differently. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right the motion before us is to hold which means it's coming back, and we have ample time to say anything we want to say. Commissioner Hausmann, Commissioner Hall, and back to Commissioner Arrington. The motion is to hold."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Thank you Mr. Chairman before I start talking about the Resolution, thank you Commissioner Arrington for your apology. I accept it. It doesn't excuse it, but I do accept it. I do think that it had nothing to do with releasing 1500 murderers or rapists, nobody up here wants that to happen. I think we've clearly established uniformity in our support of public safety and support of our criminal justice partners in this County. And so, you know, I accept your apology, but I don't want to have it left that, you know, anybody up here was, okay, with the situation that would lead to criminals being running loose on the streets because we do not support that in any way, shape, or form. When it comes to the budget and the millage rate, I don't think we have any idea what next years' cycle is going to look like with these high home prices that Commissioner Hall just mentioned. You know I don't know how that's going to affect the tax base, but I can only assume it's going to be sky high. If those rates, those sale prices are factored in and which naturally they should have been, we're going to have people priced out of their houses again. Some of these legacy homeowners are going to be in big trouble. So, I just really think we have to proceed with caution here because we don't know what the impacts are going to be. But back to the fact of you know setting your budget based on your need, you know I mean I just think you should look at everybody's individual home budget, because I can come up with a whole lot more need that I have revenue for in most years. And it's just not reality for anybody's situation. We have the ability as the government to raise taxes. Everybody doesn't have the ability in their own lives to raise their salaries. And so, it's just not a realistic way to look at things. And I think we have to put ourselves in the seat of the people that we represent when we make these decisions. And they don't have the ability to print money, or just to come up with you know more revenue if their expenses increase. They have to figure it out. And so, I think that's what we have to do. We have to figure it out. And then I want to remind y'all that in this last cycle, you know, even with paying for all of our normal expenses; even with a few enhancements like the ICS program, we were still able to put \$50 million into our reserve fund for COVID unexpected COVID expenses that we anticipated for this year without knowing that we were going to get more federal relief. And so, that says we're financially healthy. That says that we have revenue to deal with things that we need to do to keep our services going. We also have bonding capability if we decided to build a jail or some of these other large item expenses that I anticipate we're going to face, but we are very healthy thanks to our sound management team over here who have put us in a position where we do have options. And so, I don't want the public to think that we have financial problems because we do not. Fortunately, we are very healthy.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Vice Chair.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you, Commissioner Hausmann. You know I like to deal with facts. I don’t like to sensationalize things and play with peoples’ emotion; and so, let’s hear some facts. Madam CFO can you tell us when was the millage rate actually set for Fulton County the last time?”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Vice Chair, we are in the process now of making the advertising – meeting the advertising and public hearing requirements for the 2021 millage rate which will be presented in its final form at the August 18th meeting.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “And wasn't it last year in August when we set the millage rate the last time?”

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: “Yes, Commissioner.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “So we were well into a pandemic when we set the millage rate the last time. Now, the other thing is that we’re not asking the County Manager to do anything that he hasn’t already done with his executive staff. He always presents a budget presentation. Not everyone up here would know that because they were not here at the time, but the County Manager always presents a budget presentation and in years past, he has presented a budget presentation that indicated all of the budget enhancement requests and services and programs needs across all the various departments, and Madam CFO assisted in allowing us to see how that would be paid for whether it was a millage rate increase was done, how much that would look like and everything. So, we’re not – it’s not that anybody is asking them to do anything that they haven't already done before. Now, it was stated that 80 percent of the counties revenue it comes from the tax digest and the millage rate. I would like to request from Dr. Ferdinand that he provide us with a presentation or a report on his tax collections. Dr. Ferdinand has met with me in past years as a Commissioner, and he has met with the late Commissioner Joan Garner. When I was Chief of Staff and has spoken many times about the fact that there are revenues that we do not include in our budget that come at the beginning of the following year. So, I'd like to hear his projections and his information on that. I think that will also help with the facts of the conversation. And I think we need to hold this definitely.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: MIC OFF

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Motion is to hold.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Yes, motion is to hold. I’m fine with holding. I would like to hear from our County Manager his thoughts on this, and my intent was to get ahead a year because you know we just now starting to set the one for 2021. So, my intention was to try to get ahead a year so that we maybe not have those logistical operational issues. But I’d love to hear your thoughts, Mr. Anderson.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, Sir. Briefly, you can get ahead a year, and it took me a while to understand this process. But if we brought a budget for 2022, and we show you all of the requests and you say we want to fund all of those requests, it’s really then a math exercise to then say what do we assume the base growth to be and that would be the housing price transit you’re talking about Vice Chair Hall. And then the last piece would be to instruct us to assume a millage rate that would cover all of those requests in 2022. Then we would start the year with the expectation that when you set the millage rate then in August of 2022, you’re going to set a millage rate consistent with all of those needs to cover it by the end of the year because that’s when the collections actually occurs is between whenever we get the bills out. But let’s say between October and December principally. So, you could in fact set your millage rate consistent with whatever budget requests that have been made in the current calendar year -- for the upcoming current calendar year. So, that can be done. So, the I think you can accomplish what you want to accomplish in terms of both seeing all of the needs and then if you decide to fund all of the needs, as identified setting the millage rate correspondingly you would just have to tell us that in January. Because the difference is we assume a millage rate consistent with what you set for the previous year. And when we do that to your point Commissioner Arrington it does set a revenue expectation which then we bring to the Board our best judgment on here are all the needs to your point Vice Chair Hall and here’s our recommendation given that revenue estimate, but that revenue estimate does not have to be that if you told us in January we want to have a different millage rate set in August of the forthcoming year. That may be as clear as mud but I have finally figured out you could definitely do it that way.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “And a lot of this is also based on number 1 we have mandated services right? And so, you know, a lot of this is about how we prioritize. So, I think we have to prioritize our mandated services, police, sheriff, DA, courts, jail, elections -- prioritize those mandated services and then we also have to look at people that are constitutional officers differently than we look at our departments, right? Where the County Manager can have a lot more control, all right? But we’ve got elected officials that are constitutional officers that are frankly higher than us, according to the state constitution; clerk of Superior Court, sheriff, and so those people I think we’ve got the look at those services and our mandated services first and base our budget off of those needs that are requested by those people and make sure that we

