

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RECESS MEETING

September 16, 2020

10:00 AM



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TELECONFERENCE
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303



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Ratification date: October 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts

10:00 a.m.

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

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

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INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited in unison.

ALSO PRESENT: Dick Anderson, County Manager; Patrise Perkins-Hooker, County Attorney; Anna Roach, Chief Operating Officer; Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer; Ellis Kirby, Deputy COO; Pamela Roshell, Deputy COO; Alton Adams, Deputy COO; Harriet Thomas (Office of Chairman Pitts); Harriet Thomas (Office Chairman Pitts); Hakeem Oshikoya, Finance Director; Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Purchasing Director; Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs; and Nikki Peterson (Office of the Clerk to the Commission)

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CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

20-0628 Board of Commissioners

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A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Ellis to adopt the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **20-0628**. Adoption of the Consent Agenda. All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Recess Meeting Agenda for separate consideration."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any items on the Consent Agenda that need further discussion? If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Move approval."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Properly moved and seconded it. Let's vote, please, Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Excuse me. Question. We had an item that's been removed; is that still removed, item 0655? I had a memo on that."

PATRICE PERKINKS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "That's not on consent."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's not on the --"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "It's on the regular agenda. Thank you very much. Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Hausmann votes, yes. Commissioner Ellis votes, yes. Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. And I vote yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, Madam Clerk."

Commissioners' District Board Appointments

20-0629 Board of Commissioners

[FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ELECTIONS TASK FORCE \(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA\)](#)

Commissioner Morris nominated Michelle Presley.

Justice and Safety

20-0630 Superior Court Administration

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Infrastructure and Economic Development

20-0634 Public Works

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Open and Responsible Government

20-0635 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Fulton County, Georgia and the Atlanta Development Authority D/B/A Invest Atlanta, by and through its designated special agent, Atlanta Beltline, Inc., for the payment of compensation for the removal of trees at the Government Center; authorizing the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding; authorizing the County Attorney to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as to form and to make modifications thereof to protect the County's interest. Funding is in the amount of \$27,600.00. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

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- 20-0653 Real Estate and Asset Management**
Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners approving the First Amendment to the Technical Assistance Panel Agreement with the Urban Land Institute Atlanta for the purpose of helping to identify redevelopment opportunities in support of the Airport Master Plan for the Fulton County Executive Airport – Charlie Brown Field; authorizing the Chairman or the County Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Technical Assistance Panel Agreement; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**
- 20-0638 Finance**
Ratification of August 2020 Grants Activity Report **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**
- 20-0639 Finance**
No action is requested. This reporting is being provided to meet the quarterly reporting requirement for monetary transfers among budget funds per Board Resolution #09-1262. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

RECESS MEETING AGENDA

Board of Commissioners

- 20-0640 Board of Commissioners**
Adoption of the Recess Meeting Agenda. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Ellis to adopt the Recess Meeting Agenda as amended by removing items #20-0655 as requested by the County Manager, #20-0622; as requested by Chairman Pitts; moving up item #20-0652 as requested by Chairman Pitts; and by a supermajority vote adding items #20-0657, #20-0658, #20-0659, and #20-0660.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

CLERK GRIER: "There are items to be added to today's Regular Meeting Agenda as requested by the County Manager for Registration and Elections. On page 2, of the

Add-on memo; there are four. The first item is 20-0657, request approval of a contract with Radio One to provide radio and digital advertising to educate voters about the November 3rd, general election.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "How many are there?"

CLERK GRIER: "Four."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Are there four. Those all relate to elections --"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- and they're all-time sensitive. Sound them off together, please."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. 20-0658, request approval of a contract with Cox Radio to provide radio and digital advertisement to educate voters about the November 3rd general election. 20-0659, request approval of a contract with Intercom Communications Corp. to provide radio and digital advertising to educate and inform voters. And 20-0660, request approval of a contract with Outfront Media to provide radio and digital advertising to promote voting options."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Mr. Chairman, I move that all four of these items be added to the Agenda."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly move and seconded. Let's vote, please. Supermajority five yeas. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes. I'll vote, yes, for discussion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington?"

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. And I vote, yes."

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

CLERK GRIER: "And on page 5, adoption Recess Meeting Agenda, **20-0640**. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have amendments to today's Recess Meeting Agenda. On page 6, items to be removed 20-0655, request ratification of countywide Covid-19 emergency procurements. There are no emergency procurements to report at this time for Covid-19."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Removed?"

CLERK GRIER: "We're removing it, yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "We're moving up items on page 8, as requested by the Chairman. 20-0622, request approval --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. On 20-0622, at the request of Dr. Paxton and the Manager, they've asked for additional time to work this out. And they've asked me to remove this item, but to be prepared to bring back their recommendations for this transfer -- this transition at our second meeting in November in time for the 2021 budget discussion. So I will not object to it being removed today, but we will come back with a new legislation at the November 18th meeting. So let's remove that one for today."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. So noted."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. And the next one."

CLERK GRIER: "The next item to be moved up to be heard after public comment 20-0652, on page 8 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. On that one -- that one, we are -- we will be entertaining a, what do you call it, a ZOOM call from London, England sometime this morning, so probably in the 11:30 timeframe. So we will -- I'd like to have your permission to take that up whenever Dr. Schapiro is available for us for about a five-minute briefing from him on the Sound Diplomacy Study, which each of you should have received a copy of. Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "And those are all the amendments I have today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. And a couple other things: We have the -- we have two interviews scheduled today for position of Clerk to the Commission. And so, in order to accommodate their schedule, they're -- they're on notice. So we'll probably need -- not probably, a hard stop for lunch and executive session around 12:45, but no later than 1:00 because these interviews are scheduled to begin, I think the first one begins at 1:30. And we need to talk with the consultant prior to the first one, and the second one will begin at 2:00. Then we have other matters to take up in executive session. So if you all will bear with me, that's how we'd like to proceed for today. All right, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay, and --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager, we're going to need you and your staff on the -- on the report. If you can help us out, we've got a lot going on today."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Will do."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Mr. Chairman, one question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "So after executive session with the interviews, are we going to continue with the rest of the Agenda, or are we going to try to finish up everything before we go into the interview?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I will be thrilled if we could finish before the interviews, but that's not likely. So we'll come back after executive session and finish the Agenda."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir. Okay, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. We need to vote, please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll entertain a motion on the Agenda as amended--"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "So move as it -- as with those amendments."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Second."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: Commissioner Morris.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice chair Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. And I vote, yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

20-0641 Clerk to the Commission
[Ratification of Minutes. \(RATIFIED\)](#)

Recess Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2020
Special Called Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, August 28, 2020
Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, September 2, 2020

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

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 5, **20-0641**, ratification of minutes, Recess Meeting minutes. August 19th, Special Called Meeting. Post Agenda Minutes, August 28th, and Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes September the 2nd, 2020."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a motion?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So moved."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I need a second. I'll second. Let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You sent copies of the minutes to the Mayors, correct?"

CLERK GRIER: "I will now that they're ratified."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

20-0642 Board of Commissioners

Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates (PRESENTED)

Proclamation recognizing "Minority Business Opportunity Week. **(BOC)**

Proclamation recognizing "Elizabeth Strong Appreciation Day. **(Pitts)**

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "20-0642, presentation of proclamations and certificates. First proclamation is recognizing Minority Business Opportunity week, sponsored by the full Board of Commissioners."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Will you read it, Ms. -- Madam Clerk?"

CLERK GRIER: "Daryl?"

DARYL CARVER: "No, I'm going to read it, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

DARYL CARVER: "Whereas the Georgia Minority Supply and Development Council, Georgia's leading small business development and supplier diversity organization has certified minority business enterprise firms, developed their capability, capacity, and competency and facilitate partnerships with corporations and governments and means of their goods and services for 45 years. And, whereas in 2012, the GMSDC entered into a partnership with Fulton County in which the Fulton County Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance utilizes GMSDC certification to register an MBE firm within the County's purchasing system, which abbreviates the application process to one page and eliminates redundant paperwork. And, whereas in 2019, the GMSDC helped MBE firms create 130,000 jobs generate \$5.4 billion in wages, and contribute more than 13 billion in gross domestic product in Georgia. And, whereas the GMSDC continues to support Georgia's MBE firms through its very signature events and educational programs designed to provide opportunities for growth success and long-term sustainability. And whereas during the week of September 14th through the 18th 2020, the GMSDC will hosts it annual business opportunity exchange to stimulate opportunities and to explore ways for minority businesses to do business with corporate and governmental supply chains. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the business opportunities extended by the

GMSDC and honors the achievements of minority businesses and their importance to our economy and thus hereby proclaim the week of September 14th through 18th, 2020 as minority business opportunity week in Fulton County Georgia."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next."

CLERK GRIER: "Next proclamation is recognizing Elizabeth Strong Appreciation Day, sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And for your information, she is the mother of our distinguished Purchasing Director, Felicia Strong-Whitaker."

DARYL CARVER: "Whereas Elizabeth Strong was born in 1938 to Marvin Rubin Gant in Brantley, Alabama, and the family moved to the Carey Park community of Atlanta, Georgia in 1942. And whereas, Ms. Strong attended elementary school in a one-room school house until William J. Scott Elementary School was built, and later graduated from Henry McNeal Turner High in 1956. Then, in 1979, earned her paraprofessional degree from Georgia State University and, whereas Ms. Strong has been an election's poll workers since the late 1960's; and a community organizer and advocate for over 20 years through her work with the Economic Opportunity of Atlanta for underserved communities, and she received the Coretta Scott King award for voter registration in 1988 for registering the most new voters, and has continued to advocate that all people exercising their right to vote. And whereas, Ms. Strong is effectively known as Doot by close friends, and family and friends, and she is the mother of three daughters Felicia, Valerie deceased, Valisia, and five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren with whom she enjoys spending quality time with. And upon her retirement, she plans to spend more time with her family in addition to her favorite hobbies of modeling -- of gardening, rather, and reading. Now therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and all associated with the Tax Commissioner's office commends the dedication exhibited by Elizabeth Strong during her 33-year tenure with Fulton County government, and expresses our congratulations upon the occasion of her retirement and thus hereby proclaim Tuesday, September the 1st, 2020 as Elizabeth Strong appreciation day in Fulton County Georgia."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Congratulation, Mrs. Strong. All right. Continue Madam Clerk."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Board of Commissioners

20-0643 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. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Members of the public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The Public Comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting. Those who could not speak during Public Comment will be allowed to speak first at a subsequent Board meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. (CONDUCTED/COMMENTS READ INTO THE RECORD)

4 Speakers: Judge Cassandra Kirk (Magistrate Court Recognition); Madeline Smith (Board of Elections Meeting/Inmates' Rights to Vote); Donna Renfro-Lawson (Voting Rights); and Ben Howard (Senior Citizens/Commission on Elderly Affairs Meetings)

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 5, Public Hearings. **20-0643**, Public Comment. Citizens wishing to participate in public comment registered online to join the public comment portion of the call, can submit and fill out the form located on the County website www.FultonCountyGA.gov. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to the speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Carver."

DARYL CARVER: "We have three comments from -- from the e-mail. So the first of these is from Cassandra Kirk, Chief Magistrate Judge and Court Administrator. Good morning honorable members of the Board of Commissions. I write to share the latest award presented to the Magistrate Court of Fulton County and highlight in "Rolling Out" magazine. The research staff at the Administrative Office of the Courts presented the Magistrate Court of Fulton County with its Clearest Rate Excellence Award. This award acknowledges courts that are keeping up with their incoming caseloads. Courts strive to reach a 100 percent clearance rates. In this case, the Magistrate Court of Fulton County, one of the highest-volume courts in the state of Georgia, received the award for its past three-year clearance rate average, which was 254 percent. The Magistrate Court of Fulton County is honored to share this award with you, and all credits its judges, interns, and court administration for making these achievements possible."