have ample --and Commissioner Hall is right, and I think even Commissioner Hausmann there may be enough spread --we may not have to raise the millage rate because there may be enough spread because of the value of the homes are increasing, okay? But we need to know that going into it. It doesn't need to be a blind or a look back decision oh, well, you know we need to make sure we have secure enough resources to provide the services that we need to provide, and you know if there's that much left over, we can issue some refund checks, right? But we need to have the money in place to provide the services that we need, and if we've collected that much over than what we need, then we can issue refunds. I am just saying. If we collect an extra billion dollars, right and it's too much money; we don't have to do it we can refund that money. It's not that hard. I mean, but we got to make sure we have everything that we need so that our DA doesn't have to come in here begging because she's about to have to let 1500 rapists and murderers go. That should never occur. And our Sheriff come in here talking about machines -- vehicles broke down on the side of the road and that there's no back up. I mean, we have to make sure we have enough resources people. And we got to focus more on our expenses, and our needs, than just basing our annual budgets off of revenue and what we think is coming in. So, I look forward to holding this, and having further discussions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right one more time. This is coming back at the next meeting Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, thank you for indulging me. I will make it quick. Was there not a plan to have a five-year millage rate low as possible? Educate me, County Manager, if I'm incorrect."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes Ma'am, we developed a five-year view that assumes certain base growth and certain millage rate decline, and really quite honestly, what we were trying to get to was revenue growth out of both of those calculations that would at least be 2 or 3 percent a year; because what was happening previously was the Board kept rolling the millage rate back and there wasn't much growth in the base so therefore revenues were flat even though costs were going up. So, we truly then were trying to reduce costs. And for the strategic meeting that we have coming up next week we're going to show over the last several years how that has worked. And I think you'll be able to see how both of those things worked together to increase revenues; not saying that it met all budget requests, but we have started to grow revenues where we had not been growing them before by doing that five-year plan."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, so it was a five-year plan. I just wanted to make sure that I was correct. My final question would be to Hakeem, as it stands, and I

know we're going to hold this, but just to educate myself so I can ask the question; as it stands, would this pose as it is, operational issues, this Resolution."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "Commissioner Rahman, I think the County Manager has said working off of operational challenges you know we would have with this Resolution. It does involve the fact that we do not get a digest until the budget is adopted. And by the time they receive that digest and if you have adopted the budget at the higher amount than what that digest will cover and it can definitely result in very, very, high millage rate. But that's something that you know we can discuss further at the next time, anytime you decide to come back for it."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you County Manager and thank you Hakeem, because I wanted all the facts. Thank you."

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion before us is to hold; can we vote now? Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion to hold passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item, please."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 12, **21-0581**. Request approval of a Resolution Commissioners Arrington and Hall serving on the city of Atlanta Jail Committee sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Colleagues, you obviously know that there was a Resolution passed by Atlanta city Council to reach a Resolution. Resolution was not reached as far as the Atlanta jail. We did today approve something with Cobb County that allows for an up-to-expense. Obviously, it's a lot cheaper to transport people right over here than it is to transport them out to Cobb, so I believe we should still go forward with trying to meet with the city of Atlanta and trying to get something out of them and I hope that you will support this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I would just like to know this is the actual Atlanta jail committee where we were supposed to have a certain amount of people that were on there from the city Council, and a certain amount of

people from the Board. Do you know how many people from the city Council are going to be on it?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I do not recall the number of people from city Council, but I believe, okay, Alton is indicating three, and what was the number that they requested from, Commissioner, the number of commissioners, Alton?"

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PSS: "The asked for three and three, if I re--."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "--three and three --"

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PSS: "--that's correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "--okay; so then, if we need one more from someone wants to volunteer --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "--I would like to volunteer."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Awesome. So then that would three a friendly amendment will be accepted --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "--thank you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- that will be our third member for that committee."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you still have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you. I appreciate that. I would like to be the third one. Thank you, Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I was just going to ask, do we have a copy of the ordinance that they did creating the jail committee, because I haven't seen it? Or Alton, maybe you—"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, we have it somewhere; we got it about a month or so ago, I don't—"

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PSS: "Yeah, I'd have to look it up, Vice Chair Hall, but I'll see if I can find it."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay, and just e-mail it to me. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, anyone else. The motion is to approve motion to approve by Commissioner Morris seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Let's vote, please; and if there's a friendly amendment adding Commissioner Abdur-Rahman to Arrington and Hall."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0582**, Request approval of a Resolution to amend the Fulton County code of ordinances to make certain provisions therein regarding decorum mandatory and to provide penalties for any violation and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioners Hausmann, Hall, Ellis, and Morris."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, and seconded by Commissioner Morris. Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I think that we would be remiss in doing a decorum policy if we do not add a component for social media and virtual communications this is specifically about I'm sorry --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "--she's a sponsor, she wanted to speak."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "--oh, well it only has me in the queue, go ahead."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right--"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "--let her go 'cause--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--all right, just a minute, just a minute guys, it's 3:30, it's getting late; however, the only person in the queue--"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "--let her go, the only other person in the queue was me, I'm sorry--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--just a minute, just a minute; Vice Chair Hall, you have the floor."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "--no, no, no, no. I don't want to jump in front of --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--you're yielding right?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "--I'm yielding to--"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--just a minute, just a minute; Vice Chair Hall will yield to Commissioner Hausmann sponsor ."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you, very much. I guess I'll set it up, and then you can certainly speak Commissioner Hall because I will welcome your comments. I regret the need to even have this Resolution, but because of what happened at the last meeting the extensive passionate language that we experienced, that unfortunately we did have some vulgarity and name-calling, I felt the need to research this issue. We already have a decorum policy which states in Section 101-68 our decorum policy all Commissioners are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner. Commissioners seeking information from staff should do so within the confines of proper decorum and so forth however there are no process or penalties should someone violate the decorum policy during one of our meetings. As you know we follow Robert's rules of order to conduct our meetings. Those rules require that if an incident occurs that it must be addressed during the meeting when it occurs. This ordinance includes language that allows for a Commissioner to raise an objection either at the meeting when it happens or the following meeting and a process to address any concerns if it is raised. And I want to thank Vice Chair Hall, Commissioner Morris, and Commissioner Ellis, for cosponsoring this Resolution. And I ask for your favorable consideration. And now Commissioner Hall feel free to say what you wanted to add to it."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. I appreciate that. I would never just jump in front of you, just going off of the queue. So, I'm looking at this and you know, we're in a technology age now and I know we're amending our decorum policy that was already in place and I think we need to take it just a little bit further. In lieu of the fact that we do not have a social media policy even though I know there've been Commissioner Arrington requested it, I requested it, and we still don't have it. We do need to address that in this decorum policy because of the fact that we're in the technology age and we do have social media and virtual communications. So, I'd like to make a friendly amendment to add those to this policy so that we can just go ahead and cover everything. While I am requesting that, Mr. County Manager I know Jessica was one of the people working on the social media policy along with the IT department, if you could please bring forward to us some type of recommendation for a social media policy as requested in previous years, but for today I am asking for a friendly amendment to add the social media and virtual communications."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann, you accept it?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, I'm not sure exactly how – I mean I agree we need a social media policy first of all. We've talked about that before. I'm not sure how it fits into this policy because this is dealing with what happens at our meetings. So, I need some advice on that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Yeah, I would ask Madam County Attorney, I’m assuming you’re discussing it with Jerolyn, but I would ask Madam County Attorney if there’s a way that you can include that into this decorum policy--”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “--or if it needed to be separate.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “--yeah, or if it needed to be separate.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “You can make it a separate social media policy.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay, but this is dealing with Commissioners.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “So, well, so you can either include in the decorum section the social media--”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “--yes, that’s what I’m asking--”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “--policy, but generally this decorum section is directed to meetings.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Right. And so, you’re saying that it can be done? It can be added into the decorum portion?”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “You could, although the decorum section generally deals with meetings and the social media policy would not be a meeting it would be sort of a -- maybe it would be better as a Resolution as opposed to including it in the ordinance because this decorum policy is set forth in the Fulton County code. It’s an ordinance. And so, you could do a Resolution that is you know a general civility, Resolution that says as commissioners we resolved to and do something like that. But, you know, this decorum policy is directed specifically to conduct, not speech. And so, depending on what you want to put in a social media policy that seems to tend more towards speech; which I would advise against because of the First Amendment. So, you can deal with conduct, but we need to be careful when it comes to speech. So, we can try to come up with something and bring it back for you all to discuss and see you know what you thought about it. But we definitely would need to thoroughly look at that issue.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “I’m glad you explained that because if this deals only with conduct and not speech, then anyone can say anything they want to at a meeting, and it’s all about the conduct, not the speech; is that what you just said?”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Well, the First Amendment doesn't cover all speech. Doesn't cover like profanity; it doesn't cover you know words that incite violence. So, there is a little bit of a difference, but this is directly -- this the requested change to the ordinance is in fact directed to conduct.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “So is it directed toward profanity? Is it directed toward name-calling? Is it directed towards speech that is defaming—”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “—well yes. What it is directed to is speech that would be vulgar or profane or obscene because that is not protected by the First Amendment. So those types of things would not be protected, but just in general speech there wouldn't be a way for us to come up with a provision that would hamper one's ability to provide an opinion.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “All right. Thank you.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Okay.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Since I have a very, very robust, and large media -- social media following, I would pose this to the County Attorney. Board of Commissioner rules govern meetings, social media, and outside meeting comments should they be added to this which I don't think legally they can be could violate the First Amendment rights. Also, we're getting in to a slippery slope. I'm going to tell you why in my opinion it's a slippery slope. A Commissioner -- a sitting Commissioner that is reporting to their following -- Board of Commissioners meetings that are public; everything that happens public is protected. If we venture in to that area, then commissioners that get into arguments on social media with constituents would be considered may be to violate the social media policy. So, I would ask first of all with a social media policy added to this, constitute a taking away of the right of freedom of speech from a constitutional perspective? And also, because Board of Commissioners rules govern meetings, social media, and outside meetings comments could violate First Amendment protections. So, before we go down that slippery slope, I don't have a problem with us setting a social media policy. I think because I know of similar situations in other jurisdictions that were struck down because of the First Amendment. You can't incite violence. You can't say 'fire' and other things, but we go on a slippery slope when we decide to put a social media policy in place that actually hampers the ability of freedom of speech as opposed to a Board of Commissioners rules that governs meetings because what about individuals that call us out on media for whatever reason and then we decide to come up under what they say and respond to it. Could