The second of the comments we have is from Madalyn Smith from College Park. "Greetings, commissioners. First, thank you for the work that you do for the citizens of Fulton County. I send concerns about September 14th Board of Elections meeting held this past Monday. Having had a conversation with a member of Common Cause, prompted me to sign into the Board of Elections meeting. Why? Because the forgotten who are incarcerated in jails in Fulton County and throughout Georgia have voting rights. Phone calls were made to Registration and Elections offices Friday, September 11th. Pamela Coleman was spoken to by a citizen expressing concern as it relates to what's in place for inmates in Fulton County to vote. Pamela did certify that anyone without a felony record could vote. Okay, great. But what's in place for inmates in Fulton County jails/prisons who meet the criteria and have been accused but not yet convicted of a felony or are awaiting a trial, or incarcerated because they could not get bond money to be released as they await a trial. Brenda MCcloud, on Monday, September 14th, was spoken to about public comments of the meeting concerning this issue. Public comments were sent in about this. Phone calls since the Monday meeting have been placed to answer the question about voting rights of Fulton County incarcerated. No one is returning calls. We thank both Pamela and Brenda for their initial reaction, but follow-up is required, to get answers to the question; what is in place for incarcerated accused felons and non-false or non-felons in Fulton County jails and prisons to exercise their right to vote? Again, as citizens, we quote Fannie Lou Hamer. "We are sick and tired of being sick and tired, especially as the poor and marginalized 99 percent of whom are black and minorities."

And the last of the public comments is from Donna Renfro Lawson from Atlanta. "Peace selected, elected, and rejected Fulco leadership team, subordinates, and family. County Attorney PP Hooker is to be recognized, and probably awarded with the proclamation of sorts for successfully convincing the County Manager RD Anderson that he does not have to, yes, does not have to respond to me, Donna Renfro Lawson, about any Fulco constituent-related topic. I admit that it is an awkward position and probably an incorrect interpretation as the late-great Emma Darnell has warned us on a number of occasions. Hooker's teamwork authority reminds me of a chapter in *Different Dances*, a recommended reading authored by -- authored by Shel Silverstein. To not spoil the story, it suggested that at approximately page 178, everyone silenced by CA PP Hooker's mandate to take some time out to read that portion of the book. It was once on the juvenile adult shelves of Fulton's public library system. Once again, the book is titled -- the book's title is *Different Dances*. There are four C's that everyone should be considerate of communicating with and about. And they are, the commissioners, candidates, constituents, and Christ. Commissioner Arrington, I can't vote, and you should know why. And you should be ashamed for not communicating with me and CA PP Hooker's actions and obstacles against US -- against us. May the reader of these comments have spoken clearly enough for the proper reception for the listeners to -- for the listener's engagement." That's the last of the comments.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "And we have one speaker, Mr. Ben Howard."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Yes, thank you. Greetings, Commissioners, and greetings also to you, citizens of Fulton County. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate Public Policy Analyst. At one time, we were on our way towards certification of our senior multipurpose facilities. The pandemic has given us an excuse not to pursue that certification. However, we have no excuse for not insisting upon public notification of the meetings of the Commission on Disability Affairs, on the Commission on Elderly Affairs. We have over 100,000 senior citizens in Fulton County. And the most I have ever seen visiting a meeting of the Commission on Elderly Affairs at one time has been five. Did somebody say five? But we consistently publicize those meetings, you just might be able to increase the number of visitors to the Commission on Elderly Affairs meetings, especially since we can now do so gratefully. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Continue, Madam Clerk."

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS

Open and Responsible Government

20-0654 County Manager
[Presentation of COVID-19 Operational Response Update. \(PRESENTED\)](#)

CLERK GRIER: "On page 6, County Manager's items, under open and responsible government, **20-0654**, presentation of COVID-19 operational response update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, Commissioners. We will step through this quickly. And again, I'm going to tell you up front in a minute what we're going to say, and then will go through the charts again in short order and leave all the time for questions. The big news today is our test results and cases are improving. They are dropping from over 400 a day to 83. More importantly, perhaps the percent positives, when tested, has dropped from 16 percent to five percent. And we'll leave that to Dr. Paxton to discuss the importance of that. I think most importantly, Fulton County represents now less than nine percent of the state case load of positive cases. And I've asked Doug Schuster with the EMSI to really display for you the importance of that number, because that's half of where we started from, when we represented close to 20 percent at the beginning of the virus of the total caseload in Georgia; and that translated now into a much lower projected death rate, probably over a thousand. That because of your actions and the ability to execute this plan, we have -

- we will have achieved by the end of -- the duration of the virus. I think there's always opportunity for some Monday-morning quarterbacking in terms of how the CARES funds were deployed. But I think I can say that without reservation that our numbers speak for themselves. And speaking of the numbers for testings, results are now close to 580,000, in fact, exceeding that. Which far exceeds our peer counties as you'll continue to see, which average more like 100,000 to date, and it represents 20 to 25 percent of all the testing being done in Georgia. We are seeing decreasing demand for testing, so we want to keep an eye on that. Our "Fulton Needs You" campaign with 130 million impressions should be helpful to drive testing from about 3,000 a day that we're experiencing to what is an upper bound capacity of 8,500. So hopefully, our citizens will hear clearly that we have more than enough capacity. You can get an appointment without a problem and the test results is Dr. Paxton will talk about our coming back in a rapid period of time, 24 to 48 hours. So there's every benefit of testing available to our citizens. PPE remains in good shape with approximately 10 million either on hand or committed. We have suspended any additional purchases or further deliveries to the cities as we work the resolution of the CARES discussion today in executive session. We will, in light of all of these trends, review with Anna Roach any implications for our reopening plans. The most significant that we'll announce today is the provision of fingerprinting services for concealed/carry permit applications at both the North Annex and South Annex location. That'd be a great improvement from having to come downtown for fingerprinting, since most of the other police departments no longer are doing that service during this -- this period. So that would give us three locations to accomplish those renewals. I think our library curbside service continues to deliver great value. We will be initiating conversations with elected officials about their offices in light of these new numbers, but I think a safety-first approach still should predominate. One huge good bit of news is our tax bills were delivered. I talked to Dr. Ferdinand early this morning, and they have due dates of 10/31 for the city of Atlanta and 11/15 for Fulton County. So that, again, allows the government to meet its financial obligations without what would have been significant disruptions. So we want to thank he and his team for really what was an extraordinary effort through the weekend, and over many nights when bills were being printed when a main printer failed, and about 11 printers were brought into service to make that happen. Lastly, we will be prepared to discuss a best and final offer today to our cities in executive sessions for the CARES fund allocation, and we hope to have that resolved and moving forward. And has already been reported, we're in very good discussions, I believe, with the Board of Health leadership. And I want to thank Dr. Paxton and Beverly Stanley for engaging on a planning process that will look at the dimensions of procurement, Human Resources and Finance, and as had already been indicated with the thought being that we'll bring back a plan in the November meeting for your consideration. Lastly, again, we continue to keep, I think the critical functions of government going. There was a certain question raised in the last meeting about why did we overview some of the capital projects like the atrium, the assembly hall, the court's building, or even the two massive wastewater plant expansions. And the reason is, is to let, you know -- importantly, let the public

know that while COVID has disrupted a lot in our society in general and economy, we continue to, while focused on the results that we'll talk about and spend quite a bit of time on, in terms of the COVID results, themselves, we continue to remain focused on the critical functions of government, which many of these capital programs represent. So with that, Mr. Chairman, we'll start and move quickly through these charts. Anna, if you want to begin and then quickly pass to Matt and Doug, and then we'll move forward."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, Madam COO, are you with us?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board. Thanks for the opportunity to review the public report with you this morning. I have no additional comments to the Manager's opening remarks, but I would ask Doug and his team to move quickly through their section, so we can get to Dr. Paxton and the Board's questions. Doug?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Good morning. All right. Next slide, please. Next slide. Okay. As the County Manager told you there's very encouraging moves on the trend. I thought I would take today's meeting to kind of talk about our worst of times this summer and how far we've come until today. I want to just add that, while all these trends are good news, it is in no means a victory dance. We need to continue this, and the things that we've been doing to drive these things down. And I'm sure Dr. Paxton will echo that sentiment. So starting off with COVID cases, on July 24th, we were at our high of 400 cases for a seven-day average. And, as of Monday, we were down to 87. On July 12th, we were at a high for percent positives on tests. And we have dropped from that high of 16 percent to 5.1 percent as of Monday. And also, I take note that we're at a 8.9 percent of the Georgia caseload. And that's -- that's down pretty significantly from about 15 percent. Deaths: you can tell -- really see the -- how deaths is a lagging indicator because we're at our high of deaths in August -- August 8th of 7.6 a day down to 1.43 on Monday. And Fulton County currently has an 8.74 percent of the Georgia's death toll. And I'll show you what that percentage means a little later. Hospitalizations: on July 23rd, we were at a high of 600 Covid patients in the Fulton County hospitals down to 209 as of yesterday. On July 17th -- since July 17th, we have added in Fulton County 266 staffed general beds and 23 staffed CCU beds within the County. Decreasing testing demand continues, although, over the last four days, we've seen a slight increase, which we'll continue to monitor. Also, as was stated, testing results are typically 48 hours or less; more typically, in a 24-hour time range. Next slide. This is our dashboard looking at information together on one page. As you can see, on the far left in the green, that is our testing. And over the Labor Day week -- Labor Day weekend, testing was down obviously because of hours, but as you can see, for the last five days in the far-right corner, it looks like we've kind of started to rise a little bit and hit a little bit of a plateau there. So while there has been a steady decrease, it looks like we've -- we've kind of leveled off -- cases. Fulton County cases in the orange down to 87 for a seven-day average, and it stayed that way. Once again, a little bit of a plateau

there. And then, the hospital census, the seven-day trend is 221 from a 600 high. And then, lastly, you'll see how the deaths have gone down and once again, it's a lagging indicator. It's been a -- a much more recent trend in that direction. But that is very good news. Next slide. On the left-hand side, you see hospital availability. The numbers at the top in red are when we're in a critically low situation. And it's been a while since we've been that for overall hospital beds. And we are still tracking that. You see over the weekend that we go down in patients in hospitals, and during the week, especially the non-COVID patient use, goes way up. And that creates the kind of wave action that you see on the left-hand side. On the right-hand side, the latest data from the modeling that we processed has pushed the projected peak about 15 days to the right and so now that projected high is now November. It's also projected at a high of 554 beds, which is down from 843 from the last time we talked to you. A big reason for this -- if you see at the top part of the page there, it says projected by 54. The big reason for that is number one, our continued path with the COVID patients has really gone past where they've expected to rise to go, but also it relates to the percentage of our case -- our hospitalizations from the state's hospitalizations. That's quite a significant drop there. Next slide. Very similar here. We tend to be on the left-hand side in a little bit more of a shortage situation, but we're at a much better place than we were the last time we talked to you. A great deal of this shortage has to do not necessarily with beds available in the CCU unit. But staffing with nursing staff to man those beds. On the right-hand side, once again, you'll see the projected height is on November 8th, and that is down from 166 to 131 and for the same reasons I described on the previous slide. Next slide. This is the percent positives for Fulton County. As you can see, it looks like we've leveled off about the 5.1 percent or five percent. And that is down, like you said, from a high -- we've said from a high of 16 percent back in July. And so it's been a very steady decline. The percent positives drop means one big thing to us, that as it drops, our availability and ability to do contact tracing grows with every decrease that we have and we're able to isolate. So we need to continue to see this number drive downward and get it down as low as we can. Next slide. This is the tracking of the percent of Fulton County's cases compared to the state of Georgia. As you can see, in the first three weeks to a month, we were around 15 percent in both deaths and cases. And then as testing started to ramp up, you see that that was really kind of driven down and it has continued to drive down to below nine percent. And as you all well know, we're about 10.1 percent of the state's population here. So if we can be lower than that 10.1 percent that relates to less hospitalizations and less deaths. Next slide. I think this really illustrates our planning assumption earlier on was, especially as we're looking at the data's, we were trending at about 15 percent. So we -- and we figured that was because of population density and the social events that happened in urban areas. So we use that as our planning assumption. So if you see -- looking at this slide, you'll see the green is the best case scenario, the solid oranges is our most probable, and the red is the worst-case scenario. The top dashed orange line is where we would have been if we would continue with that 15 percent assumption. And then we lowered for almost three months, we were using 11.5 percent because that's really where we were trending all