that be considered, you know, something that may be against policy? So, I would say to you, and I more importantly would say to my colleagues that I don't have a problem with the Board of Commissioners rules that govern meetings, but I would have a very serious problem in the social media realm because it violates freedom of speech, and then it is subjective to who is doing that interaction at that time. So, County Attorney, I would like you weigh in on that."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "We can do some research into this area and provide you all with a memo on a social media policy and the First Amendment?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you. Well, let me just ask you this, so to make sure I understand the facts. This particular Resolution dealing with decorum governs the meetings only; is that my understanding."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: MIC OFF

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Let me just say this. For the most part, it's directed at decorum, and procedural rules because this comes under the County section on procedural rules for meetings. And so, yes, for the most part it's directed to meetings."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "So let me rephrase that question then. If it's for meetings, would social media be considered a meeting?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Well, social media would not to the extent that you all wanted to amend this and change it, you could do that."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Would we be against freedom of speech if we were to do that?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Not necessarily. It sort of depends on what the speech was and the context of the speech and how the social media policy was written."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "So should this Board adopt that today? Would it have to be broad?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Would it have--"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “—it, if you’re trying to, are you, because, my understanding is there is a social media that wants to be added to this today and I don’t know that it can be added or should it be separate; because upon my reading of it doesn’t look like it can be added.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “My understanding was that I was going to provide you all with information on a social media policy—”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “—so, it’s not going to be added today Chairman?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “It’s my understanding, it’s not today.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay, okay, well thank you. I appreciate that.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I’m not, I’m not -- I’m not going to support this. In my mind it’s too subjective. We just heard from the County Attorney that this is targeted toward conduct and not speech. It also appears it’s targeted towards me; and the language that I used at the last meeting. What is vulgar to one person may not be vulgar to the other. It’s too subjective. What is conduct to one person might be speech to another. What is speech to one person might be conduct to yet another person. Further, it doesn’t include or have a provision for what happened today. I came back and apologized. So, there’s no way that I can support this because it doesn’t, it doesn’t allow for self-correction. So, I’m not going to be supporting this and you know I was going to perhaps use some conduct to respond, but I’m just -- I’m not going to be able to support this.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. So, Commissioner Hausmann does your Resolution include staff of Commissioners? If it doesn’t, staff members, yes it should—it doesn’t—”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “--well, a staff member should conduct themselves in a public meeting with decorum as well yes, but no, it doesn’t spell out staff members.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Can we include it, include staff members? If you’re saying it should.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “I would ask the Attorney again if that would apply.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “The Board can certainly have rules of decorum that apply to Commissioners, the public, staff members. So, you can—”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--in the legislation that's before us can it be written to include staff members of Commissioners?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I think it -- I think it can because this is procedural rules for meetings."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, if they can, would you accept that--"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "--I would accept it if the Attorney says it's appropriate—"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. All right, back to Vice Chair Hall and back to Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Commissioner Arrington, for what you said. That's why, one of the reasons why I asked the question about the difference between the conduct and the speech and what are we exactly covering here because it can be subjective, and it's not clear to me on exactly how this is going to address overall decorum if we were not including speech and making this a little more clear about conduct, because, like you said, conduct to one person can be characterized as being negative and not to another like a female like me, I grew up with all-male cousins, so as you can imagine I saw some conduct as growing up as little girls and little boys that was you know not what you would expect, but for me it was what I grew up seeing and it's okay. But to another female who did not grow up in an environment like that it would not be, okay. So -- so it's too subjective. We do need to go, I think hold and go back to the drawing board and make it more clear and add in the things that we have discussed here today. And so, I would actually like to make a motion to hold it and then kind of flesh it out a little bit more and adding also what the Chairman has asked to add the Commissioner's staff. And I'd also like to add the part about how do you address if the person in question comes back and does apologize? I do think we need that in there as well because if we're going to have -- I saw a line in here that says 'a public reprimand', then we need to have a line in here that addresses if the subject -- if the subject actually comes back and does a public apology. I think that's fair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is that a substitute?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, yes Sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Substitute to hold, is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, properly moved and seconded to hold, let’s--”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: MIC OFF “Do I have time to make a comment before we do that?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay, I was next in the queue, Chairman, do you mind.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “No, not at all. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman followed by Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you Chairman.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “—[Inaudible.] substitute motion for us to hold.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “--okay. I just want to go on record that I do agree with Commissioner Arrington. It’s extremely subjective. Additionally, it allows the same people who may be offended to bring the charges and set the violation. Thirdly, it also says to include to include employees and staff, but as a Board member who is duly elected that is subjected to certain things that my staff wouldn’t be, if my staff gets out of line and I clearly would not you know tolerate any disrespect by my staff, but am I to be held for what my staff did? Is the staff going to be held to that or will I be held to that? I just think, yeah, we need to table this because it’s too many grey areas. Arrington came back and he apologized. And so does that mean under this, if this was still in place, he would be fined even though he did apologize. And so, I think this is too broad. I think to include staff, am I responsible for my staff doing it? Does my staff get penalized? Staff is not elected, the Board of Commissioners are. So, I think we got too many shades of gray. I agree that it should be tabled, but I also think that everyone on here should work collaboratively to make sure everything is included because to be honest with you, I have been very vocal about quite a view different things, and I have had a sitting Commissioner to cuss me out on my cell phone. Is that to be added in? With decorum? I didn’t respond to it; but is that to be added in as decorum because they didn’t like what I said? I didn’t curse when I said it. It was an opinion that I had, but I retrieved a message while I was being cursed out. So, it is too broad as we have it. So, I think collectively as a body I will be more than happy to see what the consensus is as long as we do not get into a slippery slope or use this to silence someone’s right to be able to have their freedom of speech. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay. I said at the outset of my comments that I regretted the need -- that I felt the need to bring this forward, and I still feel that way. I think what we're forgetting here is the image that we project during our meetings impacts the entire impression that people have of Fulton County. I take that very seriously. And if you look on page 5 of this document it's pretty clear about what would qualify as rising to the level of needing to be discussed as a violation of decorum. I don't think that anybody up here wants to silence a Commissioners' opinion, your opinions are valid, your opinions represent the communities that elected you to be here; and I certainly want to hear them as I'm making decisions on behalf of the 1.1 million folks that live in Fulton County. But sometimes there's a line that's crossed, and I can't tell you that in my 11 years of being on this commission that I've ever received as many comments about a meeting that we've had as I did from the last meeting. And I talked to many of you who told me that they were experiencing the exact same thing. So, we can let this lie, if that's what y'all want to do? We can let it sit, we cannot take any action that tells the public that we know that we should conduct ourselves professionally, and that we understand that we represent the largest County in the Southeast, and that we should do so accordingly or we can act on it. That's your call. I personally feel like we owe it to the public to say that what happened at the last meeting is an unacceptable behavior and it's not the image that we want to have out there about Fulton County. And I appreciate the apology, you know, I've made mistakes. It's different when you make a mistake in private than when you make it in public. And I think when things happen in public, it's our duty to act on it and to say if it's acceptable and not. And that's all I'm trying to do is to protect the image of Fulton County with this ordinance.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Vice Chair Hall.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you for that Commissioner Hausmann. It is different when you do something in public, than when you do something in private. I want to go back to address about the staff being added in. I don't know about any of the staff here, but I know when I was coming in as a Chief of Staff to the late Fulton County Commissioner Joan Garner, I had to go to go through orientation and part of that orientation was ethics class. And during that ethics class, it was made very clear to those staff of the elected officials that you have to be very careful what you do publicly. And that included your e-mails, your social media, virtual communications, as the staff of an elected official you could be in ethical violation based off of your conduct publicly. And so, staff does need to be included and I think that social media and virtual communications also needs to be included because it's all public facing.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Anyone else? The motion before us is to hold. Anyone else want to be heard on the motion to hold; if not cast your vote, please.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion fails; three yeas, three nays.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, the motion to hold fails. Back to the main motion which is to approve. Let's vote. Approve with a friendly amendment, yes.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “What, can you sound what the amendment is please, just so I can be clear.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “You accepted a friendly amendment to add staff –”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “I just wanted to be clear about it. Thank you Chairman.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “--and I would say that if it is staff behavior in a public Board of Commissioners meeting, it would apply.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Now, what did you say Commissioner?”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Well, we're talking about conduct during our public Board of Commissioners meetings, so anything would be limited to what happens in a public Board of Commissioners meeting. So, if there's staff conduct that's inappropriate in that setting, yes, it should be included in this.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Well my intent though in offering the friendly amendment was not limited to just a meeting--”.

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “--but that's what this ordinance is talking about is our meetings.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: MIC OFF “—see, I'm confused, because if that's the case Chairman, and I understand what MIC ON I'm confused because I understand what you're saying Chairman. What I don't quite understand if it's a meeting here and the staff says something unprofessionally I can understand that but if the employee say the commissioners says something about another Commissioner on their Facebook page or on a Zoom meeting it's still subjective so I still think we're still rushing. I still think that we need to table this and let the County Attorney come to us with what we should do because we're still going into a slippery slope. Chairman, I agree with you. I agree with you on it, but my concern is if we say an employee pretty much at all times outside of the meeting then we're going into a slippery slope.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Well, my friendly amendment was as I intended. It was not accepted [Inaudible.] but although I feel very strongly, it was not accepted—”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "--okay, all right."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "--and I'm not saying you're not right, I just don't know that it applies to this particular ordinance."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I understand, I understand."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "--okay, all right. Thank you. I just needed clarification."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We may have to approach staff in another way. All right. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open--".

CHAIRMAN PITTS: MIC OFF "--and nobody that works for me will bad mouth another--"

CLERK GRIER: "--and the motion fails; three yeas, one nay, and one abstention."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Next item. Just a minute. Just a minute. Vice Chair abstained. It still failed, correct?"