the time. And you can see that the larger dashed line, orange, is at 1640, and now our most probable is down to 1255. And that's pretty significant when you think of being able to make a difference in lives being saved. So I thought it was very interesting to look at this, and kudos to our testing efforts and the Board of Health and everything that they've done. And I think it's summed up in this slide pretty well. Next slide. Okay. We developed a score card. As you can see at the very top, our capability remains at about 8,500 a day, which is an incredible amount to be done. Our current demand is at 2,960, or about 34.8 percent of our capacity. We would love to be doing 75 to 100 percent. And so I think the message from the whole team is we need to continue to test because we can catch asymptomatic people, isolate, and contact trace. The time to receive the results are in the green, less than 48 hours. Our cases are at 87, but we're not quite in the green. And our percent positives is 5.1, still in the yellow area. Hospitalizations down to 221 and still trending downward. Hospital bed availability is really at a much better place. This is really pre-COVID levels at both bed and CCU bed availability. And our bed availability is in the green. And then our seven-day average on deaths is definitely now in the green, which is encouraging. And our morgue capacity is at 80, which is in the yellow still. So while I've given you good news, there's a lot of yellow on this page. Our goal is obviously to get everything down in the green, and I hope we continue these trends. I'm going to turn the testing slide over to Matt."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL: "Thank you, Doug. Appreciate it. Next slide please. Matthew Kallmyer with Emergency Management. I just wanted to go ahead and showcase graphically what the County Manager said in his opening comments. Over 22 percent of the state's total testing is still being done and within the Fulton County borders. Actually, our total cumulative tests thus far is actually 5,000 -- 590,773. It has gone up since we drafted this PowerPoint for the BOC's meeting, taking into account yesterday's numbers as well. So once again, looking strong in that regard. You'll see the breakdown of where we stand against other metro counties as well as in the bottom right, the different areas that we go ahead and we calculate those numbers from, from the different individuals that are producing or doing testing. As Doug said in the ScoreCard folks, we're less than 48 hours when it comes to turnaround on our tests. I can't go ahead and stress enough, and Dr. Paxton will go ahead and echo those comments. If you think you've been exposed to someone, if you think you're actually in the situation that you may have COVID, please take advantage of our numerous testing sites. Once again, there are three fixed sites; one in north, one in central, one in south Fulton. We also have a total of over eight mobile units that are actually going throughout the Fulton County jurisdiction. Please go to the Board of Health's website and click on the banner. Go to the Fulton County website and click on the COVID -- get COVID tested banner, and you'll find out every week where we actually have our units. If we do actually have inclement weather, we will be updating on social media if we have to cancel those mobile units out in parking lots and so on and so forth. But there is ample supply. Please take advantage of that, folks. Last week Friday, the last thing I want to say is that on September 11th was the last day that we actually participated with the mega

SPOC that was over at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport. That was something that we did along with the Board of Health and Clayton County Board of Health. The numbers are little shy of what they were hoping for, but still it was a great -- less than 19,000 total tests actually accomplished at that. But it was still a great service that we were able to provide the citizens of our area as well as our adjacent counties. With that, I'll actually turn the PowerPoint over to Dr. Paxton to go ahead and walk you through the public health portion of this response to COVID-19. Dr. Paxton. Dr. Paxton, are you on the line?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Matt, if we're missing Dr. Paxton, could you hit the highlights of her notes understanding that you won't be able to cover all of the potential questions that may arise from them, so we can keep it moving?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CONTROL: "Yes, ma'am. I'll do my best. I am definitely not any way, shape, or form the individual that Dr. Paxton is. So I will try to do my best to respond to her slide while we try to fix her audio difficulties. As you'll see on the screen, folks, testing demand has actually been decreased over the past weeks. We're -- they're still trying to figure out why. We are working diligently with our different External Affairs partners to get the message out to get tested. I just briefly said that. The capacity is there. Please take advantage of that, folks. Please go to the website to look to where the testing is and come out. The results are once again 48 hours or less is what we're seeing in turnaround. So, please take advantage of that especially after we just had that long weekend. If you're around other family members and such, it's a good time to go ahead and take advantage of that. Logistics continue to be optimal. Once again, we talked about the turnaround time. The Emergency Management team has continued to support our Board of Health partners to ensure that they have the successful resources that they need to operate those locations. I did touch about the September 11th termination of the mega SPOC that was a joint effort between ourselves, Fulton Board of Health, and the Clayton County Board of Health. Those numbers once again were a little shy of 19,000 total collected. We were hoping for about 5,000 individuals a day. That's what the capacity was, but once again, the appetite was not there, but the resources were definitely there to go ahead and continue to support that. As you will see is our next bullet point. There are some clusters that are looking to returning schools and universities. We know it is also in the media that some of our universities, especially with the Greek systems, saw an increase in COVID-19 cases. Actually, those have been monitored quite well and handled appropriately within the university system. I'm proud to say that Georgia Tech has a very robust testing and contact tracing program, and they have been able to go ahead and isolate and quarantined respectively. The students that are actually -- that were impacted, to go ahead and control that. And they have seen their percent-positive numbers decrease because of their efforts. So I commend the Georgia Tech team for what they have done in that regard. We're working very closely with the school, Atlanta public schools as well as Fulton County public schools. Atlanta public schools is still doing their multiple week online testing process. They're monitoring our numbers very

closely, and the new superintendent will be making a decision in the near future as to what they would look like in their new hybrid model. Fulton County public schools, as you have heard in the media, is actually doing a hybrid K-12, K-2 excuse me, bringing some of those students back once a week and then will be expanding it to multiple days during the week and then continue to grow from there. So a lot of work that's going on there. There is a lot of conversations that I know Dr. Paxton is having with her counterparts from other district health, as well as Dr. Toomey and working together collaboratively as we move forward in that regard. The MOUs of the city of Atlanta, Partners in Health and CORE have been signed. I know that they're working very diligently to leverage those funds of the city of Atlanta. I will actually go ahead and allow Dr. Paxton, when she does join us, to go ahead and be a little more specific about how those funds, the CARES funds of the city of Atlanta has allocated will be leveraged within her organization. Of course, the process which she has briefed us on before, once again, is to do the contact tracing. Nothing is better than getting someone in there that is bilingual, multilingual getting into the communities that do not have large amounts of trust for government entities, and that's what we're going to be doing by leveraging some of those partners to get out there as well as offering wraparound services to these individuals, more than just saying, hey, you are -- you have been tested positive, we're going to go ahead and quarantine or isolate you. What resources can we provide you so that you can be successful in this endeavor to make sure that you stop the spread of the virus. As you can see, seasonal influenza vaccinations is one of the big things that I know Dr. Paxton and her team is working on. We are actually looking at how can we offer these services at some of our testing locations, whether it be drive-up or the walk-up sites. More to come with that. I know the team is working very diligently along with their clinical, Chief Clinical Office, Dr. Holland, to that end. "Mask-On" campaign is something that you have seen across the country as well as in Georgia; and Dr. Paxton and her team is pushing that. Nothing can go ahead and help us this moment more than stopping the spread of this as being sure in that everyone does the proper thing in wearing a mask when they find themselves in a social setting. So please go ahead and continue that. And also, once again, to go ahead and do contact tracing at the SPOCs. There's a lot of emphasis to go ahead and try to capture these individuals early. We have been very successful with the new MS dynamic system that the State Department of Public Health has rolled out for us, and we have had great success, and that helps us with turnaround times at the lab, and we're hoping to take that and continue that initiative when it comes to contact tracing at the specimen points of collection. That is the -- Dr. Paxton, have you joined us? Dr. Paxton, have you joined us?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "Okay, yes. Sorry. Thanks, Angela. Yeah, I don't -- my computer just went out. So excuse me for that. I'm back in the saddle. So I'll be very brief. As you've already heard, we've been testing the [Inaudible] SPOCs. It has decreased in the past two weeks. But we've had optimal logistics, and our results turnarounds are usually one to two days, and we always same day appointments available. As I may or may not have mentioned before my computer went out, the surge SPOC at the Atlanta airport is over. That finished on September

11th, so we're back to just basically our -- just our normal activities. We are still investigating multiple COVID-19 clusters. Those are primarily associated with return to schools and universities. We're not the only district that's having to deal with that. And Commissioner Toomey has set up joint calls between the health directors and the respective superintendents. And our scheduled a call between Gwinnett, Cobb, DeKalb, and Fulton is going to be -- I'm sorry, it was just moved today. It's not going to be on September 16th. It's going to be on September 23rd. So we'll be meeting directly with Dr. Gay McGiveney, who is the Deputy State Superintendent at the Department of Education. Our MOUs with the city of Atlanta Partners in Health and CORE have been signed or will be signed today. And as I mentioned before, the covered activities of COVID testing, basic contact investigation, and the resource coordination. Now importantly, I'm also to go into about -- mention again the several campaigns. I have a couple of comments to make about all the information that's been presented today. One is that everyone is absolutely thrilled that the Covid rates have been going down recently. But I want to put it all in context. One is that, this is an actually, kind of what is generally the case with respiratory illnesses. As you know, at the end of the summer, that is generally like our lowest peak for any, you know, seasonal flu for your garden-variety cold. So while I'm really happy to see this, it doesn't mean that we're out of the woods. So in fact this is the time that traditionally we, you know, actually you put on -- you know, you really go pedal to the medal to prevent -- to further drive down those rates. And so in that -- in that vein, we got a renewed emphasis now on getting masks out to everyone. I think the order for several hundred thousand masks, as it is being placed, it might have already been placed this week, and we're going to be starting to get those out. One of the advantages of this is not only do we expect that, you know, increased mask use will reduce COVID, it should, in flu season, it should also reduce seasonal influenza -- influenza rates. And related to seasonal influenza, we are actively now working on setting up our massive push to get seasonal influenza vaccinations out. Now, as we're currently planning this, we're going to take advantage of our SPOCs. And so there will be drive through and, you know, walk through at our central SPOC provision of seasonal flu vaccinations. Because of this is an important time to be doing this, CDC has stepped in and has guaranteed us a large number of influenza vaccinations. And after October 1st, we will not have to ask about insurance coverage which is what we normally have to do. We have to -- after October 1st, [Inaudible.] will not have to ask about insurance companies. So that will be one less barrier for people to get an influenza shot, because this is the time that we want everyone to get an influenza vaccination. Of course, we'll also be continuing to put -- to have influenza vaccinations available at our clinic. Yeah. So, as I mentioned, we've got the several campaigns that are launching, the seasonal influenza vaccination which I just talked to you about, the "Mask-On campaign", and we're also looking into initiatives at the SPOCs to facilitate contact tracing. That's all I really have to say in terms of updates. I did have one interesting scientific tidbit that came out in the New England Journal this past week, which is very interesting. It was kind of a -- it was an editorial that was talking about some new information that's coming out about the benefits of wearing

masks. I think everyone knows, and has probably accepted the fact, that wearing a mask definitely helps to prevent the spread from the person wearing the mask to the person -- to other people around them. But there is increasing data that the masks actually help prevent the person who is wearing it. And that the way -- what was particularly interesting about that was the theory that actually as we know -- dose matters. And so if you are getting -- if you get a higher dose of this viral inoculum, you actually are more likely to have severe disease. So if you get a smaller dose, the odds are is that your particular case will be less severe than if you got an enormous -- if you got a big dose. And so that is one possible advantage to wearing the mask for you, that you're reducing the dosage that you're exposed to. The second thing is that, which is I found even more interesting, was the thought -- the theory that getting even a -- getting a little bit of a dose and possibly even having more -- more chance of having an even asymptomatic infection might actually work in a sort of the way the vaccine works in that it's giving you a little bit of a dose of this disease without giving you a full-blown case. And that might actually, in the future, contribute to herd immunity. Again, this is just a great theory -- just a theory, and it did appear in like the most prestigious medical journal here in the United States. And I think it bears, you know, some -- it bears watching and further explanation; but it still comes down to the same thing that I say every time I come on, wear your mask. So that it is all that I have to say. And, again, I apologize for my technological problems that delayed my giving this update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, thank you very much, Dr. Paxton. Madam COO."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Questions from the Board, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. And we will entertain questions from the Board. Questions? I can't believe any. Going once."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes. A quick question. I'm wondering -- I assume it has now been enough time since Labor Day to know whether we saw -- or seeing any surge from Labor Day activities. What is your thought about that, Dr. Paxton?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "I don't have the figures up in front of me right now. I do not believe that we saw a huge surge. In comparison to what we saw after Memorial Day, and what we saw after July 4th, we have not seen quite that same, as far as I know, I'll check with my epidemiologist. We have not seen that type of surge. I like to think it's because that we, you know, even I noticed even anecdotally, as I was out and about, I've seen more people wearing masks, and I think that maybe some of the messages got through to some people about, you know, maintaining, trying to avoid that surge. But I will specifically check, but I don't think that

we saw -- we haven't seen the same surge that we saw after Memorial Day and July 4th."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah, I guess -- I also wondered a little bit with the -- with the drop in demand of testing whether folks who might have been -- been too active on Labor Day, maybe they're aren't going to get tested."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "It could be, you know. We don't really have a way of knowing, but we do look at those -- we look at, not only the numbers people gave test. We look at the test positivity rates. So at least we do know that of people who are coming in to get tested, the percent positivity rate is going down, which is an indication that there might be lesser -- that the transmission, background transmission rate might be going down."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other questions? Okay. I take that no further questions. Madam COO."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Next slide, please. Next slide. I will not spend a lot of time on this slide. I think we have heard sufficient case being made for the reduction in the number of positive cases within our County. Next slide. One of the things that Dr. Paxton touched on that I like to echo is that, despite the fact that we have had significant progress on our gating criteria as indicated by the positive indicators as well as the plan closure of the Georgia World Congress Center on 10/03, as well as Fulton County schools taking marginal steps to reopen, there are still events out there that cause us to have concerns about just throwing the gates open as it relates to a plan for reopening. That includes the effects of Labor Day festivities that we may not be seeing manifested within our numbers just yet; school re-openings, college football. We're also cautioned by our epidemiology team as well as our EMA team about the effects of upcoming flu season and what that will do to the pandemic spread. As well, we still have a surge of COVID-19 projected for November. So as the executive team thinks about reopening, we do want to be guided by the positive steps or achievements that we've had over the last couple of weeks, but we want to be informed by these continuing concerns as well. Next slide. Taking all of that in mind, we sort of have a red light, yellow light, green light approach to reopening. Not -- being careful not to make too many plans to achieve too much and heeding the cautions that we continue to see from the folks that are responsible for providing us information and monitoring the statistics. We are going to continue closure of our senior centers as well as our intellectual and developmental disability service centers. As you know, those services are provided to the most vulnerable populations that we do provide services to. So those will remain closed. Art centers as well. As you know, the services provided through our art centers tend to draw crowds, which is discouraged by our public health professionals while we continue to battle this pandemic. As we thought about what first steps toward reopening of phase two might be, some of the

things we looked at, as mentioned by the Manager, is expanding our capacity with fingerprinting by opening two additional locations in the north and south annexes of the county facilities. We will be providing those services from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. And the primary purpose of this is to disburse the sort of consolidated crowd that was being driven to 141 for fingerprinting services. So we are proud of both the police department, the probate court, and our department for real estate and asset management that have worked together to stand those services up that I again will -- I'm sorry, that I believe will begin as early as tomorrow. So looking forward to the results of that. We will be exploring limited administrative services return to office here at 141 Pryor Street, our primary government center. We will still have a guiding principle that telework is the preferred method of delivering administrative services. So to every extent possible, we'll continue to do that. But in order to have some physical presence as a part of the service delivery method, we will be exploring schedules that will allow for individuals to be present here at 141. The third bullet there says exploring 141 location opening of the tax offices. I will tell you we have to have continued conversations with Dr. Ferdinand, and I think right now, he is seeing this not so much as a possibility because of the strain on his staff with schools still being remote instruction. We do have a challenge with getting staff here in person as well. So he is having to disperse his staff through the locations that are currently open. But again, we will continue to have those discussions and, if it's possible, it will be a part of our first steps for a phase two opening should Dr. Ferdinand agree. The other -- probably, I think exciting step that we might take or that the Chief Judge of the Superior Court is exploring is a couple grand jury sessions for the fall. Right now, we are in preliminary discussions with the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management to identify locations that could host two grand juries that will achieve the social distancing that is necessary to make participants feel at ease about participating in grand jury service. So again, preliminary discussions are being had. We will have much more for you at the next meeting in terms of whether or not we're going to move forward with these first steps to a phase two opening. But these are some of the things that we are thinking about. As you know, we'll have continued operations of our essential and emergency operations. Those have not ceased, although some may have been modified. So those will be continued in terms of a green light. And we are continuing our virtual service delivery in many of the Health and Human Services areas that we stood up as a consequence of the pandemic. Next slide. So one of the things we'll continue to report due to interest expressed at the last meeting was it will be the number of COVID-positive employees. This slide provides information on the COVID-positive employees that we have notice of since the last meeting. We are still trying to try to get some discipline around directors putting the information in the system so we can track it automatically, so we have a combination of sort of e-mail reporting as well as information being put into our web EOC system, so we're working through normalizing that process. But over the last two weeks, we have had two positives; one in the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management at our south service center and then, as well as, in the Tax Assessor's office. Next slide. This has a total cumulative summary of the COVID positive employees, and I just wanted to

make note of the fact that, when we transfer the information onto this slide, we left off DREAM. So the total actually is 116 not 111, because it does include five DREAM employees. Next slide. This provides a cleaning -- facility cleanings and sanitization by department. The reason why it's important to consider this information as well as the number of employees positive, is that the facility cleanings will capture nonemployee positives that we are required to respond to in terms of a sanitizing protocol. So this will be provided to the Board as well as a part of our reopening update. As you can see, this view is by department, and if you go to the next slide, you will see that this view is by cleaning types. So the majority of our cleanings, a post notification of a positive exposure, is the disinfectant wiped down. And that is a -- that is by direction and recommendation of the CDC guidelines as well as Dr. Kahn in the Board of Health department. Next slide. So I won't go through this line by line, Commissioners. As you can see, we do have specific protocols that have been communicated to directors about facility cleaning and what happens when there is contact with a Fulton County facilities - facility. These protocols are adhered to by our DREAM staff, and this gives an expectation to our employees community as well as the directors on what type of cleaning to anticipate based on the type of contact that we have. Next slide. Same with protocols for employee return if there is a suspected positive. If you are an employee, as an example, is positive without symptoms, they are going to be instructed to isolate for ten days and then return after a positive test. If they are positive with symptoms there are a certain set of criteria that they will have to follow. But again, Mr. Hermon and the HR department have worked diligently to socialize these protocols, not just with directors, but supporting directors to socialize these protocols with the staff as well. As you know, we are again, primarily in a telework environment, and so many of our employees are already home. So this will apply to employees that are required to be on site for work. Next slide. So that concludes our reopening update, Commissioners. I'm available for questions, Mr. Chairman, if you're ready to lead that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioners, any questions for the COO?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. Good, because I was trying to ask questions previously and the audio -- you know, and I guess you couldn't hear me."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No. So you were -- had questions for Dr. Paxton?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes. I just had a question, a follow-up to Mr. Morris' question and then I think I want to ask about re-openings as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you. Thank you. And I apologize for my technical difficulties. Is she still on the line?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "I'm still here."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes? Okay, good. You know I appreciate -- and I'm, you know, somewhat conflicted on my opinion on the drop in testing and, in some respects, that's good news because there's -- that means more people don't think they have a need to be tested. And then this SPOC closing at the airport, in some ways also reflects that. But I -- I recognize that folks do need to get tested, so just -- could you give us an idea of how we can, you know -- who does need to get tested at this point? I know the Governor put out a call to ask folks to come in if they, you know, were in large gatherings over Labor Day. They're telling me that that's not happening or telling us that that's not happening. So can you just speak to that piece a little bit, because it is confusing to the public."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "I think, in general, I think as a public health person. Actually, if I had my druthers, I would have a huge numbers of people coming in to get tested, because that's how we really get a handle on the number of true infections that out there, a number that are asymptomatic. However, that's not really possible. But I think it is very clear to say whether the -- there is some very clear indications that people who should be getting tested, the most obvious is, if you have symptoms, you should absolutely be getting tested. If you have any indication that you were around somebody who was infected either because they -- they're known to have tested positive or because they -- you're suspicious of it, then you should go ahead and get a test. In addition to that, we have people who, through external circumstances, are required to get a test either because of their school or employment requirements, and we -- we encourage that. We're fine. Please do come and get a test. And as Commissioner Hausmann has alluded to, you know, executive orders have asked that people who have any indication that they might have been in a position where they could have been exposed, like in a large group, in -- you know, in and around a number of people who were not masked. They, you know -- we really want people to -- I'm not even going to say the word err on the side, I think. Because I don't think this is an error. I think going in and getting tested is actually a very good thing. I would also encourage people who are around very vulnerable people like, for example, if you have a household member who is in a higher risk category, then I would love to see you come in and get tested, you know, more -- you know, have a lower threshold for coming in and getting tested. You know, too, that would help as you protect, you know, to help you protect your loved ones. So my general feeling is that I'd rather see more people coming in getting tested, who may not have classic symptoms and the like, because it's a good thing for us to know, or get a better handle on the number of true cases that are out there and the number of asymptomatic cases that we have."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "But you are not seeing an increase in testing since Labor Day, per the Governor's request."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "No. We have not seen that yet. Our numbers, as were presented, have been pretty steady and much lower