CLERK GRIER: "Correct."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 13, **21-0583**, Hospital Authority of Fulton County. The Board of Trustees of the hospital authority of Fulton County reelected Dr. Lawrence B. Stone, Mark J. Sweeney, Dr. Alvin L. Sermons for terms ending April 1st, 2025."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a motion? Motion to approve by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "County Manager's Presentation and Discussion Items, **21-0584**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request discussion of options and approval to authorize the County Manager, and the department of real estate and asset management to complete due diligence and lease negotiations, and bring back for final Board of Commissioners approval."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “Mr. Chairman with your permission, I know that we are toward the end of the day and so we will make this quick, but it is a critical decision that we need direction on. And before turning it over to Joe and Tim to provide details, I do want to give a little bit of context to this. This is related to the warehouse options that are currently before us that we would like for the Board of Commissioners to give us direction on. Specifically, the District Attorney referenced this item at the last meeting. So, I want to make sure that I state up front that we have been in discussions with the District Attorney, about her warehouse needs. We were simultaneously in pursuit of a consolidated warehouse that would meet the entire County's needs. Particularly in this market I'd like to commend Tim as well for identifying warehouse space that would not just meet the county's need to consolidate our warehouse options, but it would also address both the Sheriff's as well as the District Attorney's evidence needs. And as Tim will explain, the facility which is 900,000 feet can be constructed in a way where everyone has no access to anyone else's warehouse space. So, we have the ability to do the buildout in such a way that everybody will have secure space, but I do want to acknowledge the fact that we were pursuing those different paths and have come across what we view as a fork in the road, because the solution that Tim identified, it enables us to meet a countywide need and not have a separate facility. So, we do need direction from the Board to determine whether or not we should pursue one versus the other option. Joe.”

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: “So, good afternoon Commissioners. Joe Davis—”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: MIC OFF “—who's speaking? MIC ON All right. I was going to say let's summarize. You don't need a dissertation now.”

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: “Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'm actually going to just turn it over to Mr. Diamond who's going to walk you through a presentation that briefly summarizes the effort, the considerations that we had to take into consideration for the decisions that we made.”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Tim Diamond, Deputy Director for Real Estate. This will be a short presentation. Next slide, please. So, the consolidated option is option A. It's a procuring of the warehouse capable of consolidating all seven of our planned warehouses into a single location. Our requirements was that it had to be already constructed and available or to be able to be available during the first quarter of 2022 to accommodate the needs for elections. It was to give us an ability to provide for future expansion and to identify qualified options with favorable and economic terms. As Madam Chief Operating Officer said, we simultaneously were in discussions with the DA about a separate warehouse for her evidence combined with the Sheriff for approximately 32,000 square feet that needed to

be already constructed and available. Next slide, please. So, the challenges in today's market the warehouse market is the hottest market in commercial real estate. Record levels of market activity, current prices and demands in competition; if we were to purchase or to try to build a facility, it would easily be in the neighborhood of \$90 per square foot. When we began, we started with approximately 18 sites to which we issued nine RFPs and discussions. In the screening process, we evaluated developers, their willingness to accept the county lease termination, legal requirements to the termination at the end of every year, building and expansion capabilities, the leasing and economic terms, and the site availability and timing. Next slide, please. This is a simple consolidated summary of the warehouses between the two of them as Madam COO said, one would be separate, the consolidation would allow us to consolidate all of our needs into one warehouse that could be defined individually. It's an open box tailored to each of the respective agencies. The advantage for the consolidation is it does allow us to consolidate all evidentiary space on behalf of law enforcement, into a single facility; however, if they need it if it's the will of the Board, we can have this separate warehouse for the Sheriff and the DA. Next slide, please. So, this is a financial summary projected over the next ten years of occupancy costs. The top line is for all of our current facilities, our renewing those facilities as well as extending per the current needs for the election to help them meet the operations that would be \$64 million dollars. Option A is the consolidation of the warehouses from seven into one and that would be \$57 million dollars over the ten-year term. And option B. is if we were to do the consolidation and the standalone for the Sheriff's office, it would be \$61 million dollars over that same ten-year term. So, in a nutshell, Mr. Chairman, that's the presentation and we're looking for your guidance."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. I appreciate that. Motion is to approve? Which one? Okay. Vice Chair Hall has a question followed by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you for your presentation. So, in looking at this, it appears that the District Attorney and the Sheriff specifically want their warehouse to be separate because is it evidence that they're going to store in it?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Commissioner Hall, both the District Attorney as well as the Sheriff are using their consolidated space based on what they've shared with us for evidence. I do believe the County Manager has had a conversation with the Sheriff and he is actually very open to the space that we are consolidating too. And just for the board's knowledge and awareness, we have to move to that consolidated space regardless. And so, the option really is not one or the other it's are we going to do the consolidated space and meet the DAs and the Sheriff's needs which

we can, or are we going to do the consolidated space; and in addition to that do another space to keep them separate outside of it.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “So, okay. So, my question is are they requesting that they have a separate warehouse of their own—

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “--I think the District Attorney is, the Sheriff is not.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay, the District Attorney is, but the Sheriff is not.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “Yes, Ma'am.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. So, the -- and the District Attorney's, hers is for evidence as well. So, what is the reason behind needing separate warehouses.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “So the reason that has been provided to us by the District Attorney is that she is currently investigating someone who would be co-located in that space, but I mean I frankly would have two responses to that. One again I believe that Tim can attest to us being able to build out the facility where there is no access by other participants to the District Attorney's space. I made the second question that it begs from my standpoint is if that's the case, then we probably should not consolidate the District Attorney with anybody including the Sheriff because a year from now she may be investigating the Sheriff. But who knows? So that would just be my response to that, and again we're just looking for the Board's direction because there is a significant additional cost to not fit the District Attorney within the 900,000 square feet that we would have available—”

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: “Madam, Vice Chair, I would also add that we would be able to design the inside of the warehouse to meet the same level of standards and requirements in either warehouse in terms of evidence. We've been working very closely with the DA and the Sheriff. We understand those needs, they have security requirements, and those security requirements can be met at both warehouses.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. Well, I think that the Sheriff and the DA should be responsible and they have the authority to request what they need based on how they need to carry out their duties and responsibilities by law and that may be very different from what we think or feel, but we need to allow them to let us know what they need as it relates to doing their job. And so, I don't think there's anyone here that can tell them what they need to do to carry out those duties and responsibilities. So, if the DA is saying that she needs a completely separate warehouse, because it's based on her

need for how she utilizes that warehouse, I think that we need to listen to that and don't put them in a situation that may violate or create some security issues because it sounds like they really -- they need some serious security as it relates to their particular warehouse. Hold on. One second. It's a lot of stuff to read. And see this is why you know nobody specializes in their area, but them. That's why they're elected to their area. Let's see. So, so the Sheriff needs separate space just like the DA is that what you said? Or you said he doesn't need it?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "I'm just referencing a conversations that the Sheriff has had off-line with the County Manager. The space itself is t'eed up to co-locate both the Sheriff as well as the District Attorney."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay, cause from my understanding he needs a separate location for evidence, but not for the actual storage part of the warehouse. So, I think you might need to go back and have another conversation with him because that is my understanding. He needs a separate location for evidence, but not for the actual storage part of the warehouse. So, I don't think this is ready for prime time. Maybe we need to hold this. I'll make a motion to hold it, so we can get it right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion to hold by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; is that correct?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The motion is to hold. Commissioner, you want to be heard? All right. So, Commissioner Arrington you want to be heard on the motion to hold? Commissioner Hausmann, and then Commissioner Morris on the motion to hold."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, I think, I'm happy to be heard, I think Commissioner Abdur-Rahman is in front of me."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I just think that we should -- I'll make it brief, I'll make it brief as possible. I think that we should not take this lightly. And I think that even though -- I do have concerns with the lease as opposed to a purchase, but I also have concerns as to us making decisions that could possibly have us liable down the road, you know, when we're looking at possible state takeovers, when we're looking at you know individuals that may be charged, we you don't know but they may be elected officials or previously elected officials. I know based on what we have went through in our dealings with the SB202 and what we're going through now, nobody has a crystal ball and can look down the road and say oh, we won't be liable. And so, I think in this particular case, we need to tread lightly, and allow further discussion especially with our