than our capacity, so I don't know if people -- well, okay, let me say well, it's an indication that we get that from across the country, including in a few places where they've actually done some surveys, is that, unfortunately, people are tired of COVID. You know, they're tired of thinking of it. You know, they're just basically, you know, over it sort of prematurely. So we have an indication that maybe part of this thing about not coming in for testing is that people are just not coming in unless they actually have symptoms or are otherwise forced to because they are kind of tired of this. So that's just an indication from other surveys. We have not actually looked at that here."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. And so, in the report, you indicated that we currently have three testing sites: one north, one in town, and one in the south; is that correct?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "Those are our standing SPOCS. We also have our mobile SPOCs that go to various places around the county as needed."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. Because I did hear a media report about two additional sites. Would those have been the media -- I mean, the mobile sites?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH: "I don't know which report they're talking about, so it could have been, and remember, we also work in conjunction with CORE, and they have additional mobile sites. So I believe we have 11 or 12 sites in total between our standing SPOCs and our mobile SPOCs and CORE."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, they mentioned Adamsville. Is that our side or the city of Atlanta or CORE? What side is that?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "Adamsville is ours. And we are in the process now with money that we have received to actually establish another SPOC site there. That would be a standing SPOC."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So that's in the city of Atlanta, correct?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "I'm really bad at locations. It's one of the Fulton County sites. I'm not sure if it's -- I'm not sure which city it's in."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, Atlanta."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "That's what -- okay, that's what I thought. So, I guess the reason I'm asking specifically about what we're doing in the city of Atlanta should be pretty obvious with this issue of funding and how were allocating our resources. So anything that we're doing in Atlanta, is that been paid for by Atlanta?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "Yes, absolutely, yeah."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. But I guess, you know, if the feds left because of the demand issue, at some point, we will react accordingly to the demand issue as well. Is that part of your planning for the future?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "Reacting to the demand? You mean in terms of reducing our SPOC sites or --"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well, I mean, If the demand isn't there, the resources should not be there either for no reason, I would hope that's what we're looking at."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "Well, you know, obviously, if we would get down to the point where people are just not coming in, it becomes no longer cost-effective to keep a certain SPOC site open. We would consolidate. But we do not feel that we're at that -- at that point now. Plus, we are gearing up, as I mentioned before, we're gearing up for flu season, which we anticipate will probably also have an increase in COVID cases. And we're going to be doing -- using our SPOCs to -- to get out a flu vaccinations. So no, we are not going to -- we're not, at this point, going to be reducing our SPOC capacity."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. Well, I'm just asking you to please be mindful of the limited resources that we have. And then, Ms. Roach, in your opening plan, I didn't hear anything about libraries. Are you -- what's the status of the libraries?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "So, if you recall, Commissioner Hausmann, we started out with a Monday through Friday schedule for curbside service. We've extended, not just the hours on curbside service, but the days and also offer Saturday hours. At this juncture, we are not anticipating opening the library buildings to the public."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Can you just take a look at what our neighbors are doing currently? I'm continuing to get a lot of requests from the public on when we're going to reopen, especially with the school issue and school being in, and the needs that the parents have. So, I would just ask that we take a look at what's happening in the region with in-person library services, so that we can make sure that we're providing what the community needs in a safe manner, of course. But I don't want us to be the last to reopen."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Well, Commissioner Hausmann, I hear you, and we will -- we will take a look at what our -- what our neighbors are doing. We also take a look at our COVID results in Fulton in comparison to our neighbors as well. I think we have been more conservative than our neighbors in terms of our opening, and I think that our results in terms of the spread are speaking for that. So yes, I agree we should be looking at our neighbors, but we will be looking at our neighbors in all aspects. And we'll be taking everything into consideration when we plan for our phase two reopening. Thank you for sharing that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other questions for Chief Operating Officer on reopening?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I have a question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "It's for Dr. Paxton."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Dr. Paxton."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "Yes, I'm here."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Dr. Paxton, one of my team members went to go get a COVID test this morning, and it was completely different from what we're usually -- what we usually see with the Q-tip going down the nasal passage. She was actually -- she actually had to have this Q-tip that went all the way down her throat through her mouth. And so has the procedure for testing changed?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "No. I'm not aware of -- Where was she? Where did she go?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "In Sandy Springs. Kaiser Permanente in Sandy Springs."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIST HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FULTON CO BOH: "Oh, okay. So she didn't go to one of our SPOCS. Well, you know, there are several different types of tests that are available. So it could very well be that Kaiser Permanente is using one of these different tests. The important thing where is that kit -- is collecting the specimen from as far back as one can get. And actually, you can -- you can reach it through -- you can reach it through -- through the mouth, I suppose, but it's better to go through the nose. So I can't -- I can't comment anymore than that because I'm not actually certain which particular test is at Kaiser."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. All right, thank you. That's my only question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other questions?"

COMMISSIONER CARN: "I had a quick question for Dr. Paxton, I believe."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Great presentation, Anna. Wonderful presentation. Very thorough. You know, with the combination of the flu and this coronavirus, we talked about the peaks potentially in October. I don't know what we normally do during flu season in terms of our Board of Health normally without a pandemic; but I don't know if there's some kind of a way we can combine some things, or there's some things that we would have regularly done to prevent some of the flu. Obviously, we encourage flu shots. But I've seen, you know, Georgia, the state has a COVID-19 hotline in terms of advice or whatever have you. But there are other outfits available, other companies this one big national outfit. It's called Health Tap. And they have -- they say pretty high quality health care from doctors online 24/7 from any device, kind of an ask-a-doctor hotline. With the combination of the flu and COVID-19, it's going to be hard for some

people to tell what's going on if they get a sniffle, if you follow me. And I thought something like that for the County would be great. I don't know -- I don't know if -- we're still with Kaiser, right?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "I don't -- I don't know. You mean in terms of the employees probably? I think --

COMMISSIONER CARN: "The employees, yeah. But maybe somebody has something locally or WellStar or Gencare, or somebody has something along those lines that we can opt into, in terms of an ask-a-doctor hotline to keep the hospitals from filling up. You know, again, someone gets a sniffle, they may just have the flu or a slight cold, or they may have the virus, you know, and they don't know. So, something along the lines of -- look at this Health Tap thing and see how that thing is. I don't know if there's fee for that. But, I thought something to take us into these last few months through the holidays, where people are going to be wondering what they have, if they have anything at all. And, you know, getting a doctor on the phone or getting a registered nurse on the phone would even, on behalf of the County, I think would be a good plus if we could set up some kind of a service along those lines where they could call the healthcare professional with their question. So I think it would, you know -- I think it's worth taking a look at."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "Okay. Your suggestion has been noted. I should have mentioned also, that as part of our influenza campaign, we hope to be getting a lot of information to people like, you know, in terms -- it is very difficult to distinguish in some cases whether or not what you're experiencing is COVID or whether it's not the seasonal flu for although there are some differences. And so we want to get that information out to people. But the most important thing we're going to have to get out to people is that, if you have a -- if you have any symptoms, you should probably just go get a test, you know. Because there's no really reliable way to tell whether or not something is COVID, or if it's a cold just by symptoms. So our ultimate question -- our ultimate advice will be, please, go get a test."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Absolutely. Absolutely. But sometimes just hearing from a medical professional, it pays dividends for a lot of folks just for worry on the mind, in that sense, and I mean we've got some doctors on staff or some health professionals on staff, perhaps. I don't know if there's something we could set up along those lines that somebody may be available to answer a question where someone can call a number from the County to get some guidance."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FULTON COUNTY BOH: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions at this time? Continue, Madam COO."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Mr. Chairman, at this time, I'll turn it over for the CFO for the CARES Acts fund update, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Ms. Whitmore."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Good morning, Commissioner. Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer. Next slide, please. We do have a brief update today on our CARES fund. Not a lot has changed since the last presentation. We are still showing a full commitment of our \$104 million that were received under the CARES Act. We have now paid 37.6 million of that 104 for various goods and services received in response to the pandemic. Next slide, please. This slide shows you that, from the previous reporting period, which was as of August 28th, presented on September 2nd at the board meeting. We have not made any changes to the allocations, community-related health response, operational stability, or municipal reserve. And we -- the fund remains fully committed. Next slide, please. This slide is the details of the current purchase orders that are outstanding through the September 11th, would be the cutoff date for these purchase orders. We have 35.3 million in open purchase orders of which we have expended 9.8 million in total since we began use of the CARES funds and reporting to you. We have issued a total of 41 -- 41 million in purchase orders and have completely paid out and closed 5.7 of that. That's how we get to having the open p.o. amount right now of 35.3. Next slide, please. This slide is the summary of our other placeholders, commitments, and other payments, payments that were made for items that were not purchase order related. On the left-hand side of the screen, you can see that our current placeholder amount is 17.7. The majority of the funds associated with the placeholder are remaining in the funds that were set aside for PPE, as well as funding the County, Fulton County's portion of the Board of Health's testing program, and we have 8.3 million still set aside for that. Down below that, in the commitments section, we have a total of 23.2 million that's committed -- the largest component of that is the municipal relief fund, which currently has a committed amount of 13.7. We began at 2.5. We increased it to 15. We've now made some payments against that 15, and so the balance that remains is that 13.7. The other large item -- the other two large items in the commitment section is the community relief, the balance of what has yet to be paid in our community relief program, and that's 2.7 million. Of that amount, the largest component has yet to be paid, I believe is the 1.5 million that was set aside for the small business or the grant loan program for the artists. And then the next item down -- the next largest item down is the contract with CORE. It is showing as a commitment, and we actually finally got the purchase order issued. We had some hiccups getting the vendor code established, which is what delayed the actual physical issuance of the purchase order. But that has now been done. So in the next report, you'll see that move over to the purchase orders listing. So again, that's 23.2 million in commitments. On the right-hand side for disbursements other than against a purchase order, we have a total of 21.9 million. The largest component of that relates to the payments that we've made against our community relief package totaling 13.3 million, followed by our hazard pay that we made through to employees through the middle of June at 4.6 million. And down at the very bottom of that section, you'll see the municipal reimbursement payment through last Friday of 1.2 million. So we've made -- when you take that 21.9, and you add it to the amount identified as payments against purchase orders from the previous slide, that's how you arrive at the 37.6 million. Next slide,

please. This is the update slide for the community relief package itself. And you can see how, from our phase one and phase two community relief packages, how the funds were allocated and committed and the amount that has been paid out against each of those phases and categories. Next slide, please. And the last slide that we have for you today in the CARES fund update is a look at the municipal reimbursement program. The view that we're showing you today is for the full \$15 million that's currently been allocated to the municipal relief program. The allocation basis here is by population. And in column A, what we've identified as first request, that's the -- what was originally submitted for reimbursement against the 2.5 that was originally set aside for this program. So they originally asked for a total of 1.8 million. We received a second round of reimbursement requests the first week of September. That amount totaled 21.3 million. So combined, we have a total request from the municipalities of 23.1 million. And the amount that we have paid against the documentation and support, we have received thus far has been 1.2 million. So we've identified the amount paid by city as well. And with that, I will take any questions that you have on the CARES fund."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any questions at this time? And remember, we will be talking about some of this in more detail in executive session. But any questions, general questions, at this time? Any questions? If not, thank you very much, Madam COO. Strike that, Madam CFO."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anything else to add, Madam COO, Mr. Manager?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "No, sir."

20-0655 County Manager

[Request ratification of emergency procurement – County Manager, Countywide COVID-19 Emergency Procurements in order to respond to COVID-19 Outbreak. \(REMOVED\)](#)

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

20-0644 Finance
[Presentation, review and approval of September 16, 2020 Budget Soundings \(APPROVED\)](#)

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

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

CLERK GRIER: "Okay, back on page 6, **20-0644**, Finance. Presentation, review and approval of the September 16th, 2020 budget soundings."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We'll entertain a motion. All right. I'll move approval. Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

CLERK GRIER: "She was having trouble."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Hausmann was having trouble --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "Unmuting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington. Vice -- Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "I vote, yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And motion passes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, please."

20-0645 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - The Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, RFP#18RFP113772C-BKJ, in the amount of \$644,548.00 with MTI Limousine and Shuttle Services (College Park, GA), to provide bus and shuttle services for Fulton County employees and jurors. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carn and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

CLERK GRIER: "20-0645, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to renew an existing contract to provide bus and shuttle services for Fulton County employees and jurors."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a motion?"

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Second."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Properly moved and seconded it. Any questions or comments? If not, cast your vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann. She still having trouble? All right. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Can y'all check in with Commissioner Hausmann to see what's going on?" All right. Continue, Madam Clerk."

20-0646 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, RFP#18RFP113472C-BKJ, Landfill Post Closure Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. (Roswell, GA) in the amount of \$496,700.00, to provide post closure care services at two (2) municipal solid waste landfills and the Merk/Miles Citizen Convenience Center. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Carn to approve.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

CLERK GRIER: "20-0646, Real Estate and Asset Management, request approval to renew an existing contract to provide post-closure care services at two municipal solid waste landfills."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Move approval."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Move approval."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, Madam Clerk."

20-0647 Real Estate and Asset Management

[Request approval to increase spending authority - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid# 17ITB108350C-GS, Standby Fencing Installation and Repair in the amount of \\$72,135 with Allied Fence Company, Inc. \(Mableton, GA\), to provide additional standby fencing installation and repair services for the four \(4\) Fulton County Neighborhood Senior Centers in support of the Senior Surge Projects Phase II. Effective upon BOC approval. \(APPROVED\)](#)

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

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, **20-0647**, Real Estate and Asset Management request approval to increase spending authority to provide additional standby fencing, installation, and repair services."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Move to approve."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Second."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Probably moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote yes. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

20-0648 Real Estate and Asset Management

[Request approval to renew existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid# 19ITB120358C-GS, Fire Sprinkler Protection System Maintenance Services in the total amount of \\$160,000 with: \(A\) VSC Fire & Security, Inc., Inc. \(Norcross, GA\) in the amount of \\$80,000, and \(B\) Central Fire Protection, Inc. \(Conyers, GA\) in the amount of \\$80,000, to provide fire sprinkler protection system maintenance services for County facilities. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. \(APPROVED\)](#)

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

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

CLERK GRIER: "20-0648, Real Estate and Asset Management, request approval to renew existing contracts to provide fire, sprinkler protection system maintenance services."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Move approval."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Move approval."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Probably moved and seconded it. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington?"

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn?"

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

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

Justice and Safety

20-0649 Sheriff

Request approval to renew an existing contract – Sheriff's Office 18ITB060118B-BR Prisoner Transportation Services with U.S. Corrections, LLC (Whites Creek, TN) in the amount of \$254,730.00 to provide national prisoner transportation services. This action exercises the second of two renewal options. No renewal options remain. Effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (APPROVED)

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to approve.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

Yeas: 4 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris
Nays: 3 - Hall, Arrington, Carn

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Carn and seconded by Vice-Chairman Arrington to hold.

The motion failed by the following voice vote:

Yeas: 3 - Hall, Arrington, Carn
Nays: 4 - Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris

CLERK GRIER: "Under Justice and Safety, **20-0649**, Sheriff, request approval to renew an existing contract to provide national prisoner transportation services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'll entertain a motion to approve."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "I had some -- I had some discussion and some issues on this one."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I have a question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, Commissioner -- all right. Commissioner Carn followed by Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Looking at this, and I have spoken briefly with Alton about this. One of the things I don't want to do; obviously, we've had quite a bit of political activity in terms of our justice department. Major changes coming for the next year, obviously between the DAs office, a lot of our judges, probate, sheriff's office, you name it. I don't want to tie anyone down that's coming in next year with a contract necessarily that does not have to absolutely be renewed necessarily. I always want to give, you know, folks the indifference in terms of their options or just give them that courtesy, if we can, if they may want to have another look at things coming in as opposed to being tied

into something that we -- we're approving or have to approve or if we don't have to approve this yet. So I want to see if there's some type of a way that we could, you know, hold up on this, and I'm assuming our services go until the end of the year, of course. Does anybody want to vote?"

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PSS: "Yeah, Commissioner, this is Alton on the phone here. As we discussed yesterday, and I had a conversation with Flora – Eatman from the Sheriff's office. The contract is due to expire at the end of this -- at the end of this year. And I think part of your question to me was would it be -- could we potentially go month to month to allow the flexibility to potentially put another bid out? And I did talk to her about it. Obviously, we would have to talk to the provider. They would have to agree to that, and then we would have to figure out what the price would be. But we do need services. Obviously, we couldn't have a gap in services because we do -- you know, we do transport individuals, and we do have a requirement for these services. So we could certainly, and I'd have to go back and talk with Ms. Eatman and Colonel Graham. We can certainly explore the potential of going month to month to allow the flexibility that you're talking about. But obviously, we would be challenged if we were to let it expire totally."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Understood. Well, I'd like to take a look at that and see if we could an answer on that before we commit to anything that we may or may not have to commit to at this point. So that's all I had on that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes. I have a question about -- has the Sheriff's department seen COVID-19 impact their out-of-state inmate transportation to date?"

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PSS: "There has been some. As you are aware, Commissioner, a number of correctional facilities basically put on hold admittances to their facilities in the height of COVID. That transport has, in fact, -- has, in fact, resumed both outside of the state as well as inside the state. I think we're on track to transport somewhere in the neighborhood. I think to date we transported somewhere around 170 individuals. So, yes, there was a pause, but that transport has resumed on a, I will say 100 percent, but it certainly has resumed in terms of facilities both in the state and out of the state accepting transfers from the County."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "But what kind of impact has it had due to social distancing, because I'm sure you just can't pack them into the vehicle like we used to do before COVID-19?"

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PSS: "Well, I'm not sure we've packed them in. Typically, these are individual that are transported one or two at a time. There's usually no kind of, you know, -- there's no grouping of large numbers, at least not that I'm aware of. So -- but I will also say that certainly in terms of our own transport, and I can't speak to this particular vendor, but certainly in terms of our own transport, we have, in fact,

made accommodations and made sure that we practice social distancing and the appropriate use of PPE and so on. So I can come back to you with a protocol that this particular transport company is, in fact, using, but this is not a situation where they typically will transport large numbers of individuals from Fulton County or to Fulton County."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. And have they projected what the impact will be through the next year?"

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PSS: "Well, I think -- I think like all of us, we're not sure, right? Because part of this will depend on our ability to move individuals through the system, i.e., the resumption of jury trials. Part of it will be what's happening with COVID overall and how that impacts the decisions with the various correctional facilities in terms of kind of reopening totally again. Part of it is just going to be based on the entire volume of the individuals going through the system. So I think that -- I think it's fair to say that the ability to project that is probably as good as our ability to project anything at this point in time based on the uncertainty that's driven by COVID and our ability to ramp up the system once we have the ability to do jury trials."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right. Thank you so much, Alton."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other questions or comments?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I have one, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Go ahead. Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "To follow up to Commissioner Carn's concerns, I guess is this is to the County Attorney, or to Ms. Strong-Whitaker, if she's on the line. If we were to renew this for next year because, again, the service is needed and we're going to have to have it on January 1st potentially -- January 2nd, if they need a prisoner removed from Ohio to hear from the witness or whatever. Can this, if we renew this for next year, can we not terminate it at some point for convenience or otherwise and accomplish what Commissioner Carn's concerns are and still go ahead and get this contract renewal in place?"

PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, Commissioner Morris, you do have the ability, and all of our contracts will terminate at the discretion of the Board with notice, a certain period of notice. But generally, this is routine regardless of people being -- taking office that the existing contracts have been in place. You generally have to renew them 90 days in advance of the date of termination. So a lot of them will be coming through now, and it's not a political thing with the new incumbent coming in. It's more a function stuff with regard to like transport, food, et cetera. So in this case, if there is a cause for the person, the event to be canceled or, for example, Commissioner Hall's question, we don't have a need to do that as much because of the situation of COVID. We have the flexibility to terminate this contract."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Well, I'd like to go ahead and move approval, Mr. Chairman, based upon that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Carn, you still have the floor here."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "I had a bit of discussion, and Commissioner Morris, I --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All Commissioner Carn did a substitute motion to hold, or did I not hear that, correctly?"

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Well, I'm going to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. Just a minute. Just a minute. Commissioner Carn has the floor. He has not made a motion yet. Commissioner and Vice Chair Arrington is in the queue." "Commissioner Carn, you still have the floor"

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Commissioner Morris, I understand where you're coming from. We have to have the service. My suggestion was going to be, as a substitute motion, that we at least hold it today, find out if we can possibly, if going month-to-month, let's say the first couple of months of the year for this thing, so we still have the services, but I wouldn't want to lock anyone into any situation, you know, as we have some things changing and some changes in policy possible over there where they're locked into a situation that they may not prefer to be or they would like to have another look at. So if we could hold today, find out if we can go month-to-month which most of the contracts, you know, I've seen over the years that there's a month-to-month option. It may be a tad bit more expensive, but I think it may be worth it just in terms of, you know, giving the courtesy to the changes that we have coming in Fulton County from the DA level to the Sheriff's level, you name it. I think that might be a wise thing to just pause for a moment and bring it back at the next meeting, if possible. That would be my substitute. If we're amenable to that, I hope we would be amendable to that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The substitute motion is to hold. Is there a second?"

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded it. Let's vote."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "There's discussion on that motion, Mr. Chairman?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Sir. Yes, sir. Mr. Morris?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "The County Attorney referenced that some contracts require a 90-day advance notice before expiration. I'm wondering if this one does. Because to hold it would get us past that 90-day. Do we know?"

PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I don't have the actual contract in front of me. Felicia Strong-Whitaker, I can see your arm. Do you know if it has 90 days or 30 days?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PCC: "It does not. All of our contracts have a termination for convenience, which is usually 30 days, 30-day notice. The 90 day is the Board policy that all contracts have to be renewed 90 days before they expire."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PSS: "If I can, one other point of information, Commissioner Carn, per our discussion yesterday, this particular vendor is one of the few, not to the extent that it would a difference, but this is one of the few nationally that does provide national services and they're also are the only bidder, the last time we sent out an RFP. And so when talk about holding it, it would require us to hold it for a couple of months and then issue another RFP. So we really, we're talking about holding this for -- doing a month-to-month for five to six months."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Why would we have to hold it for two months?"

COMMISSIONER CARN: "We wouldn't."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, we have to hold it".

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PSS: "If I may -- let me explain. What I'm saying is, when we have the change and the Sheriff comes in, and let's assume we decided to go month to month, if he decided to change vendors, then we would issue an RFP. And then that -- that process typically takes one to two months to get the responses and make a new decision. The only point I'm making is that, if we talk about going month-to-month, it's likely a three-to four-month, perhaps five months, not just one. That's the only point I was trying to make."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Well, I'm speaking on month-to-month temporarily, but nothing about an RFP whatsoever. But just holding it to see we can go month-to-month and bringing it back at the next meeting."

PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "-- to hold the matter."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion before us is to hold. Let's vote. We were doing great until we got this one. Commissioner Hausmann, on the motion to hold."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No? All right. Commissioner Ellis?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: Vice Chair Arrington?"

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote no."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion to hold fails."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. There was a motion to approve, which I'll second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall. Vice Chair Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes four yeas, two nays."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall voted no."

CLERK GRIER: "Four yeas, three nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, Madam Clerk."

Arts and Libraries

20-0564 Arts and Culture

Request approval of a Resolution establishing the Fulton County Poet Laureate and naming the inaugural Fulton County Poet Laureate, Dr. Karen J. Head. (HELD ON 8/19/20) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 9/2/20) (APPROVED)

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

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 7, **20-0564**, Arts and Culture, request approval of a Resolution establishing the Fulton County poet laureate and naming of the inaugural Fulton County poet laureate, Dr. Karen J. Hicks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your pleasure?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I'll move approval, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion is to approve. Is there a second?"

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, properly moved and seconded it. Any questions or comments? All right cast your vote. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

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

Regional Leadership

20-0650 Community Development

[Request approval of statewide contract - SWC 99999-SPD-0000136-0008 - Corporate Temps, Inc. Professional Temporary Staffing - Clerical & Project Management in an amount not to exceed \\$503,717 with Corporate Temps, Inc. \(Norcross, GA\), to provide temporary staffing services for the Department of Community Development for approximately 8 positions, effective upon contract execution for a period of one \(1\) year. This is a one-time procurement. \(APPROVED AS AMENDED\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Carn to approve as amended.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, **20-0650**, Community Development, request approval of a statewide contract to provide temporary staffing services for the Department of Community Development."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Mr. Chairman --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I noticed in the document that if we cited the holidays the County observes, and based upon the action that we took not too long ago, those holidays aren't correct. If we could that fixed if we need to, in the scope of services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It'll be done administratively."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yes. We can do that administratively. Thank you, Commissioner Morris, for that update."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Certainly. I'll move approval with that change, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. I'll second. Commissioner Carn, you have a question or comment?"