constitutional officers to make sure that's what's proposed in front of us is the correct and viable options. So, I definitely think we need to hold this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "You now, I'm wondering why we don't have the DA and Sheriff here to talk about this. I know at the last meeting we said that they were going to be invited back. Obviously, they know when our meetings are; they could have been here but certainly I think the onus is on us to make sure if we have an agenda item that includes them that we make sure that they know to be here so that they can address it as well. Additionally, the Sheriff is a constitutional officer -- let's go look up constitutional officers. The only thing that we have the power to do is to give him his budget. And after we give him his budget, he's got complete control. So, let's be very careful that we don't overstep our bounds. District Attorney, I know they do grand jury proceedings and that those are done in secret. I don't know if that is one of the things that might be done at the location, but if you can't you know -- you can't be in the same building with someone and do something secretly. They gone know you there. So, we might need to have further conversations. And this is also why it's important to build relationships and not make them jump through hoops. On HR related stuff because then now when we need them to come in so we can help save four million dollars we have no trust. We lost our trust on HR and finance. So now they don't want to have anything to do with us. This is why it's important for us to work together. It's essential that we work together. Sometimes we're going to need them, and sometimes they're going to need us. But when we're not there for them, how can we expect them to be there for us? We got hold this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I agree with you Commissioner Arrington. And I'm looking at this administrative order that is compelling us to make this you know move and it's from April of 2017. It's not like that was last week. So, I think that it makes since for them to be separate -- the numbers don't look good for having that opinion on this piece of paper. Seems like we could be owning these facilities, not leasing them. You know, I think that there's ways to accomplish this that might suit them and might long-term be a better financial decision for the County."

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: "I certainly understand the nature of all the questions. I would say to the purchase nobody is selling warehouse right now. I mean, we've gotten Anna working on an option to be able to incorporate a purchase option in it, but nobody is outselling warehouse right now because it's, it's so impressive to the market in the market capture there that people are holding onto it because they

know the value of it. So unfortunately, we couldn't go out and purchase a warehouse that is constructed. We could purchase a piece of land, but then that would probably be a you know a two to closer to a three-year runway to try to build a facility.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Well, again, I think this should be held and make sure we’re making the right decisions.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Mr. Chairman, could I offer—“

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--yes.”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “--maybe a path forward? Recall the primary driver for this overall consolidation is not just costs, it’s to get elections all in one place; so, in that particular vein, really time is of the essence. Number two, the District Attorney is not going to change her mind as it relates to being separate. I think she feels very strongly that she should be separate. And if that’s the will of this group, then I think it’s pretty straightforward decision that holding it doesn’t add any value to. In other words, if you give us direction today that you think two solutions are best because of the necessity to be separate, then I think we’ll proceed on down that path. She’ll be more satisfied with that solution. We’ll have slightly more costs, but you know not material probably in the grand scheme of things. So, I would prefer if you make a decision today which sounds like the will of the group to go down a path that has the primary warehouse and a secondary one for the DA, and if the Sheriff wants to be in that location, he can be; and I don’t know about what Vice Chair Hall raised, that maybe it part of his operation may be in there and where he maintains his uniforms and the likes could be the other reason for that matter. But that would be a detail to work out. I don’t think anyone will be satisfied with you just simply delaying it and I don’t think you’ll have any different information.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “So, Mr. Manager, let me ask you this -- oh I’m sorry, Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Thank you. Yeah, I was going to ask the question about time sensitivity and you’ve responded to that. I think I’m not sure it’s my will to have the two. I still don’t quite understand why the District Attorney thinks she needs a separate facility; could you address that again Ms. Roach?”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “What has been conveyed to us so far and the District Attorney in all fairness may have additional reasons, but what has been conveyed to us as the principal reason is the fact that she has been requested to investigate an organization or a person that is co-located within that facility. Now, again, we have plenty of ways to mitigate that—“

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "--you could, you could do separate security you could probably do separate entrances—"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "--that's correct. They would have separate—"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "--and walls that totally separate it. So, I, I'm still wrestling with that. I hate to think we've got 900,000 square feet and most of it wouldn't be used and we're going to go rent some more space somewhere. So, I'm not -- I'm not of that mind. I hear my colleagues; they may be, but I'm not." (Nods head up and down.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "With all due respect, the DA is not here. The DA, from a legal perspective, is looking at liability issues for Fulton County. And so, I know that the COO and the County Manager are tasked with things that they need to do that they think are best and I'm not questioning that. What I am trying to pretty much -- and I don't - I'm not trying to belabor the point, but when a very seasoned, very, very -- has a very good track record in the DAs office until she was elected DA and if she tells me that this wouldn't be a liability, I want to you know lend to her expertise as opposed to the County Manager and the COO. So, with all due respect Commissioner Morris, in absence of her being here, we are tasked with either holding this or going by what she has -- I know she has said to me on more than two or three different occasions and she has given me information as to why she's making that request. And so, what I would just say to my colleagues today including what our County Manager, you know, if you don't want to hold it then we need to just honor the request. Here again she is the DA. She is the one that was elected. She is the one that sounded the alarm. She is the one that duly knows what would be a liability issue if we go other than what she asks. So, I just want us to think about that."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "--and Mr. Chairman, we brought it back today under the direct -- the direction of both the DA and the Board. So, we're we didn't bring it back knowing she wouldn't be here or that the Sheriff wouldn't be here. We were explicitly told at the last meeting make sure is on the agenda; so, we brought it forward and then the second component is we're here requesting direction. You know, of course ideally, we could fit in the whole, 900,000 square feet, but if it is the desire of the Board and the desire of the DA to have a separate facility that's exactly what we will go forward and execute. We're here asking for the Board's direction; that's all."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I think that's the direction, I don't know if we need to undo the hold, I mean but, the fact that there is a hold means that we're not