COMMISSIONER CARN: "No, I was seconding."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Oh, okay. Record Commissioner Carn as seconding the motion. All right. Let's cast your vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. I vote, yes."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS

Board of Commissioners

20-0622 Board of Commissioners (Pitts)

[Request approval of a Resolution in support of the continuing transition of the Fulton County Board of Health; and for other purposes.](#)
[\(HELD ON 9/2/20\) \(REMOVED\)](#)

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE RECESS MEETING AGENDA AS
REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN PITTS**

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board of Commissioners

20-0651 Board of Commissioners (Morris)

[Discussion: Invest Atlanta Board of Directors August 20, 2020 Meeting Summary \(DISCUSSED\)](#)

CLERK GRIER: "20-0651, discussion, Invest, Atlanta Board of Directors August 20th, 2020 meeting summary, sponsored by Commissioner Morris."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes. This is simply the summary of the minutes of the actions taken at the Invest Atlanta August 20th board meeting. You review that and want any information about any of those projects or actions that were taken, I'd be delighted to get them for you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Any questions for Commissioner Morris? Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "No further items, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "There are some Add-ons."

CLERK GRIER: "We certainly get to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Four Add-ons."

CLERK GRIER: "Four Add-ons."

20-0652 Board of Commissioners (Pitts)

[Discussion: Sound Diplomacy Study \(DISCUSSED\)](#)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, Mr. Schapiro, Dr. Schapiro from London is on the line now. So as indicated earlier, I'd like to take that up, since he is available now. It's late afternoon in London. And Al Nash is also on the line to talk about the Sound Diplomacy study. (Technical difficulties.)"

Okay. I think we're okay now. We're going to take up the Sound Diplomacy matter now, as I indicated earlier. Dr. Schapiro, are you with us?"

SHANE SCHAPIRO, CEO, SOUND DIPLOMACY: "Yes, if you can see or hear me."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We can. Thank you very much. Dr. Shane Schapiro is the CEO of Sound Diplomacy. He is on the line in London, England. Sound diplomacy is the

organization that conducted the study. You will recall that in July of last year, the Board unanimously approved our contribution, \$250,000, to match what the state of Georgia had put in for this study. The city of Atlanta was not involved from a financial point of view, so this is the effort between the state of Georgia and Fulton County. We have long believed that we are a capital center for the entertainment industry, our music in particular. We believe that -- the world has believed that, but there was no real proof or documentation. So as a result of this study, of what we have believed to be the case, is what we have thought to be the case, we now have proof. We now have documentation that we are as good as we say we are, and have believed that we are. So with that in mind, I would like to ask Dr. Schapiro to summarize the findings of the study briefly for us. Each of you should also have received a copy of the study, and it will be released to the public after our meeting today. So if you get any calls, you will be knowledgeable about it. But as of this moment, it is not a public document. But after this discussion, it will be a public document. So Dr. Schapiro, thank you very much for joining us this morning."

SHANE SCHAPIRO, CEO, SOUND DIPLOMACY: "Thank you very much. I wish I could be in Fulton County with you. I'm a big fan of Fulton County and Atlanta, in general. So very briefly to outline, first I have to stress, the work began pre-COVID and, really, it was -- as you stated, really trying to understand and quantify the value of the wider music economy and ecosystem in Fulton County so we can, you know, do, as we say, do better with what we have. So, first off is that Fulton County's music economy is among the top ten in the entire United States. And per capita, you have more music output than New York and Seattle. So that's very important. And the direct employment to the music ecosystem grew by 110 percent in the last two decades, which represents six times the growth of the employment of the rest of the economy in that period. And Fulton County is responsible for 34 percent of the entire music ecosystem in the state of Georgia, which again, is a lot. So, as you said, we believe that we can prove in what you believe to be true is true. And we also recognize that because there -- because of the challenges related to COVID, that certainly has changed how we approach the recommendations in the work, and what we want to do from here. And really, the purpose of the work now is, and the recommendations are to prioritize what can be done from a policy perspective, and from as much of a cost neutral perspective as possible, to ensure that Fulton County doesn't lose this leadership that you have, because the thing is, is the music economy, it remains in growth. Even during the pandemic, the music industry has grown. You know, more of us are listening to music than ever before. So there's a terrific opportunity to seize what you have, because a lot of other places will take it if we don't. And a few of the initiatives that we're hoping to take forward from these findings really include, you know, working with partners at the state and with Georgia Music Partners to modify the Georgia music investment tax relief to continue to spur investment in music and to do further regulatory reforms within Fulton County, especially in building a more proactive regulatory atmosphere around recording studios because there are a lot of informal recording studios that we believe can add even more value to the economy now, if they were recognized and formalized.

But those are the key points. Obviously, we have an executive summary that we have submitted, which have all the economic data as well as the methodology that we took in this work. But for the one takeaway is -- no, that's my timer. I timed myself for three minutes. So the one take away is, isn't there, there's an incredible resource regardless of COVID in Fulton County right now. It's far greater than anything we thought it was. So this is a fantastic tool too, as we said, build back better and also, to recognize that more and more people are listening to music than ever before; so there's great competitive events that we don't want Fulton County to lose. And we hope that the recommendations and the data in this study helped further that along as we move into recovery."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Thank you, very much. Al, Mr. Nash, would you like to add anything briefly?"

AL NASH, DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON: Well, I'd like to tell everyone good morning. And, Shane, thank you for coming and speaking to us. I would like to point out one thing that the Chairman mentioned. I want to clarify that the 250 that we matched, that you matched with the state, was part of the bigger picture of helping to try to secure the Grammy Museum, which y'all are all aware that the announcement was made that the Georgia Musical Corp. now has the right part and it will be built in Fulton County. Certainly, it's a long path. We've got to go raise a lot of money. But I want to be clear that the 250 was not the cost of this study. It was just a small portion of it, but as a byproduct, it really helped to solidify the need and the win of the deal. The one thing Shane did not mention I think, is you'll read in the study is the fact that we are now probably the best place in the United -- one of the best places in the world to create a music career or start a business. And we see this as a great way of possibly building off of it. And I would remind you too that with all of the entertainment productions and so forth, if you read what's happening right now, a lot of the production that is occurring to fill the content on all of these streaming and TV and so forth, is being done here in Georgia, and being done primarily in Fulton County. And so, the other piece would be the gaming, and that's not gambling, but gaming is really starting to grow, which has a music component to it. So there's a lot of tentacles that go out of this and, as the Chairman said, we now have evidence and proof that we are a leader, and the future is really bright and certainly we have to maneuver around COVID-19. But I think we're well set for the future."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you, Mr. Nash, and thank you for clarifying my remarks. Commissioners, any questions at this time? Any questions?"

COMMISSIONER CARN: "I had a couple. Thank you for reaching out to us from across the pond there. You know, Atlanta and Georgia in general, we have a big, big music industry area. Just converting this to our young people -- to our millennials in terms of all of the plethora of jobs and services and, you know, ancillary services for the music industry, for the movie industry, you know. I grew up in the music industry, you know. In another life, obviously, I did some songwriting back in the nineties here in

Atlanta when LaFace records was here. And, of course, grew up from a kid. You know, my mother was in the music business and my cousin, Peabo Bryson, was a singer in Atlanta for ages. And so, it's good to see that it's still going strong in Atlanta. But how can we convert it to getting the word out in terms of to our high schools, to a local folks, to folks that are looking to transition into something else? Obviously, the jobs are plentiful in the movie and entertainment business in Metro Atlanta. But how can people find out about it? How can we get the word out, you know? External Affairs can only do so much and, right now, they're pretty much overloaded between pandemic, census and elections and God knows what else we're throwing at them. So Al, I guess, getting a sensible outlet to get the word out on a broader base, I guess that's the question. How do we get the word out to tens of thousands of folks that may be looking for a new career?"

SHANE SCHAPIRO, CEO, SOUND DIPLOMACY: "To respond on our side, I think our partners locally, you know, Georgia Music Partners, obviously the connection as well with the local representation of the recording academy. They were all key partners in this work. We also interviewed quite a few people in this, and I think the one opportunity that we can do now that the study is published in working with Georgia Music Partners, is to go back to the network of professionals that we interviewed and that we worked with throughout this process. And, you know, get them to share it. In addition, we think it's, you know, having music played, you know, no pun intended, a key role in the economic development strategy and workforce development strategy and as direct and intentionally as possible moving forward that music is mentioned as much as possible because it is such a leading sector will help that as well. And, you know, we're hoping now that we -- we have the data to galvanize the community to understand how valuable this is across the County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Nash, do you want to add anything quickly?"

AL NASH, DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON: "Yeah, real quickly. I think that certainly our partners at APS and at the Fulton County schools, our real partners. I think now that we have a study that we can build off of. It's going to be critical, and then we can reach out to other partners at the Metro Chamber and chambers across this and, really, in the industry, you really build this, but talent is a very critical part if we're going to grow the ecosystem further. So your point is very well taken, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Is there a board for this of some type in Metro Atlanta that we're going under?"

AL NASH, DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON: "There is a board. There is a board, Georgia Musical Accord. The chairman, I think, serves on that board, and that board will, of course, be expanded as we go. That -- I can tell you that the one thing, the Grammy Museum, will be a very -- a driving force will be education. That's a huge component of that. So there's more to come. But we are -- it's going to take a lot of folks to come together, and certainly we'll reach out as we move forward."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Okay. And, Al, you mentioned the Musical Accords Board. Do we have a permanent representative on that board for the County? And I asked -- if you can find out about the makeup of that board, I'd like to know, you know, how many, you know, African-Americans you have on that board, and stuff like that, because I'm not familiar with the board at all."

AL NASH, DIRECTOR, SELECT FULTON: "I'll yield to Chairman Pitts to address that, if he could."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I will send him a copy of the makeup of the board, absolutely."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, other questions at this time?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Just very quickly. I'm wondering if the Fulton County Arts Council might have a little bit of a role in this. They don't just do the visual arts. They do the performing arts as well. So maybe, Commissioner Carn, they can have a role in getting the word out as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good point. Thank you, Commissioner Morris."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, I'd also like to get a copy of that report, and I'm not sure. I hope you guys have looked at what TI has done with his Trap Museum. It's packed every weekend, you know, two to three hundred people inside, and two to three hundred people waiting outside. So, I'm confident if he could do that, then the Grammys can do something even better."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Dr. Schapiro."

SHANE SCHAPIRO, CEO, SOUND DIPLOMACY: "Yes. The Trap Museum is one of our kind of core case studies in the report as proof of concept. And we have enlisted the arts council director of the work. I believe they've have received it. I'll make sure from my side as well, but the arts council gets a copy of the report. There're in it as one of our delivery partners moving forward."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anyone else at this time? If not, thank you so much, Dr. Schapiro and Mr. Nash. Thank you very much."

SHANE SCHAPIRO, CEO, SOUND DIPLOMACY: "Thank you, everyone. It's a great honor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam Clerk continue, please."

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Board of Commissioners

20-0656 Board of Commissioners

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

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Arrington, Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Carn; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Patrise Perkins-Hooker; and Interim Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Arrington, Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Carn; and Chief Human Resources Officer Kenneth Hermon

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to enter into Executive Session.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to deny the request for representation in item #2 as discussed in Executive Session.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Carn and seconded by Chairman Pitts to authorize the settlement in item #3 as discussed in Executive Session.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

Yeas: 4 - Pitts, Hall, Arrington, Carn
Nays: 3 - Hausmann, Ellis, Morris

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts to authorize the Chairman to execute a Settlement Agreement in Elisa Lassiter v. Fulton County et al U.S.D.C. Northern District of Georgia No: 1:18-CV-02311-TWT in the amount of \$70,000.00.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Carn to authorize the Chairman to execute a Settlement Agreement between Zunch Labs, LLC and Fulton County regarding N95 Masks.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

f. A motion was made by Commissioner Carn and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve increasing the amount of the Municipal CARES Act Program offered to the Mayors, to a program benefit of \$30 million which represents \$25 million in funds and \$5 million in PPE.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you everyone for your cooperation this morning. I really appreciate it.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You okay? Now we're ready?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll entertain a motion without objection to resume the regular order of business. Madam County Attorney, for executive session?"

PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Who do we have with us Madam County Clerk?"

CLERK GRIER: "Looks like we have Commissioner Morris, and Commissioner Carn is here. Where is Commissioner Hall?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall, are you with us?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, I am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Thank you. All right. Madam County Attorney."

PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, sir. I would like to have a motion to deny the request for representation discussed in item number two during executive session."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "So moved."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to deny. Is there a second? I'll second it. All right, Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Arrington. Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

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

PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I would like to have a motion to authorize the settlement discussed in executive session during topic number three."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion, please."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Carn, and I will second. Let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Is this item number two?"

PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Item number three."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: Commissioner Hall votes, yes. All right. Commissioner Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Which item is this."

PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Item number three."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Oh, yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

CLERK GRIER "And the motion to approve passes four yeas, three nays."

PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I'd like to have a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute a settlement agreement reached in the matter of Elisa, or Eliza Lassiter versus Fulton County et al U.S.D.C. Northern District of Georgia, case number 1:18-CV-20311 for \$70,000."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Madam County Attorney, the number you read, the five-digit number there, is not the number on the Agenda. You transposed too many. I think you said 203."

PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "All right. Thank you very much, Commissioner Morris. Just for correction purposes, it's 1:18-CV-02311."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "That's it."

PATRIS PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I move approval."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right and I'll second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

CLERK GRIER: "The motion passes unanimously."

PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I'd like to have a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute a settlement agreement reached between Zurich Labs and Fulton County with regards to N-95 masks."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Move approval."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded it. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: Commissioner Morris.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Under item number six, I'd like a motion for -- well, never mind, don't need a motion on that one. Item number nine, we need a motion to increase the amount of the municipal CARES Act program offered to the Mayors to a program benefit of 30,000 which includes 20 --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "30 million."

PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: 30 million. Thank God. 30 million. That would be a couple of zeros missing. 30 million, which represents an increase of a loan funded 25 million and up to \$5 million in PPE."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve. Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Properly moved and seconded it. Any discussion or comment? If not, cast your votes. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington. Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other items to come before us?"

PATRISE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No more from executive session."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other items come before us today?"

CLERK GRIER: "No further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "There's no further items that come before us today. We stand adjourned."

ADDED TO THE MEETING

Items added to the Agenda

20-0657 Board of Registration and Elections

Request approval of a contract with Radio One in the amount of \$75,000.00 to provide radio and digital advertising to educate voters about the November 3, 2020 General Election. (APPROVED)

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Carn to approve adding items #20-0657, #20-0658, #20-0659, and #20-0660 to the Recess Meeting Agenda.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve items #20-0657, #20-0658, #20-0659, and #20-0660.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

20-0658 Board of Registration and Elections
Request approval of a contract - Cox Radio in the amount of \$80,000.00 to provide radio and digital advertisements to educate voters about the November 3, 2020 General Election. (APPROVED)

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Carn to approve adding items #20-0657, #20-0658, #20-0659, and #20-0660 to the Recess Meeting Agenda.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve items #20-0657, #20-0658, #20-0659, and #20-0660.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

20-0659 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a contract - Entercom Communications Corp. in the amount of \$70,000.00 to provide radio and digital advertising to educate and inform voters about the November 3, 2020 General Election.
(APPROVED)

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Carn to approve adding items #20-0657, #20-0658, #20-0659, and #20-0660 to the Recess Meeting Agenda.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve items #20-0657, #20-0658, #20-0659, and #20-0660.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

20-0660 Board of Registration and Elections
[Request approval of a contract with Outfront Media in the total amount of \\$133,000.00 to provide radio and digital advertising to promote voting options for the November 3, 2020 General Election. \(APPROVED\)](#)

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Carn to approve adding items #20-0657, #20-0658, #20-0659, and #20-0660 to the Recess Meeting Agenda.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve items #20-0657, #20-0658, #20-0659, and #20-0660.

The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "All of them together."

CLERK GRIER: "Are we taking them all together?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes. Let's sound them all together, and then you're going to speak to them, Mr. Manager or Ms. Corbitt, or who?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I think Ms. Corbitt is."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Ms. Corbitt, are you with us? Sound them."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. 20 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "These are the four Add-on items regarding the Elections."

CLERK GRIER: "**20-0657**, request approval of a track with Radio One to provide radio and digital advertising to educate voters about the November 3rd, 2020 general election. **20-0658**, request approval of a contract with Cox Radio to provide radio and digital advertisement to educate voters. **20-0659**, request approval of a contract with Intercom Communications Corporation to provide radio and digital advertising to educate and inform voters. And **20-0660**, request approval of a contract with Out Front Media to provide radio and digital advertising to promote voting options."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. These are all self-explanatory, but Ms. Corbitt, you with us?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, sir. Good afternoon, Commissioners. We have been working very closely with the Department of Registration and Elections to prepare for a major voter education and information campaign leading up to the November 3rd General Election. Essentially, we are working to strongly encourage voters to utilize absentee ballot or voting by mail or early voting options to help us manage the flow and volume of voters on Election Day. By spreading out voting among the 30 early voting locations over a three-week period, and also encouraging voting by mail as a safe and secure option, we will be able to manage the number of voters who are at the polls on November 3rd. We want to ensure a positive voting experience. And after some of the challenges that we faced this year in voting, we want to ensure that voters feel confident in the process. And so providing them accurate timely information and, again, reaching mass audiences as you will see with these -- four agreements, we would be able to do that. So I appreciate your support."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'll entertain a motion."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "It's in order, Mr. Chairman. I'll move approval on all four items together."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, I'll --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Second."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "I'll second. I had a little bit of discussion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I have a question as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn and then Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Thank you. Jessica, I'm glad to see we're doing this. It obviously goes without saying, I am seriously concerned about our upcoming election, and I want it to go as advertised. We put a substantial amount of additional monies into this election and again -- I guess I worry more about, you know, if we're going to be -- we're going to be getting this message out in our community. We want to make sure it's registering with our communities. We want to avoid the mistakes of the past where we've had -- we don't want it to get political in terms of political celebrities coming in with this thing and throwing out the mix. We want to, like you said, we want voters to feel confident in this election in November. And I think, as Commissioners, all of us, we know our residents better than anybody. So I want us to be hands-on with this and make sure when we're putting out the message, that the message is digestible to everyone where we're sending it, to which genres of radio stations, news, and print, you know, whether or not this is a message for Ambassador Young or if this is a message for Killer Mike, or if this is a message for Dottie Peoples to send or whatever have you, to make sure we pinpoint that message to everyone we're trying to reach in terms of

giving the understanding and the need to participate. So I just -- and I know you have the shop and you have it well in hand. But I'm concerned that the message is on target. I'm concerned that that message reaches our people that we want to reach countywide north and south, white, black, young, and old. So I want to make sure we have some detail as we go along to this thing to make sure it's effective enough where it resonates with our constituents, so they're hearing us loud and clear and they're not afraid to come and vote, and they're not worried about five-hour line votes. So I just want to put that out there. I support all of it, but I'm still worried. So I just put it there, and I want to -- you know, I don't want to micromanage, but I want to know what's going on and how we're sending those messages out. But that's just me. So that's all I got on that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize, my Internet must be going in and out, so I'm glad you can hear me at the moment. Did we - is this grant funded or is this general fund funded or COVID-relief funded?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good afternoon, Commissioner Hausmann, this is general fund dollars. You may recall that at the last Board of Commissioners meeting, there was a budget soundings item combined with a grant, received a very large grant that the department received, and that item allowed them to shift some other funding to grant items that would allow this to be accommodated through their general fund budget. So essentially, they -- this was not necessarily originally in our budget, but because they received this very large grant, they were able to accommodate this. And again, as we -- we always knew that this was a very important election year. But after what transpired in June, and some of the challenges we faced, we recognized that further outreach information and education was even more important than we originally anticipated. 2020 has been a year full of challenges, and we want to make sure information is readily available to our voters."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "No doubt. I fully support getting the information out. I'm just trying to determine where the funding source originates."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "And I believe that in the grant application, there was some communications type areas in that grant. What is that going to be used for?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "In addition to this advertising, we are working with the department to prepare a direct mail piece that will highlight all of the early voting locations, absentee by mail information, and I hope at your next meeting we will be able to share with you -- actually before that, the new Fulton Votes App, which is another tool that we will have in place to inform voters. So this direct mail piece, which is another part of the marketing campaign that was covered through the grant and that, is one of the things that we will be working on."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. And did we ask or even try and see if any of our media friends would consider this public service announcements, which are generally done at no charge to the County?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Commissioner, I think that we have had a lot of discussion with media, and we have -- there are several campaigns. I think that the different stations are doing and I'm sure the Board is aware the Secretary of State is doing some work around their general efforts. Our target is very specifically around early voting -- our early voting efforts as well as, of course, absentee ballots. So, Commissioner, frankly, I don't feel confident that we would get a level of coverage that we need to really effect change and divert our behavior to choose those options. In previous elections, we've had up to 60 percent of Fulton County voters choose early voting. We'd like to see that even higher for this election to -- to just ensure that folks are taking advantage of that option, encouraging social distancing, with the convergence of flu season. There's just a myriad of issues that we're facing. And I think this was our thought was to get the level of coverage we needed to make an investment."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay, so I'll take that answer as a, no, unless you're going to tell me differently."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I wouldn't say that we haven't had the conversation, but we did not feel confident that we would get the volume that we need."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. And just as a side note, I know we've got a confusing situation at the moment with an early or special election to replace the Congressional District Five. So the early voting locations are publicized on our website for that election. However, I've had many inquiries from folks trying to find out where the early voting sites will be for November. I know it's confusing, but is there any way that we can have both available for folks on our website separately?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes. Commissioner, I think that's a very good point. Those, as you know, those were -- those locations were approved on Monday. And yes, we will make sure that we have those up there today. And you're right. It is confusing for voters. Along those lines, I just wanted to mention that one of the other very important messages for Fulton County voters is the number for people who do choose to go to the polls on November 3rd. There's a very high likelihood that their election day location has changed. The Board of Registration and Elections has added many new voting locations for election day. This is another part of our public information campaign that, you know, if you choose to go on election day, you need to check your location first. They're sending out mailers. They are sending notices. But it's critically important that people know that, because of all the new locations, many, many, many thousands of people will have a new location for November 3rd, if they choose that option."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "I had one other thing real brief."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Since we're on the elections. The new polling changes, I would like to see that by city. And make sure that we get that out to our Mayors by cities so that they know the City of Milton, here are your new polling changes and get that directly to them so that they understand that for November. For November. Additionally, one of the things my offices talked about, and I spoke to someone with the elections. We need a November -- this season of voting, a short simple voting guide on one page with the dates of the elections, the offices, the three ways to vote, and your deadlines. Now, all of this information is available between our Fulton County website and our Elections website. But to have to hunt down that information, my thought, Jessica, was a simple one-pager. Here's what's going on with the elections. I hear there're two congressional races in the fifth district. I hear there're two senate races. What's going on? A simplified one pager with everything on it; dates to vote, guidelines, what offices are on the ballot, not who's on the ballot, but what offices, the three ways to vote and the deadlines. Simple on one page where a high schooler could understand it. And we don't have that anywhere. So, so, so I think it would be great to get something together like that so people have a clear understanding of what's going on this election season."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Thank you very much. Anything else at this point? And the motion is to approve?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "I vote, yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Thank you, everyone, for your cooperation this morning, we're doing great. Now, I need to entertain a motion for executive lunch and executive recess for lunch and executive session for real estate, litigation, and personnel."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I will so move, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Arrington."

VICE CHAIR ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Carn."

COMMISSIONER CARN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And I vote, yes."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "And I vote, yes. I'm having Internet problems."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Hausmann. Everyone has received the -- that motion is approved?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have lunch and then followed by executive session?"

PATRICE PERKINS-HOOKER, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes."

(Break at 12:30 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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