willing to go forward at least with the big one; and we've got specific requests from a constitutional officer and the DA that they want separate place. So, to me, the direction to staff would be to do that whether it's going – whether we go forward with the hold or not, it seems that you know and the reason people are saying hold because maybe they like to you know maybe there's a way, I mean fiscally what Commissioner Morris is saying is absolutely right, right? If we could save \$4 million dollars, you know let's try to save \$4 million dollars. But if the DA is saying there is no way because she's got to investigate some people that might be in the same building, then you know I think we just have to go a separate way. But we can take a vote on the hold or vote on the original?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “—what about a substitute motion?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--just a minute. Just a minute. The motion on the floor is to hold, and Mr. Manager, Madame COO your recommendation is A; is that correct? I know you have two options now, is that a recommendation A –”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “--that's our recommendation is A—”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--your recommendation is A; let's be real clear. Your recommendation is A. You and the COO; is that correct?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “--that's correct because it represents five percent of the space that we're going to be taking.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “It's a single location, you can accommodate the needs of the DA and the Sheriff in a total privacy for this one case that she's looking at. You can put Fort Knox in there it's that large. Now, the motion before us is to hold. And I have, as I told y'all earlier, I have a 4:30 hard stop.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “All right, just very quickly. A is to do a single location; and it was made very clear to me by the Sheriff that he needed a separate location, not housed in the same building as the County is trying to do which is A. And so, that goes against what has been requested by the Sheriff who is the constitutional officer. Now, the DA is not listed as a constitutional officer, but has requested that her part of the warehouse be separate. Now what that separate means, I don't know. I just know that the Sheriff actually said he needs a totally separate building and he said that his conversations with the DA were that because both for evidence, both of them, they can have their own separate warehouse whether the two of them are located separate from this single location that the County wants. And so, that is why I asked to hold it because A does not fit into what the constitutional officer has requested and the District Attorney and so I think we need to hold it, resolve it, come back with the correct language.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, let's just—"

TIM DIAMOND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DREAM: "Mr. Chairman, if I might? Option B would allow you to do the consolidation and the separate warehouse for the DA and the Sheriff because they have—"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, we understand that; but the Manager's recommendation, and the COO's recommendation is A, period. Can't have it both ways, it's A."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, but the item before us, Mr. Chair, is the discussion item that asks us to choose A or B. And so—"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You're correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "--although their recommendation might be A, the matter that is before us A or B."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--let's dispose of the motion before us it to hold. Let's dispose of that."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, I can withdraw my second and if we get to the, because they're saying they need direction; so, I withdraw my second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "--your motion is to hold?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "—yeah, so—"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "—I second the motion to hold. He withdrew his second—"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "—yes, I did that so we could vote on A or B--"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "—I thought you withdrew yours so we—"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "—so we could get out of here."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, let's do it."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Oh, okay, oh wait. So, he withdrew his second to allow us to vote on A or B. Tim has actually said that B is the solution it gives us a separate warehouse for the DA and the Sheriff; is that correct?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER, : "Yes Ma'am, that's correct."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "So, I'll withdraw my hold and we will vote on either A or B."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just put B up—"

VICE CHAIR HALL: “—B, we’ll vote on B.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--all right, Arrington

VICE CHAIR HALL: “—so.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--let’s do it this way --“

VICE CHAIR HALL: “-- substitute motion to vote on B

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “--you’re going to approve B--”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “--I’ll second --“

VICE CHAIR HALL: “--yes--“

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “-- all right, seconded by Arrington.

VICE CHAIR HALL: “All right.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. That’s what’s before us. Let’s vote. Madam Clerk. How long is that going to take – so I’ll do a hand vote, a voice vote --”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open for option B.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “--it says motion to hold on mine.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. This is not complicated. What’s before us -- the motion is to accept recommendation B. In favor of B, raise your right hand. Those opposed to B, raise your right hand. It fails.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “It failed anyway.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “I make a motion to hold.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “I’ll second.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, in favor of the motion to hold, raise your right hand.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “--I’m not raising my hand, but it’s going to be held anyway--”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “-- all right, thank you.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Madam Clerk, sound the next item, please.”

CLERK GRIER: “Bottom of page 13, Commissioners Presentation and Discussion Item, **21-0528**, Invest Atlanta Board of Directors June 17th, 2021, meeting summary, sponsored by Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Madam Vice Chair, this is just the meeting summary of the actions taken by the Invest Atlanta board of this last meeting. You see anything you’d like more information about, anyone I’ll be happy to try to get that for you from the staff, thanks.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you. Seeing no questions, Madam Chair, will you move to the next item, and sound the next item, please. Madam Clerk, I’m sorry.”

CLERK GRIER: “Okay so, we're going to skip over Chairman Pitts’ item?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Actually, I just asked the Chairman. He said that he's fine for this presentation to be made. It’s really an update on the status of the Fulton County Police Department.”

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0530** Presentation and Discussion, future of Fulton County Police Department sponsored by Chairman Pitts.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “—and Madam Vice Chair, we can go through this fairly quickly. The Chairman raised a question that he had been confronted with about whether or not we will be continuing given the passage of the legislation annexing the portion of Industrial Boulevard to the city of South Fulton whether we would be continuing with a police force and so this is simply a brief update and Chief Yates will do the principal portion of it. I just had a few remarks for starters. Next slide. Okay. So, Commissioners, as you know, our Police Department principally has three primary responsibilities following the annexation of a portion of the Fulton Industrial Boulevard District. One, it involves legacy policing services that will be provided to all unincorporated areas including the small unincorporated area north of I- 20 that still remains unincorporated with the passage of that legislation as well as the entirety of the area that is incorporated as a consequence of us having perpetual unincorporated status for the Fulton County airport. And I do want to highlight the what’s in the box there at the bottom that although the majority of the land was annexed to the city of South Fulton as a part of the legislation which passed earlier this year, the small portion that remains represents 30 percent of the calls to service for public safety; so, still a significant amount of policing of legacy services will occur in that small area in addition to the area that remains unincorporated. The other area that I think is of significance to this Board are our Fulton County government facilities. We’ve principally and still do

principally use contract security in order to provide security at our buildings, but I hope over the last year and also in the future you will continue to see an increase of presence of Fulton County police officers for the security of the public that visits our buildings, of our employees as well as our elected officials. So, that again remains the responsibility of the Fulton County Police Department. And the Chairman knows because he serves on this committee, but there are also regional services that continue to be provided by our Fulton County Police Department. Our Urban area security initiative which we affectionately I guess call UWasi their involvement in regional terrorism prevention and all of the assets that have been awarded to the Police Department for the use of our region for that purpose continues to be under the purview of the Chief and his team. And the last bullet there highlights some of things that we have leveraged our Police Department to do over the last in particular 6- to-12 months. And that includes elections security and when a threat has been presented to our elected official the ability to be able to provide executive protection in that regard. So, we do still have plenty of purview that our Police Department has. Our Police Department is here to stay and still has all of the authority that comes with the state statute that provides for it. So, I look forward to hearing from Chief Yates now on some of the operational components of his organization. Next slide, please.”

WADE YATES, FC CHIEF OF POLICE: “That’s the last slide.”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “Okay, we’re not going to do that.”

WADE YATES, FC CHIEF OF POLICE: “Okay, so good morning. Wade Yates, Chief of Police. So, this is a representation of the full-time equivalencies and how we’re moving them. So as the policing, the traditional policing decreases or moving those folks over to the security component. Over the last two years we’ve been upgrading security both in this building and 129 other County facilities mainly adding cameras and access control. We did add seven FTEs for the security component of Police officers two years ago and this just helps us get more people more police officers’ presence in our County facilities. You’ll notice that next year, we plan a reduction in the security guard services because with the addition of 17 FTEs of sworn law enforcement we’re able to cut some of those positions. Next slide. So, as you can see while we’re shifting monies from 301 previously into 100, we’re not asking for any additional budget sums. We’re just going to lose some of the income from the 301 area being the smaller footprint and so we’re asking that that move in to fund 100 and we’re reducing FTEs as a total. The Chairman had also asked for me to highlight our public safety training facility. So, if we could go back to that slide. About the Public Safety training center. One more. Right here. Okay. So, our Public Safety training center service 7200 students every year. That does not mean that 7200 students are in there the whole time. Some classes are only a

day long, eight hours, some classes are as long as 11 weeks. So, the total number of actual students going through there is 7200. The firing range has 5200 students a year. Obviously, that's more students total than all of the Police Department's in Fulton County. And the reason is because we have 52 different agencies that utilize either the Academy, the range, or both. We have federal partners, state partners some of our federal partners actually assist with finances to do upgrades and arrange service, Atlanta, Alpharetta, city of South Fulton, DeKalb use our EVOK for driver training; that is one service that's not offered at every regional Academy. And again, our largest federal partner is Federal protective services, and they are the ones that spent over a hundred thousand dollars several years ago to increase the capacity of the range basically doubling in size. So, we have a front Range that serves 12 lanes and then we have a back range that also serves 12 people."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "So, that that Madam Vice Chair is basically the summary we wanted to provide to assure the Board that our Police Department is here to stay and has a huge area of responsibility just by way of an update with regarding the Public Safety training center. As you recall Commissioners, you did approve us pursuing a bond -- a secure bond in order to execute the projects along the FIB corridor and upgrading the Public Safety training center for Chief Yates and his team to continue to run the significant program clearly of regional impact was within that bond. And so, right now, Tim is working on identifying our sites. We are secure on two sites so far; one where we be putting our classroom part of the campus, and then another location for the driving range, as well as the firing range. And so, we look forward to hopefully breaking ground on that very soon as we close on those bonds. If you have any questions, we can, we're happy to address them."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Thank you. Thanks. Could we go back to the very first slide? I'm sorry -- that one right there. The little box in blue 30 percent of calls to service 30 percent of all crime in what area -- not the County, obviously, the old FIB."

WADE YATES, FC CHIEF OF POLICE: "No sir, so when we look at crime traditional on Fulton Industrial, it's centered right at I-20 and Fulton Industrial Boulevard. And so, when we lost half of that from I-20 down, there's a lot of real estate South on Fulton Industrial that doesn't have any crime. It basically stops at around Martin Miller Drive. So that big center of crime represents 30 percent north of I-20. Thirty percent of calls to service out of the whole what we had before the legislation, 30 percent of all calls to service and 30 percent of crime was North of I-20. So that small, as the COO refers to it as the cheese slice, is 30 percent of what we had in total --"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "-- of what you had --"

WADE YATES, FC CHIEF OF POLICE: "-- correct."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "-- with the old. Okay. That was my question. And then on the training center, do we get any revenue from those 52 agencies that use it?"

WADE YATES, FC CHIEF OF POLICE: "We do not. So, at one point in time we got state revenue and that stopped about ten years ago was my understanding. So what we require is that if your agency is going to participate in the Academy program that you provide instructors. So basically, we are administering the Academy, but for instance if you wanted us to teach a class to your officers, we would ask you to provide instructors for all of those classes. We would ask you to provide someone to proctor the exams; things like that. So, we are administering the Academy, but all of the teachers come from all of the people --"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "--so those classes don't cost us anything other than the cost of the facility itself --"

WADE YATES, FC CHIEF OF POLICE: "-- the facility and the small footprint of staff that runs the day-to-day operation. The Academy director is some administrative folks."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Okay. Thank you. It'd be maybe a nice thing if they paid us a little rent for using it, but I understand. Thanks."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you Commissioner Morris. And I have a couple of questions. What is the actual makeup of the training facility instructors and the stats on the graduates because I didn't really see that. And I don't have this presentation so I haven't had a chance to really study it and see exactly what it's saying because my thought was I keep being told that we only have one mile of unincorporated Fulton County left and so I'm thinking how many people are we actually policing? How many residents and should the police department just become absorbed into the Sheriff's Department since it's such a small unincorporated area? Because they do need more officers, and they need more staff. That would eliminate the need for all this hiring that is being said that is going wrong. I mean they could easily get the number an increase in staff through consolidating. So, I'm, I'm really like -- I got to really get the information."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "So, we did provide this presentation several meetings ago Vice Chair Hall, I think that's why it may have been lost because the item has been held. We didn't update the presentation. We have just -- it's been previously provided I'll put it that way, and in terms of the staff --"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "-- it was previously provided in a e-mail to the to our office?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "—I think it was—"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "--because Hakeem said earlier that he was providing the underruns report to the offices and I checked during the break; we haven't received one of those underrun reports since November of last year. And so, I'm you're saying now that this is something that was provided and I still haven't seen it."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "--okay. We can certainly provide a copy to you before the end of the day Commissioner."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. Thank you so much. Okay. Any other questions. "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you for waiting all day. And thank you for what you do to provide security for us in this building and multiple other facilities as outlined in the report. So, I think you still are vital to the operations in Fulton County. We really appreciate what you bring to Fulton County. And so, I'm glad to see that that's going to continue. I see no reason to change. I wish I'd gone out to the night out last night and seen the helicopter and I know that things like that that we provide value to our partners when they need assistance is vital to them too. So, and I know you do backup and the various SWAT things and whatever they might need on certain occasions, so I just keep up the good work. Keep your guys safe and thank you for what you do."

WADE YATES, FC CHIEF OF POLICE: "Thank you Commissioner."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you Commissioner Hausmann and I would also say the same sentiments that we are thankful and grateful for our Police Department, but I do have constituents that have asked numerous questions about the current state of the police department the area that's unincorporated and it is my duty as their elected official to make sure that those questions get answered. But thank you for all the service you provide and the continued service that you're providing."

WADE YATES, FC CHIEF OF POLICE: "Thank you Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "You're welcome. All right. Anything else Mr. County Manager? All right, so we don't have a quorum anymore? Motion to adjourn. Anyone have any objections? No objections, hearing none, then, we are adjourned."

(Whereupon meeting conclude at 4:45 p.m.)

